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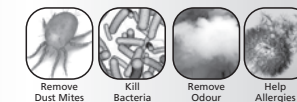
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### The Monthly Letter

## Autumn Harvest!

Dear Friends,



Anyone for sloe gin? It's that time of year when people are making good use of both the wild harvest on the heath and those from the garden or allotment. With world-wide interest in growing vegetables and fruit reaching new heights during lockdown the harvest in 2020 may be especially significant. Personally, it has been a mixed year, with dreadful blackfly devastating the broad beans, wonderful peas, runner beans grounded by high winds and a patchy apple crop...

As St Andrew's we will thank God for this year's harvest on Sunday 4 October at 10am in church (please see our website for details of how to join us). And once again, we want to encourage everyone who lives in Oxshott to be a part of the festival of thanksgiving by donating goods to the Cobham Area Foodbank. In this way we can not only express our gratitude to God for his provision to us, but also continue to serve our community.

The need to support the foodbank has, sadly, never been greater. According to their website:

*In the six-month period from January to June 2020 the average weekly distribution of food and supplies has increased from 600 kilos to 1,000 kilos.*

With furlough almost at an end and job losses likely to continue to soar over the winter, this need is not going to diminish any time soon.

There are two different methods by which private individuals can contribute: one is to deposit food in the temporary foodbank crates we will have at St Andrew's church (during our restricted opening hours), and the other is by transferring money direct. Instructions for both methods and a list of goods most needed are found on page 13 of this magazine. In addition, if you are the owner of a business there is a way to offer corporate support (see the foodbank website).

Please let's be as generous as we can to those in our community who are finding life tough as we celebrate God's provision for another year.

Blessings,

Frances  
 Vicar



Services at St Andrew's

## Church Services in October

Thu	1	9am Pray Together, via zoom
Sat	3	9am Saturday Prayers, via zoom
<b>Sun</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity: Harvest</b> <i>Vision Matters: Followers of Jesus Christ – living it out</i> 10am Listen & Pray, in church with communion <sup>1</sup> , or via the website
Tue	6	9am Pray Together, via zoom
Wed	7	10am Listen & Pray, in church with communion <sup>1</sup> 4-5.30pm Private Prayer, in church <sup>1</sup>
Thu	8	9am Pray Together, via zoom
Sat	10	9am Saturday Prayers, via zoom
<b>Sun</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity</b> <i>Vision Matters: Growing in Faith – taking it in</i> 10am Listen & Pray, in church with communion <sup>1</sup> , or via the website
Tue	13	9am Pray Together, via zoom
Wed	14	10am Listen & Pray, in church with communion <sup>1</sup> 4-5.30pm Private Prayer, in church <sup>1</sup>
Thu	15	9am Pray Together, via zoom
Sat	17	9am Saturday Prayers, via zoom
<b>Sun</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>Luke the Evangelist</b> <b>The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity</b> <i>Vision Matters: Growing in Faith – living it out</i> 10am Listen & Pray, in church with communion <sup>1</sup> , or via the website
Tue	20	9am Pray Together, via zoom
Wed	21	10am Listen & Pray, in church with communion <sup>1</sup> 4-5.30pm Private Prayer, in church <sup>1</sup>
Thu	22	9am Pray Together, via zoom
Sat	24	9am Saturday Prayers, via zoom
<b>Sun</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>The Last Sunday after Trinity</b> <i>Vision Matters: Growing in Number – taking it in</i> 10am Listen & Pray, in church with communion <sup>1</sup> , or via the website
Tue	27	9am Pray Together, via zoom
Wed	28	Simon and Jude, Apostles 10am Listen & Pray, in church with communion <sup>1</sup> 4-5.30pm Private Prayer, in church <sup>1</sup>
Thu	29	9am Pray Together, via zoom
Sat	31	9am Saturday Prayers, via zoom

### Note:

<sup>1</sup> All events in church, including Listen & Pray and Private Prayer, need to be booked beforehand. Please do so on the church website ([standrewsoxshott.org.uk](http://standrewsoxshott.org.uk)) or via the Church Office (01372 842071, 9am-1pm, Monday to Friday)



# + Church News

## It's a natural world!

As part of our Harvest celebrations, St Andrew's launches a new partnership link with A Rocha (UK) at the start of October. **Revd Jolyon Trickey**, our Associate Minister, explains what that involves...

**A Rocha** is a Christian charity working for the restoration and protection of the natural world. On 4 October we will celebrate Harvest here at St Andrew's, and A Rocha's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Andy Atkins (*right*) will be our 'visiting' speaker. He will challenge us all to put our faith into practice through active care for our environment.

Activities for children & families (StAks@home) that weekend will have a similar focus, involving generous sharing of gifts with the local Foodbank, learning more about climate change and our environment,



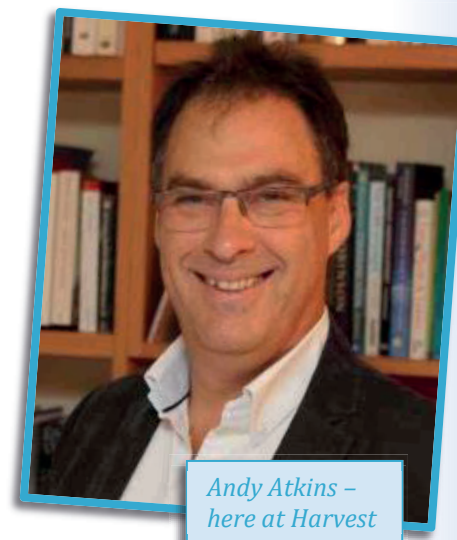
and going home with ideas about how we can each make a difference.

The decision to link with A Rocha (UK) reflects the PCC's concern that we 'strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth' – this is the fifth of the Anglican Communion's 'Five Marks of Mission' (*see panel on page 7*).

For this reason, St Andrew's has also registered as an 'EcoChurch', which means we are now part of a growing network of over 2,000 churches learning more about the environmental implications of our Christian faith and

being inspired to take action. Raymond & Lilian Coe have conducted a thorough audit and identified a few challenges for St Andrew's, not least

(continued on page 7)



Andy Atkins –  
here at Harvest





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### Working with A Rocha

Whilst we have much to learn ourselves, we have also committed to support A Rocha's work, giving at least £2,000 per year for three years, and one of our Life Groups has taken on developing practical links. These may involve

visiting a nearby Conservation Project, Wolf Fields, in Southall (15 miles north of us). There we can see and learn about changes that are needed and what can be achieved by local communities like our own.

Individual response and participation are also vital & it is possible to join A Rocha individually ([arocha.org.uk/join-us/](http://arocha.org.uk/join-us/)) or to become a 'Wild Christian'! This is a community of Christians exploring the relationship between faith and nature, focused on local and national action ([arocha.org.uk/wildchristian/](http://arocha.org.uk/wildchristian/)).

May we also recommend the following interview with Revd Dr David Bookless in which he explains how bio-diversity links directly to the coronavirus pandemic. <https://youtu.be/opXnN7DF3aI>

*Jolyon Trickey*

### Where does the name 'A Rocha' come from?

'A Rocha' is the Portuguese for 'the rock' – because back in 1983, **A Rocha Trust** was set up as a UK charity to establish a Christian field study centre in the Algarve.

**A Rocha** is now an international network of environmental organisations with a Christian ethos, and is present in 21 countries around the world.



**The Five Marks of Mission** are an important statement on mission.

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4. To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation
5. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth

## Autumn plans for StAks!

**S**tAks is the name for St Andrew's Kids' church, and StAks@home is just what it sounds – bringing some of what we might usually do on Sunday into our homes, whilst we can't meet together.

Over about 20 minutes of online video we share songs, stories, some thoughts about faith and life, and prayer, at a level accessible for primary school aged children (4-11 years old), but we hope with wider appeal too! You can find the StAks@home videos on the St Andrew's website: [www.standrewsoxshott.org.uk/staks-at-home/](http://www.standrewsoxshott.org.uk/staks-at-home/)

We are also now beginning to plan some interactive, 'real life' events, to take place over the Autumn term, which we hope will give us a bit more of an opportunity to be 'together', though we remain apart. These events will happen in a variety of ways, but will all be very carefully managed to ensure they are Covid safe.

The first of these will take place at Harvest. On 4 October, as we thank God for all he gives us, we will create a number of non-contact prayer stations with activities themed around Creation and our care for the natural world. We will invite people to safely engage with these in the church gardens across the day, as well as offering some Creation Care ideas and challenges to try out at home.

**StAks@home**  
st andrew's kids online

Around the end of October, as the evenings start to draw in, we will think about Light and Darkness with bonfires and toasted marshmallows, and some fun at-home activities which we can share with our families, and 'virtually' together.

For Remembrance, we will help people create a space and time for remembrance in their own gardens as families, allowing many small acts and markers of remembrance to be spread across the whole village.

We do hope these events might be refreshing and enlivening to our faith life over the Autumn, and might offer something different to the online and on-screen activities with which we have all become familiar.

If you'd be interested in joining in any of these events, full details will be on the St Andrew's Church website. If you have any questions, do be in touch by email ([staks-at-home@standrewsoxshott.org.uk](mailto:staks-at-home@standrewsoxshott.org.uk))

*Patrick Davies*



## Parish News & Notes

### Private Prayer

Although our church buildings have limited opening times, you can still attend for private prayer on Wednesday afternoons. From October, these 30-minute sessions are available at 4pm and 4.45pm.

They do need to be booked via the website or the Church Office, please.

### Annual Memorial Service



This year's annual memorial service, for those who wish to remember loved ones, is being held on Sunday 1 November (with the possibility of an additional date to be added).

If this might interest you, please make a note of the date and be sure to read future updates via the magazine, the church website and through personal invitation.

### The delayed APCM meets this month...

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), normally held on Palm Sunday, will now be held on 4 October at 7.30pm.

We plan to have a small number of attendees physically attending, but most people will be 'virtually' attending on zoom.

Check out the church website ([www.standrewsoxshott.org.uk](http://www.standrewsoxshott.org.uk)) for full details of the agenda and how to join us.

## From the Registers



### Burial of Ashes

*We offer our condolences to the family and friends of:*

16 August      Pauline Ann Spiers (died 13 November 2019, aged 61)

20 August      Richard Howard Norman (died 20 April 2020, aged 78)



## Vision Matters!

Our vision for St Andrew's sets the tone for everything we do as a church - as we are about to explore in depth. **Jill Mengham** outlines the weeks ahead...

It is two years since the vision for St Andrew's Oxshott was launched, and it continues to provide the guiding principles for everything that we do at St Andrew's - to be followers of Jesus Christ, growing in faith, growing in number, and serving the community in which we live and work.

Our autumn sermon series is designed to raise the profile of the vision once more and to challenge every member of the church to live it out personally, as well as to seek to express these values as a whole church. The series title really means what it says!

### Four elements

The four different elements of the vision will be visited in turn, starting with 'Followers of Jesus Christ' and moving through 'Growing in Faith', 'Growing in Number' and 'Serving the Community', spending two weeks on each of these four statements.

The first week of each of the four 'pairs' is subtitled: 'Taking it in', which will focus on the biblical foundation for that particular strand of the vision.

The second week of the pair is sub-titled 'Living it out', in which we will use our new-found technology skills to demonstrate ways in which we can respond to the challenge of that particular strand of the vision.

And to add further interest to the series, on 4 October - Harvest Sunday - we have invited Andy Atkins from A Rocha (our new Mission Partner, as you will have read on page 5) - who will speak about 'Living out being a follower of Jesus Christ', as it specifically relates to God's creation.

All-in-all, we hope this will be an inspiring series of talks and activities and that they will provide an encouragement to each one of us as we start to be able to meet together as a church in the physical sense, as well as the spiritual.

*Jill Mengham*







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## Harvest goodness!



As part of our Harvest celebrations this year we will again be collecting goods for our local Cobham Area Foodbank, which covers Cobham, Oxshott and local villages.

### Foodbank donations

You can deposit 'in person' donations to the foodbank at St Andrew's Church from **Sunday 20 September until Wednesday 7 October**, whenever the church building is open, currently Sundays 9.30am-11am, and Wednesdays 9.30am-11am & 3.30pm-5.30pm (any changes to these hours will be announced on the church website).

The green foodbank crates will be left outside the main doors. If it is wet, they will be just inside the church vestibule and so if you wish to deposit goods you will need to wear a mask and use hand sanitiser, please.

The foodbank has given us this list of goods currently desperately needed (*see below*). Please do not donate fresh or out-of-date items, as these cannot be used.

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Tinned potatoes	Tinned rice pudding	Shampoo & conditioner
Tinned vegetables (not pulses or sweetcorn)	Sugar 500g (small pack)	Male & female deodorant
Tinned fish	Tinned custard	Laundry tabs/caps/gels/powder/liquid
Pasta sauce	Sponge puddings	Hot chocolate
Tomato ketchup	Biscuits	Loo rolls
Chocolate spread	UHT Fruit juice (1L)	Shower gel/cream
Large jars instant coffee	Microwave rice in pouches	Liquid hand soap & soap bars

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## Building Your Church in Oxshott

The church buildings may have had to close during lockdown - but plenty has been going on behind the scenes as we continue to plan for improvements to those very buildings. **Jill Mengham** explains...

**W**ith the church buildings closed during coronavirus, a wide range of pastoral care and online prayer and services have been offered. But the Parochial Church Council (PCC) has also taken the opportunity to quietly reflect on the ancillary buildings that wrap around the church, and to continue to make plans for their redevelopment.

The starting point was to revisit the findings from the detailed research carried out in 2013/14, when we held focus groups within both the church family and the community. Many people took part in that research - to ascertain what worked about the buildings and what didn't, how the buildings are currently used and what changes/additions/uses people would like to see. And this research fed directly into

the refurbishment of the church interior, completed in 2014.

Most of that research work is still highly relevant and useful to us now, as we consider how to improve the ancillary buildings, except that the pre-school nursery that used to meet on the church premises will be meeting in the Royal Kent School from January 2021.

Our aim and our desire is to create a place where people want to come, and that enables safe hospitality, social connections and community support; that provides a less formal entrée to church and, in the process to have buildings that are more sustainable, presentable, flexible, accessible, practical, welcoming and that honour God.

We have been working with an architect over the last 8 months and we will soon have plans that we can share with everyone. More information will be given at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) on 4 October, and presentations of the plans will be arranged later in the year.

We hope you are excited, as we are, about the prospect of having a multi-purpose building at the heart of the village!

*Jill Mengham*





## UFOs over Oxshott?

Recording for an organ 'concert' in St Andrew's required a lot of equipment, and not just our splendid organ, as **Carina Moffat** explains...

**A**s the sun rose over St Andrew's on 28 August a sharp-eyed observer peering out of their bedroom window would have been surprised to see a strange object buzzing overhead.

Not an invading Unidentified Flying Object, but a drone swooping through the sky taking a bird's eye view of St Andrew's.



*The St Andrew's Makin organ takes centre stage for the recording – socially-distanced, of course*

Inside, the church had been transformed into a recording studio. The Makin organ was moved to the centre and batteries of microphones and cameras had been set up to record the action.

Because the ChurchOrganWorld Summer concerts were cancelled due to coronavirus, they were making a video recording of Shean Bowers (from Bath Abbey) playing a variety of pieces including the popular Bach "D minor Toccata and Fugue", and "Sleigh Ride" by Leroy Anderson, music expressly

designed to display the range of stops and sound 'colours' of the instrument.

### A virtual concert

Shean gave a brilliant and exciting performance, leaving those who were listening truly amazed at what he could do, especially as he had had only one week's notice to prepare the programme required, as the original organist was unwell. This recording will be combined with recordings of the same programme from three other organists, in America and Holland, playing Johannus and Rogers instruments to produce a virtual ChurchOrganWorld 'concert' for Autumn and Christmas. St Andrew's will be given a copy when it becomes available.

The recording and video were organised by Shea Lolin, who is also a

*Shean Bowers, who is Assistant Director of Music and Organist at Bath Abbey, pretends that the drone (close-up, right) is not there...!*



qualified drone operator. It was fascinating to watch him manoeuvre the drone round the inside of the Church to get different view of the organist as he was playing.

The drone danced around the building avoiding the pillars and fittings, and Shea twiddled the knobs with effortless skill. No hanging lights were harmed during the making of this film!

*Carina Moffat*



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### Being creative!

Despite having no meetings, the Art & Crafts Society continues to be creative - **Miranda Fuller** sets the scene...

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**V**ery reluctantly, due to Covid-19 restrictions and concern for the health of our members, the Society has postponed all its scheduled meetings until the end of the year, when we will reassess the situation. Meanwhile, it continues to be a deeply unsettling and frustrating time for everyone.

Our members have continued to use their time as creatively as possible and three of them will be participating in the Surrey Artists' Open Studios, usually held in June but, because of Covid, this year postponed until autumn.

The event, organised by Surrey County Council, is now taking place from Saturday 19 September - Sunday 4 October ([surreyopenstudios.org.uk](http://surreyopenstudios.org.uk)).

Our chairman, Roger Marsden's range of woodturning, pictured here, as well as Ros Moysen's paintings and Beryl Hole's ceramics, are on display, together with works by a sculptor, a textile artist and a paper lightbox maker at the enchanting garden, conservatory and coach house of Rose Cottage, next to the Prince of Wales pub in West End Village, Esher. Opening times are 11am-5pm from Thursday to Sunday.

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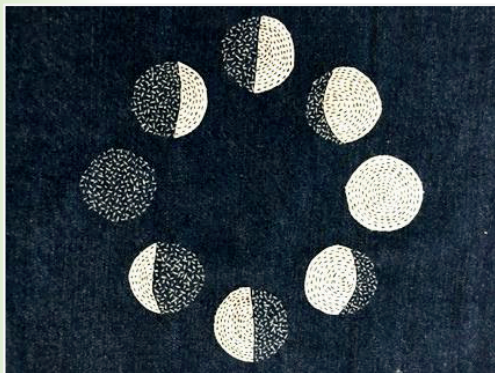


*Examples of woodturning,  
by Roger Marsden*

Another of our members, Wendy Hale, was inspired, by the wonderfully clear night skies we have enjoyed, to create the piece of embroidered artwork shown here (left), *Phases of the Moon*.

The glorious summer we have had has given our members the perfect opportunity to get out and paint and I hope to be able to show some of their efforts next time.

In the meantime, pictured (below) is *The Pier* from my online exhibition at The cornerHOUSE in Surbiton.



Although much will depend on the Covid situation, we hope very much to be able to restart our programme in the New Year and be able to welcome both our members and guests back again.

Miranda Fuller



## What's On in Oxshott



### October

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| Sun | 4  | 7.30pm St <b>Andrew's Church</b> : <i>Annual Parochial Church Meeting</i> , via zoom   |
| Wed | 14 | 2.30pm <b>The Arts Society Cobham &amp; Oxshott</b> : <i>Charles Rennie Mackintosh</i> , with Stella Grace Lyons, via zoom for members |
| Wed | 21 | 8pm <b>Cercle Français d'Esher</b> : <i>Les gilets jaunes</i> , with Constance Bantman, via zoom for members                           |

If you would like to have details of your event listed here, let us know at [oxshottmagazine@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:oxshottmagazine@yahoo.co.uk)

## Royal Kent: on track for the Ladybird!

The new Ladybird Nursery opens in January, after detailed preparations over the summer, as **Nigel Mengham** explains...



If you walked past the Royal Kent School on Oakshade Road at any time during the six weeks of the school holiday, you would have seen the builders hard at work.

The first phase was the sad removal of the Willow Tree that had been a landmark for many years, but the arboriculturists' prediction that the tree was rotting and unstable proved valid, and we were surprised just how far the rot had spread.

The second phase was the transformation of what had been the school library into a new classroom for the Ladybird Nursery. This included replacing the dilapidated conservatory-style roof, the addition of a new double-door



entrance and a complete refurbishment and decoration of the internal space.

Some of you may remember the fund-raising and construction of the library, which was completed in 1994 and has served the school well, and it is great that this space can now be re-used to house a new Nursery for Oxshott - generously funded by Elmbridge Borough Council.

The final phase of this summer's work was the construction of a new canopy and all-weather play area for the lucky Ladybird Class children. The external works are scheduled to be finished in the October half-term,

when a boundary fence and gates for the Nursery area will be constructed, together with a new access path for the Reception Class.

The school is now focussed on equipping the new Nursery and recruiting new staff in readiness for the opening in January 2021.



Nigel Mengham,  
Chair of Governors



## Danes Hill: Safely back to school

Covid-19 has affected all schools for most of the year; **Sarah Colenso** outlines how Danes Hill have responded to the challenge...

I hope all our neighbours and members of the local community have managed to stay safe and well during these strange times we find ourselves in. As you will know, Danes Hill officially closed in March and began online schooling for its pupils in line with Government requirements.

What you may not be aware of is that the school remained open to provide lessons to the children of Key Workers whose contribution in the fight against Covid-19 was so vital. Members of staff - teaching and non-academic - volunteered to continue to come to school in order to keep it open for these children and in fact, continued to do so throughout the Easter and Summer holidays, for which we are incredibly grateful.

### New procedures

School has now reopened to all pupils and every effort is being made to make their school experience as 'normal' as possible.

The safety and well-being of all the children and staff is paramount, and many new procedures have been introduced including increased deep cleaning of the classrooms, one-way systems, staggered meal and break times and Year-wide 'bubbles'.



Isabella and hedgehog, Year 4

Additionally, you may have seen the children's uniform has changed this term - in order to reduce the time they spend in close proximity in changing rooms, the children at Main School now wear their Games kit and trainers all day with their blazers over the top to remind them that they are ambassadors for the School whenever they are out and about!

(The children at Bevendean have different practices for changing in and out of Games kit, so you will spot them arriving at school in their regular school uniform.)

### Sports hall progress

In other news, the opening of the sports hall has been delayed due to the restrictions caused by the need for social distancing and supply issues. We now hope it will be completed and signed off by October half-term and available for the children to use (with any necessary Covid-19 precautions) from November.

If you have any matters relating to the School which you would like to discuss with me, please contact me via email (LCLO@daneshill.surrey.sch.uk).

*Sarah Colenso  
Local Community Liaison Officer, Danes Hill School*



## OVSC: No lockdown in sporting prowess

As **Fiona Stephen** reports, despite the many challenges of 2020, Oxshott Village Sports Club has been pleased to be able to offer a haven to so many people during these difficult times...

Cricket has been a thriving - and the shortened but busy 2020 cricket season is now over.

The two senior teams finished their campaigns very strongly - finishing 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> respectively in their mini-leagues.

Junior Cricket seized the opportunity of competitive action with both hands. The early months may have been lost but there was amazing catch up in July and August when traditionally things have tended to be quieter for the junior cricketers.

Although all games were on a friendly basis, there was no shortage of close fought games against predominantly local rivals with some of the teams playing more than in 2019!

Just one trophy was presented at the end of season event - the Ryan



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Shah Cup - which recognises the all-round contribution of an individual to the Club. It is not awarded with regard to on-field performances, but the winner, Will Stephen, capped a fine season with five wickets and an unbeaten 50 at Byfleet in the final game. Will has also played a huge part in the formal coaching activities and cricket camps run at the club keeping junior cricketers entertained throughout the summer.

*William Stephen,  
winner of the  
Ryan Shah Cup*



Although so many events and activities were cancelled throughout the country this year, Frank Wallis and Sarah Eisner, did a fantastic job in ensuring that the 17<sup>th</sup> annual Wallis Cup Tennis Tournament, a handicap mixed doubles tournament, which started last October, was completed in the early September sunshine.

Vikki Arkinstall & Graeme Crowder were the victors in a nail-biting final played against Nicky & Chris Holmes.

There have certainly been some challenges over the past few months with the 'new norm' but the club continues to ensure that the sporting activities can continue for all members to enjoy.

If you are interested in membership, please contact Fiona or Sarah in the office ([office@oxshottsports.com](mailto:office@oxshottsports.com) or 01372 843652).

*Fiona Stephen*



*Cup-winners Graeme Crowder  
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## WI keeps in touch...

Despite cancellations of events, the ladies of Oxshott Village WI have managed to remain in contact with each other over recent weeks.

**Liz McGibbon** shares her hope for better times...

Examples of recent WI activity include the Book Club, when we discussed a novel by Val McDermid, and the Craft Group, which plans to continue preparing knitted poppies for display again in November. On a lovely sunny day several members went on a walk in Bookham Common, which was followed by coffee outside Squires Garden Centre and a chance for 6 members to share stories and exchange news.

Due to Covid-19 we were unable to hold our Summer Lunch in our preferred venue, The Drift Golf Club. We did however hold a socially-distant picnic in the garden at the back of Cobham United Church in Stoke Road. We each brought our own refreshments and thoroughly enjoyed catching up with friends.

It is hoped to meet in the Village Centre for our September meeting, but due to new Government rules this may have to be a zoom meeting.

Roll on better times!

*Liz McGibbon*

## ASCO: greatest hits in 2020!

While looking through the destinations visited by Cobham & Oxshott Arts Society members over the years, the sheer variety has surely offered something for everybody.

Popular destinations summarised below have ranged from Canterbury, Portsmouth and a museum near Chichester, to the BBC.

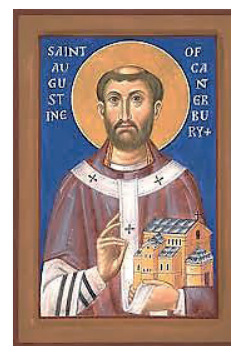


### Canterbury or Cantiacorum

was a Roman settlement along Watling Street. Guides informed members that its importance grew in 597AD when Pope Gregory sent a Benedictine missionary monk to England to Christianise the pagan Anglo-Saxons.

His name was Augustine, and on arriving in Canterbury (the headquarters of the kings of Kent) he set about founding a monastery, later becoming England's first archbishop. His church, sited where the current nave is, was completely rebuilt by the Normans in 1070, with towers and vaulting added later.

The highlight for many at the **Portsmouth Naval Dockyard** was going aboard Vice-Admiral Lord Nelson's flagship HMS Victory. Low ceilinged decks were crammed with cannon either side of narrow planks of wood for



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tables, below canvas bunks with yards of rope holding everything in place. The Battle of Trafalgar in 1805 proved a huge turning point in European history allowing Britain to rule the waves for a century.

Nearby, HMS Warrior dates from 1860 and at the time was the largest warship in the world. Once spied in the Channel, the French remained in their home waters with the result Warrior never fired a shot in anger.

Mention must be made of the Portsmouth Semaphore tower. In the 1820s, towers were built within sight of each other to send manually signalled messages from the Admiralty in London to the Portsmouth fleet. Our local semaphore link in the chain can still be visited on Chatley Heath, near Wisley gardens.

### Not just a Repair Shop

The **Weald and Downland Living Museum**, which opened in 1970, is now famous as the location for *The Repair Shop*, a television programme where experts mend broken family treasures in a huge barn. Surrounded by the



*The Weald and Downland Living Museum in Sussex*

South Downs near Chichester and with site map in hand, members meandered along paths to discover over fifty historic buildings rescued from possible demolition in SE England and now skilfully rebuilt within 40 acres of

grounds. These

structures include a Wealden hall house from 950AD, a watermill from the 1600s, and a 1732 granary supported on stone staddles raising the floor above the reach of rats. Nearby was a two-roomed dairy dated 1800 from Eastwick Park near Great Bookham.

The talents of The Arts Society members know no bounds. During a visit to the **BBC**, members not only read the News, and presented a weather forecast but even participated in a radio play complete with sound effects.

Guided through the Radio Theatre, we were allowed to sit on the green studio sofas for *The One Show*, and watched a television News going out live.

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### Puzzles

## Sudoku

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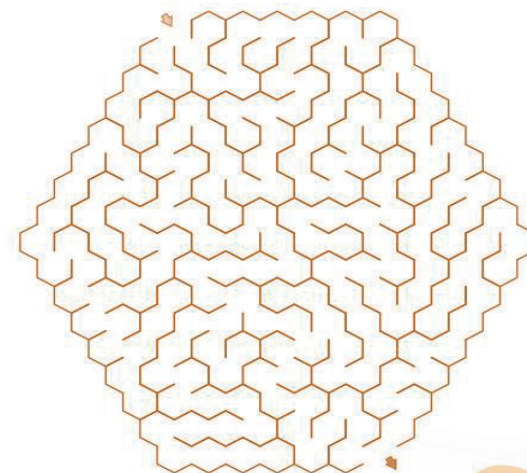
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## Maze



## Questions...



### Where?

The police officer asked me where I had been between 5 and 6. He seemed irritated when I answered, "Primary school."

### What?

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# Barbara Currie

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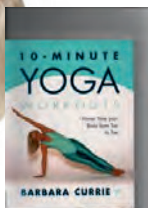
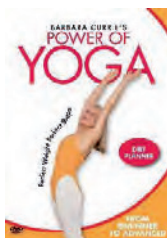
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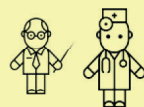
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**Health Visitor and Cobham Health Centre:** (01932 867231)

**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](mailto: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](mailto:h.vanroest@henk-van-roest.com))

**Oxshott Village Centre:** Bookings Secretary: Alexandra Horne (01372 841892 or [ovcbookings@aol.com](mailto:ovcbookings@aol.com) or visit [www.oxshottvillagecentre.co.uk](http://www.oxshottvillagecentre.co.uk))

**Physiotherapist:** Leigh R. Hopper MCSP SRP, Oxshott Physiotherapy Practice, Sunridge, Fair Oak Lane, Oxshott (01372 844449 or [oxshottphysio@bopenworld.com](mailto:oxshottphysio@bopenworld.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](mailto:elmbridge@surrey.pnn.police.uk))

**To report a crime or incident**, call 101, the number for all non-urgent calls

**In a genuine emergency**, requiring urgent police attendance, call 999

**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](mailto: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](mailto:shorehamvcu@victimsupport.org.uk)). Lines open Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm, 2nd Saturday 9am-5pm or visit [www.victimsupport.org.uk](http://www.victimsupport.org.uk)

All the details you need to join in

## Local Clubs & Societies



Covid-19: many activities are suspended, or are now 'virtual' - ask contacts below for details

**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](http://www.oxshott-scouts.org)

**Ladies Friendship Group:** Meets 1<sup>st</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month from October to June in West End Village Hall. Contact: Cavan Taylor (01932 864258 or [cavan.taylor@btopenworld.com](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:geoffdot@ntlworld.com)) or Ashok Patel (07977 103436 or [ashokdivya@aol.com](mailto: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](http://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 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in the month at Oxshott Village Centre, except August. Contact: Jill Leviton (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](mailto:office@oxshottsports.com))

**Political Parties: Oxshott & Stoke d'Abernon Conservatives:** Chairman: David Lewis (01932 590338 or [djlewis43@btinternet.com](mailto:djlewis43@btinternet.com))

**Cobham, Downside, Oxshott and Stoke Labour Party:** For information contact Secretary Dan Parks (07860 677898 or [codslabourbranch@gmail.com](mailto: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 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in month at 8pm, in Oxshott Village Centre. Contact: Maggie Day (01932 988501)



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