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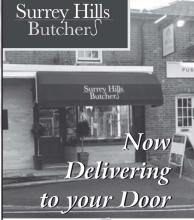
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The Monthly Letter

Holiday happiness

Dear Friends,

As a child, I did not travel far beyond the shores of the British Isles. The only occasions when I did were on school trips to Europe.

From an adult perspective, I can see that this was partly a matter of economics, but much more importantly, it was a matter of attitude. My father is

a great lover of geography and history and (without a trace of xenophobia) he would say to us as children that there was always plenty to explore in the British Isles without ever going anywhere else. And he was right: it was just a shame about the weather!

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I am about to begin a holiday which, within the current Covid-19 guidelines, means it is a 'holiday at home'. To be honest, I feel a bit hard done by. I love going totally away and enjoying somewhere with reliable sunshine and new places to explore. I am sure I am not alone in this!

However, I have been reflecting on what a 'first world' attitude mine is. For many people around the world, just making it through another day is a struggle. And some of these people do not live as far away from us as we might imagine.

Obviously, there are many reasons people do not have holidays; some positively prefer to stay in their own home, but all kinds of other circumstances prevent people going away. So, as I enjoy time at home on holiday, wrestling my garden into submission, I shall commit to pray each day for those who do not have the option of a holiday, even when there is no pandemic.

In addition, can I suggest that, if it is possible, we donate some of the money we would usually spend on holidays either to St Andrew's PCC - for use among all the projects we support, local, national and international (see the full list on our website) - or directly to one of the charities working to ameliorate the effects of the coronavirus.

And meanwhile, however you spend your holiday time this summer, may God bless you and keep you safe,

Vicar

Church Services in July and August

July

Thu 2 9am Pray Together, via zoom

Sat 4 9am Saturday Prayers, via zoom

Sun 5 The Fourth Sunday after Trinity:
Summer in Luke: Jesus' Own Calling
10am Listen & Pray, via the website

Tue 7 9am Pray Together, via zoom

Thu 9 9am Pray Together, via zoom

Sat 11 9am Saturday Prayers, via zoom

Sum 12 The Fifth Sunday after Trinity:

Summer in Luke: Sharing the Good News
10am Listen & Pray, via the website

Tue 14 9am Pray Together, via zoom

Thu 16 9am Pray Together, via zoom

Sat 18 9am Saturday Prayers, via zoom

Sum 19 The Sixth Sunday after Trinity:

Summer in Luke: Jesus' Call to Others
10am Listen & Pray, via the website

Tue 21 9am Pray Together, via zoom

Thu 23 9am Pray Together, via zoom

Sat 25 9am Saturday Prayers, via zoom

Sun 26 The Seventh Sunday after Trinity:

Summer in Luke: Making Time for God
10am Listen & Pray, via the website

Tue 28 9am Pray Together, via zoom

Thu 30 9am Pray Together, via zoom

August

Sat 1 9am Saturday Prayers, via zoom

Sun 2 The Eighth Sunday after Trinity:
Summer in Luke: Authority to Forgive Sins
10am Listen & Pray, via the website

Tue 4 9am Pray Together, via zoom

Thu 6 9am Pray Together, via zoom

Sat 8 9am Saturday Prayers, via zoom

Sun 9 The Ninth Sunday after Trinity: Summer in Luke: Time to Celebrate 10am Listen & Pray, via the website

Tue 11 9am Pray Together, via zoom

Thu 13 9am Pray Together, via zoom

Sat 15 9am Saturday Prayers, via zoom

Sun 16 The Tenth Sunday after Trinity:

Summer in Luke: Sabbath Grace
10am Listen & Pray, via the website



Coronavirus

As we go to press, we are planning how to open our church building for private prayer; otherwise it is likely to remain closed - but do join us online for our services and prayers.

Visit our website for the latest information and to find out how to connect with each of our online events.



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Tue 18 9am Pray Together, via zoom Thu 20 9am Pray Together, via zoom

Sat 22 9am Saturday Prayers, via zoom

Sun 23 The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity:
Summer in Luke: Authority to Heal
10am Listen & Pray, via the website

Tue 25 9am Pray Together, via zoom

Thu 27 9am Pray Together, via zoom

Sat 29 9am Saturday Prayers, via zoom

Sun 30 The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity:

Summer in Luke: Set Free to Show Love
10am Listen & Pray, via the website

Let's spend Summer in Luke!



hroughout this summer on Listen & Pray we will be looking at some of the things that Jesus said and did, as recorded in an early part of the gospel of Luke.

Each gospel writer gives a particular portrait of Jesus Christ. We know that Luke was a Gentile (non-Jew) and that he dedicated his New Testament writings (he also wrote Acts) to Theophilus, who was also not Jewish. Luke wants us to know that Jesus is for all of us - however we define ourselves in terms of race, gender or social status.

He was a doctor, with an eye for detail and accuracy. He was also more generous to the medical profession than Mark who (in Mark 5:26) describes a woman with a chronic condition as having "endured much under many physicians... but rather grew worse". Luke in 8:43 simply says that "she could not be healed by anyone."

Starting on the first Sunday of July (see the details of our Services opposite), we shall follow Jesus from the very mixed reception of his ministry at home in Nazareth to Capernaum, an important transit town linking Rome and Egypt with the Middle East. We will see how he put together a team of key gospel workers that included an unforgettable boat trip. Then there was a roof raising event, fine dining with the rich and a picnic with friends in a cornfield, all of which antagonised the authorities enormously. He spoiled a funeral service in the nicest way possible and shocked his dignified religious host at a dinner when he enjoyed the attentions of a woman who, in the view of the general public, was no better than she ought to be. The story of Jesus is full of surprises.

It is sometimes suggested that it is a good idea to read a gospel through in one sitting. I have just done so with Luke and surprised myself at how good it is when read as a whole. May I encourage you to take a long look at Luke using a good modern version like the NRSV, the NIV or the ESV?

And do join us on Listen & Pray every Sunday.







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Who is the new Curate??

We are delighted that **Patrick Davies** is joining us at St Andrew's as our new Curate! Patrick and his family are moving to Oxshott this month, so by way of introduction we asked him some questions...

So how long have you been in the Church, and what did you do before then? I was not brought up in the church but started going to a church youth group with some friends as a teenager, and I became a Christian through conversations and experiences there.

I studied English with Creative Writing at university, and during that

time became involved with leading some music-based youth work projects in and around Falmouth in Cornwall. After university I worked as a Church, Schools and Community Youth Worker, before training as a Primary School Teacher.

I initially worked with Years 5 and 6 (ages 9-11) in a school for children with special educational needs, and most recently in a mainstream primary school, teaching Year 2 (6-7).



Patrick, Belinda and their children - looking forward to Oxshott!

When do you start at Oxshott?

I will begin at St Andrew's from the start of July, but due to the situation with Covid-19 my ordination service has had to be a little delayed.

All being well, this will now happen in October at Guildford Cathedral.

Who else is in your family?

I am married to Belinda, and we have two young children – our son is now 3 and a bit, and our daughter is nearly 8 months. Before we had children, for some time Belinda worked in clinical research, but most recently she was a project manager for the charity 'Compassion', who work to release children from poverty around the world by providing healthcare, education and

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Where do you live now - and will you live in the parish? We are currently living in Bristol, in an area called Sea Mills, whilst I complete my training at Trinity College, but we are both originally from around the Guildford area.

In early July we will be moving to our new home in Oxshott, on Blundel Lane, just about half a mile from the church.

What are you most looking forward to?

We are really looking forward to sharing in the life of the community in Oxshott and connecting with people both inside and outside the church.

We look forward to being closer to our families, especially Belinda's mum, who is now in a care home.

I am also keen to explore this area of Surrey on my bike, with or without a child-seat on the back! And I've heard the café does a great breakfast!

News & Notes

Covid-19: As we go to press, plans are being made for churches to reopen for private prayer and for funerals – full services still seem a long way off.

We will consider any changes with the utmost care, and will keep you fully updated on our website:

www.standrewsoxshott.org.uk

Building Your Church

Despite Coronavirus restrictions, a small team is continuing to develop plans to improve the ancillary buildings (hall, kitchen, toilets, meeting rooms, offices, etc.) here at St Andrew's.

Still at an early stage, great progress has been made agreeing an architect's brief and developing some outline designs.

The team is really looking forward to sharing those ideas for further comment and discussion, once restrictions are lifted.

Help and support with unemployment or money worries

The economic impact of coronavirus is very significant; it is already making life really hard for some people.



Having access to information and guidance is very important, so we now have details on our website, with links to organisations that can help.

So if you, or someone you know, are concerned about anything to do with employment, unemployment or money, please do visit our new page: www.standrewsoxshott.org.uk/money-worries/

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St Andrew's in Action

Here comes summer!

ver the coming summer, while we are not able to meet together physically, St Andrew's is providing short videos and other resources designed especially for children to watch and get involved. There is a new, dedicated page on the St Andrew's website:

www.standrewsoxshott.org.uk





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So why not click on the link to StAks and join us to discover and explore children's Bible stories, songs, games and have fun together time?

There are ideas to engage the whole family in discussion and fun, as we all discover more about God's love for us.

We hope your children (and you!) enjoy them!



They were trying to remember when they had last left the house.

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CofE has been 'astonishingly present'

Bishop Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York Designate, recently wrote an article for the *Daily Telegraph*...

uring the coronavirus crisis, the Church of England has been accused of 'vacating the public square or of being absent.' But Bishop Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York Designate, in a recent



article continued, "I simply do not recognise (this). The Church of England has been astonishingly present, albeit in many new and remarkable ways."

The Bishop then gave many examples of various local churches that have reacted with positive action during the crisis. Some have started food banks, helped refugees and asylum seekers, set up telephone prayer services, started zoom Bible groups, or organised children and youth events online. "These stories are being replicated up and down the country," he continued. "Most astonishing of all, plenty of churches report very large numbers of people joining their streamed services.

"Of course, we long for our church buildings to reopen. But when they do, it won't be business as usual – partly because we are discovering new ways of serving our communities.

"When we do return to the sacred, beautiful space of our church buildings, with all their vital and much-missed resonances of continuity, I believe the Church of England will emerge from this stronger than it has been for a long while."

Bishop Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York Designate, was writing in the Daily Telegraph on 12 May 2020, from which this is a brief excerpt

Covid-19

Time for a regular contribution?

e are so grateful to all those who continue to support God's work here in Oxshott and further afield by regular contribution via standing order.

If you normally support the work of St Andrew's via the weekly collection in church, but can't at the moment because we are not meeting, perhaps now is the ideal time to consider a regular contribution via standing order. To find out more, please visit our website: www.standrewsoxshott.org.uk/giving/ where you will find a pledge form for you to print off, complete and return (in confidence) to St Andrew's.

We really appreciate your support for St Andrew's, your church.

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Love at first sight

ongratulations to Vivienne and Allan Watson, who have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary!

1 June 1970 saw Chelsea Registry Office lit up by the glowing bride and her dashing beau, as they became Mr & Mrs Watson. The bride (*right!*) wore a beautiful

tailored coat and skirt suit, complete with a matching hat whilst the groom was equally smartly kitted out.

Ten months earlier, they had first eyed each other in a hotel in Wales - Vivienne was on holiday with her mother, sister, and nephew; and Allan was there with his two sons. A date was organised for that same evening in the hotel bar, whilst Vivienne's mother insisted on chaperoning her daughter from the other side of the room! The next morning, they both went their separate ways.

Three days later, Vivienne had a letter from Allan, asking her to marry him. She immediately wrote back, saying "Yes, please!"

Asked to what they attributed such a lengthy marriage, Vivienne said: "Never go to bed on an argument, always kiss and make up before going to sleep. and remember laughter is the best ingredient for a happy marriage."

Celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary during lockdown, the couple were treated to a fabulous surprise tea when Brenda and Andy Hum arrived with a beautiful cake specially made by Brenda.

From love at first sight, we can say a hearty "Congratulations!"

Charlene Lamb

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Thy Kingdom Come: The Father's Love

hy Kingdom Come are familiar words to many at the start of the Lord's Prayer. The annual event though, also called Thy Kingdom Come, is now a worldwide prayer movement inviting Christians everywhere to pray particularly for 5 family or friends to come to faith in Jesus Christ. Christians from over 170 countries and over 60 denominations now participate between Ascension Day and Pentecost Sunday (this year, from 21 to 31 May).



Here at St Andrew's, in light of lockdown we met every morning on zoom, aided by a Prayer Journal entitled *The Father's Love (pictured, left)*. Each day included a Bible passage, a short reflection, a prayer and a call to action. 42 different people participated overall, with 32 gathering on one particular day. During the times of reflection and silence, some were struck by images, others by quotes from such as Mother (St) Theresa: "I only love God as much as I love the person I love the least", and Archbishop Justin Welby who was inspired by the Pope who humbly asked God "to send His Holy Spirit to enlarge and widen our hearts".

We also undertook two 'virtual' walks, where we prayed at this challenging time, in the first instance for our 30 local businesses and shops and second, for our

local schools, healthcare and community groups.

As a church, we are very conscious of and thankful to God for all those who serve our village community. This year we were unable to physically walk around the village, stopping and praying; not to be thwarted, we had put together two collections of photographs, which we shared on zoom, and stopped to pray with thankfulness for those who had been able to remain open and for peace, strength and perseverance for all of our shops and institutions as they prepare to re-open in the coming weeks.

Covid-19 may have stopped us from meeting in our church building, but has not and will not stop us praying for those for whom we care and love. Amen!!

Ron Stewart



Mission Partners in Pakistan

St Andrew's is developing links in Pakistan, the second largest Muslim country in the world. As part of our series introducing the Mission Partners, **Jolyon Trickey** explains our involvement...

The are pleased to be developing a new Partnership in Pakistan, and our aim is to equip and encourage ordinary Christians there to be confident 'Followers of Jesus', despite being a minority and often facing persecution.

To do this we are working with the Open Theological Seminary (OTS), led by Revd Dr Qaiser Julius (right) - OTS have as their motto: To equip God's people for work in His service (Ephesians 4:12). Qaiser is to be our primary link and we hope that he and his wife, Rahila, will visit St Andrew's as soon as travel restrictions are lifted. Ron & Jackie Stewart's Life Group will lead on fostering a close relationship.

We are now committed to providing at least £3,000 per year to facilitate church-based training in Sialkot Diocese. As a first step, the Bishop of Sialkot, Alwin Samuel, has asked two clergy, Revd Samsan Anjun and Revd Asher Gill, to work with OTS in promoting TEE, Tools that Equip and Empower ordinary Church members. In effect, we will be part-funding their (meagre and unreliable) salaries, plus paying for

This new Partnership puts St Andrew's in the vanguard of a new *Companion Link* between our own Diocese of Guildford and Sialkot Diocese in Pakistan.



When our Bishop, Andrew Watson, made his first visit to Sialkot in September 2019 he met some of the first students, and wrote: "Here was a sign of real hope for the Church in the diocese: a group of young men and women spending two sessions a week studying the Scriptures and deepening their faith and understanding.

"The materials they used have been produced by OTS, supported by St Andrew's, Oxshott.

"A really strategic use of parish resources, I felt, having met with quite such an enthusiastic bunch. Our conversation centred around a vision for Christian mission and spiritual fruitfulness, before the inevitable group photo (above) and 101 selfies."

oversight by OTS. We also hope to learn from them – for example, how to engage with our Muslim neighbours.

Practical support

As a practical expression of our growing partnership, St Andrew's recently joined in with OTS Compassion Campaign, launched in response to the desperate plight of day labourers and others, in danger of starving.

A PCC emergency grant, and a generous response by church members, allowed us to transfer £4,500 to them in May. This will provide over 400 food packages (flour, rice, sugar, tea, salt, lentils, chickpeas, pasta, cooking oil) – each of which provides enough to feed a family for 10 days at least.

Jolyon Trickey and the Mission Partnering Team

Stef Rees 1982-2020

Stefanie Elizabeth Rees, born on 30 April 1982, will be remembered fondly as outgoing and friendly, with a supremely kind and generous approach to people whatever the circumstances.

Stef's early school life was spent at Danes Hill, where she discovered her talent for singing and art and many will remember her in the choir stalls here at St Andrew's Church. Stef completed her education at St Catherine's School, Bradfield College and finally at Leeds University.

Stef was an extrovert, happy to strike up conversations with anyone, and this approach, together with her organizing fundraising and event n

together with her organising, fundraising and event management skills, meant she was much valued in her work, first with Save the Children and then in different roles with BBC Children in Need.

The 'life and soul of the party', Stef always wanted to be busy: organising and cooking for family occasions, arranging outings and trips, first on the dance floor, singing and playing games of all sorts. She loved to swim, play table tennis, mini golf and competitive board games. These were always enjoyed but became a Christmas tradition with family and friends.

Her characteristics were still evident towards the end when in Charing Cross hospital, where, despite her pain and going through debilitating cancer treatment, she maintained her positivity and showed an interest in all those she met, befriending them and showing concern for both patients and staff.

Sadly, after a brave fight, Stef died on 5 April, and her funeral was held at Randall's Park, Leatherhead on 6 May, conducted by Revd Barnaby Perkins, who had known her through their singing. In due course, there will be a 'Celebration of Life' to remember her caring and selflessness.

Christian Aid Week 2020

Loving our faraway neighbours in lockdown

🕽 ovid-19 has had a big impact on many things in our lives, and it looked like it was going to have a big impact on how we could demonstrate that we care for the least fortunate of our faraway neighbours.



dressed for the occasion...

Christian Aid Week, which traditionally has involved us reaching out to the wider community through house-to-house collections, was due to take place right in the middle of lockdown.

Lockdown could not, however, stop us from doing our bit to share God's love for the poorest people on this planet. The St Andrew's community has raised over £6,350 (including gift aid) during this extended virtual Christian Aid Week.

Jolyon took the lead by volunteering to run his age in years between 16 and 31 May. He smashed his target of 63 miles, covering 75 miles in 15 days and smashed his fundraising target by raising over £3,300.

I thought I should follow suit and ran 57 miles, cycled 75 miles and swam 5.77 km for the 577 million people who live in extreme poverty in those countries in which Christian

community.

A big thank you goes out to the Life Groups who participated in the quiz and made donations to support Christian Aid. It was great to get people involved who aren't

Congratulations to Jo Eccleshall's Life Group, who now hold the prized trophy for the next twelve

Thank you one and all for participating this year. Mark Currie Christian Aid co-ordinator for St Andrew's



normally active Life Group members.



The very valuable trophy...



Ladybird Nursery update!

Plans are well advanced for the exciting new Nursery Class that opens in January at The Royal Kent School. Headteacher Katie Hancock explains what will be on offer – and how you can apply...

s you may know, The Royal Kent Church of England Primary School here in Oxshott is planning a new Nursery Class, providing **A** pre-school education for 2, 3 and 4 year olds in the local community. Ladvbird Nurserv will be a term-time only nursery available for 15 or 30 hours, where parents will be able to access Funded Early Education (FEE) for 3 and 4 year olds, as well as Funded Early Education for Two vear olds (FEET funding).

This new venture follows the closure in January 2019 of the preschool that operated for many years in St Andrew's Church hall. With the prospect of having no FEE pre-school provision locally, it quickly became apparent that the best solution was for a new nursery class to open within our school building, meaning it would benefit from access to the excellent RKS resources, and if required an easy transition to our Reception class.

Amazing support

We have received amazing support, advice and encouragement from Elmbridge Borough Council, Surrey County Council, St Andrew's Church and the Diocese of Guildford for our vision of accommodating a schoolbased nursery facility at The Royal Kent School.

Ladybird Nursery - Important information

As a Local Authority maintained Nursery setting, we will be able to offer qualifying parents 'free' funded places via the FEET (Free Early Education for Two Year Olds), 15 hours universal offer and the 30 hour extended entitlement (the 15 and 30 hours entitlements are for 3 and 4 year olds only).

The offer of free places supports local children in our community and in particular, early intervention for the most disadvantaged children. Parents can check eligibility for funding on the gov.uk website (search for 'Tax-Free Childcare').

Last year we successfully sought a grant of £80.000 from the Elmbridge Borough Council Strategic CIL Fund to upgrade the Early Years infrastructure and reorder parts of the school to provide a safe, attractive and compliant space.

We were also thrilled to be successful in our application for an award of £15,000 from Surrey

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County Council to be spent on resources and equipment.

With the funding and Planning Permission in place, we embarked on a series of major works and reorganisations, which will include (starting in August) work on a dedicated nursery out-door play area, with secure perimeter fencing, a large canopy and all-weather surfaces.

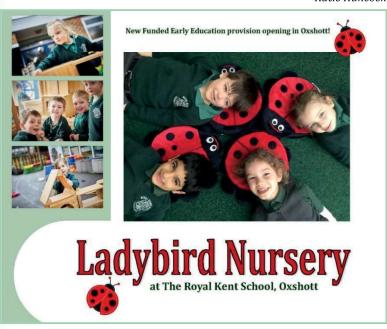
Our existing Early Years team are passionate about the benefits of bringing Nursery provision to RKS - and children throughout the school are very positive about our plans, although the eldest children in the school in our Year 6 are understandably disappointed that they will have left the school before the Nursery begins!

Want to know more?

We expect that the new Nursery will be able to take up to 20 children per session. Details of these sessions are not yet finalised, however:

- Our Nursery Admissions policy and application form are now available on our website.
- The first closing date for applications is 18 September 2020, but early applications will be appreciated and help with our planning.
- If you would like to join the mailing list to receive termly updates about the development, please email nursery@royal-kent.surrey.sch.uk We are looking forward to welcoming everyone!

Katie Hancock



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Scouting during lockdown

On 17 March, Scouts UK suspended all face-to-face meetings; Anja Davidson, Oxshott Group Scout Leader, explains how they managed when they could no longer meet in the Scout hut...

he summer term is usually one of the most exciting in scouting, with numerous outdoor adventurous activities and camping. However the lockdown did not stop us delivering scouting in Oxshott.

It took a bit of time for us to adjust to the new norm, but we understood that the togetherness that scouting brings - not just to our young

members, but their families too - was more important than ever.

Lots of activities such as St George's Day Parade, due to be hosted by Oxshott at St Andrew's Church, sadly had to be cancelled, and we had to come up with something 'new'. Instead, a District-wide zoom meeting with over 600 attendees took place and our Scouts were encouraged to take their daily exercises wearing their St George's Day

1st Oxshott's neckerchief.

We have all (gradually) become experts in zoom meetings, and all our sections

are now taking part in weekly meetings, keeping up our scouting activities. Not all our young members have been able to access these, but we have still kept in contact. It's due to the commitment of our amazing leaders and volunteers, some of whom are healthcare

workers and policemen, that we are able to keep the momentum going.

Scouts HO also quickly launched 'The Great Indoors', of which one activity was the 'Hike to the Moon' (left), raising money for Comic Relief and BBC Children in Need. You may have seen many of our members out 'Hiking their Miles'. They have written lovely

> messages in support of NHS workers, which have gone to nurses and patients at Great Ormond Street Hospital, and most importantly done good deeds, helping their parents at home and people in the community.

It has been an extremely challenging few months, however it is times like these that the great Scout spirit of courage and kindness matters the most - and in Oxshott it is still going strong.

Anja Davidson





Oxshott Flower Arrangement Society

'New Floral Society' attracted 118 members!

xshott Flower Arrangement Society has now been part of village life here for 63 years! Its inception was documented in this small notice that appeared in the Esher News and Advertiser on Friday March 22, 1957 (see right).

Interestingly, the Mrs Trinder mentioned was a relative of the comedian Tommy Trinder, and the Trinders were prominent in village life, her husband being a President of the then Oxshott Men's Club.

I can't read that news report without visualising the many hats that must have been worn along with white gloves! I'm not sure how our members would feel



about a demonstrator using a dog bowl or bread tin. The arrangements we have today are far more imaginative - as in this spectacular creation (left) by Graham

King, a popular demonstrator.

Once we are up and running again, please do come along and join us on the third Tuesday of the month, except August, in the Village Centre - and I promise there won't be a hat in sight!

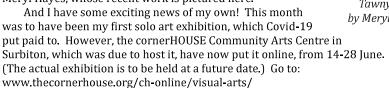
Jackie Topp



Oxshott Art & Crafts Society

Unstoppable creativity

ike everyone else. OACS has found this time of lockdown a very strange and anxious one, in which so many normal activities have been ruled out. Sadly. these included our demonstrations for May and June and our GM and film show in July. Members have been encouraged, though, to use this isolation period creatively and produce more of our varied and colourful art and crafts, ready to display and sell, later in the year. One example is Meryl Hayes, whose recent work is pictured here.



I hope you enjoy it and that it adds a bit of colour to this dreary time! There is still much uncertainty about the coming months, of course, but we hope to have popular artist Max Hale with us on 8 September, to demonstrate Still Life in Water Mixable Oils, and Judit Matthews is due on

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Business focus #1

Wellmead Osteopathy has re-opened after being closed for two months. Osteopaths were legally allowed to stay open during lockdown, but many initially did not feel it was safe for patients and practitioners to do so.



But with new safety and sanitising measures in place, I have created an environment with minimal risk of infection. I am following PHE guidance on PPE, and appointments have allowed for enough time to disinfect between patients..

Lockdown has impacted people in many ways. Some will have had increased stresses and tension; some have been less active and will be feeling this physically, whilst others have increased their activity levels. All of these can be reasons for noticing more aches and pains.

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Tawny owl by Meryl Hayes

10 November, to give us a *Natural World Watercolour Demonstration*. We also hope to hold our full day autumn workshop on 9 October, *Portraits*, with Keith Morton, and our Autumn Exhibition at Denbies Vineyard, 26 October to 1 November. So, we hope to have an exciting autumn!

Our demonstrations are on the second Tuesday of the month, and you are more than welcome to come along as a guest. No particular level of expertise or experience is required and we are friendly and informal.

Miranda Fuller

FEDORA

Development of Merrileas: an update

his large proposed development close to Princes Coverts was explained in the Christmas edition of this magazine; since then a full Planning Application (2020/0308) was submitted in February for a development that would increase the population of Oxshott by c5%.

Given the current pressures for additional homes, this site represents a legitimate development opportunity. However, FEDORA considers that the proposed development is ill-



conceived in its scale and location, with inadequate consideration given to the required infrastructure. The implications for road safety, pedestrian access, traffic and flooding are particular areas of concern. There are also concerns for health and state school provision, both of which are already operating at capacity in the village.

Concerns from the Village

The application received c150 objections. FEDORA is engaging with Elmbridge BC and Surrey CC officers, and with local councillors, to ensure they are aware of residents' concerns. FEDORA's views are summarised in a note, now available on the Elmbridge planning website, which summarises residents' concerns and puts forward constructive suggestions

Want to know more?

Just look on the Elmbridge Planning website, and search for Application N° **2020/0308.**

Among the 'Plans and Documents' are Public Comments, including FEDORA's full note.

to improve road and pedestrian safety. This has been sent to Elmbridge and Surrey. It has also been sent to the applicant with a request for them to reconsider.

Surrey CC has so far shown a lack of willingness to properly consider

legitimate concerns or the information we have provided to illustrate the important flaws in the application, and so FEDORA has engaged an independent Highways expert to assist.

Supporters of FEDORA will receive updates by email.

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The A244 Leatherhead Road

Roads and traffic can be a major issue in Oxshott, and FEDORA is on the case; **Hayley Allen** brings us up to speed...

his is a brief update on the issue of the A244, following a full review about the progress on roads in the Autumn 2019 FEDORA magazine. I can report that some progress, albeit it slow, is being made with the support of our local councillors, in particular Councillor Andrew Burley, and MP Dominic Raab who has written to Surrey CC on behalf of FEDORA.

A meeting with the Commissioner of Police for Surrey, Gavin Stephens, and the Head of Surrey CC, Tim Oliver, to discuss the average speed check project in the village, was scheduled for March, but was postponed due to Covid-19. We continue to engage with Surrey Police, after the traffic surveys they undertook in 2019.

Conversations continue with Surrey CC and Surrey
Police on night-time restrictions for HGVs over 7.5 tonnes;
this is currently stalled, as it has no support from either stakeholder for a
myriad of reasons, and noting that a previous petition on this single cause
was rejected by Surrey CC in 2012. The installation of two pollution
monitors in Oxshott by Elmbridge BC late last year will hopefully produce
some data to support any future petition, but without support from the key
stakeholders and a change of their view of the A244 as a strategic 'through
route' it may be insurmountable.

We continue to urge everyone to report **ALL** incidents of annoyance on anything highway, traffic or footpath-related to Surrey CC on **each and every day of occurrence**. Highways England is responsible for the current M25 works and diversions, so complaints should also be reported to them.

Speeding issues should be reported to the Police and Surrey CC. See panel (*right*) for where to send details.

FEDORA, after several changes, is now more coordinated and active

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in representing residents with the relevant stakeholders, and Oxshott will have significantly more influence by coming together with one voice. This is very true in dealing with road issues and the Elmbridge Local Plan and therefore **please** we ask that you give FEDORA your support. Membership numbers count!

Volunteers are needed to assist on a wide range of initiatives; from social media and comms strategy implementation; those with legal or planning expertise; and anyone that can give an hour every so often to help get a community speed watch team in place.

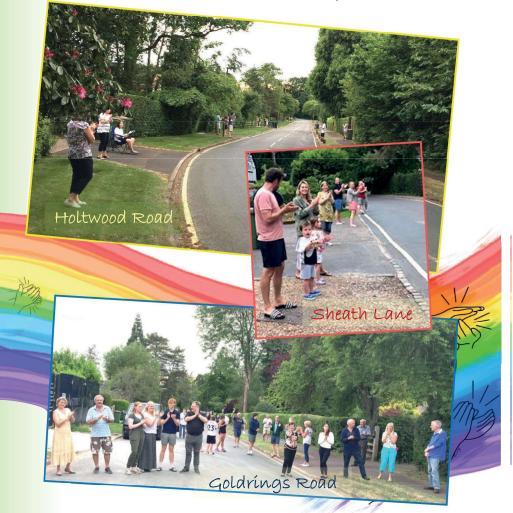
Hayley Allen

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Clapping for the heroes



Residents from around the Bevendean Estate, like many others in Oxshott, came out on Thursdays to show their appreciation of NHS and other crucial workers – socially distanced of course!



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So the world has fallen apart The NHS have stolen our hearts We are clapping for them, lighting candles Ringing bells While they are standing at the gates of hell Just when one thought all hope had gone Captain Tom keeps walking on We stay home and remember when We had our freedom and could see our friends It doesn't seem that long ago That time when we were free to get up and go Now we live in fear we live in fright Praying to get through another night Waking up to another bad news day As Covid has its evil way Restrictions have been put into place Those that defy are in disgrace This life this time is so surreal Sadly it is all too real When we get through this We will count our blessings Missing those that are gone All too distressing Never will we forget this unprecedented time Or take for granted any other day When children could go out to play We could socialise without a care Before the madness and despair Things that seemed so important They are just things What we are missing most of all Are the simple pleasures

Valerie Gascoyne-Webb



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The Arts Society Cobham & Oxshott

Florence – south of the Arno

tudying in Florence during Autumn 1968, I sauntered daily to classes kicking the fallen leaves while avoiding parked Vespa scooters. As I gradually learnt where the churches, galleries, museums and squares were, this helped me make suggestions to the American tourists I was to show around.

Their itineraries, sometimes planned in the US, would have them visit San Marco, the Boboli gardens via Fiesole – and all before lunchtime. This could be likened to walking from St Andrew's Oxshott to Claremont via Box Hill! As Visits Secretary for ASCO (The Arts Society Cobham & Oxshott), today's outings must be more inventive.

Although deservedly famous for the Uffizi, Pitti and Bargello galleries, there was much to observe in Florence, not least the high-water mark from the 1966 flood. South of the Arno a stroll along Via Romana passed the Pitti Palace opposite Casa Guidi, Robert and Elizabeth Browning's home. Ahead was the Ponte Vecchio, the city's oldest bridge and the only river crossing not destroyed in WWII. Looking above the goldsmiths' shops was the Corridoio Vasariano. This covered way linked the Pitti Palace where the



Medici lived with their Uffizi (offices) on the north bank. I can remember this corridor lined with portraits.

Before my arrival to study at the British Institute, a letter had instructed me to select an artist connected with Florence. This list contained 15 names – mostly unpronounceable and certainly few I had heard of. What was to be done? Luckily at the time I

was reading a book about Queen Victoria, where it mentioned that Prince Albert's favourite artist was Raphael. Enough read, I need search no further.

Next time – a small museum north of the Arno containing an exquisite statue.

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Oxshott Village WI

Sailing through lockdown

he ladies of Oxshott Village WI continue to keep in touch with each other and managed to set up their May meeting via zoom. It was good to see several members and exchange stories of how they were spending lockdown. We were very impressed by Priscilla, who plays table tennis on the kitchen table in the morning and badminton in the garden in the afternoon!

Other members are walking round this lovely area and Penny says how

she is so amazed at the variety of wild flowers that can be seen in the wooded areas round Oxshott. She says it's a joy to see them so tall and stately. Painshill Park is open again to members and Lesley is enjoying walking there with her dog. Another most enjoyable walk is round Littleheath Lake, which now has two swans with three cygnets. A lovely sight on a sunny day, where a sailing boat was also spotted! Unfortunately, the swans were hiding that day!

Charmaine has been making very attractive floral face masks, which are available to purchase online. Something we never dreamed of having to wear at the start of the year and hopefully not for long.

The book club continues to exchange views on books read by members and the artists are

Happy sailing on Littleheath Pond

putting paint to paper, but missing getting together for advice from Sue.

Last month we heard about Myla, our 9-year-old skateboarder; she has now raised over £1,000 for the NHS. Well done Myla!

Although our meetings are on hold, we are all making the best use of our time as we can and can't wait to meet again – 'who knows where and who knows when'! Hope everyone reading this is well and keeping safe.

Nicky Orlebar

Liz McGibbon



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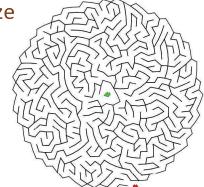
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Maze

Puzzles Sudoku



Questions...



- Q: What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary?
- A: A thesaurus.
- Q: Can a kangaroo jump higher than St Paul's Cathedral?
- A: Of course. St Paul's Cathedral can't jump.
- Q: What's the best thing about Switzerland?
- A: I don't know, but the flag is a big plus.

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Build your Church Project: Contact: Jill Mengham (01372 842084)

Children and Young People:

StAks is the name for our 4-11 years old groups that meet on Sundays from 11am-12 noon in term time.

OY! Youth Club is for local young people aged 10-14 (school years 6-9).

Contact: the Church Office (01372 842071)

Church Flowers: Jill Levitton (01932 862532)

Church Hall: For bookings contact the Church Office (see page 2)

Churches Together: Suzanna Knott (01932 866951) Coffee Comfort: Jenny Mathieson (01372 842760)

Deanery Synod: Representatives: Rebecca Mayhew and Jill Perrett

Electoral Roll Officer: Emily Godfrey (electoral.roll@standrewsoxshott.org.uk)

In Touch: group for parents and carers of babies and young children. Contacts: Karen Banks (01932 868323) or Marianne Francis (01932 866223)

Lay Assistants: Barbara Begley, Peter Burt, David Crouch, Marianne Francis, Anita Harper, Phillip Herbert, Claire King, Rebecca Mayhew, Jill Mengham, Helen Shand and Jackie Stewart

Lunch Club: for people over 60's. Leaders: Sheila and Phillip Herbert (01372 842005)

Mid-week Groups: Various study, house, fellowship and prayer groups meet on a regular basis throughout the parish. Enquiries: Parish Office (01372 842071)

Mothers' Union: Branch Leader: Jane Endean (07762 212607 or mothers.union@standrewsoxshott.org.uk)

Music: Director of Music: Valerie Beynon (01932 863296). Organists: Carina Moffat, Nicky Orlebar. Worship Band: Andy Hum (01372 844322)

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Anna Jarrett (safeguarding@standrewsoxshott.org.uk)

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Pastoral Assistants: Barbara Begley, Peter Burt, Marianne Francis, Rebecca Mayhew, Gavin Harper, Helen Shand, Jackie Stewart, Ron Stewart and Trish Torr. For contact, please call the Church Office (01372 842071)

Sidespersons: Convenor: Gwen Bullen (01372 843932)

Stewardship: Parish Funding Administrator: Marjorie Cox (01372 842857)

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Contact information for local services – please advise any changes

Community Services

Oxshott Medical Practice: Holtwood Road, Oxshott KT22 0QJ

Telephone: 01372 844000 - Monday to Friday, 8am to 6.30pm

Website: www.oxshottmedicalpractice.co.uk

Doctors:

Dr Richard Draper MBChB DCH DRCOG DA MRCGP (available Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday)

Dr Mark Jenkins MBBS DRCOG DFFP MRCGP (available Monday - Wednesday, Friday)

Dr Alice Palfreman MBChB (Hons) MRCGP (available Monday - Wednesday)

Dr Adicia Selvanayagam MBBS BMedSci DSFRH (available Thursday, Friday)

Dr Sarah Glynne MBBS(Hons) BSc MRCP(UK) MRCGP DFFP (available Monday)

Nurses: Rosemary Tyler (available Monday, Wednesday, Friday) and Tracy Crook (available Tuesday, Thursday)

Surgery hours: Monday to Friday, 8am-6.30pm. Pre-bookable early morning and late night appointments available - contact surgery for details

Outside surgery hours:

- in Non-Emergency cases: telephone 111
- in an Emergency, such as chest pain or shortness of breath (or any other emergency), telephone 999

Patient Participation Group:

Chairman: Elizabeth Chovil (oxshottppgsec@gmail.com)

- **Barbara Currie Yoga Classes:** at Oxshott Village Centre on Mondays and Thursdays 9.30-10.30am and 11am-12 noon (01372 467177 or barbaracurrie@globalnet.co.uk)
- Central Surrey Voluntary Action: No.1, The Quintet, Charities House, Churchfield Road, Walton on Thames, KT12 2TZ incorporating Elmbridge Volunteer Centre, and an Esher venue (01372 463587 or visit www.centralsurreyvoluntaryaction.co.uk)
- Centre for Sight: Vision correction, laser eye surgery, lens implants and cataract surgery, at 48 High Street, Oxshott. Mon-Fri, 9am-4.30pm (0800 011 2882)
- **Chiropodist:** Tracie Sampson MBChA MSSCh HPC-registered. Visiting practice (mobile 07944 951505, home 01932 589756)

Council Representatives - Surrey:

Mary Lewis (01932 590338) represents Cobham, Downside & part of Stoke d'Abernon and Oxshott (west of the railway line)
Mike Bennison (01932 866367) represents Oxshott (east of the railway line),
Claygate and Hinchley Wood. Both can also be contacted through the Esher &
Walton Conservative Association, 3 Bridle Close, Surbiton Road, Kingston-upon-

Council Representatives – Elmbridge (Oxshott and Stoke d'Abernon Ward):
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Community Services (continued)

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FEDORA: Federation of Oxshott Residents and Associations. Co-Chairs: Anthony Wolfe, Carmen Robinson (chairman@fedora.org.uk)

Friends of Oxshott Heath: Contact: Jan Fuller (janmfuller@yahoo.co.uk), Elizabeth Chovil (e.chovil@ntlworld.com)

Health Visitor and Cobham Health Centre: (01932 867231)

Hospital Accident and Emergency Department (A&E): Epsom General Hospital, Dorking Road, Epsom KT18 7EG

Meals on Wheels: Contact Cobham Day Care Centre (01932 867601)

Osteopath: Anja Davidson, Wellmead Osteopathy, Steels Lane (01372 897497 or info@wellmeadosteopathy.co.uk)

Oxshott Care: Local voluntary Help Scheme (07950 478329). Phone attendance Monday to Friday, 9am - 12 noon, answer machine at other times

Oxshott Neighbourhood Watch: Co-ordinator: Henk van Roest (01372 843880 or h.vanroest@henk-van-roest.com)

Oxshott Village Centre: Bookings Secretary: Alexandra Horne (01372 841892 or ovcbookings@aol.com or visit www.oxshottvillagecentre.co.uk)

Physiotherapist: Leigh R. Hopper MCSP SRP, Oxshott Physiotherapy Practice, Sunridge, Fairoak Lane, Oxshott (01372 844449 or oxshottphysio@btopenworld.com)

Police: Cobham and Oxshott: PC Jo Fahey, PCSO Ian Lowe, PS Rob Thomas. Elmbridge Borough Commander: Inspector Bert Dean

Police Station: Elmbridge Borough Council, Civic Centre, High Street, Esher, Surrey KT10 9SD (elmbridge@surrey.pnn.police.uk)

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Royal Kent School, Oakshade Road, Oxshott, Surrey KT22 0LE (01372 842495) Church of England Primary School, ages 4 to 11. For details of admissions, please contact the School Office. Headteacher: Katie Hancock Governors: Nigel Mengham (Chair), Katie Hancock (Head), Jo Allen, Joe Blaney, Ruth Burns, Maureen Carruthers, Helen Howell, Steve Jones, Leo Morrell, Frances Trickey, Linzi Way, David Young, Robbert Zoet

SSAFA: Leading national charity helping members and ex-members of the Armed Forces and their families (01372 462796 or surrey@ssafa.org.uk)

Victim Support: For help and support, call your local victim care team (0845 38 99 528 or shorehamvcu@victimsupport.org.uk). Lines open Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm, and Saturday 9am-5pm or visit www.victimsupport.org.uk

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All the details you need to join in

Local Clubs & Societies



- 1st Oxshott Scouts: Meetings, Beavers (Mondays 6-7.15pm), Cubs (Thursdays 6.30-8pm), Scouts (Wednesdays 6.30-8pm), Explorers (Mondays 7.30-9pm). (oxshottscoutgroup@gmail.com) www.oxshott-scouts.org
- **Ladies Friendship Group:** Meets 1st Tuesday in month at 10am, in small hall in Oxshott Village Centre. Contact: Angela Horne (01372 843113)
- **Le Cercle Français d'Esher:** Evening talks in French on 3rd Wednesday of each month from October to June in West End Village Hall. Contact: Cavan Taylor (01932 864258 or cavan.taylor@btopenworld.com)
- Oxshott Art & Crafts Society: This friendly group of artists and craftsmen meet for a demonstration at 7.45pm on the second Tuesday of most months. Guests are welcome and members can exhibit in three annual exhibitions. All standards are welcome. Full details are all on our website (www.oxshottartandcrafts.org)
- Oxshott Badminton Club: If you play badminton why not join us on Tuesday evenings (September to May). Contact: Geoff Moyle (01372 843844 or geoffdot@ntlworld.com) or Ashok Patel (07977 103436 or ashokdivya@aol.com)
- Oxshott Bridge Club: Duplicate bridge on Wednesday evenings at Oxshott Village Centre. Enquiries to Secretary: Janet Kefford (01932 863541)
- Oxshott Choral Society: Meets Wednesday evenings in the Church Hall. Contact: Sue Rees (01372 842300) www.oxshottchoral.org.uk
- Oxshott, Esher and the Dittons NWR (National Women's Register): meets fortnightly on Tuesday evenings (some Tuesday afternoons during winter) in each other's homes. Contact: Cathy Davies (01372 842085)
- Oxshott Flower Arrangement Society: Meets 3rd Tuesday in the month at Oxshott Village Centre, except August. Contact: Jill Levitton (01932 862532)
- Oxshott Royals Football Club: Designated FA Charter Standard Community Club providing football for boys and girls between the ages of 5 to 18. Contact: www.oxshottroyalsfc.co.uk and press the Apply Now icon
- Oxshott Village Sports Club: Bowls, Bridge, Cricket, Cycling, Football, Netball, Pétanque, Squash, Stoolball, Tennis. All enquiries to the OVSC office: Fiona Stephen or Sarah Murphy (01372 843652 or office@oxshottsports.com)
- Political Parties: Oxshott & Stoke d'Abernon Conservatives: Chairman: David Lewis (01932 590338 or djlewis43@btinternet.com)
 - Cobham, Downside, Oxshott and Stoke Labour Party: For information contact Secretary Dan Parks (07860 677898 or codslabourbranch@gmail.com)
- **The Arts Society Cobham and Oxshott** (formerly CODFAS): arranges illustrated monthly afternoon talks, and lectures with lunch, at Oxshott Village Centre. Coach visits organised. Contact: Sheila Millard (01372 462722)
- **The Oxshott Club, Oakshade Road**: Centre of Village Social Life. Lounge Bar, Snooker, Pool, Quiz Nights on a regular basis; music and entertainment evenings and BBQs held regularly. Sports events shown on BT Sports channel. Open every evening; Saturday and Sunday open midday onwards. New members always welcome. See us on Facebook or contact Club Secretary or Stewardess (01372 842232)
- Women's Institute Oxshott Village WI: Meets 3rd Tuesday in month at 8pm, in Oxshott Village Centre. Contact: Maggie Day (01932 988501)





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