

From the **Horse's** Mouth



**The Horspath
Magazine**
April - May 2023



HORSPATH HAMMERS

Ever heard of Cycle Speedway? If you like the idea of track riding but don't want to give up your vitamin D, fear not – this cycling discipline is for you! Cycle speedway is a fast-paced dirt track sprint event, with a thriving domestic and international scene in the UK. Riders race four laps of the 70 metre track, over several rounds, in order to win points for themselves and their teams. **All ages/abilities/gender are welcome!** We take riders from age 5 providing they can ride a two wheel bike. Adults welcome also! Great for bike handling skills and it also builds confidence. **And it's FREE!**



Cobie (7), Toby (8), Roman (9), Bobby-Ross (8)

NO BIKE REQUIRED

BIKES CAN BE SUPPLIED, JUST BRING A HELMET AND GLOVES,
AND COVER ARMS AND LEGS

Every Wednesday from 5.30 at the Horspath Recreation Ground
(Behind the Village Hall) - Oxford Road, OX33 1RT

We have a tea hut, toilets and free parking

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HORSPATH HAMMERS CYCLE SPEEDWAY CLUB

Cover Photograph by Rob Judges

A note from the editors:

We continue to receive very good feedback about the magazine from villagers and from those who have moved away, as they can read it via the on-line copy available on the Hub's Website. We will strive to reflect what is going on in Horspath and thank all our contributors who support us by sending in stories, articles and photographs. Our main problem is deciding what to include and what to leave out of each issue as our space is limited. Please keep supporting us by sending articles to our dedicated email address: thehorspathmagazine@gmail.com

Many thanks John Underdown, Anna Radcliffe and Brian Lowe.

Letters to the Editor:

Neil: Our very own Village Taxi Driver

For the past two or three years, Neil has been our village taxi driver. He deserves special mention because he does so much for the villagers. On Friday mornings, he takes four people with mobility problems free-of-charge to the Coffee Mornings at the Hub. He also takes people to the Hub on Tuesday afternoons for the Seated Wellness Class and once a month on Wednesday afternoon to the Hub for the Film Club. Neil enables elderly people to socialize when they would otherwise be housebound. We have gained the confidence to go out and meet people once more. It's such a wonderful, valuable service. He is so kind and cheerful it is impossible to imagine the village without him. [07851 665877]

Editor: (I have tried to summarize here the many letters of appreciation and thanks about Neil)

Horspath Village Hall

Calling all potential committee members

Horspath Village Hall is a charitable community organisation managed by its committee members/trustees who along with looking after the bookings and maintenance ensure that all legal obligations are met. We are looking for new members of the committee from Horspath village. These roles are voluntary and generally we meet up once a quarter for committee meetings. If you feel you can spare some of your time in helping us run this and create an even stronger asset for our village, please contact us.



For applications and any further information please contact us by emailing: bookingshorspathvillagehall@gmail.com Charity Registration Number 1105679

Art at the Hub -Every Monday afternoon (except the first Monday of the month)



Not an artist? **No problem**, nor are we but we are enjoying messing about with all sorts of art materials and learning lots. The purpose of the group is to share ideas and support each other with our art. There is no pressure to work in any media or even follow the week's theme which we choose between us. Since reforming the group in November, we have been trying out different media and the styles of different artists. We have also followed video tutorials and demonstrations by group members who have shown us something they have tried. Ideas for the future include having some time in the summer for painting or drawing outdoors and maybe some gallery visits. The group runs from 2.30 to 4.30, with a bit of time either side for setting up and clearing away. We always make sure there is time for a cup of tea and a bit of informal chatting too! Why not come along and meet us? Just bring something to paint or draw with; we have easels and boards if you prefer, or just paper, it's up to you. Your first session is **free** and after that we share the cost of the hall between us, so far, this works out at about £4 a session - a bargain price for a sociable afternoon.

If you want to find out more, call Lindie Pink, on 01865 872363, e-mail lindiepink@gmail.com or Jo Clift, on 07593926485, email joclift61@gmail.com

Care in the Community



On Wednesday 1st March, Kris Mukute, the Director of Horizons Care, came to talk to the Senior Residents Group. With a real passion for caring for the elderly, she spoke with understanding and empathy as she explained how 'Live-in Care' works. She explained how typically two dedicated carers would be assigned to a client normally in two week blocks. The fee for this service could be supplemented using the council's own grant for short daily visits. Such care would provide companionship and support such as housekeeping, shopping, personal care and medication. She suggested that for many 'living independently' through 'Live-in Care' is preferably and certainly less expensive than moving into a care home. Kris took questions from residents at the end of her talk to clarify how the system worked.

For more information please contact Kris on: 07765740133
enquiries@horizoncare.co.uk www.horizonscare.co.uk

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Ypres & WW1 Battlefields in Belgium

On Sunday 19th February I went on a residential field trip to France and Belgium for 3 days. This was part of a History project in Year 10 at Wheatley Park School studying the World Wars. This was a very moving time when we were privileged to visit such places as The Menin Gate and Military cemeteries in

Lijssenthoek and Tyne Cot. We also went into German and British trenches to see first hand just some of the dreadful conditions which soldiers experienced. It was such a shock to see the many thousands of graves and then to look at 35,000 names of soldiers who died but were never found, and the 54,000 at Menin Gate.

Seeing our own War Memorial in Horspath now holds far more meaning for me, the experience of seeing so many graves I will never forget.

Stanley Shorter (aged 14)

Morland House Surgery, Morland Close, Wheatley OX33 1DP

The usual surgery opening hours are
Monday to Friday 8am to 6.30pm
Saturday mornings
(excluding Bank Holiday weekends)
8am to 10.30am,



For pre-booked telephone consultations only.

We also offer Enhanced Access hours outside of these times, please speak to one of our reception team for more information.

From 3rd April 2023 our new Dispensary hours are:

Monday to Thursday 8.30am to 1pm, Friday 8.30am to 1pm and 2pm to 6.30pm.
Dispensary is closed on Saturday morning

When the surgery is closed, please contact the Out of Hours service by phoning

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For further information, please visit our website www.morland-house.co.uk

Or contact our Reception team on 01865 872448

WHAT'S ALL THE WINING ABOUT?

The Horspath Wine Club (HWC) Experience by Nigel Montgomery

Horspath's own wine club first formed in September 2018 and continues to mature today, with the current membership making it the largest group running meetings at the Hub. Ask any member and they'll tell you that the HWC tasting evenings are both educational, lots of fun and amazing value with 20-30 people regularly attending. It's great to learn about wine without the pressure to possess previous knowledge, or to have to pay a massive amount for each tasting. (Each HWC tasting costs just **£18** per person). The club's membership comprises people of all ages, mainly from Horspath and the surrounding area, which meet once a month to socialise while tasting 6-7 different wines and other drinks from all over the World, alongside cheese & biscuits or other complementary food. Wines are selected based on a variety of themes (grape, region, style etc.) chosen by the group and are presented by members of the group or external guest speakers. Previous knowledge of wine is not a requirement of membership, you are simply required to enjoy the experience of drinking socially with others.

In 2022 we tasted **48** different wines, **5** sparkling wines/champagne, plus **3** liqueurs / ports etc from over 15 different countries, across 8 tasting evenings.

The tastings are held at 'The Hub', usually on the 3rd Friday of each month, 7.30pm-9.30pm. From time-to-time the group also visits other venues. We try each wine, learning about it along the way, and at the end of the evening we guess the price and the alcohol content, just for the fun of it.

Our December 2022 took on the very topical subject of Sherry. Below you can see a list of the drinks served.

Graham Beck
Blancs de Blancs 2017/8



Lustau Solera Reserva Los
Arcos Dry Amontillado



Bodegas Lustau Manzanilla
Papirusa Solera Familia



Bodegas Lustau Very Old
Oloroso Emperatriz Eugenia



Lustau East India Solera Rich
Oloroso Sherry (Cream)



Lustau Solera Reserva
Emiliu Moscatel



Vila das Rainhas - Sour Cherry
Liqueur d'Obidos Extra with Fruit



Why is sherry topical? - Because in October 2022 the body which governs the quality and production of sherry in Spain massively altered the rules related to where and how sherry can be made. It means that in coming years many more styles and increased quality of cherries will emerge.

For more information about the HWC see www.horspathwine.club



Horspath Cricket Club look forward to the new season

Preparations for the 2023 season are well under way. The two squares have had their first cylinder mower cuts and the outfielders have been rolled. Work on the grounds will intensify as the first match draws closer. The first home match is a 'friendly' against Oxford on 22nd April, with the first competitive match being the following day as the Club travel to the Baldons to play the opening tie in the first round of the National Village Cup. Weather permitting of course. The league season commences on the 6th May with the Club's four league sides in action. The first X1 has an attractive home fixture against Amersham in the Home Counties Premier Division. The second and third X1s both travel with the seconds, who will be playing in Division 1 of the Cherwell League, for the first time, having won Division 2 last year, going to Westbury and the third team taking on Bledlow Ridge in Division 3. The fourth X1 play the second home match against Bledlow Ridge 2nds in Division 6. The Club has completed its indoor sessions and, always weather permitting, will be looking to start its outdoor sessions on the Rec on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6.00 pm for all those aged 15 and above. **All new members would be welcome to come along with the Club able to provide cricket for all standards.** The Club has an outstanding reputation for its development of **young cricketers** running sides in all the County competitions at U9, U11, U13, U15 and U19 age groups. **Training takes place** on a Wednesday evening from 6.00pm. Horspath C.C also delivers the English Cricket Board eight week courses All Stars for 5 – 8 year olds and Dynamos 9 – 11 years on a Friday evening. **The Women's Section**, established three years ago is going from strength to strength with the Club fielding a hardball side for the first time in the Home Counties Womens' League whilst still offering a softball alternative. They would welcome new members, no previous experience required.

If you are a cricket enthusiast, have a casual interest, or just fancy a drink in picturesque surroundings you would be **most welcome** to join the Club as a social member. If there is a cricket activity going on, and there are most evenings throughout May till September, the Clubroom will be open.

**For all information and news updates please go to our website:
www.horspathcricket.com**



CORONATION CELEBRATIONS AT THE HUB

Coronation Tea Party

It is planned to have a tea party in the Hub Garden on Monday May 8th from 2pm to 5pm. Some of you will remember the one held last year for the Queen's Jubilee and hopefully will join us again for a very good time. The tea is for all villages and will be free courtesy of the Stonepit Trust.



Inside the Hub

There will be an exhibition in The Hub during the weekend about Saving our Planet, something dear to King Charles' heart. This will include a competition for children and adults to design their very own **Save the Planet** Poster.

There will also be activities to be involved in too, concerning:

Recycling Reusing Regrowing Repairing

We Need Your Help



The HUB Summer Market

This will take place on Saturday May 20th from 10am to 12.30pm. There will be stalls both inside and outside. The cost will be £10 a stall and we will try and avoid too many replicas as far as goods are concerned. The Hub already has a cake stall and a raffle as well as refreshments. If you would like to have a stall please contact me on annaradcliffe@gmail.com Thanks Anna



CORONATION CELEBRATIONS AT ST GILES' CHURCH



5th - 8th May 10am - 6pm



HIGHGROVE

King Charles III is 'clearly happy after wandering around his estate..... and has an indepth knowledge of every facet of the grounds'

Come and visit our Highgrove Gardens:



Come and enjoy
'every facet of our grounds'

ALL welcome, we look forward to seeing you

Classes and Activities at the Horspath Hub

Below are all the classes and activities we run at the Hub, but for more information, contact emails for each class and phone numbers, please visit our website: horspathhub.co.uk or call **Natalie on 07779 672163**. You can book the Hub here too with discounted rates for residents.

Mondays

Pilates - Weekly	09.15 - 10.15
Babies 1st - Weekly	13.30 - 14.30
Making Time - first Monday in the month	14.00 - 16.00
Creative Writing - Flexible Mondays	15.00 - 16.30
Art at the Hub - except the first Monday in the month	14.00 - 16.00
Ballet - beginners & intermediate NEW	18.00 - 19.00

Tuesdays

Table Tennis - Weekly	10.00 - 12.00
Art Matters (fortnightly - by appointment)	13.00 - 14.00
Seated Wellness (Seated Exercise) by appointment	14.00 - 15.00
Yoga - Weekly	19.00 - 20.15

Wednesdays

Senior Residents' Club - First Wednesday of the month	14.00 - 16.00
Age UK Film Club - Second Wednesday of the month	14.00 - 16.00
Computer Club - Third Wednesday of the month	13.00 - 15.00
One-to-One Yoga & Massage - Once a month by appointment	12.00 - 17.00
Yoga - once a month (flexible)	18.00 - 19.00

Thursdays

One-to-One Massage (as above)	08.00 - 16.00
Line Dancing - Weekly	14.00 - 15.30
Sculpture Class (by appointment)	18.00 - 20.00

Fridays

Post Office - Weekly (except Bank Holidays)	10.00 - 13.00
Coffee Mornings - Weekly	10.30 - 12.00
Age UK Information and Advice - First Friday of the month	10.30 - 12.00
Horspath Wine Club - Third Friday of the month	19.30 - 21.30

Saturdays

Community Dance Project - Weekly	10.30 - 11.30
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Sundays

Sunday Fun Time - First Sunday of the month	11.00 - 12.00
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For booking requirements and further information please email:

Sheila at horspathhub@gmail.com or Sally at sallylhumphrey@gmail.com

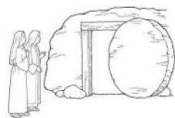
Vicar's Letter

Dear Friends,

I hope that you are well and enjoying the signs of spring. The daffodils have been lovely this year, and I love the longer days when the clocks change. Easter is approaching – probably the most joyful and hope-filled season of the church year and, for Christians, as significant as Christmas – if not more so. During the Easter season, Christians celebrate Jesus's resurrection from the dead – his bursting from the tomb, and his victory over sin and death. Jesus's resurrection brings us a real and living hope that death will not be the end for us, either – that we, too, will rise to eternal life, and take our place in our Father's house, where God will wipe away every tear from our eye. We don't know exactly what heaven will be like, but many of us hope to be reunited with our loved ones there – with family, friends and perhaps our pets, too. And so, for Christians, Easter is a season of joy, hope and celebration. Before our Easter celebrations, we observe a season of preparation and – for some – a period of fasting and self-denial, with an increased emphasis on repentance (turning back to God), prayer and spirituality. As we attempt to draw closer to God during Lent, through prayer, Bible study and self-denial, many Christians find it helpful to go on a pilgrimage, or retreat. If that isn't possible, many find that taking a Quiet Day – away from work and other commitments – helps us to reconnect with God, and to prepare for Holy Week and Easter. It will soon be Holy Week – the week leading up to Easter, in which Christians remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday; his last supper with his friends on Maundy Thursday; his arrest later that night; his crucifixion and death on Good Friday; the emptiness and grief of Holy Saturday; and Jesus's joyful resurrection on Easter Day. We will be holding a number of services in St Giles' Church, and around the Benefice, which all are welcome to attend (*see the list of services*). I always feel that the joy of Easter Day is much more powerful if we have first journeyed with Jesus the challenging way of the cross, and sat with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane on Maundy Thursday, before gathering again at the foot of the cross on Good Friday, then experiencing the emptiness of Holy Saturday, before the lighting of the Easter fire leads us from death to new life. My hope and prayer is that, this Holy Week and Easter, you will know the peace of God, which passes all understanding; the unconditional and abundant love of God; and the hopefulness and joy of Easter.

God Bless, Karen x





Services at St Giles' Church

including Holy Week

- 2nd April : Palm Sunday** 11am Morning Worship, with distribution of Palm Crosses
(gather at the gate to process)
- 6th April: Maundy Thursday** 7.30pm Eucharist with foot-washing, stripping the
Altar and Watch
- 7th April: Good Friday** (At Garsington & Cuddesdon - please see the notice boards in
and around the church) St Giles' will be open for private prayer.
- 8th April: Holy Saturday** 7.45pm Vigil Service and lighting of the Easter Fire
- 9th April: Easter Day** 11am Parish Communion
- 16th April: The Second Sunday of Easter** 11.15 Family Time (refreshments from 11am)
- 23rd April: The Third Sunday of Easter** 11am Parish Communion
- 30th April: The Fourth Sunday of Easter** 10am Benefice Service at All Saints', Cuddesdon
- 7th May: The Fifth Sunday of Easter** 11am Morning Worship
- 14th May: The Sixth Sunday of Easter** 11am Parish Communion
6pm Choral Evensong with Shotover Singers (to be confirmed)
- 18th May: Ascension Day** 7.30pm Benefice Eucharist (venue to be confirmed)
- 21st May: The Sunday after Ascension Day** 11.15 Family Time
(refreshments from 11am) Followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting
- 28th May: Pentecost (Whit Sunday)** 11am Parish Communion
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Chatter & Clatter at St Giles' Church Summer Dates for 2023

Drop in for coffee and cake between 9am and 11am on Wednesday:

19th April	7th June
3rd May	21st June
17th May	5th July
Half Term Break	19th July

All under fives accompanied by an adult are welcome: Come and join us!

For more information call Maureen on: 07584 080544

Horspath Parish Council

Our March meeting held on Tuesday 7th was well attended by residents, who were happy to hear that a bench for the Burial Ground has been ordered and will be sited in the next few weeks weather permitting. Signs for the Burial Ground will also be ordered.

New notice-boards will be arriving shortly, one will be fixed in the newly painted bus shelter at Gateley, big thank you to Mrs Cath Riley for painting.

Repairs to the equipment in the Play Area have recently been carried out, and the football goals and nets will be installed on the Bowley Field as soon as the weather improves.

We hope you've all seen the new flower planter next to the bench on the Village Green, and the lovely snowdrops and daffodils round the Memorial, thank you to Mr. Keith Brooks for planting the Spring bulbs and again thank you to Mrs Cath Riley for the planter.

Oxfordshire County Council have informed HPC that a Ginkgo Biloba (Maidenhair Tree) will be planted at the top of Manor Drive next to Butts Road, HPC advised OCC that it was not needed in that position but OCC have over-ruled our decision.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Litter Blitz on Saturday 1st April.

HPC is in the process of arranging a meeting with the Planning Dept at SODC to discuss the possibility of a new Village Hall.

Residents are encouraged to report any potholes in the village directly to www.fixmystreet.com

Horspath Stone Pit Charity

The very popular meal voucher scheme for all senior residents of Horspath continues, we have had extremely positive feedback from residents and we would like to give our sincere thanks to Jason and Mama Thai for making this such a success.

An application has been submitted to HSPC to purchase an additional defibrillator to be sited at Berkeley Homes Site.

Just a reminder to residents, Horspath Hardship Fund is still open for any residents that are suffering hardship. This can be accessed by contacting Horspath Primary School, Horspath Nursery, Age UK, and Wheatley Park School.

Trustees are in the process of reviewing the HSPC website to ensure that all information is correct.



EDGAR PEARSON LITT, 1928 - 2023 Villagers often bemoan the loss of a “character”, and with Edgar Litt’s passing, that is sadly again the case. Older people will recall Edgar’s familiar presence in Horspath as the man who, as a market gardener, traded in all the surrounding villages & markets, with his horse “Darkie” and a cart, and later a van, growing his produce at the top of the hill near Old Road and selling from his shop in Horspath Road, Cowley. He sold fruit & veg, eggs, potatoes and even coal, and enjoyed a life-long association with Horspath, coming here as a young boy in the 1930s, marrying in 1952 and living in College Way, fathering Stephen and Carol. On his second marriage he moved to Bayswater Road, and continued his business, also specialising in growing sweet peas, keeping chickens & geese. His village commitments also extended to an enduring support of Horspath Hammers Cycle Speedway, of which he was President, and was for over 70 years a bellringer both at St Giles and Stanton St. John – where he recently trained a new band of ringers... active to the last, he was still ringing at 93 !

Brian Lowe.

Horspath Nursery

Leah of 'Hair, Henna and Nails' applies decoration to Freya's hands at the **Horspath Nursery Network Event** on 4th February 2023. £500 was raised on that day, so a big thank you to everyone who supported it. Tools for wood work, painting resources and finishing off the story sacks will be purchased with the funds raised.



Our Next Fundraising Events are:

Duck Race & Decoration Competition - WC 27th March at the Nursery

Horspath Hub Spring Market - Saturday 20th May

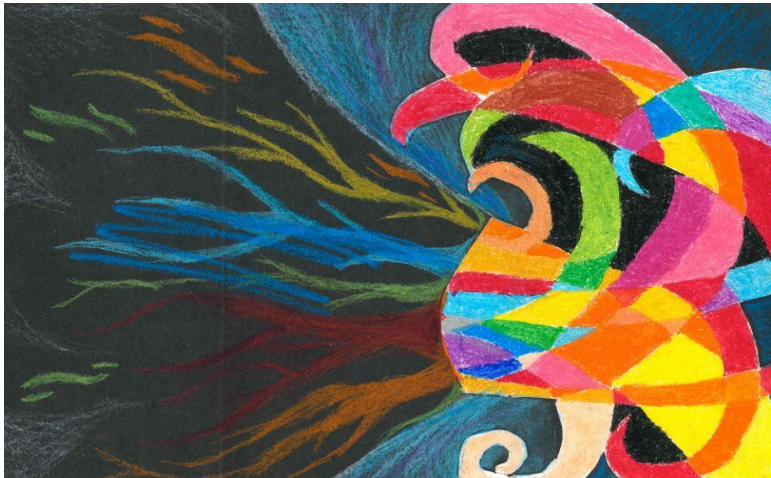
Please visit our website: www.horspathnursery.org.uk

or call us on 01865 876750 email: staff@horspathnursery.org.uk

THE POST OFFICE AT THE HORSPATH HUB Fridays 10.00am – 1.00pm

With so many banks closing, did you know that you can do your banking at the Post Office? You can withdraw money, deposit money and cheques and obtain your bank balance. You can also obtain foreign currency with a week's notice.

You do NOT have to have a Post Office account.



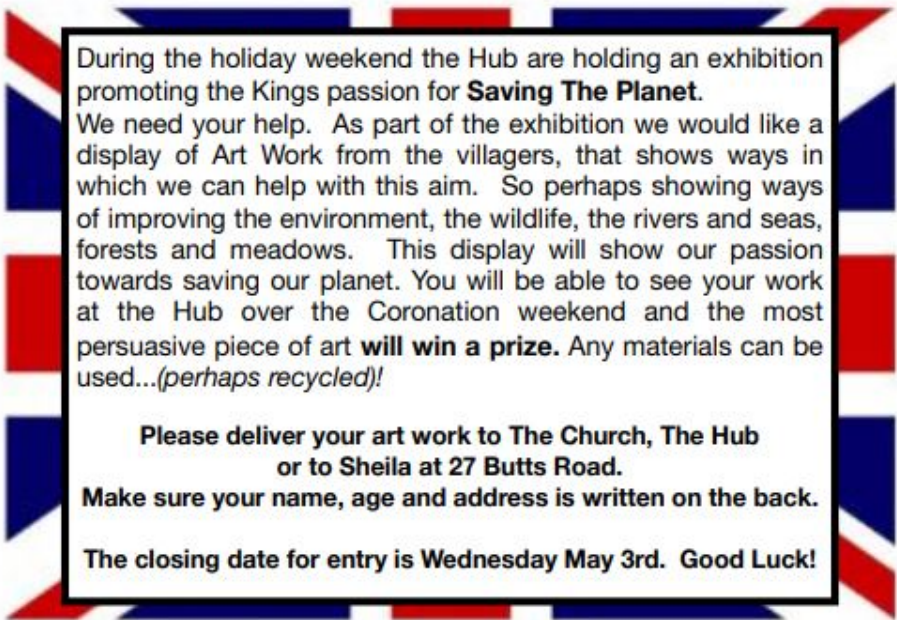
Inspired by a Geography Topic called 'Extreme Earth', **Naomi** (aged 10) at Horspath Primary School, has created this visual response to a volcano in beautiful pastels.



KING CHARLES III
CORONATION
WEEKEND
MAY 6-8
2023



Save the Planet
Art Exhibition
at
THE HUB



During the holiday weekend the Hub are holding an exhibition promoting the Kings passion for **Saving The Planet**.

We need your help. As part of the exhibition we would like a display of Art Work from the villagers, that shows ways in which we can help with this aim. So perhaps showing ways of improving the environment, the wildlife, the rivers and seas, forests and meadows. This display will show our passion towards saving our planet. You will be able to see your work at the Hub over the Coronation weekend and the most persuasive piece of art **will win a prize**. Any materials can be used...*(perhaps recycled)*!

Please deliver your art work to The Church, The Hub
or to Sheila at 27 Butts Road.

Make sure your name, age and address is written on the back.

The closing date for entry is Wednesday May 3rd. Good Luck!

We Need Your Help

