

From the Horse's Mouth

Winning Entry in the 2024 Scarecrow Trail
by the McManus Family

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Oxford Brewery Wins Gold Medal



At the recent 2024 Oxford CAMRA Beer & Cider Festival which also hosted the SIBA Midland Region Independent Beer Awards, Oxford Brewery, based in Horspath were awarded a competition **Gold Medal** for their cask Shotover Trinity, Pale Ale 4.2% and a Bronze Medal for their keg Oxford Nitro Porter 5.0%. To put this in context, there was in excess of 140 cask ales, some ciders and a selection of keg beers blind tasted by the large panel of judges.

Congratulations to Moira and Alistair above, and their triumphant Head Brewer Angus, holding the winning beers.

These are available to enjoy at the Brewery Tap Room

Welcome to the 13th Edition of 'The Horse's Mouth' The Horspath Magazine

Editor's Intro: Once again we are near the end of another year and are encouraged by positive comments from residents to continue publishing this magazine. This is a special edition as we have included four extra pages of colour. We are only able to do this through the continuing support we get from the Stone Pit Charity and from our local sponsors who have renewed their subscription for next year. **Thank you very much.**

Our email for any questions or for you to submit stories, articles or pictures is:
thehorspathmagazine@gmail.com.

*The team who produce this magazine and all those who deliver it, wish
you a Very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year*

John

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Letter to the Editor

Sir, The Remembrance Service held today in Horspath on Armistice Day was a very special occasion made even more special by the attendance of all the pupils and their teachers from Horspath Primary School. Afterwards, several of the children were allowed to come to the Hub to join all us oldies and it was good to see them conversing with their elders with great interest. It's good to know that future generations will not forget what today was all about.

Mike Clarke 11-11-11

The Bookseller of Thame

How many independent bookshops do you know? Sadly, there are very few in Oxfordshire but how lucky are we to have one, “The Book House” in Thame, on our doorstep. It is well worth a visit! A good chance to buy many of those Christmas presents and chat to the charismatic bookseller, Luise!

The shop started its long life in 1972, opening as a children’s book shop – The Red House. It looks very small from the outside but it goes a long way back, a bit like a Tardis, and is full of a wondrous collection of books. Luise Pattinson, who lives in Horspath, has worked at the shop for forty years, in fact ever since she left school and just loves the cut and thrust of the business. She came from a family of “book-addicts” and remembers going to The Red House as a child, running up the High Street to reach the Fat Puffin that once stood outside. Sadly, the Puffin is now in need of repair, not surprisingly since he’s sat outside since 1972!

Luise is very enthusiastic about everything to do with books. She says, “Books and bookshops are such a precious thing in these times. It’s a chance to browse, meet people and have a chat. I have one lady who comes into the shop every day to do just that. She buys a card saying that it means she writes to someone that she knows but doesn’t see. I just love that!” Luise’s love of books is very apparent. She enthuses, “I think that books are like little capsules of wonder waiting to inspire you. Each contains information that you didn’t know existed. How exciting is that!”

Did you know that there are 436 books published every day in the UK? Being an Independent book shop means that Luise can choose which books she wants to sell when the representatives from the publishing houses come to visit each month. “I won’t sell books written by criminals” she says, “Why should they profit from book sales? Certainly not in my shop!” However, she did admit that she has a few books about local ex-politicians though!

Luise thinks that all books should be beautiful – it’s part of their inherent worth. Being a specialist in children’s books, she is passionate about story time and reading to children. What are your favourite children’s stories, Luise? As a child, “Where the Wild Things Are”, Aesop’s fables, Richard Scarry, Wind in the Willows.....oh too many to name. And Mensun Bound’s books give me goosebumps!

You must go to Thame to sample Luise’s box of delights!

Sue Rowell - Magazine Reporter



THE FILM IS COMING HERE!!!

If you missed the chance to hear Mensun Bound and Brian Lowe talking about Mensun`s underwater explorations you will have an opportunity to see the new **National Geographic film** recently released about Mensun`s journey to Antarctica and finding the Endurance. Feel the tension when time nearly runs out as winter closes in on the exploration ship, see The Film Endurance showing here in the Hub.

When: Friday January 10th at 18:30 (doors open at 18:00)

Where: Horspath Hub

Cost: FREE - donations welcome

Wine and nibbles will be served at the intermission – donations welcome

Tickets absolutely necessary - available from The Hub Friday mornings or email: horspathhub@gmail.com

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Horspath C of E Primary School

The children and staff of Horspath School are busy learning, and preparing for Christmas as I write this and the excitement is building. Schools are such busy but joyful places at this time of year and I would challenge anyone not to get caught up in some of their joy.

As a church school, we teach our children the reasons Christmas is celebrated in an inclusive way so that all children understand the reason why they will come across lights and gifts everywhere they look. It is also a good opportunity to consider other festivals which include light and colour and reflect on how these things can lift our spirits.

This term, it has been a delight to see the children employing strategies to help themselves and to persevere when their learning or friendships become tricky. In the first term, we worked on kindness and it has been wonderful to award values certificates to children for their kindness to others this term.

In early November, we took a team of year 5 and 6 boys and girls to a netball tournament at Wheatley Park School. The team trained a few times before half term and were nervous when they went out for the first match. Later in the evening, they were feeling increasingly confident and were passing the ball well and scoring. I was incredibly proud of the way they conducted themselves, worked as a team and demonstrated teamwork and sportsmanship towards other schools. Ending the tournament in joint third place was a wonderful end to the evening. We would all like to thank the parents who helped out, especially our netball expert!

We attended the Armistice Day service at the memorial, with some of our school council members laying 2 wreaths from the children and parents and staff of the school. Some of our oldest children read the poem 'In Flanders Fields' as part of the service and our school council enjoyed mingling at the hub afterwards.

We have a number of children attending our school, who are regular visitors to the Oxford Children's Hospital and we received a request from them asking if we would mark World Diabetes Day with our children who

have Type 1 Diabetes and to raise some money for the hospital. Some of our children and parents gave a presentation and everyone was invited to wear something blue for the day to help us raise awareness of hidden conditions. Later in the year, there are families who will present information about other conditions within our school community as this is an excellent way to raise awareness and understanding of different conditions.

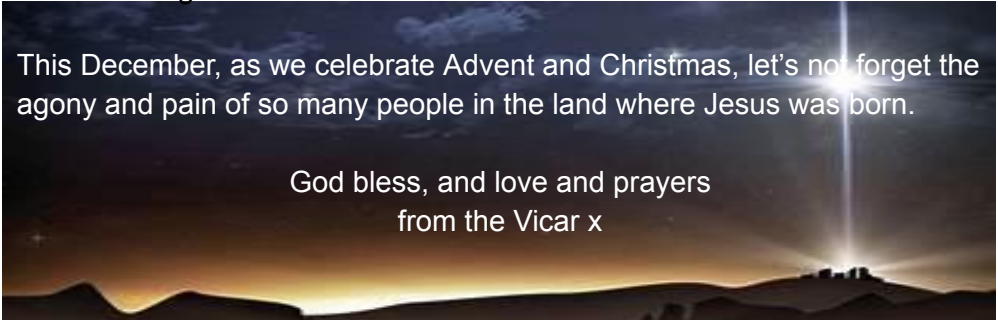
Children in Need was another event celebrated in school this term where we did our bit to raise money for this national charity. We always ensure that our children know why they are supporting these charities and we are working on courageous advocacy, which places the emphasis on what we can do to make a difference rather than simply fundraising.

I hope everyone in our community has a wonderful Christmas and wish you all the best for a happy new year.



A Christmas Letter from the Vicar

Dear Friends, I'm writing this in mid-November – but very conscious that it will be December, and Advent, by the time you read this. I was commenting to friends this evening that I dislike November, when the days are so short and it gets dark so early, but I always feel better once Advent/December starts, with the excitement of carol services, Christmas lunches, parties, concerts, and the countdown to Christmas. I'm looking forward to Advent and Christmas this year. It's always an exciting time of year. And I hope to see you at some of our services and events during December and January. Of course, this year, most of us will be mindful of the situation in Gaza, the West Bank, Lebanon and the Middle East, and our Christmas joy will be tempered by grief and sadness over the destruction of lives, homes, hospitals, schools, and businesses in the land where our Saviour was born, and where he exercised much of his healing and teaching ministry. In August, I attended the Greenbelt festival, near Kettering. At the main Communion Service on the Sunday morning, there was a live link to the Tent of Nations – a Christian-run farm, and peace-making project, in the hills near Bethlehem; and members of the community there joined us for worship. At the beginning of the service, we were all invited to pick up our bags, chairs and other belongings and relocate to another area of the large field in front of the main stage – a symbolic action reminding us of all the Palestinian people forced, by conflict, to flee their homes and become refugees. Locally baked loaves of bread, in paper bags, were then thrown into the congregation – much as food is distributed from lorries and vans in many conflict zones – and we were encouraged to throw the loaves of bread to those behind us in the crowd, trusting that the communion bread we passed on to other groups would be broken and shared, so that none went without. We were encouraged to share our bread like those who are still searching for a safe home.



This December, as we celebrate Advent and Christmas, let's not forget the agony and pain of so many people in the land where Jesus was born.

God bless, and love and prayers
from the Vicar x

Service at St Giles' Church

1st December 11am for 11:15	Advent Sunday Christingle Service (Family Time) – with a collection for The Children's Society
8th December 11am	The Second Sunday of Advent Parish Communion
15th December 11am 11am 3pm	The Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) Morning Worship Sunday Fun Time in The Horspath Hub Village Candlelit Carol Service in St Giles' Church
22nd December 24th December 4pm 11:30pm	The Fourth Sunday of Advent Christmas Eve Crib Service Midnight Mass
25th December 11am	Christmas Day Parish Communion
29th December 10am	1st Sunday of Christmas Benefice Communion in St Mary's Garsington (No service in Cuddesdon or Horspath)
5th January 11am 11am	Epiphany Morning Worship for Epiphany Sunday Fun Time in The Horspath Hub
12th January 11am 3pm	The Baptism of Christ Parish Communion Story Time Church (informal all-age storytelling and worship in the Forest Church, in Cuddesdon)
19th January 11am for 11:15	Epiphany 2 Family Time
26th January 11am	Epiphany 3 Parish Communion
2 February 11am	Candlemas Morning Worship

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“Making Time”



This group meets once a month for any person who feels creative or just wants to continue a craft activity they know or learn a new one! This includes Knitting, Crochet, Card making, Painting, Sewing, Embroidery Colouring, Quilling, and any craft that you would like to learn or even teach others.



The next session is **Monday December 2nd at the Hub 2.00pm – 4.00pm** with tea and cake and of course a chat.

All are welcome. There is a Taxi service provided if you struggle to get to the Hub For further information please ring Sheila 07779 672163

A special Making Time will take place on **Sunday December 8th 10.00am- 12.30pm** this will be making **Christmas Decorations** using natural materials such as a wreath or a table decoration. All greenery is provided, but special equipment is an extra charge which would include oasis.



The cost is £8.00 which includes refreshments and some expert help! If you would like to join us, please let Sheila know on 07779 672163 as numbers could be limited.

Horspath Cinema Club



We are a small friendly group of people of all ages , who get together once a month second Wednesday of the month 2pm to 4.15pm to watch a film .We have watched many different films including Ladies in Lavender, Dad’s Army ;Whiskey Galore, 007, The Duke and many more . The group choose a film . The cost is £3.50 with refreshments .You will receive a

warm welcome and if you live in the village we can lay on transport to Horspath Hub. Please come as we would like to increase our numbers and get to know you .We usually discuss the film after the screening.

Next meeting..... 11th Dec and 8th Jan

Valerie Hunt Age UK Community Link Worker 07570236443

Dear Residents of Horspath,

I'm excited to introduce myself as your newly elected Member of Parliament. The past few months have been a whirlwind, and I'm grateful for the opportunity to represent and serve our community. It's been a busy time getting to grips with the role and meeting so many of you, and I'm looking forward to continuing our work together to make a positive impact



here in Horspath. Reflecting on my first three months, I'm proud of the progress made, though I recognise this is just the beginning. I now have a full team in place, including five caseworkers based in our new Chalgrove office, working hard to handle the backlog of emails and support residents with individual cases. I've also been meeting with local stakeholders, particularly in the NHS, to build strong relationships and push for better outcomes for residents. While MPs don't have direct power over bodies like the NHS, we can bring people together to find solutions. I'll continue to use all available tools to advocate for you in Parliament. Locally, I've been active on several issues. I recently visited pensioners at the Horspath Hub and heard directly from them about the impact of the government's proposed cuts to Winter Fuel Payments. I've been strongly opposing the cuts, which would hurt many vulnerable residents. I will keep pressing the government to reconsider this decision. Well done to the organisers of the Scarecrow Trail in Horspath - I hear from local residents that it was really good fun. Over the coming months, I will continue to meet with as many residents as possible. If you would like to get in touch or attend one of my surgeries, I would love to hear from you.

Best wishes, Freddie van Mierlo freddie.vanmierlo.mp@parliament.uk

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Horspath CC prepare for fresh challenges in 2025. A successful yet difficult 2024 was rounded off with the traditional Feast Match between Horspath and the President XI. On an emotional day, the club paid tribute to two great members sadly lost earlier this year with the names; Max Tommy; emblazoned on the outfield in big white letters. Max Eason was quite simply; 'Mr Horspath Cricket' while popular scorer Tommy Pritchard embodied the very spirit of the club. It wasn't just Max and Tommy who were remembered as big supporters Stan Hawkeswood and Paul Headford passed away recently and were also very much in members' thoughts. Record numbers of around 120 attended a fabulous lunch provided by Hayden Moon followed by the charity auction held over from the Tape Ball Competition in August with the total raised for Thames Valley Air Ambulance boosted to £2,750. Despite heavy rain, the match took place thanks to the sterling efforts of groundsman David Ward and his team.

With ground renovations having taken place, Cherwell League champions Horspath have accepted an invitation to return to the Home Counties Premier Cricket League with an opening game at Bicester & North Oxford on May 10.

In other good news, Tracey Isaac was presented with a Metro Bank Champion of Girls Cricket Award.

The club holds its AGM in the clubroom on Sunday, January 19 (11am). All members welcome.

Apple Day at The Hub

Saturday October 26th

This year the event coincided with the Scarecrow trail. Unfortunately, the bulk of the apples had been ready a couple of weeks earlier (last year we were too early!) but that didn't stop us having a really enjoyable afternoon. And it didn't rain. In addition to Chris on the apple presser we had Shelagh running a tombola and Gill and Margaret serving delicious cakes and teas (as well as apple juice) We made some valuable funds for The Hub and it was great to see how visitors pitched in and joined the apple chopping team.

We are indebted to Sunnyhill Vineyard for sponsoring this event. Not only did they pay for the apple presser but also donated a bottle of their own delicious wine. Very many thanks to:



Lots of villagers and friends spent a long time cutting and preparing the apples for the press!

Developments in the Community Hub Garden

You may have noticed some changes in the Hub garden, with new plantings around the edges and the formation of a new rock garden. The trustees are indebted to all those people who have given up hours of their time, often in poor weather to create such improvements. We thank you very much.

A very special addition to the garden is a beautiful Mountain Ash tree to commemorate Gill's husband, Donald. Their sons, Chris and Robert are seen in the picture below helping Gill carefully plant it in its new permanent position



The other special addition is a splendid custom made Bench, in commemoration of Sally Humphrey's husband John. The picture below shows Gill and Sally taking a well earned rest on the bench after working in the garden. *(Yet again!)*





Tree of Light 2024

If you would like to remember a loved one, write a prayer, or share a message of hope this Christmas by writing a message to hang on the village Christmas tree, please email horspathtreeoflight@gmail.com by Tuesday 17th December. Your message will be printed and hung on the tree later that week. If you would like to make a small charitable donation to accompany your message, please visit our fundraising page at

www.donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/horspath-village-tree-of-light-2024 Our chosen charity this year is The Archway Foundation. This Oxford based charity aims to relieve distress caused by loneliness by developing wellbeing, reducing isolation and encouraging social contact through their network of volunteers that reach out to those that are anxious, stressed, lonely and isolated. A very worthy cause to support at Christmas time especially! Since 2020, our Tree of Light initiative has raised over £2500 for local charities. Your generosity will help us continue to shine a bit of light and bring hope to those that need it most.

**If accessing the internet is difficult, messages and donations can be placed in an envelope and posted through the door of 9 Blenheim Road.*

CHANGE OF DAY FOR.....

Chatter & Clatter

We will now meet in St Giles' Church on a Thursday from 9-11am

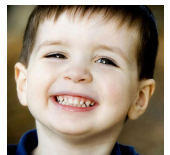
Beginning on 16th January 2025

Spring Term Dates

30th January 2025,

13th February, 27th February,

13th March, 27th March



The Horspath Scarecrow Trail 2024

Now in its fifth year, the Horspath Scarecrow Trail has become a beloved October half-term tradition. Originally created to bring people together safely after lockdown, the trail now draws crowds from across Oxfordshire



and beyond. This year's theme, "Around the World in 9 Days," attracted around 1,500 visitors to our village to explore 39 unique scarecrows. Scarecrows ranged from a tea-sipping Paddington Bear with the Queen to a leprechaun and a grand replica of Rio's Christ the Redeemer. For the first time, "mini" scarecrows, waving flags and sharing world facts, were included in gardens of our older supporters. Armed with maps, families traversed the village, admiring the creativity and answering fun questions at each stop. Families return year after year, with some bringing friends and relatives from as far as France, Germany, and across the UK. While

we saw a fantastic turnout, we did miss seeing many local residents buying maps in the Hub. These maps, kindly printed and donated by Minuteman Press Oxford, are essential to our fundraising efforts, supporting both the Hub and St. Giles' Church in their community work. Next year, we hope more residents will join us and contribute to making this event even more impactful. As always, picking the best scarecrow was challenging due to the high standards set by creators. This year's "People's Choice" award went to Paddington Bear, with the Statue of Liberty and a Texas cowboy close behind. The organizers' favourite also went to the Texas cowboy for its incredible craftsmanship—including a lasso held aloft for the entire nine days! Thank you to everyone who explored the trail and contributed to this wonderful event. Through your support, we raised essential funds for the Hub and St. Giles' Church, enabling them to continue their work in our village. Here's to another successful year, and we look forward to seeing even more of you in 2025!

(Editors: Special thanks goes to Natalie & Maureen, who organised the whole thing including sitting in the Hub for 9 days!)

What we at Shotover Wildlife want for Christmas is a way to make our conservation work even greener. And this will be granted, thanks in part to an ingenious use of timber from a much-loved tree. Shotover Wildlife's work is about biodiversity. We restore the hill's rarest habitats and protect the species that depend on them, many of which are endangered. Sometimes it is necessary to clear trees that have encroached on these special habitats



creating timber, which in addition to the trees that fall naturally, must be managed in a way that's best for the environment. This raises a challenge in terms of climate change. There is carbon locked up in the trunks and branches of trees, and the more slowly this carbon is returned to the atmosphere, the better. If the wood can be re-used, it can store carbon for decades. If left to rot on the ground, the carbon is lost in a few years. If it is burnt, it takes only a few hours. The best types of trees to store carbon are those that form hard, dense wood, such as oak, beech and hawthorn. They are long-lived, and their timber rots down very

slowly, locking up carbon for a long time. One famous example was the huge 'Shotover Oak', thought to have been a sapling during the reign of Queen Elizabeth 1st. It stored up carbon for centuries, then on 13 th July 2014, it fell due to natural causes. The trees that SW volunteers clear make a much smaller contribution to the country park's carbon budget. Nevertheless, we routinely reduce the rate at which carbon dioxide is released into the atmosphere, by piling up logs rather than leaving them to rot on the ground. A major improvement in carbon storage can be achieved by constructing wooden frames, which raise the logs off the ground. This allows better air circulation, reducing rot to an absolute minimum. Our most ingenious idea is to use Shotover timber to make the frames, and this is how the fallen Shotover Oak joins the party. We still mourn the loss of this iconic tree, and others like it, but their wood now has an important new role. It will be used to build frames, which slow down the release of carbon from the by-products of our conservation work. Now that sounds like a great present, for Shotover Wildlife and the planet.

SW measuring the Shotover Oak before it fell in 2014.

Photo credit: Ivan and Jacqueline Wright.



During terms 2 & 3 we will be looking at Bonfire Night and Fireworks, having a Halloween party, celebrating Diwali, discussing Children in Need, looking at Remembrance Day and Thanksgiving, Winter, Arctic Animals, Post Office and Christmas. Finishing off with our Nursery Christmas Nativity.



Term 3 - Colours, Love, Music and Dance, Chinese New Year, People Who Help Us, Children's Mental Health Week and Sport.

Our fundraising events for term 2 are our Halloween Party and Christmas 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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Young Organist at St Giles' Church

For almost a year now, Ephraim Shalom Samuel, who we know as Shalom, has played the piano and lately the organ at every service, bringing live accompaniment back to the church congregation. Shalom lives with his mum and dad and younger sister in Horspath. He is just 16 years old and now studies for further qualifications at the City of Oxford College, hoping to continue at University ultimately becoming a Lawyer. In 2023 he won a silver medal in the North American Virtuoso International Music Competition.



Press Release:

“Ephraim Shalom Samuel, a young and promising pianist, has been making waves in the world of music from a very young age. Born in India, currently living in Oxford, England, Ephraim's remarkable musical journey began when he was just a child, immersing himself in the world of music and singing. At the tender age of four, Ephraim's innate musical abilities were already apparent. His passion for music and singing was nurtured from an early age, setting the stage for his future as a pianist. At the age of nine, he embarked on his formal musical education at the KM Music Conservatory in Chennai, India, under the guidance of Dr. Surojeet Chatterji, musician and alumnus of the Moscow Conservatory, along with his Assistant and talented pianist Mr. Puneet Sharma. Ephraim's musical journey continues under the mentorship of Ms Tessa Nicholson, a respected pianist, soloist, and chamber musician, who also holds a teaching position at the prestigious Royal College of Music in London. **Ephraim Shalom Samuel's journey is a reminder that true brilliance emerges from the fusion of innate talent, unwavering dedication, and the opportunities that nurture both.**”

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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. 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.

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Horspath Parish Council

Councillors were expecting to receive an update in October regarding the grant application that was submitted to South Oxfordshire District Council's Community Infrastructure Levy Grant Scheme for a new play area, but this has now been put back until November. The new play area will replace the existing play area by the village hall. More information to follow.

A local Tree Surgeon has now felled the damaged Horse Chestnut tree and the Cherry tree on the Village Green.

Following requests from residents, Mrs Oakley will obtain quotations for a new bus shelter on the Green.

Councillors have recently voted unanimously in favour of extending and refurbishing the existing village hall rather than build a new village hall. This decision was taken due to the huge increase in the cost of materials. A meeting has taken place with an architect and planning consultant and a full planning application has been submitted to South Oxfordshire District Council.

Sustrans held community events in the village in May 2024 and October 2024. The proposal is for a new cycle route through the village and also a parallel crossing opposite the Hub. Sustrans have approached Horspath Parish Council to request a small piece of the village green be given to allow for the crossing. Councillors do not support a crossing at this location. Councillors stated that subject receiving plans, an agreed location, and depending on how much land is required, they would agree in principle. Councillors and residents in the village have expressed their views to Sustrans against the proposed cycle route, but it is likely that it has already been decided.

Oxfordshire County Council held a consultation on the proposed 20mph & 40mph speed limits in the village. The proposal is to introduce a 20mph speed limit in Horspath to replace the majority of 30mph speed limits. 30mph speed limits will be retained on sections of Cuddesdon Road, Littleworth and Windmill Lane. A 40mph speed limit will be introduced on Horspath Road/Oxford Road in place of the existing 60mph speed limit. The consultation closed on Friday 11th October 2024. More information to follow.

The Clerk has registered Horspath village for a Christmas tree collection point that will take place in January. Date to be confirmed.

Since changing the booking system, there has been a huge increase in bookings for the village hall. Anyone who is interested in joining the Horspath Village Hall Management Committee please contact the Clerk – clerk@horspathparishcouncil.org

On behalf of Horspath Parish Council, we wish residents a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

If any resident wishes to raise issues with Horspath village please contact Hayley Kogel, Clerk to HPC via email - clerk@horspathparishcouncil.org

Horspath Stone Pit Charity

The next Horspath Stone Pit Charity meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th December 2024, at 7.30pm in the Morgan Room. Organisations and individuals may use the website application form to apply for a grant.

The closing date for applications to be considered at the next meeting is 1st December 2024.

Trustees will be discussing the possibility of increasing school uniform grants for 2025 at the next meeting in December.

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.

GRANTS AWARDED IN SEPTEMBER 2024.

Individual Grants	
School Uniform Grants	£600.00
6 th Form School Transport	£400.00
Residential School Trip	£485.00
Armistice Day	£400.00
Felling of dangerous trees	£7680.00
Specialist Equipment	£2000.00
Organisation Grants	
Senior Citizens Meal Voucher Grant	£5,000.00
St Giles Church	£1350.00
Horspath Hub	£4400.00
Horspath Cycle Speedway	£2376.00
Hardship Fund	£3000.00
Total	£27,691.00





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