



ST GILES HORSPATH PARISH MAGAZINE

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It was a memorable event which I will never forget, the evening my dad took me to a football match when I was a young girl. Not because I have had a love of football ever since, it was probably the first and last match I have been to, but because that night there was a thick fog over the grounds at Aldershot, so thick that the players could barely see one another, let alone the other end of the pitch. On the terraces the footballers were shadowy figures that moved through a white haze and we only knew what was going on from a Mexican wave of yelling round the stadium. It was indeed a memorable event. I am sure that you yourself can recall sporting moments which are imprinted in your mind, both great and horrendous.

There is something of real pleasure being a spectator at such sporting events which is not restricted to actually being there. The Pimms and strawberries taste just as good in front of your television as they do at Wimbledon, and cost a loss less, and I guess that half the fun of supporting England in the World Cup is to share the agonies and triumphs with others on the sofa or down the pub as much as travelling to South Africa. Whether you are lucky enough or not to be at the events live, sport still gives everyone who watches it not only an excitement but also a wonder at the athleticism and skill of the sportsman. I may barely have played tennis but that does not preclude me marvelling at the way Roger Federer is able to place a ball beautifully at top speed into the corner of the court in precisely the place he wanted it. I may not be a football fan but when I see the footwork and ball control of some footballers, it is a marvel to behold. Surely all of us know how to run but you cannot but be in awe of the likes of Paula Radcliffe when she shows us what it means to really run. Saying that, some of the most enjoyable sporting events to watch are those which literally anyone and everyone are involved in. We might be stunned by the speed in which Olympic athletes finish the London marathon but there is delight at watching folk from all walks of life and in ever varied costumes hobbling in many hours later. Anyone with a bike can have a go at the London to Brighton cycle ride where the idea of a race is lost amongst the masses of cyclists as they struggle up to Ditchling Beacon.

It is a cliché but the importance of taking part rather than winning is always brought home to me when I watch the Nursery School's sports day. At first I, as a typical middle class parent, was rather disappointed that there were no winners of the running race but that everyone was given a toy medal, another symptom of political correctness, I thought. But to the 3 and 4 year olds who took part, there was no concept of what it meant to win or lose, all that mattered was they ran and that everyone did indeed receive their prize. It is in this childlike approach that Paul describes the Christian life as a race. We are indeed invited to all take part; it is not a spectator sport reserved for spiritual athletes at whom we simply marvel. Instead it is for us all and to all who take part there is indeed a prize, not simply a crown of laurels, but of eternal life.

- Emma

CHURCH SERVICES IN JULY

Sunday, 4 th July	(The Fifth Sunday after Trinity)	
	11.00 am	Parish Communion
	5.30 pm	Time Out at Horspath Methodist Church
Sunday, 11 th July	(The Sixth Sunday after Trinity)	
	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	11.00 am	Parish Communion
	3-4.30 pm	Messy Church at Horspath Methodist Church
Saturday, 17 th July	1.00 pm	Wedding of Zoe Whitlock and David Harper
Sunday, 18 th July	(The Seventh Sunday after Trinity)	
	11.00 am	Family Service
Sunday, 25 th July	(The Eighth Sunday after Trinity)	
	11.00 am	Morning Worship

From the Registers: **Baptism:** 6th June Amber Rose Flack
 Funeral: 28th May Margaret Eden

CHURCH SERVICES IN AUGUST

Sunday, 1st August	(Lammas Day)	
	11.00 am	Parish Communion
Saturday, 7th August	4.30 pm	Wedding of James Wright and Helen Butler
Sunday, 8th August	(The Tenth Sunday after Trinity)	
	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	11.00 am	Parish Communion
Sunday, 15th August	(The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity)	
	9.30 am	Cluster Family Communion at St Mary's Garsington
Sunday, 22nd August	(The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity)	
	11.00 am	Morning Worship
Saturday, 28th August	2.00 pm	Wedding of Stacy Hackett and Luke Plested
Sunday, 29th August	(The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity)	
	11.00 am	Cluster Service at St Giles' Horspath

Dates for the Diary:

Sunday, 5th September - 5.30 pm - Choral Evensong at All Saints Cuddesdon with cream tea at 4.30pm

Sunday, 12th September -11.00 am - Team Service at St Giles 'Walking with God' with Juggling John, followed by picnic and games on Shotover

Horspath Open Gardens

An enormous thank you to everyone who was involved in the open gardens event. For the organisers, those who opened their gardens, sold plants and tickets and to everyone who enjoyed the afternoon. It raised £1,500 for St Giles Church - many thanks.

A service of Choral Evensong will take place on Sunday, 5th September in All Saints' Cuddesdon at 5.30 pm preceded by cream tea at 4.30 pm. If you would like to sing then please contact Jonthan on 01865 361 381

Time Out

Half an hour of
silence on the first
from 5.30 – 6.00 pm
at the Methodist



music, words and
Sunday of the month
Church, Horspath

FLOWER ROTA FOR JULY

Sundays	4 th	Muriel Walker Nancy Llewelyn	11 th	Nell Gray Penny Mercer
	18 th	Nesta Long Friends of St Giles	25 th	Brian and Carol Lowe

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1 st	Janet Madden Rebecca Madden-Waite	8 th	Gill Gray Carol Cuthbert
15 th	Nancy Llewelyn Muriel Walker	22 nd	Nell Gray Penny Mercer
29 th	Nesta Long Friends of St Giles		

HORSPATH SENIOR RESIDENTS' CLUB

Monday, 5th July: Christchurch. Cost, including cream tea at Wood Green, £13.00. Coach leaves at 9.00 am. **Please note this is on a Monday.**

Wed., 18th August: Talk by Mr Granger - "I'm not really old, it's these trousers". Village hall at 2.00 pm.

- Sheila Dandridge

HORSPATH GARDENING CLUB

Our last event for the gardening club year is:

Tuesday, 13th July 2010 A visit to Home Close, Garsington with Monica Waud. We will leave the car park at 6.00pm. The cost is £3.50. This will include a talk by Monica as well as time to explore her garden. For further information, contact Sheila Frankum on 872793.

In September we will be introducing our new programme for the coming season. We will still be meeting on the second Tuesday of each month, beginning at 8.00pm, with refreshments at 9.00pm. It is hoped to meet still in the Methodist Chapel and all are welcome. Our first meeting will be on Tuesday, 14th September.

Horspath Open Gardens 2010

Thank you so very much for all your efforts to make the Horspath Gardens Open Day so successful. It was very much a team effort with the flower arrangements looking stunning, the plant stall full of very different plants, cakes and teas being served in such a relaxed atmosphere; there were so many different types of gardens that the visitors were kept amazed every time they entered another garden.

We managed to raise £1,496.81 at the latest count which is an excellent result as there were so many similar events going on around the area and is a tremendous help for the church funds this year. A big thank you must go to all you gardeners who spent so much time making sure your garden was looking fantastic on the day. A big thank you, too, to the flower arrangers who completely transformed the church with so many wonderful flowers and to those who sat in the church and in the car park making sure visitors knew where to go and what to see. The school garden was a new opportunity this time for our visitors to see what the young children of the village are learning about growing fruit and vegetables. Many villagers made cakes and grew plants, all of which added to the event and a special thank you to all those who spent the afternoon washing up and serving tea, selling plants and of course walking round the gardens. A great day, thank you everyone!

- Sheila Frankum

Morland House Surgery

The surgery, including the dispensary, is now open:

Monday-Friday 8.00am - 6.00pm. Saturday mornings (excluding Bank Holiday weekends) 8.00am - 12 noon. Wednesday evening (for commuters and working patients) 6.30 – 7.20pm pre-booked appointments only. The Saturday morning session has some bookable appointments for patients who find it difficult to come and see us during the week. There are also a few appointments before 11.00am for emergency walk-ins.

From **midday on Thursday, 1st July and all day on Friday, 2nd July** we will be having essential maintenance work carried out on the surgery computer system. During this period you will be unable to make any routine or future appointments. As the computers will be down, we will also be unable to process any repeat prescriptions **until Monday, 5th July** (unless medically urgent). Please order early if repeat medication is required during this time. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.