

HEALING WALK AND CEREMONY: Sat. May 23rd 11.00am – 12.00pm. Starting at the Human Nature Garden in Horsham Park, this unique event features a walk and ceremony led by Mindfulness Coach, Dorothy Larios, & ceremony by Trish Norman. Those with unwell or distantly located friends or relatives may find this earth based ceremony particularly comforting.



HANDBASTING CEREMONY: Sat. May 23rd 2.30 to 3.30pm This beautiful, ancient and romantic ritual is a deeply spiritual event. It provides a symbolic commitment by a couple for one year and a day. The ceremony closes with the release of doves. Meet at the Conservatory Cafe, Park House, Horsham RH12 1RJ Led by Nixie James-Scott.



CELEBRATORY WALK, PICNIC AND CLOSING

PEACE CEREMONY: Sun. May 24th 11.00am - 2.30 Marking the 15th Anniversary of Healthy Walks in Horsham with Jill Shuker. Led by Jill and drummers, a procession will circle the park, before gathering in the Human Nature Garden for a picnic. Music and circle dancing will follow and a ceremony celebrating Horsham’s Healthy Walks, plus Peace and the finale of Horsham’s Festival Week. Meet at the Conservatory Café at 11.00 am or join at any time. Please bring your own picnic, drums, whistles and saucepan lids. The walk will still take place if it rains so please dress accordingly. Ceremony led by Nicola Alan and Neil Giddins.



Horsham’s Circle of Life Festival is created by Jean Francis with the help of Horsham District Council.



Special thanks go to Horsham District Council’s Health and Wellbeing Team for their generous support.

The event is run in support of **Dying Matters Awareness Week**. It will be showcasing the skills and talents of many well-known professionals who have given their services voluntarily, including a number of Sussex based Interfaith Ministers, who have been ordained by the One Spirit Interfaith Foundation.

Leaflet Guide to Symbols

- Wheelchair Friendly
- Pushchair Friendly
- Dog Friendly
- No Dogs
- In wet weather the event is held in Park Barn: Dogs are not allowed in Park Barn

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Many of the festival events are led by Ministers from the One Spirit Interfaith Foundation. For information on our training programme, or to attend an introductory event, please visit our website: www.osif.org.uk, or call our administrator on: 0333 332 1996



Horsham’s Festival

Celebrating the Circle of Life
May 16th to May 24th 2015

Join us and celebrate some of the most joyful moments of life, from birth to marriage, from coming of age to happy separations. Hear the words and music of sacred moments, participate in many different rituals and experiences, applauding life and its gifts - people, planet, parents, pets, children and friends.

This is Horsham’s unique and joyful festival marking the milestones of our lives. Joining and experiencing these special events is a voyage of discovery, as inspiring and unexpected as the journey of life itself.



OPENING CEREMONY: Sat. May 16th 1.30-3.30pm
Sounds, ideas, words and brilliant story-telling with the gifted and authentic Chris Corps, on the Bandstand in Horsham Park. Meet at the Conservatory Café, Park House, Horsham, RH12 1RJ.



CELEBRATING ANIMALS IN OUR LIVES: Sun. 17th May, 10.30 start ending 12.30pm. Joyful family and dog friendly walk through woodland on firm surfaces. Whatever the weather we'll walk, so dress accordingly. Ceremonies led by Jean Francis and Trish Norman. Bring pets, memories and also ashes of beloved pets to scatter. Meet at Roosthole Car Park, Hammerpond Road, Horsham, RH13 6PG. For directions email:

lifeandmemorialcelebrations@gmail.com



BLESSING & NAMING: Sun. May 17th 5 – 6.00pm
Celebrating the arrival of a child - A loving, lively, laughter filled ceremony led by Lesley Edwards in which a child is welcomed, named and blessed. A bandstand concert in Horsham Park is followed by the ceremony at 5.00pm. Meet at the Conservatory Café, Park House, Horsham, RH12 1RJ.



CRONING & CROWNING! Mon. May 18th 11.00 to 12.30pm. A very special ceremony for six mature, wise women, who will celebrate age, wisdom, fun and the beauty of inspiration and experience. Gather at AGE UK, Lavinia House, Duke's Sq. RH12 1GZ. A spectacular celebration. Car parking tickets are available at Lavinia House on request. A warm welcome to all. Led by Hilary Franklin.



WATER CEREMONY: Mon. May 18th 2.30 – 4.00 pm
Celebrating water, its beauty and mystery... A moment enabling us to connect with ourselves. Ceremony held by Paula Altar, walk led by Horsham's Healthy Walk Co-ordinator Jill Shuker. Starting at Chesworth, moving on to a viewing platform overlooking the river. The walk leads to Pretty Things, 4 Park Place where you can treat yourself to afternoon tea. Meet at Queensway at the junction with Chesworth Lane, Horsham, RH13 0AA. Free parking available after midday.



MEMORIAL CELEBRATION: Tues. May 19th 10.30am to 12.30 A life lovingly remembered, with beautiful music and inspirational words. Candle lighting and the release of doves precede discussion on 21st century funerals with Judith Dandy of Dandelion Farewells. Tea and Coffee served. Ceremony is led by Anthea Ballam. Gather at Hills Cemetery, Guildford Road, Horsham, RH12 ITT car parking is available.



ABUNDANCE OF NATURE: Tues. May 19th 2pm to 3.30pm Starting from Leechpool Car Park RH13 6SG. Gather oak leaves, walk through woodland surroundings and meet Lyn Baylis & Sadie Turner in a woodland glade. This oak and earth based ceremony, includes a chance to taste the oak wine itself. The walk is led by Jill Shuker and is not weather dependent.



WALKING LIFE'S PATH: Wed. May 20th. 11am to 1.00pm. The Pavilions in the Park, Hurst Road, RH12 2DF. A labyrinth walk led by Felice Rhiannon. Contemplate, connect and unwind, following the spiralling path of the labyrinth and life. It's a moment to let go, receive and integrate. Shoes are not allowed on the canvas. Bare feet or socks are perfect. All are welcome, but please note: this event is not wheelchair, pushchair or dog friendly.

CELEBRATING MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS: Wed. May 20th, 2.00 – 3.30pm. A moment to celebrate youth, age, the richness of life and share hilarious memories with music from the era to complete the occasion. Tea and cake served afterwards. Gather at AGE UK, Lavinia House, Duke's Sq. RH12 1GZ. Car parking tickets at Lavinia House on request. All welcome, including family and friends. Led by Doug Fulgoni.



HONOURING THE ANCESTORS: Thurs. May 21st 10.30am – 12.30pm. Meet at the Museum in the Causeway, for a stroll through St Mary's Churchyard with Sue Djabri, author of 'Waking the Dead'. This intriguing walk also incorporates a guided tour of Denne Road Cemetery, and closes with a loving ceremony conducted by Jacqueline Clark. The Walk leads to Pretty Things in Park Place.



A LOVING SEPARATION: Thurs. May 21st 6.45pm. Celebrating the end of a loving but concluded relationship. This inspired and inspirational ceremony will be held in The Maze at Horsham Park by Susie Courtault. Meet at the Conservatory Café, Park House, Horsham, RH12 1RJ.



WALK FOR WELLBEING: Frid. May 22nd 10.00 to 11.00am. A short, easy and thoughtful walk using the Downs Link path, led by Horsham's Healthy Walk co-ordinator Jill Shuker. Discuss the similarities between the circle of life and the varying seasons, in the Lakeside Café. Start at the Car Park of Country Park Southwater, off Cripplegate Lane, RH13 7UN.



A MILESTONE ANNIVERSARY: Frid. May 22nd 3.30 to 4.30pm. Celebrating a special anniversary, a lovely event packed full of memories, music and laughter. Horsham Park weather permitting, otherwise Park Barn. Meet at Park House Garden, Park House, Horsham, RH12 1RJ. Led by Beverley Underwood.

