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■ This month's cover picture, courtesy of the Editor, shows a late autumn view towards Blundel Lane.

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The Monthly Letter

# Remembering...

'Remember, remember, the fifth of November...' I wonder how many of us remember this rhyme for Bonfire Night? Remembering seems to me the theme for the month of November, with its annual opportunities for both individual and national remembering.

By the time many of you read this, the Memorial service for 2020, on 1 November, will be upon us. A special time to give personal and private thanks for those we love but see no more, it is always a poignant service - made even more special by the contrast between the light from the candles and the darkness that draws in so early. We hope that, as many of you attend it via the live stream, you will feel a part of it.

8 November is Remembrance Sunday and this year, as with so much else, there will be different arrangements, so please read carefully the article on page 5 of this magazine. Whatever the circumstances, it is vital that we remember and give thanks for those who gave their lives so that we can live in peace. To help us, St Andrew's - your church is offering different ways to remember, suitable for different age groups.

Remembering is an important theme in the Bible. Through remembering, God's people are encouraged to recognise that not only is God in control - rather than humankind - but also that He is faithful, providing all that they need and bringing them through even desperately difficult circumstances. Remembering strengthens our faith and gives us courage for the future: if God helped me through those circumstances in the past, He will surely help me through this new challenge.

Moses says these words to God's people as they enter the Promised Land after years of slavery and hardship: 'But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children...' (Deuteronomy 4.9)

This November let us not forget to remember.

Blessings,



#### Services at St Andrew's

# Church Services in November

#### **Sun 1 All Saints Day –** *Vision Matters:*

Growing in Number – Living it out

10am Listen & Pray in church, with communion<sup>1</sup>, or via the website 4pm Annual Memorial Service, in church<sup>1</sup> and live streamed<sup>2</sup>

- Tue 3 9am Pray Together, via zoom
- Wed 4 10am Listen & Pray in church, with communion<sup>1</sup> 4-5.30pm Private Prayer, in church<sup>1</sup>
- Thu 5 9am Pray Together, via zoom
- Sat 7 9am Saturday Prayers, via zoom
- Sun 8 The Third Sunday before Advent Remembrance Sunday 10am Remembrance Service with communion, in church¹ and live streamed²
- Tue 10 9am Pray Together, via zoom

#### Wed 11 Armistice Day

10am Listen & Pray in church, with communion<sup>1</sup> 4-5.30pm Private Prayer, in church<sup>1</sup>

- Thu 12 9am Pray Together, via zoom
- Sat 14 9am Saturday Prayers, via zoom

#### **Sun 15 The Second Sunday before Advent** – Vision Matters:

Serving the Community - Taking it in

10am Listen & Pray in church, with communion<sup>1</sup>, or via the website

- Tue 17 9am Pray Together, via zoom
- Wed 18 10am Listen & Pray in church, with communion<sup>1</sup> 4-5.30pm Private Prayer, in church<sup>1</sup>
- Thu 19 9am Pray Together, via zoom
- Sat 21 9am Saturday Prayers, via zoom

#### **Sun 22 The Sunday next before Advent** – *Vision Matters:*

Serving the Community – Living it out

10am Listen & Pray in church, with communion<sup>1</sup>, or via the website

- Tue 24 9am Pray Together, via zoom
- Wed 25 10am Listen & Pray in church, with communion<sup>1</sup> 4-5.30pm Private Prayer, in church<sup>1</sup>
- Thu 26 9am Pray Together, via zoom
- Sat 28 9am Saturday Prayers, via zoom
- Sun 29 Advent Sunday Commitment Sunday

10am Listen & Pray in church, with communion<sup>1</sup>, or via the website

#### Note:

- 1 In church: your attendance needs to be booked beforehand. Please do so on the church website (standrewsoxshott.org.uk) or via the Church Office (01372 842071, 9am-1pm, Monday to Friday)
- **2** Being live streamed: join us via the church website (standrewsoxshott.org.uk)



## Patrick's ordination: now a deacon!

His ordination having been delayed from July, due to coronavirus, **Patrick Davies** was made deacon on 10 October to serve at St Andrew's.

We asked him how it went

After anticipating your ordination for so long, it must have been odd to have it delayed; what other key changes were there?

Like so many things, Ordination services this year were very different in many ways!

Usually these services would happen at Guildford
Cathedral, with more than a thousand

Claygate; Patrick is standing (right)



people in attendance. This year, however, there were

seven small ordination services held across the diocese in local churches, with just 30 people in total attending each one.

For me, and all those being ordained at Holy Trinity, Claygate, although the feel of the service was quite different from a big event at the cathedral, the most important things were just the same - the Church commissioning and praying for us, for the work God has called us to, in the places he has called us to be.

Being a smaller service also made it very special in many ways that

(continued on page 7)

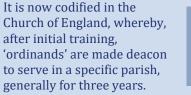
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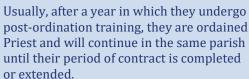
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What exactly is a 'Deacon'?



A Deacon is an ancient role in the church.

In that first year as deacon, the curate is not authorised to preside at a service of Holy Communion (that authority is given when he or she is ordained Priest). This being so meant that the prayers and particular words for deacons were directed to, or spoken by me alone as an individual (rather than one of several), which certainly sharpened and deepened things for me in a way I had not expected.

Did you feel you were short changed by having the smaller event?

No, although it was sad that some people who would have liked to attend were not able to be there in person. However, God was there, and really that is the most important!

The service being live streamed also meant that many people were able to attend

'virtually', including many who may not have been able to be there in person - so instead of having 40 real tickets for my own guests, we had unlimited capacity to welcome everyone to join online!

would not have been possible had things taken place in the usual way.

Reading the first Bible reading, from Isaiah 61, was a very special moment,

as was finding myself being the only person being ordained Deacon at my

Did you have any 'standout' moments of the proceedings?

particular service (the others were being ordained Priest).

Now that you are a Reverend, how does that change what you will be doing at St Andrew's?

I began my curacy in July with a service where I was licenced by the Bishop to work for the church here in Oxshott, so a lot of my day-to-day things will continue just as they were.

The biggest difference you might notice is that you might now see me wearing my 'dog-collar' from time to time!

Can we still call you Patrick?! Of course, please do!

If you would like to see a recording of the live stream of Patrick's ordination, go to YouTube and search for 'Ordinations at Holy Trinity Claygate'





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#### November 2020

#### Parish News & Notes

# We had a busy Sunday celebrating Harvest, with Listen & Pray featuring

Andy Atkins from A Rocha speaking about God's creation. And the choir made their first appearance back in church - a very exciting step!

We also had a special Harvest@home page on the website, with harvest activities for families, and we also marked Harvest by collecting for the Cobham Area Foodbank.

Despite the difficult circumstances, there is much to celebrate, and Harvest Sunday was a day of joyful praise and thanks to God.

#### Annual Memorial Service



This year's annual memorial service, for those who wish to remember loved ones, is being held on at 4pm on 1 November.

Details have been advised through personal invitation and on the church website.

#### APCM - People update!

At our APCM, on 4 October, those in church and joining via zoom numbered 90-100 - a record for the past few years!



We celebrated the contributions of those who have served St Andrew's so well, including special thanks to **Norman Steven** (as Churchwarden) and **Mike Newman** (as Deputy Warden) as they both stepped down. **Carl Jackson** was thanked for his huge contribution, and will continue (praise the Lord!) as our Treasurer. We thanked **Nicki Galazka** and **Mike Shand**, who stood down from the PCC, at the end of their terms.

Ruth Burns was elected as the second Churchwarden: we are so grateful to her and Richard Green (who continues as Churchwarden) for their willingness to serve in this important capacity. Jill Perrett and John Henshall are our new Deputy Wardens, and Charlene Lamb and Norman Steven were elected onto the PCC.

We ended by thanking both **Mike Shand** and **Andrew Burns** for working so hard to enable this first hybrid APCM to go ahead.

## Remembrance Sunday

November 2020

St Andrew's is recognising this special Sunday in new ways – partly due to the restrictions still in place and partly to get as many people and families as possible involved in acts of remembrance.

Remembrance Sunday this year falls on 8 November, and of course will feel very different this year, in view of Covid-19 restrictions. For our recent church services during coronavirus, we have mainly been 'meeting' on Sundays through a 'Listen & Pray' recorded service, via the church website.

However, we are pleased to announce that the Remembrance Day service will be **live streamed** from St Andrew's at 10am on the day.

The service will include singing from the choir, communion and the reading of the names of those who gave their lives. At 10.50am, we will watch our 'outside broadcast' from the war memorial up on the heath, where invited representatives only will attend; wreaths will be laid by representatives of the local uniformed organisations and on behalf of St Andrew's, and a trumpeter will play the Last Post and Reveille.

As with our other services, if you wish to attend the Remembrance service in church, you will need to book your place(s) on the St Andrew's website, or you can call Claire or Rowena in the Church Office (01372 842071). Bookings will be open from 9am on Monday 2 November until 1pm on Friday 6 November.

Alternatively, if you want to watch the live streamed church service at home, you will find the link to the service on the St Andrew's website (standrewsoxshott.org.uk) on 8 November before 10am.

#### For all the family

As well as this Remembrance service, a new video, Remembrance@home, will also be posted on the church website – this is a companion to

StAks@home, and will feature activities and prayers for families to share together to remember this special day.

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.

There are further thoughts on Remembrance Sunday and Poppy Day later in this magazine (from page 28). These include details of how to give to the Poppy Appeal in this difficult time.

#### The Church online

A new concept introduced to us by the coronavirus pandemic is the idea of 'church online.' How have churches found the experience?



Then asked about 'online' church, many ministers commented that, while they may initially have struggled, the new format has worked, and has drawn in people who would not normally go to church, theirs or anyone else's. One Diocese had carried out a survey: 84% of benefices had made some kind of online provision, with 76% providing worship services. Over half did so more than once a week! And normally, if you aren't at a church service, you've missed it. Not now! - many followed the service later, an increase of 62% of the original Sunday watchers, which says something about the usefulness of this format.

For many, the overall effect is positive; "It's easier for people to come than to walk through a church door," said one minister. Housebound people, if they have the necessary facilities, can also participate. And over half, 55%, of the churches aim to continue online services once lockdown is over. Only 7% said they wouldn't, with the remaining 38% uncertain.

Overall, have online services been beneficial? In the technical sense, yes, as "we are more capable than we thought at first." "Planning online is very different – it needs to be engaging and concise," said one person.

Faith-wise, some have come to faith. Some have 'come back' to church. Many have watched for the first time. Some have watched services from other churches. Others, though, will have been put off by the format. "Online services are no substitute for a church service," wrote one leader.

And another said, "There is opportunity to reach wider, but more difficult to go deeper."

Dr Peter Brierley, via ParishPump

# From the Registers



#### **Funeral**

We offer our condolences to the family and friends of:

15 September Gwendoline May Rhodes (died 30 August 2020, aged 95) (A Service of Thanksgiving, held at Guildford Crematorium)

#### **Burial of Ashes**

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24 September Jean Lucas (died 17 August 2018, aged 94)







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# A setback in the war on plastics

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The Department for Food, Environment and Rural Affairs reports that prior to 2015, most shoppers were buying 140 single-use bags a year.

But sadly, the coronavirus pandemic has disrupted the bigger war on plastics, with a huge rise in throwaway personal protective equipment, and a resurgence in single-use cups, cutlery and other items.

#### Gwen Rhodes 1925-2020

Gwendoline May Rhodes was born within the sound of Bow Bells on 10 May 1925. Her daughter Lynn (Aylward) recalls her story:

Mum lived a full and varied life, taking on lots of fresh challenges, even into her later years - including a hot air balloon ride with one of her 13 grandchildren, Tristan, on her 80th birthday.

She was evacuated during the Second World War and ended up in North London where she attended the Royal Masonic School; her Mother sent her off with strict instructions to look after her younger sister Lorna - which she always did!

In her 20's, Gwen became Baloo in a local Cub Pack, where she met Gerry (Kim), who soon fell in love with her... they were happily married for over 50 years - houses and boats along the way were aptly named Kimbar. They ran a successful electrical contracting company together, and had four children. In 1990, they retired to Oxfordshire, and soon became involved in the local community and Anglican Church in Benson, where her ashes will be interred with his, when Covid allows.

Daddy passed away suddenly 15 years ago, but Mum in her usual brave and stoic fashion started a new life on her own; she moved to Gunters Mead and became a popular member of St Andrew's, where she was always greeted warmly and felt very much at home. She soon felt at ease with local activities, including Oxshott Christmas Fair and the Choral Society's overseas trips - where she joined us all with Baileys on ice after supper!

She later moved to Shannon Court in Grayshott, where she loved the activities and welcomed being looked after. She passed away peacefully on 30 August and was cremated at Guildford Crematorium on 15 September.

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Coronavirus: St Andrew's choir altos and conductor enjoying a socially-distanced glass of prosecco outside in the rain...



Quarantining in church had its drawbacks. Two days in, the biscuits had run out and George was getting hungry.

# Tanka Subedi, our distant Mission Partner

St Andrew's has links far and near - and surprisingly that includes Tibet! In the latest update in our series introducing our Mission Partners, **David Crouch** explains the background to our involvement...

ave you ever felt oppressed or put down? Perhaps by a bully when you were at school. Or what you see as an unfair traffic offence penalty. Or an over-demanding neighbour. For most of us, these are relatively small upsets that we soon recover from.

Not so for many who face attacks or persecution simply because of their race, colour or creed. It seems man's inhumanity to man in this regard knows no bounds, and that we never learn from history.

One troubled spot in the world where persecution persists is in the

beautiful Himalayan setting of Nepal. It is here where one of St Andrew's mission partners, Tanka Subedi, works selflessly in pursuing religious freedom in his country. It is against Nepalese law to convert to Christianity. Christian pastors have been arrested during the Covid lockdown simply for carrying out their

Tanka and his wife Rita, pictured

with Nishma and Charisma, two

of their three daughters

duties. As head of the Religious Liberty Forum Nepal, Tanka visits these pastors to encourage them as he presses

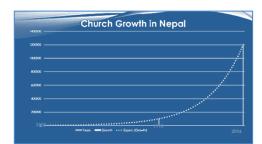
for their release and lobbies for religious freedom in general.

#### **Local growth**

Yet the growth of the Christian church in Nepal is rocketing. Although currently 4% of the population, it is one of the fastest growing churches in the world (see graph). This is not least because of the Institute of Theological Education by Extension in Nepal (ITEEN) project, of which Tanka is a leader and contributor. ITEEN enables training of pastors and indeed anyone in the church to grow in understanding of the Christian faith

and to empower them as disciples of Jesus and as leaders within the church.

Notwithstanding so much persecution of the church in Nepal, some local authorities give their support because the churches in turn benefit



their communities in the provision of clinics and the like. This is seen as another reason for the spectacular increase in the church in Nepal.

In addition, Tanka is himself the pastor of a church where a congregation of 70 men and women meet for worship (Covid risk permitting). He is the husband

of Rita, and the father of his three daughters, Rehma, Nishma and Charisma.

In July he met via the internet with the Life Group



here at St Andrew's that is

especially linked to Tanka. As one of the leaders of that group writes: "It was fascinating, and inspiring, for us to hear of Tanka's challenging ministry."





# Stay well this winter

The flu vaccine is a safe and effective vaccine, offered every year on the NHS to help protect people at risk of flu and its complications.

#### Flu vaccine and coronavirus

Flu vaccination is especially important now, because if you're at higher risk from coronavirus, you're also more at risk of problems from flu, and if you get flu and coronavirus at the same time, research shows you're more likely to be seriously ill. If you've had Covid-19, it's safe to have the flu vaccine, and it will be effective at helping to prevent flu.

And vaccination is available locally...

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flu clinics in October, for the Over 65's and those patients at risk. Please contact the surgery on our **flu vaccination line 01372 940409** to book an appointment.

We are also running child flu clinics for children aged 2 to 4 years and those who are at risk.

Please note that if you are aged between 50 and 64 and not in a clinical at-risk group, the earliest you will be offered a flu vaccination is November, providing there is sufficient vaccine from NHS England. No appointments

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will be offered for people of this age group until then. This is to ensure that those who are most at risk are vaccinated first. If you are aged between 50 and 64 and are in the clinical 'at risk' group which is eligible for the

flu vaccination, for example you have a health condition which puts you at risk for the flu, you can call the above telephone number and book.

We will continue to update our website advising patients when flu clinics can be booked. We appreciate your patience at this difficult time.

Claire Broadhurst, Oxshott Medical Practice

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#### Round & About...

#### Petition:

#### You'll have to be quick...

FEDORA, the residents' association. has launched a petition with Surrey County Council about the traffic problems on the A244 through

Oxshott.

The petition The Voice for Oxshott includes a

number of requests, from residents and experts.

If you would like to sign it, you need do so by 2 November.

Read it at the Surrey CC website: https://petitions.surreycc.gov.uk/ A244in0xshott/



Congratulations to Ian Dilks on recently being appointed OBE for services to the NHS.

Since 2014. Ian has been Chair of NHS Resolution, which provides expertise to the NHS to resolve concerns fairly, share learning for improvement and preserve resources for patient care.

# Oxshott Care: an update

s many of you already know, Oxshott Care has not been Ifunctioning in its usual way since the lockdown began in March.



We had hoped that we could resume later in the year, but sadly not, given all the protective measures we are obliged to observe.

However, we have been providing shopping assistance, prescription collection and even dog walking since this all began. We have also organised telephone calls to those clients who are very much alone and deeply affected by the isolation the virus has imposed.

We look forward to eventually getting back to normal, but in the meantime there may be other ways we can help. Ring the Oxshott Care number (07950 478329, weekday mornings between 9 and 12) and if we can help, we certainly will.

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Oxshott Medical Practice - Patient Participation Group

# The suspense continues...

ur apologies to everyone for the lack of communication from the PPG. We had hoped to have an AGM, sadly not. We are having no talks at present either.



On a more positive note, I am sure everyone will be pleased to know that although Lloyds Pharmacy is leaving the village, another chemist is taking over - so there will still be a chemist in the village after all.

Our doctors are continuing to receive an unusual number of phone calls and emails, because of the general coronavirus situation. So a reminder that if you are experiencing any of the symptoms of Covid-19, please dial either 111 or 999.

So, all PPG meetings remain on hold. Let us hope life returns to normal soon, when we can resume our sessions of talks.

If you do have any guery, please contact me at e.chovil@ntlworld.com

Liz Chovil

#### **Oxshott Trust Fund**

(Managers of the Oxshott Village Centre)

The Annual General Meeting of the Oxshott Trust Fund will be held on

Wednesday 11th November at 7.45 pm

Because of the COVID-19 situation the meeting will be held online using Zoom.

All Oxshott Residents are warmly invited to participate. To receive instructions and a Zoom link to the meeting, please send an email to the address below.

Notice of any matter you wish to be discussed at the AGM should be sent in writing by 4th November at the latest to:

> The Chairman, Oxshott Trust Fund Email: geoffdot@ntlworld.com

# Unstoppable artists

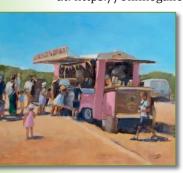
hile OACS's normal programme continues to be suspended, our members have been making as creative and fulfilling a use of this period as possible. We feel extremely lucky to have such an absorbing interest with which to fill the additional hours spent at home.

Some of our members, as mentioned in the last issue, took part in the Surrey Artists' Open Studios at Ros Moysen's Rose Cottage in West End, Esher. This proved a great success and, Covid restrictions permitting, the members hope to follow it with another, Christmas themed, open studio there, on 28 and 29 November.

Many of us have used these last few months to tidy and reorganise our art materials and studios and complete unfinished projects. Member Denise Doran has been doing this, but much more besides.

Completing many paintings, she has also thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the *Sky Portrait Artist of the Week* and *Grayson Perry's Art Club*, the warmth and community feel of which showed a better side of social media, very welcome at this strange, lockdown time. Best of all for Denise has been the selection of two of her paintings for the Society of Women Artists annual exhibition. This is usually held in the Mall Galleries, in London, but this year, due to the pandemic, is being held online until 31December 2020

at: https://onlinegalleryswa.oess1.uk/



Shown here are the two pictures: The Pink Gastrobus, Bantham Beach, and The Kitchen Sink, both of which are a wonderfully cheerful

defiance of this dismal situation in which we all find ourselves.

It remains hard to tell just what the Covid situation will be, come the new year, but we hope very much that, before too long, it will be possible to restart our programme and welcome members and guests back again.



November 2020 Village News

## Prince's Coverts: woodland wonderland

he Prince's Coverts woodland is a beautiful 864 acre parcel of managed woodland, located between Oxshott and Epsom. The woodlands take their name from Prince Leopold, later King Leopold I of Belgium, who lived at Claremont Park. Today, the woodlands are owned by The Crown Estate and managed by their agents, Savills.

In the middle of Prince's Coverts is the Grade II listed Jessop's Well, which was built in the eighteenth century. The little building stands over a minor spa.

The Prince's Coverts are open to the public 365 days a year, with set walking routes throughout the woodland. There is currently a permit system in place which allows horse riders access to the woodlands with specific bridle routes running throughout.

The Crown Estate manages the woodland in line with UK Forestry Standards, in order to create a resilient, robust and biodiverse woodland.

There is much to enjoy in Prince's Coverts and we aim to highlight various aspects of this glorious woodland in future editions.

## What's On in Oxshott

#### November

- Sun 8 10am **St Andrew's Church**: Remembrance Service, live streamed via St Andrew's website
- Wed 11 2.30pm **The Arts Society Cobham & Oxshott**: *The Art and Scandalous Lives of the Bloomsbury Group,* with Frank Woodgate, via zoom for members
- Wed 11 7.45pm **Oxshott Village Trust Fund**: Annual General Meeting, via zoom for all residents. For directions and link, email geoff.dot@ntlworld.com
- Wed 18 8pm **Cercle Français d'Esher**: *Jean-Jacques Rousseau*: *Monstre ou Héros*, with Annie Kean, via zoom for members

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The Arts Society of Cobham & Oxshott

# Where history comes alive!



ach year, members of the Arts Society of Cobham & Oxshott could choose one or more visits from a choice of destinations listed in the annual programme card. These places of interest are wide-ranging and offer a fascinating exploration into national and social history and often linked in with our illustrated monthly lectures. I've chosen two of the most interesting visits in recent years to write about here.

When exploring **Dover Castle**, the booklet suggested visitors wear

'stout shoes for steep slopes'. We were therefore prepared, on entering the Constable's Gateway, for our guide to lead us to the top of the Keep from where there was a wonderful panoramic view of the port below, with France just visible through the haze. We then investigated the



defensive Battlement Walk before learning about the Roman Pharos (lighthouse) and nearby Saxon garrison church. Our guide then showed us the scene from the Bayeux Tapestry with Hastings Castle also under construction in about November 1066. Some members even found time to ride in the land train around the 29-acre site.

After lunch in the NAAFI cafe, we found the Secret Wartime Tunnels in the white cliffs of Dover, which at the time of our visit had only just been

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declassified. Here we saw the underground exchange; further into the caves, our group stood absorbing the atmosphere in the WWII Command Centre where plans were completed for Dunkirk.

Stratfield Saye House in the depths of the Hampshire countryside – a very different type of experience to Dover Castle - was originally a farmhouse dating from 1630. It was bought after the Battle of Waterloo (18 June 1815) by the first Duke of Wellington with money bequeathed to him by a grateful British government, now rid of Napoleon's antics in Europe. Our guide led us between terraced cottages before approaching a circular lawn and the front door. Originally built in brick, the house was stuccoed in a sandy colour in the 18th century and today appears long and low with two wings on either end. Approaching the House, visitors were surprised at how unpretentious the two-storey building appeared. Despite being altered and extended by Wellington to create a manageable residence, its restraint contrasts with the lavish architecture of Blenheim Palace, built 100 years earlier for the Duke of Marlborough, another military victor.

On entering the house, we passed through the pillared entrance hall with marble fireplaces and walls hung with family portraits. Furniture,



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paintings and china were gifted or bought at sales in the decades following



the French Revolution. Wellington's modifications to the farmhouse also included installing oil lights, central heating and double glazing. In the grounds, under a spreading Turkey Oak tree, stands the gravestone (*left*) of Wellington's faithful stallion *Copenhagen* who carried him all day through the battle, and in a nearby barn, we studied the colossal funeral carriage (made from melted down captured French cannon) used to convey Wellington's coffin to his burial in St Paul's Cathedral.

Wellington's best pictures and furniture are now exhibited at Apsley House, his London residence. But it was in Hampshire that Arthur

Wellesley, 1st Duke of Wellington (1769-1852) and known

as The Iron Duke, made his family home.

Nicky Orlebar

#### **Business focus #2**

Local event caterer Delicious Dishes launched their "Roadshow" last month, serving their bowl food meals hot to



take away from a converted vintage horsebox at St Andrew's Church, here in Oxshott. We open on Thursday evenings, 6–8pm, and donate a percentage of profits to the church.

Coronavirus has changed the events business beyond belief. But this initiative benefits the Juniper Express horsebox (usually hired for festivals, parties and markets), the caterers (and our staff), and the church.

It also benefits the customers, many of whom are still cautious about shopping and eating out, especially those at risk, and this gives them one meal off having to plan, shop, cook, serve and wash up! Customers pre-book and pay online, or just trot along and pay by cash or card on the night.

The *table d'hôte* menu changes every week, and offers a main meal, a vegan or vegetarian option, a dessert in a jam-jar and a vegan alternative. We are finding that many customers are booking for book clubs, socially-distanced dinner parties or small family gatherings.

We also open weekly at Little Bookham Village Hall, and Fetcham and Horsley may also be served in the future. **Jackie Mazur** 

Contacts: www.deliciousdishes.co.uk email: info@deliciousdishes.co.uk www.juniperexpress.com email: hello@juniperexpress.com

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# Why wear a poppy?

'Please wear a poppy,' the lady said, And held one forth, but I shook my head, Then I stopped and watched as she offered them there, And her face was old and lined with care; But beneath the scars the years had made There remained a smile that refused to fade.

A boy came whistling down the street, Bouncing along on carefree feet, His smile was full of joy and fun: 'Lady,' said he, 'May I have one?' When she pinned it on he turned to sav. 'Why do we wear a poppy today?'

The lady smiled in her wistful way, And answered, 'This is Remembrance Day, And the poppy there is a symbol for The gallant ones who died in war, And because they did, you and I are free, That's why we wear the poppy, you see.

I had a boy about your size, With golden hair and big blue eyes. He loved to play and jump and shout, Free as a bird he would race about. As the years went by he learned and grew And became a man – as you will, too.

But the war went on and he had to stay. And all I could do was wait and pray. His letters told of the dreadful plight, (I can see it still in my dreams at night) With the tanks and guns and cruel barbed wire, And the mines and bullets, the bombs and fire.

Till at last, at last, the war was won -And that's why we wear a poppy, son'. The small boy turned as if to go, Then said, 'thanks lady, I'm glad to know, That sure did sound like an awful fight. But your son – did he come back all right?'



For our thanks, in giving, is oft delayed Though our freedom was bought And thousands paid. And so when we see a poppy worn,

And if you were me you'd have done the same:

A tear rolled down each faded cheek:

She shook her head but didn't speak. I slunk away in a sort of shame,

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Let us reflect on the burden borne. By those who gave their very all, When asked to answer their country's call. That we at home in peace might live. Then wear a poppy, Remember And give.

Don Crawford (alt.)

#### Every year during the Poppy Appeal, British Legion volunteers go collecting on the streets, in shopping centres and at stations...

But this year, as a result of Covid-19, many of the volunteers are understandably unable to assist, and reduced footfall in those areas means that Poppy Appeal income is at real risk.

Poppies will be available in many shops, but the Legion wants to make sure you can also participate in this year's Poppy Appeal from your own home, so you can also buy poppies for yourself, friends and family from their online British Legion shop, the Poppy Shop.

Or you can raise money in other ways such as their 11/11 challenge.

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**Diversions** 

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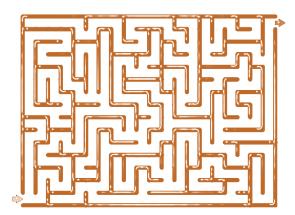
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# Well well...

A young man at college, Bill Breeze, Weighed down by B.A.s and Lit.D.s, Collapsed from the strain. Said his doctor, "It's plain You are killing yourself, by degrees!"





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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:** 

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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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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)

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

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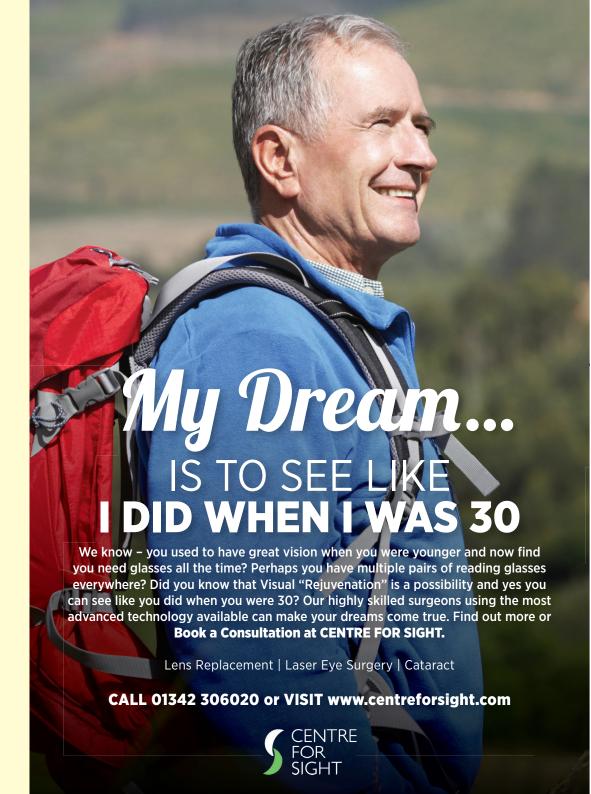






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- **Ladies Friendship Group:** Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in month at 10am, in small hall in Oxshott Village Centre. Contact: Angela Horne (01372 843113)
- **Le Cercle Français d'Esher:** Evening talks in French on 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month from October to June in West End Village Hall. Contact: Cavan Taylor (01932 864258 or cavan.taylor@btopenworld.com)
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- **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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