

From the Horse's Mouth

**The Horspath
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Coronation Celebrations at the HUB

Horspath was treated to another royal tea party on Monday 8th May. The trustees of the Hub would like to thank all the many helpers who put up three gazebos in the rain, carried tables and chairs from the Village Hall to the Hub garden and back, and served tea, coffee, soft drinks and cakes to people. And after all that it didn't rain!



Thomas, aged 6 and his sister Isabelle, aged 2 having fun making things with recycled articles in the Hub.

Recycling in the Hub

Over the extended weekend there were conservation activities running in the main hall for children. Everything from newspaper planters, a re-cycle puzzle and making dream catchers. All the entries to the poster competition were also on display, illustrating how we can help 'Save the Planet'. King Charles would have been most impressed, as we were.

**The winner of the Poster Competition is
Naomi Elsworth, aged 11
A pupil at Horspath Primary School**



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The Horspath Calendar 2024

Here we go again! Next year's theme will be **celebrations**. To celebrate everything about Horspath; it's quite open. Please send photographs in landscape format, and remember that the pictures chosen will be on display for a month. If you include people you **MUST** have their permission to use. Photographs can be sent from now, right up until the end of July to horspathcalendar@gmail.com We had some fabulous entries last year from children too; one was a painting!

For the very first time, all your photographs will be automatically entered into the Village Show, (*unless you opt out*), so you may even **win a prize!**



Cover Picture

Two year old Bob is seen here riding his very own pony called 'Dinky'. His mum (Jordan) and his grandma (Karen) make sure he doesn't gallop off down the road.

Another great picture by Rob Judges, our resident Magazine Photographer.

From the Editors:

Thank you for your continued support and kind words about the magazine, so far! We would also like to personally thank all the residents who deliver the magazines to you, up and down long roads in all weathers. If you would like to join them please let us know; the more the merrier. The last submission date for the August/September Issue is: July 20th. Publishing on Friday 4th August. We'd love you to contribute! e: thehorspathmagazine@gmail.com

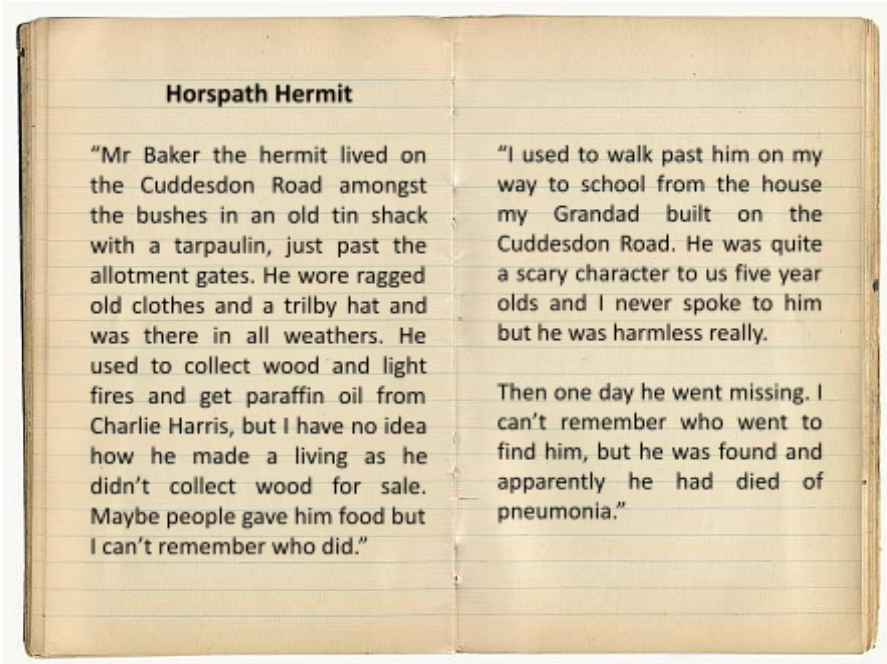
The Feedback Survey:

Many thanks to all those who took part, on-line or using a paper copy. Here are the results:

How do you rate the Magazine?	Excellent	48%
	Good	45%
	It's okay	7%
	Could do better	0%
	I don't like it	0%
Increase the number of pages?	Yes	71%
	No	29%
Include adverts?	Yes	45%
	No	55%
Do you read it on-line	Yes	45%
	No	55%
Readership:	In Horspath	81%
	Outside Horspath	8%
	Outside Oxford	7%
	Outside the UK	4%

There were also many constructive ideas about what we should include in future issues which we will be considering and then implementing in future editions. **Thank you very much for your help with this.**

Horspath Remembers.....



This is an audio memory from Marie West

(Interviewer, John Underdown, Audio Typist, Kate Walker, edited & compiled by Sue Rowell)

Do you have a memory to share? We'd love to hear it. Please send an email to thehorspathmagazine@gmail.com or talk to John, Anna or Brian



Horspath School circa
1926
Marie West's mum is top
row, far right



Horspath scientist and conservationist Ivan Wright receives prestigious Marsh Award for entomology.

Decades of work by entomologist Ivan Wright were rewarded this year with a prestigious Marsh Award for entomology. The award acknowledges Wright's volunteering and teaching at Oxford University's Museum of Natural History and his role in galvanising enthusiasm for wildlife within his local community. The national award, given by the British Entomological and Natural History Society (BENHS) and the Marsh Charitable Trust, recognises the contribution of volunteers to the educational work across the United Kingdom and

showcases "their dedication, innovation and excellence in engaging with the public". Wright's initial response was to feel "humbled, and somewhat surprised." With his wife Jacqueline, herself an expert in mosses, Ivan runs the independent community group Shotover Wildlife to complement the work of Oxford City Council, and to understand and protect its unique flora and fauna, and its mosaic of habitats. Shotover Hill has been designated as a site of special scientific interest (SSSI). Ivan and Jacqueline founded Shotover Wildlife in 1999, to research and communicate the importance of Shotover Hill. Alongside local experts and colleagues they published the book "Shotover: the life of an Oxfordshire hill" which Ian Masters, President of the British Entomological and Natural History Society describes as "a lasting tribute to the work of a team of specialists, working for the sheer love of their subject ... It is remarkable that 20 years of recent work by Shotover Wildlife has doubled the number of known species." In his citation for the Marsh Award, Masters praised Ivan's educational work: "He has actively supported and trained numerous students through a variety of outlets" helping many students to carry out research on the ecology of Shotover. The Marsh Award acknowledges Wright's work at Oxford University Museum of Natural History. Ivan and Jacqueline's enthusiasm for Shotover Hill is contagious, and they continue to share their knowledge through talks, identification courses and site surveys, giving opportunities for local people to learn more about the Hill.

Shotover Wildlife website (including leaflets and information):

<http://www.shotover-wildlife.org.uk>

Contact information: enquiries@shotover-wildlife.org.uk



Save the Date

Horspath Village Hall & Family Dog Show

Saturday 9th September

The Village and Dog show this year will take place on Saturday 9th September. The Dog Show at 11am and Village Show from 2pm.

The Dog Show starts at 11am on the Bowley Field, Classes are: Best Puppy (under 12 Months), Best Veteran (Over 7 years), Best Trick, Young dog handler, Prettiest Lady, Handsome Man, Best Crossbreed, Best Purebreed. The winner of each class will automatically be entered into the best in show. You will be able to enter directly online nearer the time or on the day from 10.30am. Registering online for classes is also possible via email at: haa.horspath@gmail.com.

The Village Show is open to the public from 2pm. Registering entries for the village show from 10.30am until 12pm in the village Hall. The village Hall will then be closed for judging.

Classes are: Floral, Vegetables, Fruit, Preserves, Baking, Homebrew, Soft and Hard crafts, Drawing or Painting, Photography which will include entries sent into the Horspath calendar, theme is 'Celebrations', and Children's Classes. There will be refreshments available and a raffle.

Full details and registration forms will be published in the next Magazine published on August 4th

If any organisations in the village would like to run fundraising or produce stalls etc. please get in touch, entertainment for children would be especially welcome. email: haa.horspath@gmail.com. We are always looking for judges and helpers on the day, so please get in touch if you are interested.

The Village Show Committee

A Letter from the Vicar

Dear Friends, I hope that you are well and enjoying the slightly warmer weather? Did you enjoy the Coronation weekend? I certainly did! St Giles' looked wonderful, transformed into Highgrove gardens; and I'd like to thank all those who worked so hard, creating displays, and welcoming visitors to church. I know many volunteers did back-to-back shifts, helping in church and then the Hub, or vice-versa. Thank you, all. I ate a lot of cake – in church, and then at the lovely afternoon tea in the Hub. Many thanks to the Stone Pit Trust for providing funding for the lovely afternoon tea. It was a great chance to talk to villagers – some of whom I'd not met before. One of my highlights of the Coronation weekend was, of course, the Coronation enactment in Horspath CofE Primary School (see the article and photos elsewhere). I thoroughly enjoyed dressing up as the Archbishop of Canterbury. Ably assisted by the Dean of Westminster, I had a lovely time crowning and enthroning 'King Charles' and 'Queen Camilla'. I enjoyed the privilege of being Archbishop for an hour, without any of the many responsibilities and challenges which must surely go with the job.

Watching the coronation itself, on TV, on the Saturday, two things stood out for me:

- the sight of King Charles, stripped of all his finery, wearing a simple linen tunic and trousers, after the anointing screen had been removed; and
- William, Prince of Wales, giving his father a tender kiss on the cheek, after swearing an oath of allegiance to him as King

Shortly after the Coronation, the Church celebrated Ascension Day, on 18th May, when the risen Jesus was taken up into heaven to be seated on his heavenly throne. I couldn't help reflecting upon the similarities and differences between Charles' coronation, and Jesus' enthronement. Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II spoke often of her desire to imitate the servant ministry of Jesus Christ, the Servant King, and Charles' coronation had a strong theme of servant leadership, service and volunteering. I know that many villagers already volunteer in the Hub, or church; on the school governing body; on the Parish Council or Stone Pit Charity; for the cricket and cycle speedway, or in other voluntary roles around the village and local area – but let's all try to learn from King Charles, and from Jesus Christ, the art of humility and humble service. Let's seek not to be served, but to serve. I'd like to end with a brief thank you to Ashley Goodall, and the Shotover Singers, for a wonderful Choral Evensong in St Giles' on 14th May. You were wonderful, and we hope you'll come again and sing for us. Thank you.

God Bless Karen x



Services in St Giles' Church for June & July 2023

- 4th June** **Trinity Sunday**
11am Morning Worship
11am Sunday Fun-Time in Horspath Hub (for accompanied children)
- 11th June** **Barnabas the Apostle**
11am Parish Communion
- 18th June** **The Second Sunday after Trinity**
11am for 11.15 Family Time (refreshments will be served from 11am)
- 25th June** **The Third Sunday after Trinity**
11am Parish Communion
- 2nd July** **The Fourth Sunday after Trinity**
11am Morning Worship
11am Sunday Fun-Time in Horspath Hub (for accompanied children)
- 9th July** **The Fifth Sunday after Trinity**
11am Parish Communion
- 16th July** **The Sixth Sunday after Trinity**
11am for 11.15 Family Time (refreshments will be served from 11am)
- 23rd July** **The Seventh Sunday after Trinity**
11am Parish Communion
- 30th July** **The Eighth Sunday after Trinity**
10am Benefice Communion - venue to be confirmed

St Giles' Church Horspath is open daily 10am - 4pm for Private Prayer



The Coronation enactment in Horspath CofE Primary School

The Archbishop of Canterbury

The Dean of Westminster

HRH King Charles III

HRH Queen Camilla

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
Beginners Ballet Class (5th June - 17th July)	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

Pilates - Weekly	08.15 - 09.15
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
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

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

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

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A Sense of Place - The Hub

I have been involved with the Horspath Hub for a long time. I first encountered it when it was a Methodist Chapel and my children went to Sunday school there. Some years later the Anglican Church and the Methodist church shared some services and I always enjoyed the ones where we came to the Chapel. The room was calm and the services were filled with hymns and we all shared a very informal communion. I remember one Minister Philip Morse who preached with thunderous conviction and never failed to create an atmosphere. The names of those killed in the 2 great wars are on the wall with the words "To live in the hearts of those we leave behind is not to die". I felt that that was a very important statement. And then came the end of the Methodist ministry in Horspath and the fight to save the chapel from developers. My, what a fight we had. It faltered once but was revived and this really important early 20th century building became the property of the Friends of Horspath. It's a beautiful building.

The 100-year-old windows and the wonderful vaulted roof. The stones set by the main door depicting the benefactors when the Chapel was built in 1909. The sense of purpose and of calm and always the words on the wall. We took the locally carved cross in memory of a staunch member of the chapel to its final resting place in St Giles Church. It's very special there and serves



as a link between two Christian churches. Some people vowed to have nothing to do with The Hub. They felt it threatened the existing Village hall and the Vicar was not at all sure that it wouldn't threaten the church too. She soon changed her mind. To me it doesn't threaten anyone. It is the logical conclusion of the Church initiative to reach out to the community. It is a place for everyone, all are welcome, we try to ensure that everyone feels better from a visit to the Hub. But forever we are reminded that it started life as a Methodist Chapel and so the ministry goes on. Exactly what is the **sense of place** that brought me to The Hub? I think it is all the history, the sense of purpose which continues and a building which works with you rather than against you. It is not just any old building it is a building which has always been there for people to be welcomed and for them to go away content. It has a very strong sense of place.

Anna Radcliffe

Morland House Surgery News

In April the Surgery began to offer further booster vaccinations to those most at risk from COVID. Eligible people include those aged 75 and over (by June 30); those aged 5 and over with weakened immune systems; and residents of care homes for older adults. Eligible people can also book boosters on the National Booking Service or the NHS App or visit a walk-in COVID-19 vaccination site.



For more information, please visit Morland House website:www.morland-house.co.uk

Also, the website provides a wealth of information and guidance on managing a vast number of health conditions, symptoms, and treatment e.g.

1. Up-to-date information about surgery opening hours and the wide range of services provided, including new dispensary hours.
2. Morland House Surgery is part of a Primary Care Network involving three other neighbouring GP practices. The PCN now offers patients enhanced access to GPs and nurses later in the evening and on Saturdays.
3. A link to the electronic consulting service eConsult. Use eConsult to ask about your health symptoms, conditions, or treatment. You can even request things like sick notes and GP letters. From the home page click on 'Contact your GP practice Online'.
4. A link to the NHS App. Download the App, or open the NHS website in a web browser, to set up and log in to your NHS Account. Owned and run by the NHS, your NHS Account is a simple and secure way to access a range of NHS services online.
5. Up to date information on current news items including:
 - Oxford Community Diagnostic Centre – X-Rays, blood tests, ultrasounds, CTs and more
 - Information on the NHS 111 online service which is available 24/7
 - Advice on how to stay healthy and well
 - COVID-19 and flu vaccine updates
 - Looking after your mental health
 - Electronic Prescribing Service (EPS)
 - Group A strep and scarlet fever, advice for parents and guardians
 - Discontinuation of blister pack recycling
 - 24/7 breastfeeding support
 - Expansion of bowel cancer screening programme

Horspath Parish Council

HPC are pleased to inform you that the new goalposts have now been installed on the Mutton Field. The two new notice-boards have been erected, one on the Green to replace the old one and a new one in the bus shelter at Gateley. Quotations for repairs to the Gateley bus shelter have been sourced. We have taken delivery of another new bench, which will be sited in the burial ground in the next few weeks, and new signs for the burial ground are on order. A new defibrillator has been purchased with a grant from HSPC and will be installed at the mobile home site at Gidley Way. HPC has recently enquired to Oxfordshire County Council about the possibility of having pedestrian crossings in the village. OCC has advised that the cost of each crossing would be in the region of £60,000 to £80,000 and HPC would have to cover the cost. Unfortunately HPC is sad to have to report the tree planted by O.C.C. at the corner of Butts Road and Manor Drive has been vandalized; OCC have been informed. Oxford City Council are holding a drop in event on Wednesday 7th June 2023 from 4.30- 7.30pm in the Morgan Room for people to come along and see their burial meadow and greenspace proposal, ask questions and make any comments, all residents are welcome to attend. Following the election in May, HPC currently has two vacancies for Parish Councillors. Applications should be sent to the Clerk, Mrs Hayley Kogel. If any resident wishes to raise issues with Horspath village please contact Hayley Kogel Clerk to HPC.

Horspath Stone Pit Charity

Organisations and individuals may use the website application form to apply for a grant from HSPC. Applications to be considered at the next meeting in June should be submitted by 1st June 2023. The grant awarded for the meal voucher scheme for elderly residents in the village has proved so popular, the amount awarded for the grant has now been used. Another grant application will be submitted to HSPC in June and hopefully the meal deal can continue. Thank you for all of the positive remarks received about this scheme. The next Stone Pit meeting will take place on Wednesday 14th June at 19.30pm in the Morgan Room, all residents are invited to attend.

HSPC Grants Paid Out During 2022/2023

Yenworthy & Camp; School Trips £2,950.00

School Uniform Grants £800.00

6th Form School Transport Grants £400.00

Swimming Lesson Grants £1,100.00

Organisation Grants £29,173.98

Hardship Fund £2,386.00

Meal Voucher Scheme £2544.00

Total £39,353.98

LAWRENCE BROWN

1942-2023



Lawrence was born in 1942 in New Haven Hospital, Connecticut, to Peggy and Victor Brown, and was the youngest of three sons. Lawrence met Rebecca at University and they married in 1965. Before moving to the UK, they lived in New York, where Lawrence was ordained, and Rebecca completed a master's degree in social work. They were part of an organisation "Clergy and Laymen Concerned About Vietnam", which involved going door-to-door to explain the reality of the Vietnam war. Lawrence was a conscientious objector. The initial momentum for moving to the UK was both the Vietnam war, and the fact that his eldest brother was a professor at Stirling University. They moved to London in 1967 for Lawrence to commence analytical studies at University. Lawrence and Rebecca were Resident Friends for a Quaker Meeting House in Brixton in exchange for living rent-free. Their first-born son, Christopher was born in 1971. They moved to Headington in about 1974 where Catherine (1975) and Andrew (1979) were born. Their move to Horspath was prompted by the good school here, and indirectly due to Sally Humphrey's recommendation, fortunately for us. Judy Kent had the privilege of working with Lawrence on a book he had published about his mother's family – "Peggy Through Her Letters". She typed all his family letters from the 1920's to the 1940's, of which there were many, between his grandparents, parents, uncles and aunts. It was the best job she'd ever had as it portrayed life in the USA throughout that time. In 2013, Lawrence was important in purchasing the Methodist Chapel and establishing the Hub. He was the Chairman for many years. His contribution and enthusiasm were invaluable, and he had an unfailing commitment to the community. He chaired meetings with a sense of humour, which was certainly required in the early days. When he became unwell, he soldiered on for a long time and was always involved with everything that was happening in the Hub. It must have been very exhausting for him. Lawrence's fortitude in dealing with his long-term illness, whilst still playing an important role as chairman, was greatly admired. Kind and understanding of others, his quiet and unassuming manner left a lasting impression upon all he met. Lawrence enjoyed his garden growing the vegetables, flowers, and plants that he loved so much. His advice on tending plants will always remain with Sheila Frankum.

A big thank you Lawrence from all the trustees. You were a true gentleman

who will be sadly missed. Rest in Peace



Highgrove Gardens in St Giles' Church

A big thank you to all who created such wonderful gardens interpreting and displaying those associated with King Charles III's private residence. In addition were all those who contributed their skills in making items for displays, providing plants and undertaking numerous other roles that are often overlooked but were crucial to the success of the event.



With eco-displays in the Hub and eco-gardens in the church, Horspath certainly emulated one of the King's passions and our visitors made everyone's efforts very worthwhile.

Royal Rabbit

Congratulations to Luna who won by choosing Captain Mark Phillips, the only person on the chart not in the Royal Family.



Chatter & Clatter

Every other Wednesday 9-11 in St Giles' Church

Drop in or stay all morning.

Toys, stories, playmates and refreshments. Bring an adult along for coffee, cake and a chat to other parents.

7th & 21st June, 5th & 19th July (19th July will be from **1-3pm** due to Horspath Primary School Sports Day in the morning)



Horspath School held their very own Coronation Assembly on 5th May. The congregation (seen here), included royalty (who had designed their own special crowns for the occasion) and community members representing different faiths. The 'Archbishop' (Rev Karen), delivered a moving sermon, which referenced the school's vision **that everyone may shine as lights in the world**. She then encouraged all members of the school community to lead by good example and inspire others, to stand up for what is right, and offer help to all, to be persevering, and to make a positive difference to the world.