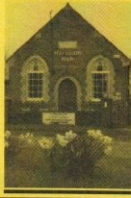


Friends of Horspath
Spring/Summer 2018



NEWS FROM THE HORSPATH HUB

STOP PRESS:



**Come and Enjoy our
SPRING MARKET
On Saturday 12th May 2018
9.30am-12.00pm**

*Stalls include Bread, Cakes, Vegetables, Honey, two Craft Stalls, Plants, Toys,
Madagascan Stall, Raffle and the Café will serve refreshments.*

FRIENDS OF HORSPATH AGM

***This year our AGM will be on Wednesday 26th September 2018.
Further details will follow in our Autumn Newsletter.***

OXFORD PRESERVATION TRUST

Thanks to the hard work of Rebecca Brown in submitting an application, we have been awarded a prestigious **Letter of Commendation by the Oxford Preservation Trust** for the sympathetic renovation work carried out on the Horspath Hub. Praise was given to local contractors for the excellent work they have done. **We plan to hold a Celebration Party on 9th June from 2.00-4.00pm for the contractors and all those who helped us in so many ways. All welcome.**

WEEKLY CLASSES AND ACTIVITIES

MONDAYS

PILATES EXERCISE CLASS

10.00am-11.00am

Contact: Sally Tel: 01865 873860

e-mail: kim.barresi@gmail.com

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR A NEW MONDAY EVENING EXERCISE CLASS WHICH IS BEING ARRANGED.

TUESDAYS

TABLE TENNIS

10.00am-12.00pm

Contact: Sheila Tel: 07779 672163

e-mail: community.hub@horspath.org.uk

PILATES

07.30pm-08.30pm

Contact Kate e-mail: k.layton@virginmedia.com

WEDNESDAYS

PILATES-BASED EXERCISE CLASS

08.15am-09.15am

Contact: Sally Tel: 01865 873860

Marlon e-mail: marlonmay@mmhealthandfitness.com

SEATED YOGA

10.00am-11.00am

Contact: Alvira e-mail: akhangordon@yahoo.co.uk

HATHA YOGA

11.10am-12.40pm

Contact: Alvira e-mail: akhangordon@yahoo.co.uk

THURSDAYS

PAINT AND DRAW CLASS

10.00am-12.00pm

Contact: Steve Tel: 07914 218810

e-mail: steve.humphries20@gmail.com

LINE DANCING

02.00pm-03.30pm

Contact: Leo Richardson/Jacqueline Franklin

Tel: 01865 873107

FRIDAYS

POST OFFICE

10.00am-1.00pm

COMMUNITY CAFÉ

10.30am-12.00pm all welcome

To help in the café, contact Anna e-mail: annaradcliffe@gmail.com



MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

MONDAYS

CREATIVE WRITING

06.30pm-08.30pm

Next Meeting on Monday 16th April

Contact: Paul Walton e-mail: paul.walton@orange.fr

COMPUTER CONFIDENCE

Next Meeting on Monday 14th May

02.30pm-04.00pm

Contact Chris & Rosemary Goss Tel: 01865 874574

chris.goss@dsl.pipex.com or rose.goss5@gmail.com

EVERY 1ST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

SENIOR RESIDENTS' CLUB

Next Meeting on Wednesday 2nd May

02.00pm-04.00pm

A Talk on "Nostalgia" by Mike Payne

All over 50's welcome

Contact: Judy Tel: 01865 874263 or j.kent946@btinternet.com

EVERY 2nd WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

GARDEN CLUB

07.30pm-09.30pm

Please enquire about Garden Visits in May and July

Contact: Sheila on 07779 672163 or community.hub@horspath.org.uk

FOR FREE TEA/COFFEE AND CAKE ON YOUR FIRST VISIT TO OUR CAFÉ, PLEASE PRESENT THIS NEWSLETTER.

☐ Do let us know if you would be interested in teaching or participating in a different kind of class/club/activity by completing the form below:

Name: Contact No.

Type of Class(es)/ Club:

Please tick whichever is applicable:

I would like to participate.

I would like to teach.

Please return to The Hub, The Old Methodist Chapel, Horspath.

Become a "Friend of Horspath" to keep up-to-date between newsletters. E-mail: horspathhub@gmail.com

**The following is an article written by Anna Radcliffe and published in the
Methodist Recorder.**

THE HORSPATH HUB AT THE OLD CHAPEL

Horspath Methodist Chapel was built in 1909. It commands a pivotal position in the village and you pass it soon after arriving. After being a thriving church for almost a century, numbers dwindled and in 2012 the Methodist circuit put it up for sale with planning permission for a four-bedroomed house. A few of us thought that it would be very sad to lose such a special building for the village. The Friends of Horspath, which is an off-shoot of St. Giles, felt that we should mount a campaign to save it. We had it listed as a Community Asset which gave us six months to get enough money together to buy it. It was to be sold by sealed bid and we really didn't know what sort of sums we were looking at. In the six months available to us, we mustered the village and, together with the SODC, the Parish Council and a couple of charities, we had sufficient grants and loans to make a bid. And we were successful.

We were essentially a group of seven busy, retired people and we wondered what on earth we should do now. We had no experience of running a community hub, but we were prepared to put in a lot of hard work. Five years later, we are a success story. The original trustees are still working their socks off and we have a thriving café, a weekly Post Office, classes for all shapes and sizes and a beautiful building within which to focus our efforts. We have recently been awarded a Letter of Commendation by the Oxford Preservation Trust for our work in sympathetically renovating the building. One of the specific tasks we undertook was to clean and restore the foundation stones at the front of the building where the names of the original benefactors are shown.

Our enduring aim is to be there for the community of Horspath, to provide fun and activities, but also to make sure that everyone who crosses the threshold feels welcome and wanted. We rely on our volunteers to make cakes and serve coffee, to use their carpentry and engineering skills, to teach some of our classes and to keep the place sparkling clean. It's a lovely space and we are so pleased to have it. We are very aware of our Methodist history and recently we had a special service to move the Methodist Cross to the Parish Church where it has a special place in the Chancel.

Probably because of our enthusiasm, we are getting known. A few weeks ago, Farming Today on Radio 4 recorded an interview with Hub members talking about the value of a community hall and the ethos behind it. This was followed by Gareth Malone and a camera crew piloting a programme about Village Halls and how they serve their local communities.

We do hope that our Methodist friends feel that we have done a good job with the special building. Past and present Ministers joined us for our opening party in June 2014 and the Reverend Rosemary Davies with the Reverend Emma Pennington and Sheila Frankum, who is the Chair of Trustees, cut the celebration cake together.

Assuring you that we will never forget our heritage and hope that the Horspath Hub in the Old Chapel will last another hundred years as a place of welcome and community.