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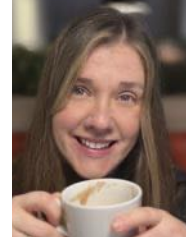
Dear Reader

During the last week of April, I was again interviewed on BBC Radio Wiltshire by Sue Davies who always asks what I love about Highworth. I'm always struck by the sense of community here, the kindness and approachability of people – that small town place with a friendly village feel.

And one of the other things I love most about living in Highworth are the community events! The town calendar is always dancing with occasions such as the Jazz Festival, the May Day Festival, Wrde Up and even the fireworks later on in the year, not to mention the regular clubs and groups.

This month we see the return of Highworth's Art and Literature Festival where we get to feast on all manner of cultural delights. From workshops for budding authors to story writing competitions, art exhibitions, an open mic night for poets, and a puppet-making workshop for children. There's no end of goings-on for you to enjoy. And if you don't think you're particular bookish, there are free art exhibitions for you to visit as well as an exhibition by the Highworth Historical Society. Read more about it on page 22.

The power of community truly shines when people come together – neighbours, colleagues, schools and local groups – to collaborate and support one another. Shared experiences and mutual efforts create lasting bonds, strengthen trust and inspire a sense of belonging that lifts everyone up. Whether organising events, volunteering, or simply lending a helping hand, working alongside others reminds us that together we can achieve far more than we could alone.



We need you. If you live here you're part of us. Don't be isolated, get involved. And if you don't know how to get involved, just get in touch with me (editor@highworthlink.co.uk) and I'll help you find something that's just right for you. Together we are stronger.

Lachael

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A Beautiful Game?

This June marks the start of the FIFA World Cup 2026, hosted across Mexico, Canada and the United States. Over six weeks, 48 teams – including Scotland and England – will compete for the title of world champions.

The sport does not always enjoy the best reputation. Criticism is sometimes aimed at the growing commercialisation of the game, as well as the behaviour of a small minority of supporters who use football as an excuse for violence. Yet these issues should not overshadow the reality that millions of people engage with football positively. For many, it is a source of joy, identity and shared experience, especially during a World Cup year when whole communities and nations seem to come together.

Football's unique strength lies in its universality. Whether it's played in Buenos Aires, Birmingham or Budapest, the same basic principles apply: A ball, a patch of ground, and a willingness to play. All that is needed. Because of this, football has the power to transcend borders, languages and cultures. It can foster friendships, build understanding, and even

serve as a tool for education and development in communities around the world.

In a year when division and unrest often dominate the headlines, events like the World Cup offer a different perspective. They remind us of what can be achieved when people unite around a common purpose, celebrating skill, teamwork, and fair play.

The Bible teaches that every person is made in the image of God – a truth that gives each of us inherent dignity and worth. As the world gathers to watch and participate in this global celebration, there is an opportunity to recognise and celebrate that shared humanity.

Rev. Ian Mead, Methodist Minister for Highworth and Shrivenham



Teams Come Together for Barra Play Area

Highworth Town Council would like to extend its sincere thanks to Highworth Town Football Club for their generous donation of football goals to the Barra Play Area.

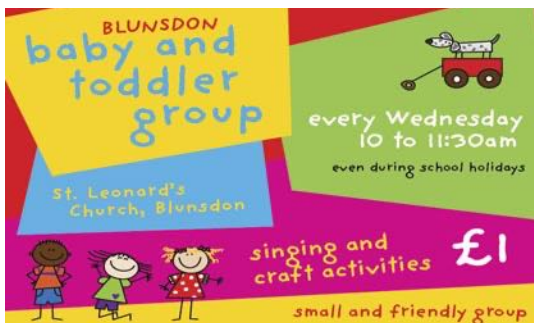
Following feedback from residents and young people, the installation of goals was identified as a key addition that would help complete the space and enhance opportunities for informal play. The new goals are already proving popular and are helping to make the play area an even more valued community asset for local families.

With the imminent development of the new 3G facility at the senior football club site, the Club was keen to leave a lasting legacy and give something back to the community through this donation.

The Council would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Austen Dawson, who have recently relocated their office to the High Street, for installing the goals. We warmly welcome them to the High Street and thank them for their support.

Rohan Haines, Chairman of Highworth Town Football Club said, 'With the new 3G facility progressing, we wanted to ensure we left something behind for the wider community. Donating these goals to Barra Play Area felt like a meaningful way to give something back and support local young people.'

This project is a wonderful example of what can be achieved when local organisations and businesses come together. It truly reflects the strong community spirit in Highworth and what we can achieve when we work collaboratively for the benefit of our residents.



Cycle for Limitless with the Rotary Cyclothon

Enter our Cyclothon and raise funds for Limitless, a charity creating cycling opportunities for disabled people in our area. We are inviting all cyclists and their families to get on their bikes and take part in our first-ever Rotary Cyclothon on Sunday 26 July at Moredon Sporting Hub in Swindon.

Designed as a relaxed, community event rather than a competitive race, the Cyclothon offers a safe way for people to take part at their own pace while supporting a local cause. The overall aim is to raise funds for Limitless. There's no entry fee but each participant is asked to raise at least £25 in sponsorship. It's on the 1.2km tarmac cycling track at Moredon Hub which gives riders a controlled, traffic-free environment away from busy roads.

It's completely free to enter but we do ask that every entrant collects at least £25 sponsorship. But don't stop at £25! Gain as

much sponsorship as possible from your families, friends and colleagues.

There are four sessions, each one planned to suit different riders, including dedicated family and adult slots linked to Limitless, plus open sessions for anyone who wants to ride. Entrants can book more than one if they wish.

Participants are welcome to bring their own bikes but a limited number of standard and adapted bikes will be available to borrow for those who don't have one.

To find out more and to enter, scan the QR code and complete the online entry form. Sponsorship can be collected online – that's by far the best way to do it.



Ken Winslow



Success for Scarecrow Trail

Thank you to the community and businesses of Highworth for their support for yet another successful scarecrow trail.

This year's trail has raised £657 which will benefit the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts of 1st Highworth Group. After many years, we remain appreciative of The Saracens, Visit Highworth and Allen & Harris for their continued support selling our booklets, and other

businesses on the High Street for providing a great resource of windows for display.

This year we have been able to award three prizes which were generously donated by The Highworth, Weigh It Up and Chloes. We received a great number of returned trail booklets which were printed by Print Clever. Did you notice the wonderful new map that Visit Highworth kindly allowed us to use? The top prize was awarded to the most correct answers and the other two prizes were gifted to the two scarecrows voted most popular by you.

The winning scarecrow this year was *Hungry Hippos* but lots of votes went to Hook, *The Haunted House* and the *Humpback Whale*. In opting for the title *Things beginning with the letter H* we really did get a wide-ranging selection of creativity.

We'll return with more scarecrows for Easter 2027.

Nora Enderby, 1st Highworth Scouts



Visit Highworth

Following the success of Neil George's exhibition in April and Anne Hughes in May, Artist of the Month for June will be Christine Purdy. A self-taught artist, originally from Lancashire, Christine has lived in Highworth for over thirty years.

Christine loves colour which is reflected in her work, giving her paintings a slightly quirky edge. Her work is mainly in watercolour and acrylic but she loves to diversify with other mediums.

As you may know, Visit Highworth is entirely self-funded thanks to the generosity of some local Highworthians, commission on sales in the visitor's centre, workshops and our fundraising events. It is also run by a dedicated team of volunteers. If you would like to join our friendly team, please drop us an email to info@visithighworth.co.uk or call in and



chat to one of our volunteers on the front desk. We also have supporters forms for anyone wishing to make a regular financial contribution or one off donation.

There's still time to purchase tickets for the Highworth Arts and Literature Festival. Full details and booking through www.visithighworth.co.uk or scan the QR code to go directly to bookings.

A fundraising gig, more Meet the Maker sessions and, in 2027, a celebration of 50 years since the ABBA fan club was formed in Highworth, are still to come.

We look forward to seeing you and please check our website for our own and other local events.

Iona Sadler, Chair

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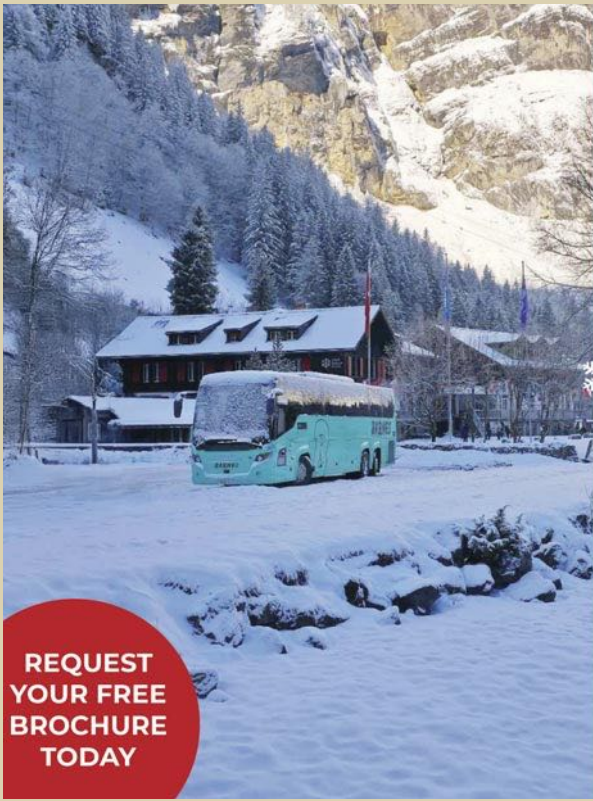
Come and join the South Marston Gardening Club. It's a wonderful way to unwind and enjoy a relaxed evening while meeting like-minded friends.

Each session includes refreshments and an optional raffle. Membership is just £15 per year, or you're very welcome to attend individual events for £5 on the door. We'd love to see you there!

On **Monday 1 June** we'll be holding a plant sale at South Marston Village Hall, SN3 4SH. Open from 7:30pm to 8:30pm there will be all kinds of plants to brighten up your home, garden or allotment. Plants will include: annuals; perennials; herbs; fruit plants; vegetable plants; house plants, and ready-to-show potted flower tubs. Chat with friendly club members, pick up growing tips and enjoy a relaxed, social evening. Why not make an evening of it and enjoy homemade cakes and a cuppa while you browse and chat. Top tip: Bring bags or boxes to carry your plants home! This is a cash only event and entry is free.

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Forget-Me-Not in the Wild West

The Mayor's Country and Western Party on Sunday 26 April was a great success, bringing the community together for an afternoon full of fun, laughter, and a true taste of the Wild West.

Guests arrived in fantastic costumes, from cowboy boots and hats to full Western-inspired outfits, setting the tone for a lively and colourful event. The atmosphere was vibrant from the start with a full house.

Live music was generously provided by Kelly Sings Country, who kept the crowd entertained throughout with a brilliant set that had many up on their feet. The dance floor stayed busy all afternoon, with guests enjoying both freestyle dancing and enthusiastic line dancing.

Adding to the occasion, Domino's kindly donated delicious pizzas, and ice cream was served afterwards.



A raffle also took place, raising additional funds.

Events like this wouldn't be possible without our volunteers, whose hard work ensured that everything ran smoothly.

A special thank you goes to Julie Murphy, the Mayor of Highworth and her dedicated team for organising such a wonderful event as part of her annual fundraising efforts in support of her chosen charity, Highworth Forget-Me-Not. Her commitment to the cause and the generosity and community spirit shown by everyone involved, made the day truly memorable.

Thank you to all who contributed – performer, sponsors, volunteers and everyone who attended – for making it such a special occasion.

Annamaria Marone-Kiss, Activity Coordinator



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Outside is Where we Belong

Jane Faulkes, Highworth Holistic Centre

I have just returned from walking 157 miles from Canterbury along the North Downs Way to Farnham, then up country to the Uffington White Horse over the course of nine days. It's been one of the most uplifting, challenging, extraordinary and fun things that I have done in a long time.

I wanted to find out if I could actually walk for between 15 and 20 miles each day, carrying my rucksack. It's surprising how much clobber you need to take with you considering how the weather can be and how few shops are along the way. I also wanted to see what changes I would see in my middle aged body for all that walking. Not least, I had discovered that the Kent chalklands are actually continuous, so it's a sort of home-from-home in a geological sense. I wanted to see what it's like there compared to here.

Well, pretty much all along the way I saw great drifts of cowslips, bluebells in abundance, blackthorn and hawthorns, beech woods, willow coppices, juniper trees, vineyards, apple orchards and quarries. I also saw butterflies, foxes, birds upon birds and several different breeds of deer. I was immensely cheered by the number of areas protected for bats, birds mammals and invertebrates, and the habitats that sustain them. It's not just hilltops and ancient woodlands; there are quarries and postindustrial areas



that have been colonized by wildlife and are now protected. On the other hand, it was virtually impossible for quite a lot of the route to be out of earshot of motorways.

In our everyday lives it can be easy to forget how much we are surrounded by nature, that we are part of the natural world and depend upon biodiversity for our very existence. The things that wild things need we need too: space, clean air, water, light and dark, and exercise. We are part of the

same systems, and I believe that spending time moving in the open natural world is so important to us in body, mind and spirit.

We don't have to go to the North Downs to find space, wind, open views and exercise – we have access to a similar landscape here. As much as we can, I believe we need to protect the spaces that we can walk to and use the local spaces we might have to drive to. In the time that I spent training for this walk, and over the walk itself, I have seen remarkably few other walkers. It's practically free, totally uplifting and balancing. Over the duration of my walk, my middle aged knees have felt better than they have felt for ages, and I slept like a log every night. I have muscles and balance that I'd mislaid along the way, and all in all, I feel great for it. Especially now that the days are longer, why not walk to a local pub for lunch instead of driving, they'd love the trade, and your body would love the exercise.



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Tackling Loneliness and Helping Job Seekers

During Loneliness Awareness Week, job seekers are being encouraged to join a free Highworth group to prevent isolation and rebuild their confidence

Highworth Churches Together are playing their part in combating the effects of loneliness on local people. The churches have partnered with UK debt charity, Christians Against Poverty (CAP) in running a CAP Job Club for the past 5 years.

A CAP Job Club is an eight-week course that provides the tools and practical support to help job seekers of all kinds find work. It helps people gain essential skills, such as CV writing, interview technique (including online interviews) and the value of volunteering. At the heart of the course is a supportive peer-to-peer group where course members can share their experiences, struggles and advice. In addition, each person is given one-to-one coaching to develop their strengths and identify other opportunities, such as volunteering or additional training.



Jackie Kerr, Highworth's Job Club Manager, said, "Loneliness can really affect people's physical and mental health, especially if someone is struggling financially as well.

"We want to help tackle the problem here in Highworth by offering our Christians Against Poverty Job Club course which is a series of lovely, relaxed sessions where members receive help to rebuild their confidence and support them back into the workplace.

"The thing that nearly all our members talk about is the sense of community within the Job Club. All of them receive practical help and encouragement from each other and it's great to see the long lasting friendships that have been made. Our current course has been a great success and we encourage people to consider joining our next course in Autumn."

In particular we would like to say a big thank you to Highworth & District Lions charity who have given a great deal of ongoing financial support to our CAP centre and client needs.

If you are struggling with your finances, you can find out more about what services CAP offers in your area by visiting www.capuk.org/help or calling 0800 328 0006.

For more information on Loneliness Awareness Week go to www.lonelinessawarenessweek.org.

Kathryn Ford, Highworth CAP Centre Manager

A Fantastic Evening with Richard Digance

We saw another wonderful sell-out evening at the Highworth Community Centre on 18 April.

Richard entertained us with music and laughter all evening, raising a total of £1,161 for British Heart Foundation. We are all now looking forward to his return on **Saturday 17 April 2027** – save the date!

Joan Webb, British Heart Foundation



Learn, laugh and live with Swindon u3a

Would you like to go for a walk? The u3a has a variety of different walking groups for all sorts of abilities. Whether you want a leisurely Sunday stroll or a brisker longer walk you will find something to suit you.

There are town walks or walks outside Swindon, usually within 30 miles. Some walks are followed by tea and coffee or lunch.

Whichever walking group you choose you will be assured fresh air, healthy exercise and good company. So what are you waiting for? Put your best foot forward and join us.

If walking isn't for you, the u3a has over 130 activity and interest groups spanning a wide variety of subjects. There is a wide choice of groups covering the arts, sciences, history, literature, music, sports, games, quizzes, crafts, languages and technology. If you are

no longer working full time and want to meet new people and pursue new interests, you could do no better than joining our friendly, vibrant community.



Swindon u3a is part of a nationwide movement, independent of political or religious ties. It is run by members, for members, and funded through subscriptions. Membership costs just £10 a year, plus a small fee for each group you join, mainly to cover venue hire.

For a full list of all our walking groups, and to find out more about everything on offer, go to www.swindonu3a.org.uk, phone the u3a office on 07823 722812 or 07345 162117 or visit the u3a Facebook page.

Sue Mazzoleni

Blunsdon Open Gardens and Scarecrow Trail

Blunsdon is an historic village situated on the junction of the A419 and B4019. The name derives from the Saxon period but as our Castle Hill Fort demonstrates people have settled here since the Iron Age and Romans took shelter along Ermin Street at the Cold Harbour.

The village is friendly and welcoming with a community shop and cafe, the church of St. Leonard's, a primary school, preschool, two pubs and two hotels.

It is a great place to live and we are celebrating this with our biennial Open Gardens weekend on **Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 June**. There will be ten village gardens open for visitors to view, ranging from preschool allotments and small courtyards to cottage plots. However, it's not just about the gardens; the whole village is open for business. So whether you are a keen gardener, enjoy the challenge of a scarecrow trail or want to just soak up the buzz, please come and join us this weekend.

The event starts with cooked breakfasts in the Village Hall from 10am to 12 noon on both days, followed by church bells marking the opening of the gardens at noon on Saturday. You might also notice lots of 'bees' buzzing around as the village celebrates the hard work

they do in making food for us all. Creative villagers are making them from wool, felt, paper, toilet rolls and anything else they can find!

Highlights will also include: a scarecrow trail around the village; live music; a sale of art; a Bee Trail; sale of plants and gardening books; delicious afternoon cakes and teas, and children's activities.

There will be Blue Badge parking at the Village Hall and Blunsdon Community Shop. General parking will be available at Blunsdon House Hotel, The Cold Harbour, The Heart in Hand and Blunsdon Community Shop.

Tickets are available from the Blunsdon Village Hall, 9 High St, Broad Blunsdon SN26 7AR from 10.30am on both days. The Scarecrow Trail map is £5 per family (includes free squash & biscuit for children), and the Open Gardens map and entry is £5 per adult for both days.

Proceeds will be split between the Prospect Hospice and St. Leonard's PCC.



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Exciting times for the Highworth Lions

Did you know that the Highworth and District Lions gave away a massive £20K between July 2024 and June 2025, and so far over £30K this year... and still counting! This is all thanks to volunteers and Lions members, along with fabulous donations from all the wonderful people in and around the area.

Our ever-popular Weston-super-Mare trip is due to take place once again. We will be looking forward to a fun day out with Barnes Coaches on **Monday 7 September**. Tickets will be on sale at the Lions Charity Shop (cash only) from **Tuesday 2 June**. Tickets sell out quickly so be sure to get yours soon! We have kept the price the same as last year at only £10 each. (see our advert on page 36).

On **Thursday 11 June**, between 7pm and 9pm, St. Michael's Church will be the venue for a fashion show – Catwalk for Creation. The event will be



promoting eco-friendly repairing and recycling of clothing, including other practical things to help reduce the impact on climate change. The Lions Charity Shop will be involved, along with other charity shops in the town. It will be a very informative evening and a chance to see firsthand how wonderful some of our preloved clothing can look... and at such a very reasonable price.

Our prom dresses are already in the shop and there is always a high demand for these items so come along soon as they will sell very quickly!

Congratulations to our Easter competition winners, Phoebe and Elsie, who were joint first prize winners of a huge bunny and Easter egg. Libby, who came second, won our smaller bunny and chick. Well done girls, your pictures were amazing!

We are looking for more help to join our ladies in the Lion's shop (see our advert on page XX). We are also on the hunt for more Lions members, so we can continue with our ongoing help within our community; we know you're out there so please contact Sue Subow on sue@highworthlions.co.uk or call 07771 366470 for more details.

Donations and pledges:

- Weston-super-Mare trip, max. £1,000.
- Riding for the disabled, £850.
- Continued support for Ukraine.
- Forget-Me-Not minibus help.
- PSA testing, pledged up to £2,500.

Volunteers Needed at Highworth Lions Charity Shop



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Our local Produce Show is a much-loved community event, celebrating local growers, bakers and makers, but it only happens thanks to volunteers.

We're looking for extra help with planning in the lead-up to and stewarding on the day. No experience needed, just a willingness to get involved and support a great local tradition.



We meet on the **last Tuesday of every month**, 7:30pm to 8:30pm at The Highworth. Come along, share ideas and help keep the show going strong.

If you can spare some time, we'd love to hear from you; even a small contribution makes a big difference.

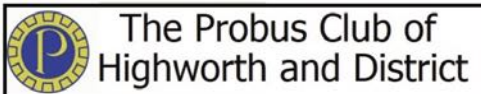
We're also inviting local businesses to support this year's show:

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April Thrush



Highworth and District Probus Club

We meet at The Cold Harbour in Blunson on alternate Tuesdays at 10:30am and welcome retired professional and business men with no upper age limit. We welcome visitors as guests at any of our meetings.

On **Tuesday 9 June** we will receive a presentation on *Rocket Launchers* from Colin Hearn, and on **Tuesday 23 June** Les Hatcher will be telling us about *The Shoreham Air Crash*.

For further information please email info@highworthprobus.co.uk or visit our website at www.highworthprobus1.wordpress.com.

George North

Local Theatre Club Invites New Members

The Wanborough Theatre Club has been taking members from Highworth and Shrivenham, as well as Wanborough, by Barnes coach to local theatres and sometimes further afield for over 25 years.

We offer about six plays, musicals and perhaps one concert per year travelling to Bath, Bristol, Cheltenham, Malvern and other venues. We offer a mix of evening and matinee performances having collected members from and returning to Shrivenham and Wanborough.

Membership is a just £7 per year or £12 for a couple. The charge for each trip is simply calculated from the discounted price for the theatre tickets that we are able to purchase plus the coach cost.

If you are interested or want to know more please phone me on 07836 527827.

Rodney Mountford

Highworth for Town of Culture

Highworth Town Council is pleased to share it has submitted an Expression of Interest to take part in the UK Town of Culture competition.

This exciting initiative celebrates towns that demonstrate strong community spirit, cultural vibrancy and a commitment to bringing people together through arts, heritage and local identity. Highworth has a proud history and a thriving community, with a wide range of events, organisations and volunteers who contribute to making the town such a special place to live.

The Expression of Interest highlights the many strengths already present in Highworth, from our historic High Street and long-standing market traditions to community-led events such as May Day, the Christmas Lights Switch-On and local festivals. It also reflects the passion and dedication of the many groups and individuals who work year-round to support community life.

If successful in progressing to the next stage, the bid will focus on building on these existing foundations



supporting local groups, creating new opportunities for residents to get involved and celebrating everything that makes Highworth unique.

This is very much a community-led opportunity, and residents, groups and organisations will be at the heart of shaping any future programme. Highworth has always been a town with a strong sense of identity this is an opportunity to celebrate and build on that together.

I will keep you updated as the process progresses and whether Highworth has been shortlisted. In the meantime, more information about the Town of Culture competition can be found on the official website.

Deanne Rose, Town Clerk

New Crèche Starting at Highworth Community Church

At Highworth Community Church, we love welcoming the entire family on a Sunday.

Our mornings are centred around time together, worship and praising God. After that, the children (primary-aged) go out to HCC Kids – our fun-filled, interactive children's church.

We are super excited to announce that, from May, we will be offering HCC Crèche for your little ones who haven't yet started primary school. This means you can come to church and drop your 0 to four-year-olds at Crèche, and your primary-aged children at Kids, and re-join the service, giving you the chance to enjoy and engage with the service and explore faith for yourself.

We have an awesome team who are excited and ready to meet you, and we've created a welcoming, safe and engaging space for your little ones to explore!

Join us for refreshments from 9:45am before the service starts at 10:30am. HCC Kids and HCC Crèche is from 11am to 12:10pm.

Heather Wilson, Children's Pastor

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Exciting developments at Roves Farm

The expansion of Roves Farm Shop & Butchery, which has doubled in size, means you will find even more Roves-raised meats and local, artisan produce in store.

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Alongside the development of our Farm Shop & Butchery, we have also created a lovely new seating barn, 'The Shepherd's Rest'. With its picture windows, you can watch life on the farm as you enjoy a barista made drink and bite to eat. The Shepherd's Rest is for over 16's only, where you can relax on our sofas and comfy chairs and tables. Canine companions are welcome too.

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Records Broken at Annual Scouts Quiz

A record equalling 23 teams took part in this year's Scouts Quiz and it was the Toddletons who regained the trophy with a record breaking 107 points.

They were 6 points ahead of the 2025 winners, The Louts, with One and a Dupe in third place. Congratulations to Sue and Andy Tollington and Mark and Mandy Saddleton.

The evening raised £783 which was also a new record, helped by the continued sponsorship of the evening by Simpsons Cars for whom we are very grateful. We would also like to thank The Highworth for their generous raffle prize (as always the first to be chosen) and all the parents who donated so many raffle prizes. More photos and the full scores are on our website www.highworthscouts.org.uk.

Finally, thanks to everybody who came along and helped make it such a successful evening. It was great



Sue and Andy Tollington and Mark and Mandy Saddleton, pictured with Peter Jenkins from Simpsons Cars

to see some new teams taking part and we hope you will return next year. Although not definitely decided the likely date of next year's quiz will be Friday 16 April 2027.

David Roblin



THE GATHERING – IN A FIELD NEAR SWINDON

Each June, you may have noticed a few big tops up in the field near the solar panels off the A361. If you've walked past, you might have heard the sound of 1,500 men singing or caught the smell of a huge fire.

We should probably explain!

CVM, Christian Vision for Men, is a charity that has been introducing men to Jesus for over 30 years. Each year, we host The Gathering – a unique festival where men from across the UK and beyond come together for a weekend.

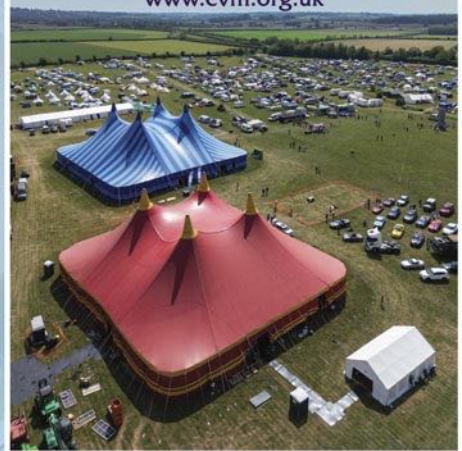
There is worship (led by Graham Kendrick), live music, comedy, cars and bikes on display, seminars, real-life stories, activities, displays and plenty more. But it all exists for one reason: to help men discover Jesus.

We have hosted The Gathering here for over 10 years, and in that time have seen more than 1,000 men discover faith, find healing in their lives, homes and marriages, and take significant steps forward. Through partnerships at the event, over 600 children have also been sponsored out of extreme poverty.

The Gathering is supported by churches across the UK, and we'll be back from

26-28 June

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www.cvm.org.uk



Highworth Arts and Literature Festival

'The time has come,' the walrus said...

Yes! It's here at last. After months in the planning, the Highworth Arts and Literature Festival is just a couple of weeks away. Our brochure is available from a number of outlets, including the Library and Visit Highworth, and there is still time to purchase the last few remaining tickets online from www.visithighworth.co.uk. Many events are free to attend.

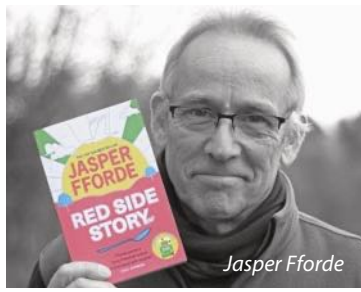
We start on **Saturday 13 June** with a free three-day art exhibition in the Council Rooms. Other free events include: an evening with the Choral Society, where you are welcome to 'have a go!'; an Open Mic Poetry Night on **Thursday 18 June**, and also on Thursday, Rosa Matheson will talk about *100 Everyday Women*, and on **Saturday 20 June** and **Sunday 21 June**, in the URC, a Local Artists' Exhibition will display local talent.

Children! Come along to a story time in the Library on **Saturday 20 June**, followed by a LEGO® competition with prizes for the winners.

On **Sunday 21 June**, the Festival moves lock, stock and barrel to the Community Centre. The programme here includes a free exhibition by the Highworth Historical Society from 10am to 4pm, a puppetry workshop for children, and sessions on self-publishing and improvised storytelling.

Tickets are available for events with authors from www.visithighworth.co.uk. Just scan the QR code below for more information.

I am absolutely thrilled that this, our second festival, has already



attracted interest from well-known authors outside of Highworth (Steve Antony, Jasper Fforde, Katie Fforde, Victoria Gosling and GJ Stevens). If they think it is a worthwhile venture then I suggest it is worth your time to give it a go! I am sure you will find something for everybody.

There will even be a pop-up bookshop provided by Bert's Books of Swindon.

If nothing else, slake your thirst with a pint of HALF – or even a half of HALF – our Festival brew available in The Highworth and The Wine Bar.

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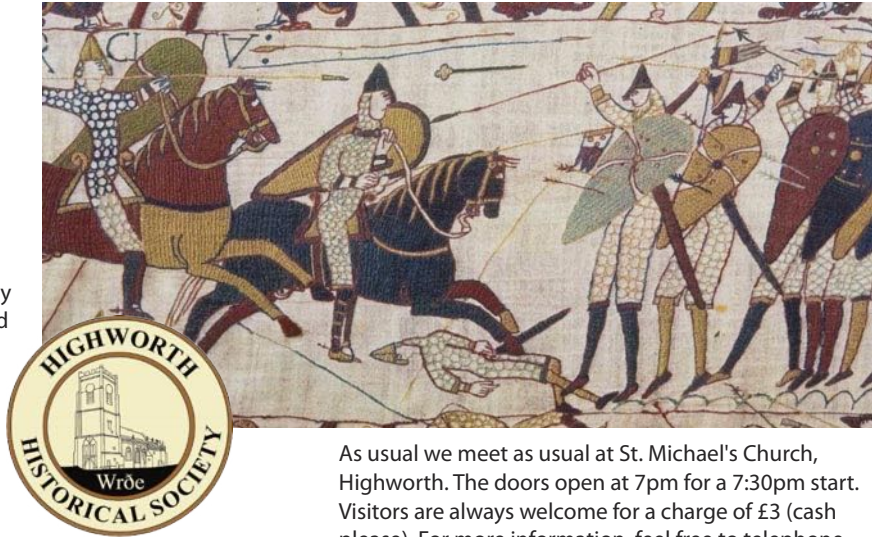
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Highworth Historical Society

Join us on Wednesday 24 June when our speaker will be Dr. Tim Brain and his subject, *1066 and all that*.

In anticipation of the arrival of the Bayeux Tapestry at the British Museum in September, Tim will look at the story behind the tapestry and its consequences. A unique historical artefact, it tells the story of the year English, and indeed British, history changed for ever.

After a career in policing, in which he served in several forces and was Chief Constable of Gloucestershire from 2001-10, Dr. Timothy Brain has since been a prominent lecturer, broadcaster and author.



As usual we meet as usual at St. Michael's Church, Highworth. The doors open at 7pm for a 7:30pm start. Visitors are always welcome for a charge of £3 (cash please). For more information, feel free to telephone Jayne Stephens on 07583 928277. And if you are new to the town, come along and give us a try.

Jayne Stephens

Highworth Camera Club

We are all set for a summer of getting out and about with camera in hand!

Armed with weather-watching tips from our speaker Peter Hulance in April, we know how to judge conditions for those misty morning pictures and some places to go! For contrast, this month's speaker, Jack Lodge, will take us on a journey to the Arctic. If you are interested, you're welcome to join us on **Tuesday 9 June** at 7:30pm, £5 entry.

Congratulations to winners of the Club's monthly competitions which were judged at last month's meeting. Check out the pictures on the Camera Club's website, www.highworthcameraclub.com. And look out for members' pictures in this month's Art Trail (13 to 27 June) around the town as part of the Highworth Arts and Literature Festival (13 to 21 June).

Halfway through the year already! We are hoping to arrange an outing with a photographic opportunity; there will be our annual photo battle with Lambourn Camera Club, the Club's annual exhibition in September and more competition reviews.

Come along to any of our meetings, new members are always welcome. We meet every **second Tuesday of the month** at the Highworth Community Centre from 7:30pm. For more information, you can email us at highworthcamclub@gmail.com.

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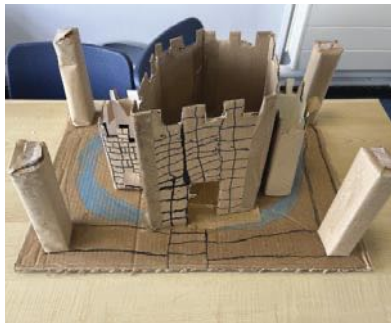
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Back in Time at Southfield Junior School

This term, our Years 3 and 4 classes have stepped back in time to explore the fascinating world of the Romans.

As an introduction to our Romans topic, the children worked collaboratively to plan, design and build their own cardboard Roman Empire. Using boxes, tubes and plenty of imagination (and DT skills), they recreated forts, roads, water ways and temples, carefully thinking about how the Romans built and organised their cities. The project encouraged teamwork, creativity and problem-solving, and the children took great pride in seeing their empire take shape.

Excitement is now building as we look ahead to Roman Day in school. Pupils will immerse themselves in Roman life by dressing up, taking



part in themed activities and showcasing their skills to others. It is a wonderful opportunity to bring learning to life and deepen their understanding of history in a memorable and fun way.

The enthusiasm across the classes has been fantastic, and we can't wait to celebrate all their hard work and learning later on this term.

Miss Amy Alder

Inspiration from Ancient Maya

Year 5/6 have launched into their brand new topic on the Ancient Maya!

The children were fully immersed from the start with an engaging hook lesson where they researched traditional Mayan masks and created their own mood boards. This inspired them when designing their own unique masks, drawing on patterns, colours and symbolism from their research.

In English, the children have been exploring Mayan beliefs

including their many gods and goddesses and how they viewed the structure of the world. The children learned about the three layers of Mayan life: the sky, the Earth where humans lived and the mysterious underworld.

The children are already showing great enthusiasm and curiosity and we are looking forward to seeing this excitement continue as they begin working on their upcoming narrative writing.

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Currently, we offer a limited number of on-the-day emergency appointments, alongside pre-bookable routine appointments. When patients feel their problem is urgent, we do our best to accommodate this, and very often they are absolutely right. However, we also recognise that it can sometimes be difficult to know what is medically urgent and what can safely wait for a routine appointment. This is no one's fault, but it can mean that our emergency appointments are not always used in the way they were intended.

Because these appointments are limited, it's important that they are available for those who need them most. When they are overused, it can lead to patients being redirected to services such as urgent care centres, which we would prefer to avoid wherever possible.

To help improve this, we will soon be introducing a triage system in Highworth – an approach that has already been working well at some of our other sites.

If you feel you need an on-the-day appointment, you will be asked to complete a short online form describing your symptoms. A GP will then review this information and ensure you are booked into the most appropriate appointment – whether that's the same day or a routine slot. This will mean clinicians make these important clinical decisions rather than our reception staff or, indeed, patients.

Importantly, this change is not about avoiding seeing patients but it's about making sure that everyone gets the right care at the right time.

We understand that not everyone is able to complete an online form. If this is the case, our reception team will be happy to help by completing the form with you over the phone.

We believe this change will help us continue to provide a high-quality, responsive service for our community. Thank you for your understanding and support as we introduce this new system at Highworth.

Amy Kitchener, Operations Manager



Highworth Twinning Association



Safari Lunch

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On a sunny summer's day, Southrop comes into its own. Honey-coloured cottages line the village lanes, with the River Leach tracing a gentle path through a place shaped by centuries of history. Recorded in the Domesday Book, the village holds an enduring appeal for visitors.

This year, Southrop's much-loved Village Fete carries extra meaning. On **Saturday 20th June, 1pm to 4pm** residents and visitors will gather for games, traditional stalls, and afternoon teas, while also marking a centenary milestone in the village's story. It is 100 years since Southrop's estates were sold by Wadham College, Oxford, ushering in a new era of local ownership.

For more than three centuries, much of the village formed part of the college estate. The 1926 sale marked a turning point, opening a new chapter for Southrop and its residents. The fete, rooted in community spirit, offers a joyful way to reflect on that moment while celebrating village life today.

The day promises all the pleasures of a quintessential Cotswolds fete. With the main stretch of road closed, visitors can wander past cottages and stalls, enter the family pet in the dog show, enjoy the beer tent, and relax over a barbecued lunch or homemade tea at the Village Hall.

One of the organisers, Peter Brickley, will be on hand throughout the afternoon.

"It's incredible to see everyone pitching in to make it all happen," he says. "With the historical connection to Wadham College this year, the fete feels even more special."

The programme includes classic favourites such as the Great Duck Race on the River Leach, Country Dancing, and traditional games, alongside attractions including a stilt walker, circus workshop, and an antique roadshow-style stall. Local businesses will also take part in a mini-marketplace, adding to the fair atmosphere and reflecting Southrop's thriving contemporary community.

Lifelong resident Colin Medley, who plays a key role in running the fete, reflects on the sense of continuity: "Helping to organise the fete, you really feel the energy of the village today. Knowing that a century ago the estate passed into local hands makes it all the more

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Highworth Artists' Society

April has flown by with plenty of spring in our Tuesday workshops. It is amazing what can be accomplished in a morning – and it is a lovely sociable time. Of course we have been working on our own individual paintings but have also found time to squeeze in other activities.



In early April we enjoyed a demonstration in acrylics by artist Cathryn Jeff – that got us thinking about texture, colour and loosening up.



Cathryn Jeff with her demonstration painting

Demonstrators like Cathryn make it look very easy, which is inspiring, and it is always great to see a fresh approach on a traditional subject.

On the hottest day of the year (so far!) we took our annual coach trip to London's Mall Galleries to see the



Lion Stare by John Sirrell

Royal Watercolour Society exhibition. It was a fantastic day with beautiful paintings and we all arrived home exhausted! Very much a do-your-own-thing day which worked well and no one got lost.

Our Spring Exhibition in the last week of April welcomed lots of visitors which we always enjoy. If you came along – thank you! Bernie Mason from Prospect Hospice opened the exhibition and chose as their favourite painting *Lion Stare* by John Sirrelle. Prospect Hospice is our charity of the year and we hope to raise a good sum of money to donate to them.

Hilary Sinclair

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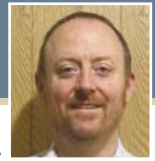
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Wrag Barn Golf Club

The reward for getting out of bed early for an 8am shotgun start was 18 holes of golf on a beautiful spring day. The competition on 26 April was for the St. George's Day Trophy, setting the tone for a busy run of events ahead.

The fundraiser for the Junior section was well supported, with the day featuring a *Beat the Junior* challenge on the 16th. One of our group managed to win a sleeve of balls, while the rest of us, along with the Junior, missed the green. No great glory for us, but all in aid of a very good cause. The trophy winners were Nigel Baker, Sean Donald, Mark Whitby and Daniel Gray, all single handicappers and their winning score was 120. In second place, it was predominantly a family affair with a team of Sebastian Whalley, Eddie Keen, Bobby Keen and Matthew Keen scoring 118, and there were three Juniors in that line up!

Competitions are now well underway across all sections at Wrag Barn, with matches won and lost but always lessons learned along the way. The Junior Section began the season with a football session at Supermarine, giving new members a great



(l-r) Noah Ridsdale, Mark Whitby, Sean Donald, Daniel Gray, Mark Whitby and Ruben Chauhan Drane

opportunity to integrate and get to know each other. A new members' roll-up also helped recent joiners settle in and find like-minded playing partners.

Thank you to Richard Scarrot for organising a brilliant Easter Camp during the holidays for the Cadets, combining coaching, competition, plenty of fun and quantities of chocolate. All in all, a strong and positive start to the season.

Verity Manners

Highworth Town Football Club

That's another season done. Somewhat disrupted by having no operational floodlights which meant two home games had to be played at Cirencester Town (both of which we won) and 2pm home kick-offs (from October) together with Paul Braithwaite having to rebuild a team meant a 12th place finish with 47 points was far from shabby. The reserves will also credibly finish mid-table.

By now the laying of the artificial surface should have started, together with associated works. These are historic times for the club and you can follow progress on our social media platforms.

Derek Lloyd

Highworth Running Club

Now the summer is here, HRC is making full use of the lighter evenings and warmer weather by relocating its Wednesday evening session to various, nay eclectic locations in the surrounding area. This is the time of the year that's affectionately referred to as 'pub run season'.

With an array of abilities within the club, those turning up can choose which group to trot along the towpath with or race along the Ridgeway beside; the focus is firmly on fun, participation and fitness. Given the runs often start and end in locations that curiously coincide with establishments that have ice buckets, wine coolers and refrigerated mixers the opportunity to socialise after the run is often too tempting to pass up.

If interested in coming along for the run (or just the social), please look us up on Facebook to find where we'll be any Wednesday and simply come over and join us. We look forward to meeting you.

Jason Daniels

Facebook: Highworth Running Club



Swindon Croquet Club

Thanks to the invaluable help of volunteers from Phoenix Enterprise Charity, six-and-a-half tonnes of topdressing were speedily spread over three lawns. Their CEO, Clare McDougall, said, 'What a fantastic day out with ten of our Phoenix volunteers! We spent the day in the sunshine, and yes we were absolutely roasting, helping to spread sand across the croquet lawns to support new grass growth. A proper hands-on job and one that really brought the team together. Getting outdoors and doing something so tangible made it even more rewarding and we all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. A big thank you as well to Travis Perkins for lending us the wheelbarrows, they made a huge difference!'

A new fourth lawn has also been levelled and seeded by Gordon Gill Fine Turf Maintenance Ltd., with financial support from Croquet England. This should be available for play later this year.

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Wendy White



Phoenix Enterprise Volunteers and SCC members

Highworth Town Junior Football Club

As we approached the end of the season last month, HTJFC is proud to reflect on another brilliant year of grassroots football. Our players, coaches, volunteers and families have once again shown what makes this club such a special part of the Highworth community.



Together with that community, our recent fundraising event at Wrag Barn was a great success raising over £1,000 so we are already busy planning next year's Dinner and Dance!

This football season has also seen incredible growth through our Hawks sessions, which continue to be a fantastic introduction to football for our youngest players. Thanks to the success of these sessions, we are delighted to announce that we will be launching three brand new teams for the 2026/27 season. For families with younger children, our Hawks programme will continue to offer the perfect gateway into grassroots football, so please follow our website for information on timings for the 2026/27 season – first session for three- and four-year-olds, and the second session for five- and six-year-olds.

Looking ahead, from **1 June** we will be looking to welcome new players for most age groups for the 2026/27 season. We are also on the lookout for new coaches and managers who are passionate about supporting children in their football journey. Whether you're a parent wanting to get involved or someone with coaching experience looking for a new challenge, we would love your help.

A huge thank you to all our volunteers, sponsors, and supporters for making this season such a success. Here's to an even bigger and better 2026/27. Follow our website for details of more fundraising and community events: www.highworthtownjuniorsfc.co.uk.

Kelly Preston

Shrivenham Park Golf Club

An enjoyable afternoon was had by all in April on a putting green in superb condition that contributed to great scores from everyone.

The social putting winners were Vivien Moss (1st), Angela Jennings (2nd) and Jane Archer (3rd). In the Parkies Pals competition, Margaret Disney took top spot, ahead of Dave Logan and Mick Reid.

If you are interested in finding out more about what we get up to at SPGC, reach out to us using the contact details listed on our website (www.shrivenhampark.co.uk) or simply pop in.

Carole Lee

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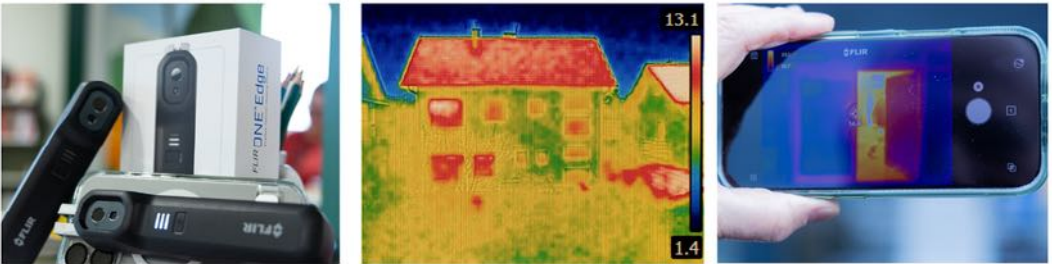
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News from Highworth's Mayor



As I write, final preparations are well underway for May Day. This year, alongside the festivities, my mayor's charity scavenger hunt and wand-making activities will, I hope, spark excitement among our younger residents. I look forward to announcing the total funds raised next month, following the culmination of my fundraising efforts at May Day.

On 14 April, I had the pleasure of chairing a town meeting where topics, including the High Street and local economy, our environment and green spaces, infrastructure and future planning, and how best to support our community, were discussed. The ideas shared will help shape our priorities as we move into a new council and develop a four-year plan.

In other matters, we continue to wait for the outcome of Swindon Borough Council's pre-application regarding the Old Golf Course, which is expected to be discussed at the 1 July cabinet meeting in Swindon.

Meanwhile, the Highworth Neighbourhood Plan remains with the examiner. However, frustratingly, new legislation means an additional two-week consultation will be required to satisfy legislation before we can progress to referendum soon.

We are also continuing to press for action on HGV issues along Shrivenham Road.

And exciting news! Work on the new 3G pitch begins this month and is expected to take around 15 weeks.

Finally, I want to reflect on what makes Highworth truly special: its people. The strength of our community coming together has shone through yet again at my mayoral events. Thank you to everyone who has supported me during my mayoral year. It has been an honour, and I look forward to continuing to serve you over the next four years as a Councillor.

Julie Murphy, Mayor

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News from Will Stone MP

You may have heard about the **City of Culture competition** which has been running since 2013 and has been awarded to a number of cities such as Bradford, Coventry and Hull.

Analysis by Hull University has found that the title of City of Culture brought in roughly £220 million of investment a year after the city received the title. Swindon recently announced its intention to be named City of Culture and has been shortlisted for the competition; a win in this area would be excellent news for the wider town.

This year the government announced a competition for Town of Culture, giving shortlisted candidates £60,000 to prepare their bids with the chance to win £3 million. Two runners-up will each receive £250,000.

As soon as we were made aware, my team and I instantly thought of Highworth and how this money and title of Town of Culture could preserve and enhance its cultural heritage and identity.

I have loved visiting the incredible cultural events in Highworth, from the D-Day commemorations to Remembrance Sunday events, and know how important events like the PTA Easter trail at Warneford School (which, as an aside, I had the pleasure of visiting recently to see how engaged students are with local and national politics) are to local people.

My team and I raised the prospect of Highworth taking part in the competition with your town council and I'm really pleased they have submitted their Expression of Interest. (See page 18 for more information.) Your council have my full backing in this and, if shortlisted, I will be incredibly keen to support the full proposals and have many local groups involved.

As this is a new competition, the government haven't yet announced a specific date for the shortlisted applicants but we expect to hear soon.

As always, if you need support or would like to reach out, please email me at will.stone.mp@parliament.uk.

Will Stone MP

Highworth Methodist Church

Welcome What's on in June?

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Prayers

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We remember those we love and miss

Sean McNally

Praying for the roads in the town

7 June Hannington, Sevenhampton and Inglesham villages

10 June Home Farm and Islay Crescent

21 June Kilda Road and Kings Avenue

28 June Knowlands and Lechlade Road

St. Leonard's Parish Church Stanton Fitzwarren

7 June Morning Worship, 9:30am

14 June Ecology Walk (see below*), 10am

Family Service: Jonah and the Whale, 11:15am

21 June Team Service at St. Leonard's, 10am

28 June Holy Communion, 9:30am

*To celebrate ecology there will be a chance to meet at 10am on **Sunday 14 June** at the church. Come and take part in a guided walk into Stanton Park, identifying plants and birds, before returning to the church for refreshments at 11am. If you wish, you can join the Family Service for the story of *Jonah and the Whale*, held in the churchyard (weather permitting) at 11:15am.

Join us for our Stanton Coffee Morning on **Wednesday 17 June** at Stanton House Hotel. We will meet at 10:15am for coffee and chat, and then Liz Gardner share her journey with us.

The church building will be open every Wednesday in school term time from 10am to 4pm, or telephone Liz and Roger on 01793 762935 to organise for the building to be open for you to visit.

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