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■ *This month's cover picture, courtesy of the Editor, shows the interior of St Andrew's Church, Oxshott, as preparations were made for 'socially-distanced' services*

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The Monthly Letter

Time to celebrate!

Dear Friends,

Our theme for St Andrew's Listen & Pray as I write today (9 August) is 'Time to celebrate', and the celebration in question was the banquet held to mark the conversion of the tax collector, Levi (better known as Matthew, the apostle and gospel writer), in Luke chapter 5. And certainly, the turn-around in this despised Roman-collaborator's life as he responded to Jesus' invitation to 'Follow me' was well worth a party.

However, for those of us gathered in church this morning there was an additional sense of celebration because today marked the first day back together in church for a service since 15 March!

I had gone into the service with quite low expectations, put off by the precautions necessary to help prevent the spread of coronavirus: uncomfortable face masks, seats arranged differently, no singing permitted and so on. From what I heard later, I was not alone in this.

I was wrong to have such low expectations. And I'm glad I was. This simple service, shared with others, was unexpectedly emotional and moving. Partly it was because we met people we had not seen for months. Partly it was being back in a familiar and beautiful place of worship. But most of all I believe it was because God met all of us as we each withdrew from busyness and came together to listen quietly to God's word and be led in prayer for His world.

So, if you too are not sure about attending a church service, put off by the need to book or the other precautions being taken at the moment, please let me assure you that it is still worth it. Conversely, if you feel vulnerable and are unsure how well others will keep to the guidelines, I assure you that we will continue to do everything possible to protect your health in church.

During September (unless circumstances change dramatically) further steps towards a greater range of services are planned, including celebrating Communion. And one day, when things reach whatever 'normal' will then look like, we will really celebrate: what a great day that will be!

Blessings,

Frances

Vicar

Services at St Andrew's

Church Services in September

Sermon series:

Hope
in the time of
coronavirus

Tue 1 9am Pray Together, via zoom
Wed 2 4-7pm Private Prayer, in church[1]
Thu 3 9am Pray Together, via zoom
Sat 5 9am Saturday Prayers, via zoom
Sun 6 The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity:
Hope in the time of coronavirus: Facing fear
10am Listen & Pray, via the website, or in church[1]
Tue 8 9am Pray Together, via zoom
Wed 9 4-7pm Private Prayer, in church[1]
Thu 10 9am Pray Together, via zoom
Sat 12 9am Saturday Prayers, via zoom
Sun 13 The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity: Vision Matters
Hope in the time of coronavirus: Practising hope
10am Listen & Pray, via the website, or in church[1]
Tue 15 9am Pray Together, via zoom
Wed 16 4-7pm Private Prayer, in church[1]
Thu 17 9am Pray Together, via zoom
Sat 19 9am Saturday Prayers, via zoom
Sun 20 The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity:
Hope in the time of coronavirus: Rooted in God
10am Listen & Pray, via the website, or in church[1]
Mon 21 Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
Tue 22 9am Pray Together, via zoom
Wed 23 4-7pm Private Prayer, in church[1]
Thu 24 9am Pray Together, via zoom
Sat 26 9am Saturday Prayers, via zoom
Sun 27 The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity:
Vision Matters:
Followers of Jesus Christ – Taking it in
10am Listen & Pray, via the website, or in church[1]
Tue 29 Michael and All Angels
9am Pray Together, via zoom
Wed 30 4-7pm Private Prayer, in church[1]

Coronavirus

As we go to press, we are using our church building only for private prayer on Wednesdays, and for limited services on Sundays - see details opposite.

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

Note:

[1] Private Prayer (on Wednesdays) and Listen & Pray (on Sundays) in church need to be booked beforehand on the church website (standrewsoxshott.org.uk) or via the Church Office (01372 842071, 9am- 1pm, Monday to Friday)

Church News

Gently does it...

We were pleased to welcome some of our church family through our doors on 9 August for our very first Listen & Pray service in church...

In these coronavirus times, our first, exploratory service on 9 August was a delight for those who have not been able to watch and participate in Listen & Pray at home.

And for future Sundays, all members of our church family are invited to book a place online on the church website or by ringing the Church Office (01372 842071 in office hours 9am- 1pm, Monday to Friday). Bookings close two days before the service, on Friday at 1pm. You are welcome to attend with family members from your household or a carer, but do please inform us of this, so that we are able to arrange for you to sit together.

This is not our normal service and there will be no singing, choir or organ, and no communion. Certainly to start off with, those attending will be viewing the same regular Listen & Pray recording for that Sunday that is being accessed by online viewers. We will all be required to wear a mask to help protect the most vulnerable among us and are asked to follow the guidelines in place. Please try and bring your own mask, and you will also need to bring along your own Bible.

Please continue to pray for each new next step in the re-opening of our church building.

An historic view! Masked up and socially-distanced, St Andrew's resumed church attendance to a degree – although because we are all wearing masks it is difficult to tell that we were celebrating!

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Life Groups get connected!

Our Mission Partners have always had our financial support, but now St Andrew's has found an excellent way to get to know them better - so we can support them even more fully. Enter the Life Groups...

One of the few benefits of lockdown has been that many of us have had a crash course in how to meet online! For example, as we have reported before, all our Life Groups have continued to meet together online, via zoom.

In a new development, however, many of our Life Groups have now been linked with specific Mission Partners *(see panel below)* and, using our new skills, we have started meeting them via zoom – something that would probably not have occurred to us even six months ago!

Mission Partner *In alphabetical order*	**Life Group** *Host/Leader and weekly meeting*
A Rocha, United Kingdom	Harper/Jackson *(Monday evening)*
B@titude, Leatherhead	Stewart *(Thursday morning)*
Cobham Area Foodbank	Burt/Endean *(Wednesday morning)*
Embrace the Middle East	Eccleshalls *(Thursday morning)*
The Finnies, South Africa	Hums *(Thursday evening)*
Garden Route Children's Trust, South Africa	Burns *(Monday evening)*
OTS & Sialkot Diocese, Pakistan	Stewarts *(Monday evening)*
Tanka Subedi, Nepal	Mayhew/Perrett *(Friday morning)*

Direct links

This has been a major step forward. In the past, the interaction with our Partners was mainly limited to letters and emails; and because they were mainly abroad, with many calls on their time, only occasionally could the congregation meet a Mission Partner.

Now, however, direct links have been established.

As Ron Stewart reports, "What a joy and difference it has made to our relationship with the Open Theological Seminary (OTS), meeting Qaiser Julius (the Principal) and his wife Rahila when they joined us on zoom at one of our Life Group evenings.

"This brought their ministry alive and their amazing Compassion campaign, which is now feeding over 2,500 families, has demonstrated to us their theology in practice."

Exceeding expectations

From another Life Group, Jill Perrett tells us, "We met [on zoom] with our allocated Mission Partner, Tanka Subedi.

"Tanka is based in Nepal, and together with his wife Rita provides

(continued overleaf)

courses in leadership and discipleship for local churches... he has also established a church in Kathmandu, the Family of God, with an active congregation of around 70 people.

"It was fascinating, and inspiring, for us to hear of Tanka's challenging ministry."

And Patrick Fleming commented, "The successful pairing of our Life Groups with our Mission Partners has exceeded all my expectations!"

Each month we feature one of our Mission Partners in the magazine. This time: B@titude at Leatherhead (see page 16).

Private Prayer in Church: Wednesday afternoons 4-7pm

The church is open every Wednesday afternoon for private prayer, in these coronavirus times. As we go to press, four time slots are being made available every Wednesday, each one allowing for 30 minutes of prayer in church.

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Building Your Church

at Saturday Prayers...

Our prayer focus for the first Saturday of each month is now on Building Your Church.

Please join us via zoom, on the first Saturday of each month to pray for our building project.

Zoom help needed!

During lockdown, St Andrew's has been helping a number of our parishioners to get access to our online services, prayer meetings and Life Group meetings by setting them up with a simple device and connecting it to available Wi-Fi or mobile data.

Can you help us get more local people online who may be older or more vulnerable? We are looking for any unused tablets, iPads or smartphones that are no longer wanted that could get someone reconnected to their community. Maybe you have a next door neighbour with whom you would be willing to share Wi-Fi to help them get in touch with others?

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The Church of England requires all church buildings to be carbon neutral by 2030, which is quite a challenge.

And St Andrew's here in Oxshott, along with many other churches, has joined Eco Church and measured its present performance against a set of Eco Church standards.

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Finding our score

We have scored very well in our worship, and quite well in our community and global engagement.

In other areas there is work to be done, particularly for our buildings and for our individual lifestyles. St Andrew's buildings will be addressed in the design and construction of a new hall and offices – more news on this project next month.

How are we all progressing with our own lifestyles? Many parishioners and other residents are probably struggling to know where to start, so we suggest going to the website www.carbonfootprint.com/calculator.aspx and completing the assessment (it's free!).

Determination and sacrifice

Once you have done your own assessment, you'll see how many tonnes of carbon you are generating per year which, for many of us, will probably be at least 6 and possibly a lot more.

To meet the climate change target this needs to reduce to 2 tonnes per person per year, which is going to take determination and sacrifice nationwide.

Raymond & Lilian Coe

B@titude – our local Mission Partners

St Andrew's has links far and near - and very near is B@titude in Leatherhead! In our series introducing our Mission Partners, **Karen Henshall** explains the background to our involvement...

We are pleased to be supporting B@titude, and it may be helpful to explain the history of this enterprise, which is based in a shop in North Leatherhead, the area between Leatherhead and Oxshott, and which seeks to serve that area.

B@titude emerged from a number of conversations between a group of friends, over several cups of coffee. Jenny Moore and friends were trying to find practical ways to support and serve their local community. There was a gap in provision for families in Leatherhead and although there were three or four very good charity shops, none of them specialised in children's clothes or equipment.

B@titude's shop, at 205 Kingston Road in Leatherhead

The shop

An opportunity came up to look at a shop that was closing down on the Kingston Road and it was perfect in every way. The location was ideal, it was really well equipped, the size was great and so the dream was born.

The shop needed to be different, to really serve the families in the immediate area and further afield. Children's clothes can be very expensive and so the average cost of clothing in B@titude is between 50p and £1, but

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to be able to achieve this it needed something extra to happen, and a group of friends including one business supports the shop by sponsoring the rent.

DONATION CHECKLIST

B@titude is grateful for children's' clothing and equipment in good order....! Items sought include:

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- Clean shoes (including football boots)
- Cots, cot beds, cribs and travel cots
- Prams, push chairs and buggies

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Thank you!

The shop opened on 24 January 2005, and has exceeded expectations in so many ways. They have made many friends in the community, and could not have achieved half of what has happened without the generosity of people continuing to support with donations of great quality clothes, toys and equipment *(see above)*, regular money donations, and not least, prayer.

Please also pray for the Hive, one of B@titude's projects to provide therapy and skills in arts and craft especially for young mums.

At the moment it operates in buildings that used to house the children's centre near the shop. We understand that B@titude have been renting the space from the Diocese, which in turn is finding it hard to meet the costs of retaining these buildings.

Please pray that this project may continue in these difficult circumstances.

All in a name

And what about the name B@titude?!

This comes from the account in the Gospels, in Matthew Chapter 5, one of the most famous Bible passages, known as the 'Beatitudes' - a talk from Jesus that seemed to challenge aspects of social justice, commitment to one another and values of life.

Karen Henshall

Village News

Small steps: Flooding

FEDORA continues to make steady progress on a number of fronts - including surface water flooding in Oxshott. **Anthony Wolfe** explains...

In recent months we have all enjoyed wonderful weather, a blessing in these surreal times. But there have also been thunderstorms, so it may not be so bizarre to give you an update on flooding issues in Oxshott.

It can be argued that local flooding has been driven by three factors. Increased housing and the continued development of Danes Hill School over the past 10-15 years have seen a significant increase in non-permeable surfaces at the top of Oxshott. Where there were previously large gardens and playing fields there are now large houses, tarmac, driveways and school buildings, creating a subsequent, significant increase in water run-off all around the village.

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Second, climate change has intensified the rainfall we experience, which has only exacerbated the issue of water run-off. Finally, there seems to be increasing evidence that the drains around the village have not been maintained and that they have become choked with sediment and roots.

Mapping the specific issues

The map overleaf gives an overview, but here are some specific issues:

1. Waverley Road

There has been a history of flooding problems in Waverley Road, not least with the Scout Hut and the flooding at #71 Waverley. For the time being the evidence is that the problems, associated with run-off from the new playing fields at Danes Hill School, have now been resolved by the clearance of culverts and drains under #71.

However Andrew Burley, one of our local councillors and who has taken an increasing interest in the issue of flooding, has also alerted FEDORA to a particular issue with an 'unpleasant' sewer in Waverley Road.

2. The corner of the A244 leaving the village for Leatherhead

Over the years there has been significant flooding at the corner of the A244 as you leave the village going towards Leatherhead. At the end of July Surrey Highways attended to the drains that had become blocked and were confident that they had dealt with this long-standing issue.

Hopefully the drains will now do their job and flooding will be a thing of the past in that particular area. Thank you to Surrey Highways.

(local map shown overleaf; text continued on page 22)

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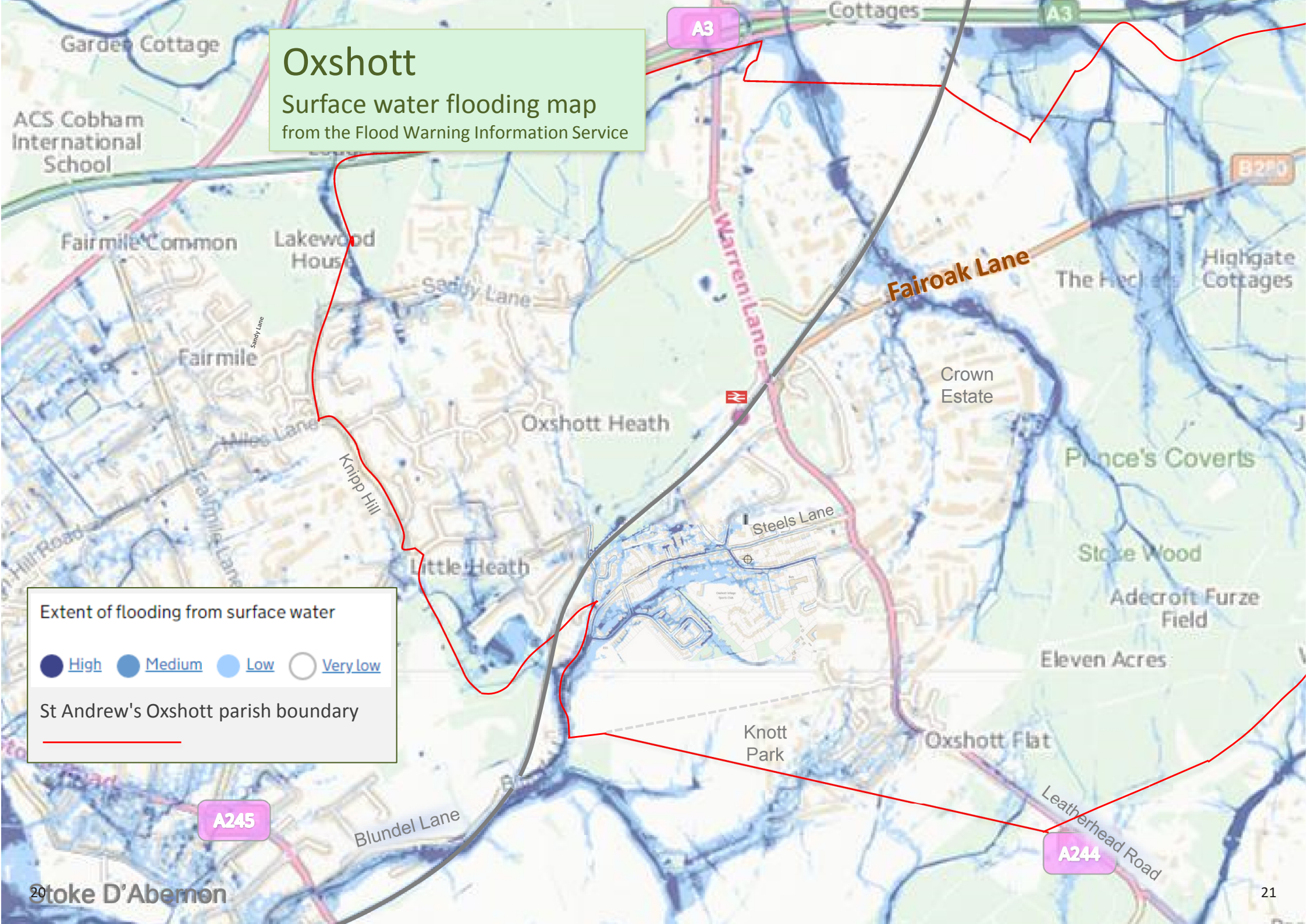
Surface water flooding map

from the Flood Warning Information Service



3. Charlwood Drive and Knott Park Estate

Surrey Highways do acknowledge there is a significant connected issue with the flooding on the A244: flooding down Charlwood Drive and into the Knott Park Estate. This will be addressed by the Surrey Flood team.

Time will tell how quickly they attend to this particular issue.

4. Oakshade Road

Oakshade Road has had significant flooding issues for a number of years, not least for the houses at the bottom of the road close to the junction with Steels Lane. A combination of factors over a period of time seems to have complicated matters. At the danger of over simplification, it was established by Thames Water that roots previously requiring cutting had either grown back or had not been removed correctly. It was Surrey CC who found this issue. More surveying took place.

John Major, a resident of Oakshade Road, was able to demonstrate to the engineers that water was not flowing away as it should. Thames Water cleaned the gullies, which quickly filled up again; they acknowledged that there were fundamental problems which may have arisen from a misconnection or, as John suggested, a second sewer which was not on their plans. Sure enough, Thames Water discovered another major drain below the one they had checked, which wasn't on their maps! The previously unknown drain was thought to be the cause of all the issues, as it was blocked.

The Maps on the preceding pages are from the Government website. Search maps at:
https://flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk/long-term-flood-risk/

The results of your search are an indicator of an area's flood risk, particularly the likelihood of surface water flooding.

They aren't suitable for identifying whether an individual property will flood, and don't include the flood risk from sources such as blocked drains and burst pipes.

In early August work was carried out on the drains at the junction of Steels Lane and Oakshade Road, and completed within 24 hours. It has been a long-standing saga, lasting nearly two years, but hopefully it is now reaching its conclusion, not least because of the persistence of two local residents, Glen Burnell and John Major. Well done – and thank you.

Also thanks are due to Andrew Burley and Tim Oliver of Surrey CC, who have taken a personal interest in driving the issues to a satisfactory conclusion and sorting out accountability at Surrey CC and Thames Water.

5. Broom Hall and Silverdale Avenue

A recent addition to the list of issues arising from water surface run-off has been at the bottom of Broom Hall running into Oakshade Road. After heavy rain, it has been noticed that a manhole cover above the junction could not contain the flow, and so Silverdale Avenue acted as a conduit for the run-off into Oakshade Road.

Local residents are on the case to get action from Thames Water.

6. Warren Lane and Goldrings Road

There have been concerns for some years with getting a solution to the water run off along Warren Lane, down the A244 from the top of the hill between the village itself and Oxshott railway station; when it rains there is a considerable flow of water down the A244 towards Goldrings Road, which is only exacerbated by the camber on the road, so that the water collects on the one side of the road next to the pavement, which means pedestrians on this busy road get soaked.

Furthermore, the drains are either blocked or do not collect the flow, so that all the water eventually flows down Goldrings Road and then floods the junction of Goldrings Road and Holtwood Road.

Recently, after much chasing, this has been acknowledged by Surrey Highways. The gullies had been emptied, but it is now recognised that the 'mainline' needs to be jetted and an investigation booked to look at the relevant gullies. Let us hope that this resolves the issues – and thank you Surrey Highways for responding.

7. Sports Club

There continue to be ongoing issues with the Sports Club combined with their border with houses on the top of Blundel Lane. This is believed to be created by run-off from the top of the hill behind the Sports Club and the diversion of water flows as a result of recent housing development adjacent to the Club. The Club is aware of the issues and is looking to address them.

Getting help

Obtaining help can be a frustrating business, as local residents badly affected by flooding will testify. This is usually a consequence of confusion as to who has responsibility for what - and it is not straightforward!

Ultimately it is the owner of the asset where the blockage/problem exists who is responsible. The Authorities and Utilities are required to share information in order to find solutions. Surrey CC is the Flood Authority, but in respect of ownership of assets its responsibilities are limited to surface water drainage (including gullies where Surrey CC owns those gullies). Water does not then travel far before it becomes the responsibility of the utility, Thames Water, having entered its assets, the drains. Note also that private estates are responsible for their own surface water drainage.

If you need help, you can report a problem to Surrey County Council on their website; if there is an immediate risk to public safety, call them on 0300 200 1003. Thames Water have a helpful call centre at 0800 316 9800.

Finally, if you are aware of any flooding issues in Oxshott that have not been covered in this article, please do not hesitate to contact us by email (chair@fedora.org.uk) - we are looking to develop a comprehensive map of local flooding issues to present to the relevant authorities.

Anthony Wolfe

Round & About...

As we go to press, the opening date for The Victoria here in Oxshott has been postponed until 28 September...

However bookings are now open on their website.

Parking charges reintroduced from 1 September

Parking charges are set to be reintroduced in all Elmbridge Borough Council car parks from 1 September, as lockdown measures continue to ease and people return to shopping in town and village centres.

The car parks will offer free parking only until the end of August.

PRUDENTIAL RIDELONDON

The 2020 RideLondon event, scheduled to take place on 15-16 August, was cancelled due to the difficulties in organising the races in the Covid-19 pandemic.

The event organisers (LME), the Mayor of London and TfL now hope that they can hold an event in 2021, focusing on inspiring all ages and abilities to try cycling on traffic-free roads - if the 2021 event goes ahead, it will take place on Sunday 30 May, during the late May bank holiday weekend.

What's On in Oxshott

September

Thur 10 7pm **FEDORA** (Federation of Oxshott Residents and Associations) Annual General Meeting, to be held 'virtually'. Members will be sent full details beforehand, and information will also be on the website: www.fedora.org.uk

If you would like to have details of your event listed here, let us know at oxshottmagazine@yahoo.co.uk

Oxshott Village WI

WI - undeterred by lockdown

Even a pill box can be prettied up with flowers!

Oxshott Village WI has been in contact with members during these last few months although, like most groups, we have not been able to meet in the Oxshott Village Centre. We have had a couple of zoom meetings and have managed to keep in contact with each other either by telephone or meeting up in small groups.

We had an interesting walk from the Village Centre through the Crown Estate and past a World War II pill box, arriving back in the Village tired but happy to have spent time safely with friends.

Members have also been meeting in their garden for our Book Group and to work on craft projects. At one meeting we had some fun making a mask from two pennants *(right)* which caused a great deal of amusement! Our latest meeting was held in a gazebo during a thunderstorm! Our Art Group is not meeting, but Sue sends 'homework' - it's good to be prompted to keep putting paint to paper.

Plans for resuming our meetings are on hold, but we do hope to meet up for a picnic, socially distanced of course, in August, and that we will be able to celebrate with a Christmas Lunch at the Drift Golf Club early in December.

The National Federation has been very active, many WIs are posting their activities, and courses have been via zoom, so there are still things to enjoy. Like everyone, we hope it will not be too long before life returns to a 'new normal' and that all our members will return fit and well.

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Oxshott Village Sports Club

Diary from a lockdown summer

Well, where to start? Birdsong and the sound of distant lawn mowers replaced the usual sounds of tennis balls and clatter of falling wickets from the end of March, through April and May to the beginning of June at OVSC as the Club went into lockdown along with the rest of the country. Although frustrating to see the facilities devoid of members during the beautiful weather we experienced at what is normally the perfect time of year, it did give a small band of wonderful volunteers time to carry out a few remedial works and plant up the flower pots in time for what was hoped would be a hotly anticipated re-opening. Our sincere thanks to Graham Woods and his team.

And open we did! Tennis returned the minute the Government and the LTA declared it could, swiftly followed by Bowls, Petanque and Cricket, although in a limited fashion and with strict guidelines to be followed. Dispensers for hand-sanitiser sprung up all around the Club and signs reminding members of the social distancing guidelines were diligently posted. Lockdown hair and furloughed tans were suitably admired as the first few members braved the new 'normal' at Steels Lane, as people were just delighted to get out and about again. Re-opening was accompanied by a flurry of new enquiries about membership that was very welcome and these continue to trickle in at a steady pace, which has been very encouraging for the future of the Club.

Children enjoying tennis camp at OVSC

Squash members could only look on in frustration as all the sections slowly returned to play except them – but at the time of writing guidelines have finally been issued and once again squash can be played, albeit in special 'bubbles' and with new rules on hygiene.

Although the clubroom remains largely closed, the hastily-formed outside bar has been very well received as members and their guests have started to socialise again (following the Government guidelines) and are enjoying refreshments served at their tables by our hard-working Bar Manager, Jeff. This addition has been so well received, that there are plans to try and keep this in place, at least during the summer months, when hopefully the strange summer of 2020 is a dim and distant memory.

With holiday travel plans in disarray for so many, we have record numbers of children at our summer holiday cricket and tennis camps and, with rigorous hygiene measures in place, are keeping our fingers crossed that an increase in localised lockdowns doesn't extend to this area.

Away from the current sports OVSC offers, the Committee are exploring the opportunity presented by the massive increase in interest in the game of Padel Tennis, with plans being drawn up to bring this exciting family-friendly game to OVSC in the not too distant future.

Sarah Murphy

Oxshott Art & Crafts Society

Lockdown enterprise

This has continued to be a strange and quiet time for the Society, as for everyone, with no recent monthly demonstrations, but members have enjoyed using the months as creatively as possible.

Wendy Hale has been putting her craft skills to use in the production of scrubs and laundry bags for key workers, while Meryl Hayes embroidered the textile piece *(below)* for a COVID-19 quilt project, *Here Comes the Sun.*

Sue Smith, our secretary, meanwhile, has been taking part in the Sky Arts Channel long-running series *Portrait Artist of the Year*, which became a weekly live Facebook event. Various 'celebrity' sitters sat in front of a camera, while professional artists were recorded painting them, and some four thousand artists from around the world joined in. This is her portrait *(above)* of Booker Prize winner Bernadine Averisto, painted in acrylics.

My own online art exhibition continues to be available at the cornerHOUSE, in Surbiton - www.thecornerhouse.org/miranda-fuller/

It is still uncertain whether the autumn events on our programme will

(continued overleaf)

go ahead including our Autumn Exhibition at Denbies. Do please check our website (https://oxshottartandcrafts.org) for updates.

As soon as we are able to re-start our programme we very much look forward to welcoming current and new members again.

Miranda Fuller

The Arts Society of Cobham & Oxshott

Florence, North of the Arno

While a dawn chorus heralds an English morning, in Florence a church bell can always be heard tolling in the distance.

The churches and galleries are justifiably world famous, but there was one small museum I frequently returned to during my stay in the city. Walking outside around the east end of the Duomo, could be found the Museo dell' Opera del Duomo – the Cathedral museum. Inside, fragile works of art were on display.

Most memorable was a figure of Mary Magdalene by Donatello - tall, dishevelled, skeletal and with her hair falling all over her body yet carved in WOOD. Apart from revealing such emotion, how it has survived the ravages of time since the 1450s is nothing short of miraculous.

Too soon it was December and the first three months of my gap year were coming to an end. Some friends were returning to England on BEA (forerunner of BA) while my ticket was with an airline called British Eagle. Off I strolled to the travel agent to change my ticket so we could fly back together. With utter disbelief I heard the agent say he would be unable to exchange my ticket - British Eagle had gone bankrupt. I hurried to the Poste Restante in Piazza della Repubblica to ring my parents (no roaming mobiles then), convinced I would be stranded abroad for Christmas.

Donatello's Mary Magdalene

Summing up - my Italian was coming along thanks to lessons at the British Institute, I knew who did what in the High Renaissance and had seen paintings, frescoes and sculptures enough to last the proverbial lifetime. Cultural overload, or perhaps ocular indigestion, frequently clouded my mind. Organ lessons at the American church had been paid for with lire earned showing visitors around the famous landmarks - some tourists only stayed in the city for 48 hours before catching the train to Rome. My days in Florence were to prove invaluable when, some fifty years later, I volunteered to become Visits Secretary of ASCO – The Arts Society of Cobham and Oxshott.

Nicky Orlebar

Puzzles

Sudoku

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Last month's solution

Answers next month

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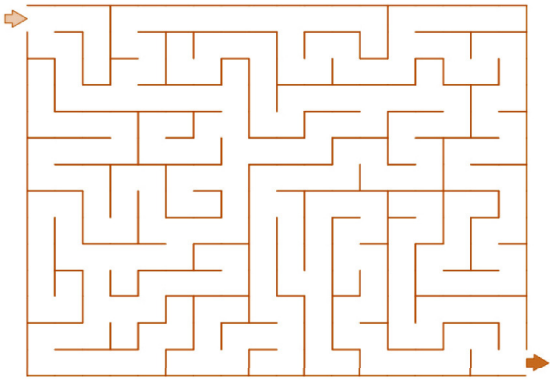

Back to school...

Essays

A second year student explaining to a first year student how to write essays: "When you take stuff from one writer, it's plagiarism, but when you take it from many writers, it's called research."

Starting school

Mother to young George after his first day at school: "Well, dear, what did they teach you today?"

George: "Not much. I've got to go back again tomorrow."

Barbara Currie

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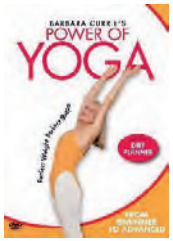

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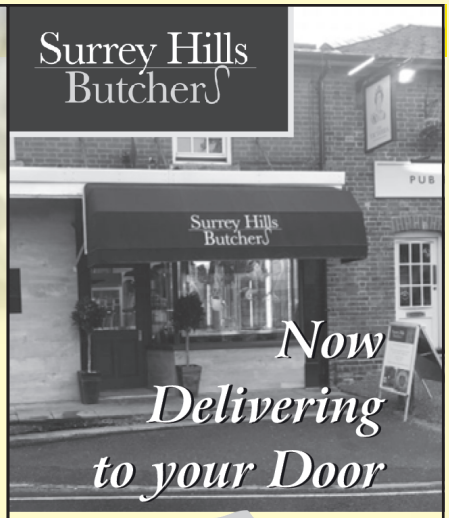

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St Andrew's your church

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Bible Reading Fellowship: Hon Sec: Claire King (01932 867522)

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

Children and Young People:

StAks - 4-11 years old groups, meeting on Sundays 11am-12 noon in term time
OY! - Youth Club 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 (01372 842071)

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

Life Groups: A number of Life Groups meet for study, fellowship and prayer on a regular basis throughout the parish. Co-ordinator: Patrick Fleming (life.groups@standrewsoxshott.org.uk or through the Church Office 01372 842071)

Lunch Club: meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month, and generally appeals to people who are 60 plus. Leaders: Sheila and Phillip Herbert (01372 842005)

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)

Parochial Church Council: PCC Secretary: Sue Procter; PCC Members: David Crouch, Patrick Davies *(Curate)*, Patrick Fleming, Nicki Galazka, Richard Green, Chris Hampson, Karen Henshall, Brenda Hum, Carl Jackson *(Treasurer)*, Anna Jarrett, Claire King, Rebecca Mayhew *(Deanery Synod)*, Jill Mengham, Mike Newman, Jill Perrett *(Deanery Synod)*, Gordon Scott, Mike Shand, Norman Steven, Revd Frances Trickey *(Vicar)* and Revd Jolyon Trickey *(Associate Minister)*

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)

Treasurer: Carl Jackson (01372 843990)

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Website: www.oxshottmedicalpractice.co.uk
Doctors:
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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)

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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-Thames KT1 2JW (020 8546 2934 or conservatives@esherwalton.com)

Council Representatives – Elmbridge (Oxshott and Stoke D'Abernon Ward)**:**
Andrew Burley (07503 830954), Oliver Chappell (07900 780077), David Lewis (07771 505567)

Contact information for local services

Services *(continued)*

Counsellor: Fay Preston MBACP BACP-registered counsellor (01372 450742 or 07855 098995 or visit www.counselling-directory.org.uk/counsellors/fay-preston)

Esher and District Citizens Advice Bureau: Harry Fletcher House, Civic Centre Complex, High Street, Esher, Surrey KT10 9RN (Tel: 01372 464770/Fax: 01372 470488) Mon., Tue., Thur., Fri. 10.30am-3.30pm/ Wed. 5pm-7.30pm

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

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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)

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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 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)

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