



# An Oxfordshire Passage to India



## Inspired by the Taj Mahal

Nestled in a corner of the Four Shires is a water-side pavilion, which brings some Indian splendour and romance to Oxfordshire. Peter and Rosie had spent a memorable holiday in India, where they fell in love with the architecture, and in particular the Taj Mahal. On their return, they decided to bring a little bit of 'the Taj' to their native Oxfordshire, by commissioning an Indian-style Pavilion for their garden.

## A birthday surprise

David and Sarah Holland of DSH Carpentry and Design were brought in and sworn to secrecy. The Pavilion was to be built as a birthday gift for Rosie, Peter's wife. After consultation and exploration of Peter's objectives, David and Sarah developed the pavilion design. From this Sarah produced a beautiful artist's impression or 'rendition' of the Pavilion. As a construction of this size couldn't be built in secret, it was Sarah's painting which was given as Rosie's birthday surprise.



## Constructing the Pavilion

The pavilion is situated by the edge of a large pond, to provide an appealing vista from a nearby ridge. Different types of timber were used to meet both the brief and the budget. The Pavilion's timber frame and jetty were constructed from green oak, and the decorative fretwork from marine plywood. The ornamental cast iron railings were designed and commissioned by DSH Carpentry and Design, as were the Indian-style finials. The roof was made from plywood and weather-proofed using a specialist

roofing compound. Inside, the timber benches provide a relaxed seating area, where views across the water can be enjoyed in comfort. To complete the Indian theme, the wooden finials were painted gold. The inside of the roof was also painted, with stencilling used to echo the artistry of the Taj Mahal.



## One of the most successful birthday presents ever ...

Peter and Rosie are delighted to have such a memorable reminder of their time in India. Peter said,

**"We chose David and Sarah because of their talents and professionalism. The Pavilion has attracted so much attention from our neighbours that David and Sarah have been in great demand ever since. This was one of the most successful birthday presents I have ever given my wife. It has given us enormous pleasure and continues to do so."**



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