

From the Horse's Mouth

The Horspath Magazine

June - July 2025



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Sally steps down as Hub Trustee

Friends of Horspath Trustees were shocked when Sally Humphrey announced that she would be standing down at Easter. Sally has been an invaluable member of our small working group. You will know that she has been the main organiser of all the activities for which the Hub is so proud. All the teachers of the classes have either been recruited by or looked after by Sally. She has been meticulous in her organising skills and every person who came her way was nurtured and looked after. Recently she was the one who organised the talks on Endurance and recently on Aurora and their fortunes in the Antarctic. Seated Pilates class was also one of Sallys inspirations and she took enormous care of the sometimes vulnerable people who attended. She didn't just organise the class but also attended herself.



When we first thought about intervening when the Methodist Church wanted to sell their chapel and allow 2 houses to be built, Sally was one of four of us who decided to fight this proposal. She has been on the committee throughout the purchase and running of the Hub. Therefore it was a shock that she should feel the need to step down.

However , the fact that we are not getting any younger, and that Sally needed to do fewer things to preserve her health was understood and appreciated.

She has left us with the legacy of things being “very well done” and Sally , we thank you for all your hard work and your wisdom. Enjoy your garden.....!

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SAVE THE DATE

THE VILLAGE SHOW - Saturday 6th September 2025

This year being held in the Hub

UPDATE ON THE POST OFFICE CAMPAIGN



On Friday 9th May, Christine Donnelly (who formerly ran the Great Milton Post Office) delivered two Consultation Posters to the Hub. As Christine said, it's like closing the stable door after the horse has bolted. The poster announces the closure of Horspath

Outreach and gives details of nearby post offices. Ridiculous as this may seem, Post Office Ltd are now obliged to listen to the views of villagers. It would have been good to know that all the letters we've written before 9th May were going to be ignored, apart from a standard email.

Sheila Frankum, as Chair of the Friends of Horspath, has now sent an email to Jack Foden, Head of External Affairs and Policy, at Post Office Ltd, stating her concern at the closure of our Post Office and giving clear reasons why it should be reopened. Sheila has quoted relevant paragraphs from the Post Office Ltd Shareholder Relationship Framework document plus a paragraph on Christine Donnelly's supportive comments on the Horspath Hub's contribution to the success of our Post Office.

We are very grateful for the support of our MP, Freddie van Mierlo, and our County Councillor, Tim Bearder. They have been wonderfully supportive and will sign our petition in the near future. They will also help us to bring our case to the attention of the House of Commons.

We will keep fighting until we get our Post Office back.

Judy Kent

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Letter from the Vicar of St Giles' Church

Dear friends, I hope you are well?

This month, I thought I would highlight some of the ways in which we're trying to reach out to children, young people, and families. As Vicar, I love working with Horspath Church of England Primary School and, during term-time, I try to go into school most Thursdays to lead Collective Worship. I love sharing Bible stories with pupils, and hearing their responses. Children and young people are very important to us, at St Giles' Church. Our vision is "To know God's love and share it with everyone," and 'everyone,' of course, includes children and the child-like. Around ten years ago, when I was training for ordination at Cuddesdon, and on placement in Cuddesdon, Garsington and Horspath, my predecessor launched a short, informal monthly service called 'Family Time.' I'm delighted that Family Time is still going, and is one of the many ways we welcome children and families. Family time takes place on the third Sunday of each month, in church. It begins around 11am with coffee, tea, squash and cakes, followed by a short informal service. A year or two ago, we started Sunday Fun-Time, on the first Sunday of each month, in the Horspath Hub, at 11am. This is like a Sunday School – though parents are expected to remain with their child and, if needed, help them with craft activities. Chatter and Clatter is our fortnightly group for pre-school children, and parents or carers. There's always refreshments; age-appropriate toys for children; and a listening ear for adults. This takes place on Thursdays, in term-time (once a fortnight) from 9am – 11am.

On Sunday 11th May we enjoyed our monthly Benefice Storytime Church, in the Forest Church area at the college. It's a relaxed service where we share stories and prayers, and sometimes sing a song or hymn, around a fire; and then roast marshmallows on the fire. Today, we talked about Jesus the Good Shepherd, and the lost sheep. We heard how Jesus said, "I am the Good Shepherd. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they know me." We talked about times when we have heard Jesus' voice, and we wondered what Jesus might say to us, today.

I wonder when, and where, and how, do **you** hear Jesus' voice?

I wonder what Jesus is saying to you?

I wonder what Jesus is saying to the people of Horspath, today?

Perhaps you could spend some time in silence, or in a quiet place, and see if you can hear Jesus' voice. What words of love, encouragement, affirmation and invitation is Jesus saying to you?

God bless, Revd Tom (Vicar)



Services in St Giles' Church and Benefice Services June & July 2025

1st June

The Seventh Sunday of Easter / Sunday after Ascension Day

11am Morning Worship, and Sunday Fun Time in the Hub

8th June

Pentecost

11am Parish Communion

3pm *Benefice Story-Time Church* in the Forest Church at Ripon College Cuddesdon (share stories about Pentecost and the Holy Spirit, around a campfire, with marshmallows, refreshments and conversation)

15th June

Trinity Sunday

11am for 11:15 Family Time

22nd June

The First Sunday after Trinity

11am Parish Communion

29th June

The Second Sunday after Easter / or St Peter

10am Benefice Eucharist at St Giles' Horspath

6th July

The Third Sunday after Trinity

11am Morning Worship, and Sunday Fun Time in the Hub

13th July

The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

11am Parish Communion

20th July

The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

11am for 11:15 Family Time

27th July

The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

11am Parish Communion

Horspath C of E Primary School

A Busy and Enriching Term

This term at Horspath C of E Primary School has been packed with enriching activities alongside our continued focus on learning. Whether preparing to move up to the next year group or transitioning to secondary school, our children are being supported every step of the way.

Music for All

As part of our music provision, every child has the opportunity to learn the clarinet with a specialist teacher who visits weekly. This whole-class approach ensures that all children can experience the joy of playing an instrument and making music together.

Swimming Lessons

Our Year 4 and 5 pupils have been heading to the pool each week this term to build essential swimming and water safety skills—an important part of their development and confidence.

The Chickpea Project with Oxford Dialogue Society

At the beginning of term, we were delighted to host the Oxford Dialogue Society for the Chickpea Project. Visitors from various faiths shared their beliefs and way of life with the children before introducing a creative metaphor to discuss community and identity. Through the concept of a soup, salad, and pudding, children explored how individuals can remain unique while contributing to a greater whole. The pudding—where distinct ingredients are brought together in sweet harmony—was a powerful and memorable symbol of unity. Everyone took home a sample to enjoy!

PTA Colour Raffle Fun

Our wonderful PTA ran a creative colour-themed raffle to raise funds for trips and learning resources. Each class was assigned a colour, and staff and students dressed accordingly, bringing in matching prizes. The result? Fabulous themed hampers and a lot of fun! The highlight may have been the headteacher's rainbow-coloured skirt, proudly worn to represent every class.

VE Day Celebration

On May 8th, we commemorated VE Day with great spirit and community involvement. Dressed in red, white and blue, the school began the day with a reflective assembly. In the afternoon, we welcomed families and local residents to a lively street party on the playground. Following a respectful silence, we enjoyed food, tea, and the company of one another under decorations of flags, bunting and balloons. Children wore handmade crowns, with some so proud they wore them back to school the next day!



Thank you to everyone who contributed to making these events so special. We look forward to more shared moments and continued learning in the term ahead.

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Rachel's World Championship 2025 Cycle Speedway Season



My name is Rachel Lammin, and I race for Horspath Hammers Cycle Speedway Club in Oxford. I am seeking sponsorship to support my travel expenses in what is set to be a pivotal year for Cycle Speedway. With both the British Championships in August and the World

Championships in September, my goal is to qualify for both finals and place well. As a former three-time British Champion, Regional Champion, and National Champion, I am confident in my ability to achieve this. To ensure I am fully prepared, I aim to compete in as many regional and national events as possible throughout the season. This will allow me to build form and experience ahead of the major championships. However, the costs associated with travel and participation can be significant, which is why I am reaching out for support.

Any contribution towards my journey would be greatly appreciated. In return, I can offer promotion through social media on both my personal accounts and after events. Additionally, I would be delighted to display your company's name or logo on my race trousers at major events, providing valuable exposure or if you would like to contribute out of love then that is ok also

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further, please feel free to reach out. Thank you for your time and consideration—I truly appreciate any support you can offer.

Best regards,
Rachel Lammin

This QR code will take you directly
to the **gofundme** site:



Here is the Fixture List for Cycle Speedway - 2025

Horspath Fixtures 2025

Day	Date	Fixture	Start time	Where
Saturday	7th June	BY&JL Rd 4 - East Newport	11:00	East Newport
Sunday	8th June	S&SW Gold Cup, Vets & open Individuals - Southampton	12:00	Southampton
Sunday	15th June	Exeter v Horspath Div 1 & Div 2	14:00	Exeter
Saturday	21st & 22nd June	British Club Championships - Ipswich & Kesgrave	TBC	Ipswich & Kesgrave
Sunday	29th June	East Newport v Horspath Div 1 & Div 2	14:00	East Newport
Sunday	6th July	Horspath v Poole Div 1 & Div 2	14:00	Horspath
Saturday	12th July	BY&JL National Rd 1 - Midlands	TBC	
Sunday	13th July	Poole v Horspath (National League)	14:00	Poole
Sunday	13th July	Womens BOB - Rd 2 - Hetherset	12:00	Hetherset
Sunday	20th July	Southampton v Horspath Div 1	14:00	Southampton
Saturday	26th & 27th July	Cycle Speedway Cup Qualifiers and Final	TBC	Hull
Sunday	3rd August	Horspath v Newport Div 1 & Div 2	14:00	Horspath
Saturday	9th August	BY&JL National Rd 2 - Exeter	TBC	Exeter
Sunday	10th August	Great Blakenham v Horspath (National League)	14:00	Great Blakenham
Sunday	10th August	Womens BOB - Rd 3 Newport	12:00	Newport
Sunday	17th August	Horspath v Southampton Div 1	14:00	Horspath
Saturday	23rd-25th August	British Finals Weekend Poole, Exeter & Southampton	TBC	Poole, Exeter & Southampton
Saturday	30th August	Little League U8 & U10 - Astley & Tyldsley	TBC	Astley & Tyldsley
Sunday	31st August	Poole v Horspath Div 1 & 2	14:00	Poole
Saturday	6th September	BY&JL Rd 5 - Horspath	11:00	Horspath
Sunday	7th September	Newport v Horspath Div 1 & Div 2	14:00	Newport
Sunday	13th & 14th September	World Championships - South East	TBC	South East
Saturday	20th & 21st September	World Championships - South East	TBC	South East
Saturday	27th September	BY&JL Rd 6 - Exeter	11:00	BY&JL
Sunday	28th September	Horspath v Birmingham (National League)	14:00	Horspath
Saturday	4th October	BY&JL Nationals Rd 3 -	TBC	
Sunday	5th October	Horspath v Great Blakenham (National League)	14:00	Horspath
Sunday	5th October	Womens BOB Rd 3 - Sheffield	12:00	Sheffield
Sunday	12th October	Horspath v Exeter Div 1 & Div 2	14:00	Horspath

Horspath Parish Council

At the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 6th May 2025, Mrs Oakley was elected to continue as Chair of Horspath Parish Council and Mrs Cook was elected to continue as Vice Chairman.

Sustrans, a charity that has been established to improve cycle safety throughout the UK has held two open consultations in Horspath village that were well attended by Councillors and residents. Sustrans are looking to install a pedestrian crossing in the village which has been agreed in principle by the Parish Council depending on funding and the location. Sustrans have confirmed that they can apply to central Government for funding to design and install the crossing. Councillors do not support the proposed location which is on the bend by the Hub, and have informed Sustrans that the only viable location for the crossing would be from the Gurkha Palace across to the Village Green. This location is considered to be the only safe location as it is visible from both directions.

A planning application has been submitted to the District Council for the refurbishment of the village hall. Bookings for the village hall have been suspended from the end of June. As soon as planning permission is approved the project can move forward. More information to follow.

Three quotations have been sought for the new play park and work to install the new play park will hopefully commence soon.

The annual Governance Statement and the Accounts for 2024/25 were approved at the May 2025 meeting. The Clerk will now arrange for the Internal Audit to take place.

Two new dog waste bins have been ordered and will be placed by the kissing gate and at Sandy Lane.

New defibrillator pads have now been fitted to the two defibrillators in the village. The defibrillators are located at the Village Hall and at the Berkeley Home site.

Councillors will consider a quotation at the June meeting for the installation of the new bus shelter on the Village Green.

Oxfordshire County Council have now repaired the steps at Church Road and fluorescent bollards installed either side.

A replacement tree (liquidambar worplesdon) has been planted on the village green to replace the two trees that were felled last year.

Work on the trees in the Conservation Area will take place in the next few weeks.

A Councillor is looking at options and costs for replacement goal posts on the top field, as one has been damaged.

Any resident who is interested in joining the Horspath Village Hall Management Committee please contact the Clerk – clerk@horspathparishcouncil.org

If any resident wishes to raise issues with Horspath village please contact Hayley Kogel, Clerk to HPC via email - clerk@horspathparishcouncil.org . **Please note**:- Horspath Parish Council will not take any further action on correspondence that is sent anonymously.

Horspath Stone Pit Charity

At the March 2025 meeting, Trustees voted in favour of suspending all organisation grants with immediate effect until the refurbishment of the village hall has been completed. After this time, applications will be open again for organisations to apply for a grant. Individual grant applications remain open.

The next Horspath Stone Pit Charity meeting will be held in June 2025. The closing date for applications will be 1st June 2025.

Trustees would like to remind all residents who are successfully awarded a grant that receipts **must** be provided to the value of the grant within 3 months of receipt.

THE BELLS OF HORSPATH CHURCH

The squat and sturdy perpendicular tower houses a ring of six bells, hung for "full circle ringing" (a peculiarly English art), which for generations have been held in high esteem among bell ringers for their clarity and quality of tone, and their ease of ringing. There have been bells here since well before 1500, and the 1553 Reformation inventory of King Edward VI listed "*three bells and oon lytell bell*". The oldest existing bell, at present the fourth in the ring, was cast in 1602, in the reign of Elizabeth 1st., and is adorned by her elaborate royal cypher- so that bell has rung for both Elizabeths ! The tenor (heaviest) bell dates from 1611, and a century later the present second and third bells of 1719 were hung. These two were almost certainly recast from the three bells of the 1553 listing, by one of the most famous of English bell founders, Abraham Rudhall of Gloucester. In 1838 the present fifth was added by Taylors of Oxford, and lastly in 1866 the ring was augmented to the present six bells with the gift of the Treble bell by the Rev. H. R. Bramley. There is also a small sanctus bell of 1811, known as the "ting-tang", and cast by James Wells of Aldbourne, and weighing just two quarters.

These bells were apparently well appreciated in earlier times, for on September 16th., 1733, the famous Oxford diarist, Thomas Hearne, recorded that:

" Mr. Sacheverel, of Denman's Farm in Berkshire near Oxford, who died a few years since, was looked upon as the best judge of bells in England. He used to say that the Horspath bells, though but five in number and very small, notwere the prettiest, tunablest bells in England, and there was not a fault in one excepting the third, and that so small a fault as it was not to be discerned but by a very good judge".

From the above account, it would seem that Mr. Sacherevel heard the bells prior to 1719, as he noted five - the three mediaeval bells, and the present fourth and tenor bells, since between 1719 and 1838

there would have been only four bells.

St. Giles also possesses a fine set of twelve 19th.c handbells, most probably cast at Mears & Stainbank, Whitechapel, which are rung on special occasions such as the service of lessons and carols at Christmas, and when carol singing round the village - at one point they were illegally sold to Garsington, and the Horspath ringers had to raise enough money to buy them back !

Brian Lowe, Tower Captain.



The six bells "up" and ready to ring !

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Check Mate



We are considering starting a Chess Club at the Hub. This will be a weekly club, probably early evening and will be open to anyone at any level, (or not). Please contact the magazine email address and we will put you in touch with the correct person.

Many Thanks

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The Film Club at the Hub is now under new management and is able to continue running on the second Wednesday of each month from 2pm - 4pm. Everyone is invited to attend and enjoy not only great films but also tea / coffee and cake.

(Even ice cream perhaps!) It's only £5 to attend too.

The next two dates are: 11th June & 9th July 2025.

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Review: Wednesday 14th May 2025

The Hub Film Club has replaced the Age UK Film Club and is still held on the second Wednesday of the month.

We showed *The Fisherman's Friends*, which was a very enjoyable film set in Port Isaac, Cornwall. It tells the true story of a group of friends from London who go to Port Isaac for a holiday. They work for a record company. There they watch a group of ten fisherman singing sea shanties. The friends trick one of them, Danny, to sign the fisherman for their record company. Then they leave him there. The rest of the story revolves around Danny's considerable efforts to obtain a recording contract for the fisherman, having spent a lot of time persuading them to go along with the plan. There's also a subplot about the local pub.

Everyone really enjoyed the film. In fact Sandra and I are going to go on holiday to Port Isaac just to hear the Fisherman's Friends singing their sea shanties, which they do during the summer season.

Judy Kent



During term 5 We have been looking at Earth Day/Week, Water and Water festival, Growing Seeds/Plants/Produce, Recycling and Insects/World Bee Day. We are hoping to visit a Bee colony. We also had a photoshoot and a visit from a music school.



During term 6 we are planning 2 Sports Days, Graduation Ceremonies, School visits, raising money for Crackerjacks charity by wearing Pyjamas to Nursery. We will be talking about Father's Day, Healthy Eating, how to look after our teeth, 2D and 3D Shapes. Road Safety, People Who Help Us, Transport in Air/Water/Land.

Have a lovely Summer Holiday!



Our fundraising event for term 6 is a Summer Bingo. We are looking for prize donations so please feel free to drop off any that you have. If you would like to buy raffle tickets but can't attend the bingo, please contact Jo

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Horspath Cricket Club get season off to a flying start

With an unseasonably dry spring, Horspath Cricket Club have made the most of the conditions to get the season off to a flying start. The opening round of league matches saw the club record a full house of wins on a Saturday for the first time since August 22, 2020. The 1st XI led the way with Viv Narayan making 61 in a five-wicket victory at Bicester &



North Oxford in Home Counties Premier League Division 2. Skipper Ryan Hicks (5-10) and Max Smith (55) starred in the 2nd XI's 122-run win over Tiddington in Cherwell League Division 2. The 3rd XI raced to a nine-wicket win at Dorchester-on-Thames in Division 4B with Dhanush Balaji blasting an unbeaten 57. And the 4th XI made it a clean sweep with an eight-wicket win at home to Stokenchurch in Division 6C with 13-year-old Zach Rayner returning superb figures of 5-8. The club also posted resounding wins in the first two rounds of the Voneus Village Cup. Narayan (77no) shone again in a 115-run home triumph over Oxford & Bletchingdon Nondescripts, before Stephen Green smashed an unbeaten 67 in a seven-wicket victory at Shipton-under-Wychwood. Horspath's women made a terrific start to their Home Counties League Super 8 Development Group 1 season with home wins over Abingdon Vale and Faringdon & District. And the club's youth section have been busy with teams from under 9 in action together with the popular All Stars and Dynamos programmes. Off the field, the campaign was launched with Horspath members enjoying an evening of live music provided by WipeOut. **Polite message for dog owners.** Please do not exercise dogs on the cricket grounds - this is prohibited by order of Horspath Parish Council. Please use the dog poo bins on the Recreation Ground for dog poo bags. Please do not place dog poo bags in litter bins. This combined with rainwater produces an unhygienic cocktail with a putrid stench. Many thanks. Horspath CC.

The picture above shows Stephen Green batting at Tiddington



Tarek The Barber

I joined the queue of four men at Tarek's place in Wheatley one morning and chatted to him and his customers as he worked. He expected a flood of clients after the Bank Holiday in this walk-in traditional barber's shop. Tarek's claim that men come from all over Oxfordshire and further afield to his shop seemed true since one man said he was from Dublin. Another man, from Buckingham, claimed that his wife would not let him have his hair cut anywhere else! Apparently, there are many clients from Horspath!

Originally from Lebanon, Tarek learnt his trade in several countries, including Dubai before working in Oxford's covered market for eight years. He set up shop in Wheatley in May 2011 and offers a range of services from children's hair, beard trimming to Afro hair styles. He brandishes his cut-throat razor saying, "You need to know what you are doing to give a wet shave with one of these!" Sadly, I did not witness him in action!

Tarek was enormously proud that he has kept his prices the same for fifteen years and places great store on his service to the local community. "I really like my job and meeting with people," says Tarek. He has a plaque on the wall which says, "Therapy is expensive. Get a haircut instead. We are great listeners." The guy in the chair told us about his liver cancer and we all listened with sympathy.

You cannot miss the shop with its neon lighting and range of colourful model cars and buses on the shelf. He is open six days a week from 9am to 6pm on Monday to Fridays and 8am to 5pm on Saturdays. You do not need to make an appointment and **his offer to new customers is £10 per haircut. And the free coffee is the best in town!**

Our Reporter Sue Rowell

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Daffodil Day at Shotover House

*I wandered lonely as a
cloud*

*That floats on high o'er
vales and hills*

*When all at once I saw a
crowd*

A host of golden daffodils



Every year in March there is a rare opportunity to wander round the private gardens of Shotover House when the thousands of daffodils are in bloom. St Nicholas Church in Forest Hill, with the support of the Shotover Trust, join forces with the Maple Tree children's centre in Wheatley to organise the event with the proceeds to be shared between the two organisations.

The banks of daffodils are glorious with many other spring blooms. You can walk around the lake, look back at the house, view the Gothic Temple at the far end of the lake and enjoy the many other follies in the grounds. The amazing thing about the house and gardens is that it cannot be seen from any road or footpath, so it is not surprising that thousands of people flock there given this rare opportunity.

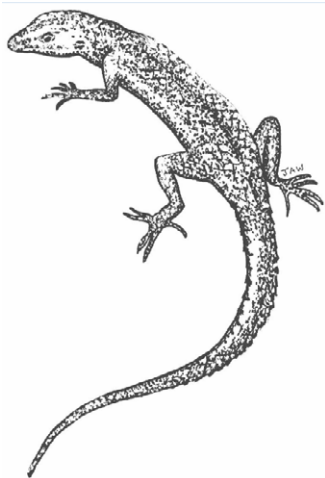
Shotover is one of the few surviving parts of the large medieval royal forest of Wychwood. The present house and rare naturalistic gardens were built between 1710 and 1730, complete with an Octagonal Temple perched on a splendid mound. The latter was much enjoyed by many children as they rolled down the grassy hill getting covered in mud. Throughout the grounds there are lakes and statues of animals to add to the delight of all.

And, if that wasn't enough, the cakes and tea served at the back of the house were second to none with a vast variety of choice. A day not to be missed! Watch out for the date in March 2026!

Our Reporter: Sue Rowell

We are lucky to live close to Shotover County Park, where the seasons reward us with an ever-changing spectacle of sights and sounds. In June and July, you might come across a Common Lizard, basking in the sun, or scuttling over a log pile. In many parts of the UK, these animals are in decline, but here on Shotover, we take extra care to create the right kind of habitats they need to survive. If you're walking on Shotover this summer, look out for:

Common Lizard



Where to look: On logs or wood piles in secluded, sunny, grassland areas of Mary Saddler Field. Approach carefully, they're quick to startle!

What to look for: From above, common lizards are mottled brown with spots or stripes. Males have a bright yellow or orange underside, whereas females' bellies are more muted in colour. The juveniles look like

miniature, black versions of the adults.

Did you know? Common lizards do not lay eggs like most reptiles. Instead, they give birth to live young. In July, a pregnant female finds a safe place in the vegetation and hollows out a nest. She gives birth to about seven young. In a couple of days, the youngsters will leave the nest and fend for themselves.

Compiled by Shotover Wildlife, an independent community organisation, founded to research and communicate the importance of Shotover's wildlife. Illustrated by Jacqueline Wright, artist, botanist and co-founder of Shotover Wildlife. Spotted anything? Tell us! enquiries@shotover-wildlife.org.uk

The Eeley family



Walking round behind the church you pass two horizontal gravestones made of polished pink Peterhead granite, which was and is only quarried near Aberdeen. Nearby are six headstones made of local material. These commemorate the Eeley family who appeared in Horspath about 1822 and left circa 1908. Where were they from and what did they do while they were here?

William (farmer and butcher) and Jane Eeley moved to College Farm (I believe) from Yarnton, where William's father (also a farmer) had recently been made bankrupt. They already had a son, Thomas, and in 1822 their daughter Mary was baptised at Horspath. Three more girls and two boys followed.

In 1836 Henry Surman, labourer, was fined 40/- with 15/6 costs for poaching on William's land. In default of payment, he would be imprisoned with hard labour for two months. In 1844 William Eeley was appointed Guardian of the Poor for Horspath.

Jane died in 1866 and 71 and William in 1869 aged 77. Their gravestone has an entwined cross and Star of David, (to Christians the latter represents a light shining in darkness.) Their children John, Elizabeth and Henry predeceased them, Henry of TB which is held to have killed about 25% of the population at the time.

College Farm passed to William's son, James, who had already lost his first wife, Elizabeth, also to TB, in 1859 aged only 23. He had been a miller in Marcham but took over College Farm (named on the 1871 census) on his father's death. The granite memorials are to his sons, James William aged 12 (who died of abdominal TB, contracted from cows) and Thomas Dover, aged 29. There were three other sons. Mary died in 1904 aged 74 and James in 1908 aged 83; they are commemorated on the granite kerbstones.

There are no further entries in the parish register and no Eeleys appear on the 1911 census of Horspath.

Clare Abbott

Clare has researched her own and other people's families for over 30 years and is the author of "Faithful of Days", the story of a remarkable sea captain. She was born in Birkenhead but has lived in the same house in Horspath for 50 years.



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When the surgery is closed, please contact the Out of Hours service by phoning 111. **A new Morland House Surgery Facebook Page** has been created. This is to keep patients up to date with surgery news and health issues. Please like and follow. **Ordering Repeat Prescriptions:** Please use the NHS App or log into your account on the NHS website. For more information on ordering, visit the 'prescriptions' page on our website. **Online Resources for Clinical Help** Did you know that there are many local services to which you can make self-referrals without speaking to your GP? The Morland House Surgery website lists the various options. Visit [Self-Referral – Morland House](#). **The NHS App** is no longer accessible as a mobile app for anybody using older devices. Patients using the following operating systems will no longer be able to access the NHS App via the mobile app: iOS 12, 13 & 14 (*iOS 13 & 14 can be updated to iOS15*), Android 6 & 7. But you can still log in through the NHS website.

Visit Morland House Surgery Website for a wealth of information and guidance on managing a vast number of health conditions, symptoms, and treatment: www.morland-house.co.uk For example:

Medical Records and Test Results - guidance on how to access this information.

Hay Fever – advice and support

Pharmacy First Service (PFS), whereby pharmacies can treat directly seven common health conditions.

Group Consultation Clinics – Group clinics are currently being offered for the menopause and hypertension. Eligible patients are being invited to attend, but if you would like to know more, please do contact us.

Breast screening to detect the most common cancer in women

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Joyce Howard 19th February 1924 - 10th March 2025



Joyce and her late Husband, Peter, lived happily and peacefully in Horspath for 44 years. Joyce was a cousin of John Gray who died recently and friend of his wife, Rosemary. She had grown up in St. Ebbes with Clive Hookham who also recently passed away and was an Oxford girl, born and bred. Peter and Joyce came to Horspath from Woodstock, where they ran a sweet shop, cream tea restaurant and bed and breakfast establishment. They certainly needed the peace of their beautiful garden and Horspath in general after they arrived! They both loved gardening and Peter had been a regular attendee of the gardening club some years ago. We would like to thank their lovely neighbours, Pete Reid (and his late wife, Mandy) and Tina and Jim Bond for helping and keeping an eye on our lovely parents over the long years.

Rest in peace lovely Mum x

Notes from the Editor: Before the magazine goes to the printer, we have an editorial meeting when we decide what goes in and what doesn't. This can be very difficult as quite a lot is date sensitive, but we somehow seem to manage it each time. When sorting through articles for this particular magazine, we couldn't believe that this is our 16th edition!

As usual we would like to thank all our sponsors and Stone Pit for making this possible and of course our many contributors and delivery team. We are off now planning the 17th Edition!

John

Maurice William Stone – a life

(extracts from a Eulogy by Ian Stone his nephew)



Maurice William Stone was born in Tetsworth, in a bakery in November 1929 to Frank and Edith Stone. Maurice reflected his roots... principled, loyal, self-reliant, hard-working, thrifty, independent-minded – friendly and good natured, with a dry sense of humour. His practical bent led to a 5-year electrical engineering apprenticeship with Hill & Upton, Oxford, from September 1945. Through the 1950s to 1970, he worked at Oxford's Clarendon Laboratories, designing and building experimental equipment for its academic scientists.

One of the students, Martin Chamberlain, became, by the early 2000s, an internationally renowned professor at Durham University, remembering Maurice he said, "he was marvelous!" It was while working at Clarendon that Maurice married Doreen Avery. After Doreen's death, Maurice married Eileen and the couple lived at 128 Gidley Way, Horspath, with the children. When Maurice left Clarendon, the couple built a successful plant nursery business behind their house. In 1995, they moved to 26 Butts Road, enjoying a long retirement together until Eileen's death in 2020. Then he used his nippy scooter to go to Horspath Hub and to the Queen's Head. He is a lesson to us all in the way he embraced new technology - including AI, which fascinated him. But he also had respect for the past, and for some of the old ways. Maybe this explains his habit of always reading yesterday's paper in bed before getting up - leaving the one that just dropped through the letterbox for the next day... Right to the last, he kept abreast of local and world events - even if he was a day behind. He was happiest sitting in his front bedroom – "office" - working on the computer. He was impressively computer literate and was an especially proficient user of Publisher software. His skills at photo processing and computer technology allowed him to reproduce the very professional Lowry prints now displayed in my house. This partly reflects the fact that his mind, even in his nineties, was as sharp as a tack. He passed away peacefully on March 29th. I remember him once saying how Frank, his father, was universally liked and that no-one seemed to have a bad word to say of him. The same can certainly be said of Maurice. **There really is no better testament to this lovely man....**



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Horspath Summer Extravaganza - 28th June



Raffle Tickets

Included in this magazine are five strips of raffle

tickets for the draw that will take place at the Horspath Extravaganza at around 2.45pm on that day. Monies raised will be divided to support both the Primary School and St Giles' Church. We need your help and would appreciate you taking part. Tickets are a £1 a strip. Ticket stubs and money can be returned to 27a Manor Farm Road or to the PTA Box during the school day, by Friday 27th June 2025.

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Come and join us and meet some other small people who are under 5. Remember to bring an adult so they can have coffee/tea and cake. We would love to meet you. If you would like further information please call 07584 080866. We will be meeting in the church on the following Thursdays during the summer months. 5th June and 3rd July.



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ADVANCE NOTICE

from the **Horspath Summer Extravaganza**

On the School Grounds & at the Church

Saturday 28th June 11am - 3pm

11.00am	Opened by Freddie Van Mierlo our MP
11.15am	School Choir Perform (at the school)
11.45am	Fancy Dress Competition (Entries on the day- 1st and 2nd Prize)
1.00pm	Majorettes
1.45pm	School Choir Perform (at the church)
2.15pm	Best Dressed Bike (Entries on the day- 1st and 2nd Prize)
2.45pm	Raffle Prizes Announced

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