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- This month's cover has a Christmas theme, as we look forward to creative events this year - and the 'Comfort & Joy' of Christmas.

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The Monthly Letter

Comfort and Joy

Dear Friends,

Thanks to Oxshott Scouts, I have ticked one thing off my 'to-do' list: ordering my Christmas tree. Coming home to a beautifully-lit tree in the late afternoon darkness is one of my favourite parts of this season.

Lights play a role in many special occasions (think of candles on birthday cakes, romantic candle-lit dinners, fireworks and bonfires). However, it is in the winter festivals such as Christmas, Diwali or Hanukkah that they really come into their own, with fairy lights, candles, Christingles and firelight all contributing to the unashamedly nostalgic memories many of us hold dear of Christmases past. Light is used throughout the Bible as a metaphor for goodness, for truth and most of all, for hope.

Conversely, darkness is often used to convey a sense of menace, difficult times or evil. For many of us, 2020 has felt a relentlessly 'dark' year, with the pandemic depriving many of us of family, friends, our livelihoods and security. It is therefore especially important that we can celebrate light coming into the darkness this Christmas.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. John 1.1,3b-5

These verses describe a place of darkness into which light comes, bringing the chance of a fresh start, power to overcome what is evil and hope. This is the Christian message, the 'good news'. At Christmas we celebrate and thank God for Jesus - God with us - who, 30 years later, died a criminal's death on a cross in order to overcome all the darkness both in us and in the world; to offer us a fresh start and to give us hope.

Wherever you are this Christmas, and however dark your year has seemed, please join us as we once again repeat the wonderful news that the Light has come to save us from the darkness.

Wishing you comfort and joy this Christmas and a Happy New Year,

Frances
 Vicar



Church Services in December



- Tue 1 9am Pray Together, via zoom
 Wed 2 4-5.30pm Private Prayer, in church¹
 Thu 3 9am Pray Together, via zoom
 Sat 5 9am Saturday Prayers, via zoom
Sun 6 The Second Sunday of Advent
 – *Comfort and Joy: Prepare the Way*
 Listen & Pray online, via the website
 10am Listen & Pray in church, with communion¹
 Tue 8 9am Pray Together, via zoom
 Wed 9 10am Listen & Pray in church, with communion¹
 4-5.30pm Private Prayer, in church¹
 Thu 10 9am Pray Together, via zoom
 Sat 12 9am Saturday Prayers, via zoom
Sun 13 The Third Sunday of Advent
 – *Comfort and Joy: The True Light is Coming*
 Listen & Pray online, via the website
 10am Listen & Pray in church, with communion¹
 Tue 15 9am Pray Together, via zoom
 Wed 16 10am Listen & Pray in church, with communion¹
 4-5.30pm Private Prayer, in church¹
 Thu 17 9am Pray Together, via zoom
 Sat 19 9am Saturday Prayers, via zoom
Sun 20 The Fourth Sunday of Advent – *Comfort and Joy*
 Listen & Pray with Carols, online – an informal service
 via the website for all the family
 10am Listen & Pray in church, with communion¹
 6pm Candlelit Carol Service, online and recorded
 Tue 22 9am Pray Together, via zoom
 Wed 23 4-5.30pm Private Prayer, in church¹
Thu 24 Christmas Eve – *Comfort and Joy*
 4pm Crib Service online, via zoom
 11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion in church¹ and live
 streamed² from St Andrew's
Fri 25 Christmas Day – *Joy to the World*
 Christmas Listen & Pray online, via the website
 10am Christmas Listen & Pray in church, with
 communion¹
 10.45am Christmas Greeting online, via zoom
Sun 27 The First Sunday after Christmas – *Comfort and Joy*
 10am Holy Communion in church¹

Coronavirus:



Services in church
(shown in green)
may not go ahead
as planned.

As we go to press,
a lockdown is in
place until 2
December; we can
only open our
church for private
prayer.

After that date,
we plan to open
again for services,
depending on the
rules at the time
(and these still
need to be pre-
booked),

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

- Notes:** 1 In church: all attendance in church needs to be booked beforehand. Please do
so on the church website (www.standrewsoxshott.org.uk) or via the Church
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2 Live streamed: join us via our website (www.standrewsoxshott.org.uk)

Church Services in January

- Sat 2 9am Saturday Prayers, via zoom
Sun 3 The Second Sunday after Christmas
Epiphany: Visit to a King
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 10am Listen & Pray in church, with communion¹
 Tue 5 The Epiphany
 9am Pray Together, via zoom
 Wed 6 10am Listen & Pray in church, with communion¹
 4-5.30pm Private Prayer, in church¹
 Thu 7 9am Pray Together, via zoom
 Sat 9 9am Saturday Prayers, via zoom
Sun 10 The First Sunday of Epiphany
Stepping out in Faith: the Words of Nehemiah
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 Sat 23 9am Saturday Prayers, via zoom
Sun 24 The Third Sunday of Epiphany
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 Tue 26 9am Pray Together, via zoom
 Wed 27 10am Listen & Pray in church, with communion¹
 4-5.30pm Private Prayer, in church¹
 Thu 28 9am Pray Together, via zoom
 Sat 30 9am Saturday Prayers, via zoom
Sun 31 The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany
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spirit' and watch at 10am
on a Sunday...

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the church website.

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each of our online events*

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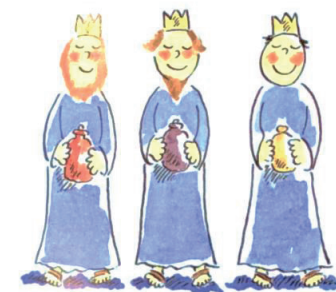
+ Church News

A family Christmas in Oxshott

You are very welcome to join any of our online services - and **Patrick Davies** tells us how some have been designed to be particularly engaging and appropriate for families and children...

This year, Christmas at St Andrew's, will, of course, be a little different to usual - but we hope that the services and activities offered online this year bring that same sense of both being 'with' one another and being with God, as we celebrate the birth of Jesus - 'God with us'.

Our online services that should be especially engaging for families and children include:



- On **20 December**, get in the Christmas spirit (if you're not already!), by joining Listen & Pray with Carols - an informal online service, with some favourite carols for the whole family to enjoy and sing along with from home.
- On **Christmas Eve, 24 December**, we will hold our Crib Service online at 4pm - join with the whole family as we tell the Christmas Story in a fun and engaging way, with stories, songs and a special Christmas craft activity you can make along at home.
To join in fully, please register via the church website before Thursday 17 December, and you will receive your free craft activity pack to use alongside the service.
- On **Christmas Day, 25 December**, our online Christmas Celebration offers the chance for the whole family to think about and celebrate the wonderful true story of Christmas, with carols, old and new, to enjoy from home.

The most up to date details of how to join these, and all our Christmas services can be found on our website: www.standrewsoxshott.org.uk and do get in touch with the Church Office if you'd like to find out more.

We hope you and the whole family will enjoy joining us online for our Christmas services this year!

Revd Patrick Davies

Choir 'bubbles'...

With all the changes to Covid-19 rules over recent months, the church choir have had to be adaptable, as **Val Beynon** reflects...

September '20 - back in church - Harvest approaches and news from the Diocese: we can have a choir, BUT - no more than six allowed - a 'bubble' of six! The word 'bubble' takes on a whole new meaning!

So began our return to church - wonderful! With Harvest, Memorial Service and Remembrance Sunday, so much in the offing, we had to have a choir rota so that all the choir had a chance to sing. Our Tenor and Bass would remain constant (as always!) and the ladies and children would have to take turns.

The rules were rigid - risk assessment pages long - 2 metres apart, 3-5 metres from conductor, clergy and congregation - face masks essential until singing, no mingling etc., etc! Was it possible? And the 2-metre rule created difficulties - not just the spacing - but each singer felt isolated, without support, like soloists. However, practice gave confidence and we managed with 3 singers in the Sanctuary and 3 halfway down the Chancel...

Harvest went well, and music from the organ - live from Carina - rang round the church again, so much appreciated by our church family in the congregation.

The next week rehearsals began for the Memorial Service and Remembrance Sunday service - with a different 'bubble' of six!

Another lockdown

The Memorial Service went beautifully and it seemed as if some sort of normality was beginning to take hold. Another rehearsal for Remembrance Sunday and we were all systems go, until - another lockdown, beginning on the Thursday before Remembrance Sunday. Oh woe! All plans changed, and the choir were called in with Mike Shand to record the Remembrance anthem on the Wednesday evening before lockdown.

Throughout October, plans were in progress for Christmas. We had great news that we could have a choir of 12, i.e. 2 'bubbles' of 6 for the Candlelit Service; measurements were made, allowing one 'bubble' to sing from the Lady Chapel. Carols were chosen and the Order of Service prepared, but as I write, with the new lockdown, it seems we are back at square one, with the church closed for services and choir practices, leaving the Candlelit Service hanging in the balance.

However - the plans are still there - waiting, on hold - and somehow, somehow carols will 'happen' at St Andrew's. We cannot leave the Holy Birth unsung and the Baby Jesus will be welcomed in song and love - in spite of lockdowns and 'bubbles'!

Val Beynon

St Andrew's online

Recent restrictions have been a challenge to all our usual activities - and Christmas will certainly be very different. But as **Chris Banks** explains, we have been surprised by our response...

Who could have predicted the many ways in which we would have to adapt this year, to enable St Andrew's - Your Church, to grow and to serve? Not me!

Between us, we have taken full advantage of the phone, the website, zoom and many other technologies to keep in touch, to encourage each other and to continue to grow in faith and to worship.

I think we all agree that watching online is not the same as being able to meet in person; but it's a great way of building on the close links that are so much a feature of the life of St Andrew's. We can tell by the number of people joining our online services (especially our weekly Listen & Pray and regular StAks@home) and the comments we have received and receive week by week, that they are much appreciated.

We are so thankful for the technology; the flexibility it gives us to join services at a time that works for us; the willingness of people to provide material; to put it together and make it available; the willingness to join in; the willingness to help each other get to grips with the technology; the support and encouragement of so many. We have a lot to be thankful for, don't we?

We look forward to the time when we can all meet and be church together. Meanwhile, as you will see elsewhere in this magazine, we are providing a full range of Christmas services online, to help us all celebrate the birth of Jesus and share God's comfort and joy.

Christmas 2020 at St Andrew's online is going to be different and wonderful! We look forward to sharing it with you, your family and your friends. Please let them know.

Chris Banks



We are always looking at ways to make it easier for you to join us...

Easy access to online services

Clicking on this new 'button' on the church website will reveal the current online services. Simply choose the one you want!

Parish News & Notes

Supporting



Our chosen charity for Christmas this year is Crisis, the excellent charity that supports the homeless in these difficult times.

Details of how to give are on the church website:

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Despite the severe restrictions, Remembrance Sunday was observed in Oxshott.

A Covid-secure service in church and the wreath-laying ceremony on the Heath took place; both were live streamed on the church website.

The ever-popular Christingle service will happen again - but online! We are planning to have Christingle@home via the website in late January, so everyone will be able to create their own Christingle.

Check our website for details nearer the time!



Church collections during coronavirus...

Some of you who prefer to give to St Andrew's by putting cash in the collections at church each week have been asking: how can you continue to donate when we aren't accepting gifts at church services?...

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Christmas 2020 Services from St Andrew's, Oxshott



Sunday 6 December

Listen & Pray - a traditional style service [online](#) with organ & choir
10am Holy Communion in church* (limited places: must be booked)

Sunday 13 December

Listen & Pray - an Oxshott Praise style service [online](#) with the band
10am Holy Communion in church*

Sunday 20 December

Listen & Pray with Carols - a contemporary service [online](#) with favourite carols
Why not dress up at home as Mary or Joseph as we begin our journey into Christmas together

10am Holy Communion in church*

6pm Candlelit Carol Service [online](#), recorded from St Andrew's
A traditional service of choral pieces and carols, with readings and a short talk
Enjoy mulled wine and mince pies as you join us from the comfort of your home

Christmas Eve

4pm Crib Service [online via Zoom](#)! A fun, family service with all your favourite characters. Dress up in your favourite nativity costume and join us on Zoom

11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion in church*

This traditional service with organ and choir will be **live streamed**

Christmas Day

Christmas Listen & Pray - a contemporary service [online](#) of Christmas Celebration for the whole family, with favourite carols from the band

10am Christmas Holy Communion in church* with organ and choir

10.45am Christmas Greeting [online via Zoom](#)!

An opportunity for everyone to greet each other in church and from their homes, share 'The Peace' and wish each other 'Happy Christmas'

Sunday 27 December

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Memorial Service 2020

In these extraordinary times, creating a Memorial Service to remember those who had died during the year presented a challenge. How do we offer the same level of comfort and hope as in previous years in a service that was stripped down to its bare essentials?

The limit on numbers meant that the congregation was considerably smaller than normal, with a reduced choir and pastoral team. But fortunately the service was filmed and broadcast live on the internet for the first time, which enabled those who could not be at church to watch from home, and in some cases join from overseas. It was reassuring to know that Frances' message, of the hope that God has given us in Jesus Christ, would be heard by as many as possible.

The tradition of lighting candles as an act of remembrance was continued. This year it was done by Patrick, our new curate, while the names of loved ones were read out. The lit candles provided an uplifting focus while Jenny Mathieson read out prayers that gave great solace. The music provided by the choir and organist enhanced this feeling of peace and calm.

Despite not being able to offer any hospitality, a small gift of spring bulbs was offered to the congregants as they left the church. In a few months' time, these bulbs will provide a visible symbol of the hope described in this service.

Jill Perrett



From the Registers



Funeral

We offer our condolences to the family and friends of:

2 November Derek Hugh Grosvenor (died 13 October 2020, aged 90)

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Little Free Library comes to Oxshott

Frances our Vicar suggested the various St Andrew's Life Groups should each come up with a project to serve the Oxshott community, the Longstead group took up the challenge...

We considered many worthwhile ideas, but most would have to wait until we are able to meet in person. Helen suggested that, even during lockdown, people can access a Little Free Library.

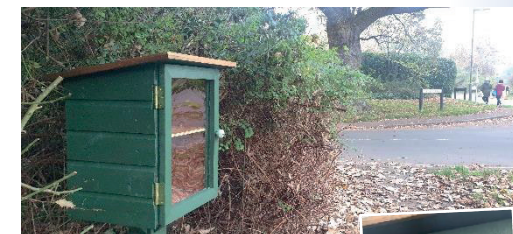
The original Little Free Library was built in 2009 in Hudson, Wisconsin by Todd Bol, in memory of his mother, a teacher who loved reading. He built a weatherproof cupboard in the shape of a little school house, filled it with books and put it on a post in front of his house. His neighbours loved it, so he built several more, eventually founding a non-profit organisation whose aim is to inspire readers, particularly in areas where books are scarce, tackle illiteracy, spark creativity and bring communities together. Although Bol sadly died in 2018, there are now over 100,000 registered Little Free Libraries in 108 countries.

Importing a library from America was going to be too expensive, so we decided we would rope in friends and family and build our own. After lots of cutting, drilling, sanding and varnishing over several Sunday afternoons, we have made our very own Little Free Library for Oxshott. The weather was kind (we could only meet in small groups outside), we borrowed tools from neighbours, learned new skills and had fun working together. Richard did lots of cutting and drilling, with great contributions from Norman, Gordon, Susie, Andrew, Ruth and others. Tony balanced our enthusiasm with some proper construction skills - and we finished the build just before the new lockdown.

The library (right) has a hinged door, two shelves for adult and children's books (thank you Theo and Charlotte for making sure it wouldn't be too high for children or wheelchair users).

The idea is that people can come and take a book and donate a book for others at the same time. The Library is being installed on the edge of the Burns' garden, on the corner of Sheath Lane, Steels Lane and Holtwood Road. We have guidelines for making it Covid-safe, so we decided to get it ready for use by St Andrew's Day at the end of November.

Richard Bath & Helen Pattison



Local needs, local solutions

Up and down the country Foodbanks have been supporting families during the Covid-19 crisis. **Liz Mulhall** explains how our local Mission Partner, the Cobham Area Foodbank, has been rising to the challenge...

Imagine what it must be like to lose your job or have your household salary massively reduced and still need to provide for your family. It can happen to your neighbour, your friend or to yourself. People in desperate need of help use the Foodbank and these are desperate times.

Our local Cobham Area Foodbank covers Cobham, Oxshott, Stoke D'Abernon, Downside, East & West Horsley and Effingham. It helps to feed between 60 to 100 adults and children **every** week and sadly, the numbers are increasing.

Christiana van Roest, the new General Manager and trustee of the Cobham Area Foodbank explains some of the challenges the Foodbank has encountered during the pandemic:

"As a Foodbank we can only help by giving out food, food that has been donated by you and many other generous people in our area.

- Due to the restrictions of social distancing that we have to obey, we had to minimise the contact and the additional support we could give before COVID in our 'pop-up café'... like a social chat, signposting to agencies where professionals might be able to help with further issues the clients have to deal with.*
- Volunteering is also very restricted, as we cannot be complacent in this current situation. Only a small number of volunteers are involved with the tasks needed to be performed, wearing protective gear, keeping our distance from each other and the clients... not easy when you rather feel like giving the clients in emotional situations a hug, or a friendly handshake.*
- Whilst handing out the food and still being able to meet our clients (while distancing and obeying all government rules), we are able to show some compassion, listen to their stories while preparing the bags and send them on their way for another week with a smile on their face."*



*Christina van Roest,
General Manager
at the Foodbank*

St Andrew's fully supports the Foodbank, one of our local mission partners, with generous cash donations of at least £3,000 per annum.

We recently donated 127.46kg of food together with £994.25p collected by the congregation as part of the Harvest celebrations. More recently, money was raised to donate 30 Christmas Real Advent calendars, which were gratefully received.

We can help our fellow human beings with our compassion, prayer and support, either by filling the food bins at the collection points detailed on their website (cobhamarea.foodbank.org.uk), or sending money to buy food or to help with the operational costs of the Foodbank to pay the bills of warehouse rental, insurance and running the green foodbank van.



*Donations being loaded into the
foodbank van outside St Andrew's*

To donate money to Cobham Area Foodbank please either:

- Follow the guidelines on their website (cobhamarea.foodbank.org.uk), or
- Send a cheque, payable to St Andrew's PCC, to St Andrew's Church Office c/o The Vicarage, Steels Lane, Oxshott KT22 0QH
(NB please enclose a note referencing Cobham Area Foodbank, but do not write this on the envelope.)

Let us all help to ensure that no one goes hungry this Christmas or any other time.

Liz Mulhall

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."

Matthew 25.35-36

Garden Route Children's Trust: an update

Covid-19 rules have added to the challenges for our Mission Partner in South Africa. **Nicki Galazka** outlines how they have responded...

The Garden Route Children's Trust (GRCT) is a UK-based charity that aims to alleviate poverty amongst children in South Africa through the provision of food and education; St Andrew's supports it with donations and with prayer.



This year has been particularly challenging for those in need. The South Africa government imposed a very strict lockdown in response to the spread of Covid-19. From March, freedom of movement was limited, and schools and nurseries closed. This had serious implications for the feeding projects that the GRCT funds, as feeding takes place mostly in nursery and school settings. However, our beneficiaries responded remarkably and thanks to them, many children continued to receive food.



The e'Pap Children's Feeding Project in

Knysna, for example, worked in partnership with other NGOs, churches and dozens of individual volunteers who ran emergency soup kitchens/e'Pap cafés. It took a big team of people and impressive coordination to deliver, prepare and serve a vast quantity of food to hungry children during lockdown. In locations such as Hout Bay, Ermelo and

Missionvale where feeding was not possible, e'Pap was included in food parcel distributions to school families.

Thanks to the consistent support of our donors, the GRCT was also able to assist with extra funding to help meet the increased need during this time.

Moving back to schools

Since lockdown was eased, our beneficiaries have transitioned from providing emergency feeding in the community back to providing nutritious e'Pap meals to children at pre-schools and schools as they have reopened over time.

The GRCT's most recent news is that it has three new partners on the ground who will co-ordinate e'Pap feeding - Isivuno in the Port Elizabeth area, Ma's-Vir-Wellington in Wellington and the Dutch Reformed Church in Laingsburg. This means that around 580 further children will benefit from receiving e'Pap meals!

Nicki Galazka

The Garden Route Children's Trust

Helping to educate and feed South African children in need



Join our first ever virtual cycle/walk/run challenge this January!

Poverty and hunger are more of a challenge now than ever across South Africa and children suffer most as poor nutrition affects their development. But together we can make a difference! Come together to virtually trek 2,300 miles around South Africa, visiting our feeding projects on the way!

Date: Throughout January

Location: Anywhere

How it works

1. **Choose a mileage that will make a difference:** Choose walking, running cycling, scootering or something else! Challenge yourself!
2. **Sign up on the GRCT website:** We ask for a donation of £10 (£5 for a child or £20 per household)
3. **Set up your own fundraising page:** it would be fantastic if you're happy to get additional sponsorship. More info on the website
4. **Complete your challenge and share your results**

For every £20 we raise we can feed a child for whole year!

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Village News

New year, new Ladybird Nursery!

The new Nursery Class at the Royal Kent School will open in January, and **Nigel Mengham**, Chair of Governors, explains that the hard work by everyone has been worth it...

After an amazing effort led by the School Leadership team and Governors at RKS - with the wholehearted and generous support of Elmbridge Borough Council, Surrey County Council and the St Andrew's Church family - the new Nursery Class will open in January with a full complement of Ladybirds!

As many of you will know, the pre-school that operated for many years in St Andrew's Church hall was forced to close in January 2019. With the prospect of having no FEE (Free Early Education) pre-school provision locally, it quickly became apparent that the best solution was for a new nursery class to open within the school building at The Royal Kent School, meaning it would benefit from access to the excellent RKS resources and, if required, an easy transition to our Reception class.

Challenging

An ambitious 2-year plan was developed that encompassed fund raising, re-stacking the school to add a new Nursery Class, obtaining Planning Permission, 3 phases of building works, equipping the new Nursery, establishing and managing an Admissions process and recruiting new 3 nursery staff - made all the more challenging by the Covid-19 lockdowns. Incredibly, every milestone was hit, and the new Nursery will open on time in January and with a full class of 2, 3 & 4-year-olds - and a waiting list.

Everyone at the RKS - teachers, staff, pupils, parents and Governors - are so excited about this new development, coming as it does just a few months after the school celebrated its 200th anniversary.

Although the Ladybird Nursery is effectively full for at least the first term, applications are being welcomed for admission from September 2021 and the closing date is 15 March 2021. Details of the Nursery Admissions Policy and application form are available on the school website.

Nigel Mengham



Singing in Lockdown

The shutdown of choirs and choral societies has been hard for everyone who loves choral singing. **Mike Newman** was thrilled at the formation of online choirs...

Suddenly in March, live choral singing abruptly stopped. The speed with which online choirs were then formed was amazing and this has been wonderful for a number of us in the St Andrew's Church choir and the Oxshott Choral Society.

Frances Cahill and I signed up to The Self-Isolation Choir's programme for Handel's *Messiah*, culminating in a concert on 31 May. Taking part each week in rehearsals with some 3,800 singers from around the world and then singing with top-class soloists and ensemble in the concert left you with a wonderful feeling of togetherness, and Handel's *Messiah* was the perfect work.

Frances Cahill writes: I signed up both to the Self-Isolation Choir with Ben England and also to Gareth Malone's Great British Home Chorus.

Singing the *Messiah* was immensely uplifting, even singing at our kitchen tables, alone at our computers: the point is you didn't feel alone! Ben was an excellent choir director and it was hard to believe he wasn't actually hearing us sing when he made his comments. The beauty of this choir was having the full-choir rehearsals followed in the week by individual rehearsals of voice parts - so you could really concentrate on learning the soprano or whatever part was yours. The concert was a wonderful finale to all our work.

Gareth Malone, being better known, had a bigger following of some several thousand - and we sang an eclectic mix of pop, folk, and classical - the Vivaldi *Gloria* for instance. Elton John's "I'm still standing" almost became a theme tune. It is hard to describe how sustaining these rehearsals became: I would find myself rushing back from dog walks to attend on time - although of course you could always play the rehearsal back online at a later stage - and also how much of a support they were - and are - at a difficult and potentially lonely time. These online choirs have been so successful that I am sure they will continue beyond lockdown in plugging a gap and in bringing people together. Not choir as we know it, of course; but a new and, in its own way, exciting substitute.

Sharon Dawes also joined the Great British Home Chorus, and the Stay at Home Choir, and writes: At the beginning of lockdown, I joined in every



*The Self-Isolation Choir:
Messiah at Home*

weekday evening with Gareth Malone's Great British Home Chorus on YouTube. This was an enormous amount of fun though the style of singing was very different from that we enjoy in the choral society. However, the very act of coming together at that time of day and feeling part of a community, all in it together, was what really kept my spirits up over the spring and early summer. From there, I discovered the Stay at Home Choir, with whom I've been singing *The Armed Man* and *Adiemus*, by Karl Jenkins, who came to several of the rehearsals. We are currently rehearsing Beethoven's *Ode to Joy* - Christmas music is still to come.

If you are looking for a musical project do join us, and wave to me if you see me in a rehearsal. You might even see yourself amongst all the tiny videos in the final performances.

Carina Moffatt took part in some online performances with the Bach Choir. Carina writes: Lockdown was a blowand my musical diary was suddenly empty. A chance email led me to the workshops organised by the Bach Choir for frustrated choir singers like myself. Musical director David Hill set up zoom meeting, joined by 300-500 people from all over the world.



After a gentle vocal warm up, he talked us through each of the choruses of the chosen work, offering insights about the music and helpful hints on how to sing it while avoiding the pitfalls. We were then conducted, chorus by chorus, singing along to a recording of his choice. Singing along on one's own in the privacy of the dining room is quite different to singing while standing in the middle of a choir. The downside is that you have to find your own notes and cannot rely on someone else to do it for you; the upside is that no one can hear when you go wrong or comment tactfully that you are perhaps a little out of tune or on totally the wrong note!

Fortunately, David selected familiar favourites that we have sung with Oxshott Choral Society, including Fauré's *Requiem*, Mendelssohn's *Elijah* and Handel's *Messiah*. We have Rutter's *Requiem* to come and then some carols for Christmas. I have thoroughly enjoyed revisiting some musical old friends and been encouraged by how much I could remember on the other hand, I am relieved that no one else could hear me!

To conclude: we have all been able to continue our love of singing throughout these difficult months when choirs have been shut. The choirs are brilliantly run, and you feel part of a worldwide community of singers taking part in what we all so enjoy.

To sum up what singing in lockdown is about. "Even if you can't sing well. Sing to yourself. Sing in the privacy of your home. But sing!"

Mike Newman

Round & About...

Bulbs ahead!



You may notice that the triangle at the top of Station Approach has been cleared from overgrowth.

Alec and Carmen Robinson led the uncovering and cleaning of a 150 cm-wide pavement, which had been totally overgrown with ivy, on one and a half sides of the triangle (there is still more to do) and also planted 1,500 bulbs - which are in addition to the 600 daffodils planted last year.

Costs were covered by funds from Oxshott Village Day.

The Christmas

tree in Oxshott High Street is once again being paid for by Village Day funds - as they have been for the last 15 years!



The Royal Kent School

Summer Fête was cancelled - like so many events around the country - but the school has still been fundraising: last month (November), The RKS 200th Anniversary Auction featured over 70 prizes, kindly donated by supportive local businesses and individuals in our community.

What's On in Oxshott

December

- Wed 9 2.30pm **The Arts Society Cobham & Oxshott:** *A Right Royal Christmas*, with Roger Askew, via zoom for members
- 8pm **Cercle Français d'Esher:** *La Peinture Française au Musée de Chicago*, with Christine Nivet, via zoom for members

January

- Wed 13 2.30pm **The Arts Society Cobham & Oxshott:** *Eric Ravilious: his life and work*, with James Russell, via zoom or webinar for members
- Wed 20 8pm **Cercle Français d'Esher:** *Annecy, la Belle*, with Thierry Viennois, via zoom for members

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



Our A244 petition ...

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Many thanks to all the 973 local residents who signed FEDORA's A244 petition, which was considered by councillors at a Local Committee meeting on 16 November, together with a response from the Surrey Highways team.

Despite some acceptance of the problems and helpful proposals, the Surrey Highways response was shallow and simply didn't address, for example, the recent night-time problem with HGVs. Ian Dilks, representing FEDORA, asked our councillors to request the officers to develop a comprehensive and constructive report which properly addressed all the issues.

This request was well received. Surrey County Council leader Cllr Tim Oliver spoke in support, as did Elmbridge Cllr Andrew Burley and Surrey Cllr Mike Bennison. Cllr Mary Lewis also spoke in favour. At Tim Oliver's suggestion, there will be a meeting soon between FEDORA, Surrey officers and councillors to discuss all the concerns in more detail.

This is only a first step, and progress will no doubt be slow, but it is a very welcome development.

Ian Dilks

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Village News

Accessing Prince's Coverts

Walkers are welcome at this glorious woodland in Oxshott, and we asked the owners, The Crown Estate, what local residents need to know to get the best out of our visits...

The Prince's Coverts have been even more appreciated during the current pandemic. There are signs proclaiming that walkers are welcome, so we thought would be a good idea to clarify what information there is to help people take advantage of this wonderful local resource for local residents...



Some entrances for walkers used to require a key for the gate, supplied by The Crown Estate for a small fee; is a key is now needed for any (pedestrian) entrance?
No, we are pleased to say there are no longer any locked pedestrian gates in Prince's Coverts.

We understand a permit is required for horse riding; what is the process for obtaining one, and the fee?

The fee is £300 per annum, and you can obtain a permit through our agents Savills (23 Kings Hill Avenue, West Malling ME19 4UA, or 01732 879053). More details can be found on our Windsor Great Park website (which covers access to various country estates, and which we are updating): www.windsorgreatpark.co.uk/en/activities/horse-riding-carriage-driving

It was the case that a map of Prince's Coverts used to be available; is that still the case and how does one get one?

A copy of our map is also available on our website: www.windsorgreatpark.co.uk/media/236792/oxshott-horse-riding-map.pdf

At one time there were apparently one or more display boards, with a map, at entrances; have these been removed, and/or are there plans to replace them?

We are currently working to replace these boards.

We are also in the process of updating the information about Prince's Coverts on our Windsor Great Park website, so this will have more information soon.

**THE CROWN
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There is much to enjoy in Prince's Coverts - this article is one of a series to highlight various aspects of this glorious woodland.

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Prolific painting!



With OACS's normal programme suspended, due to Covid-19, and the country having found itself in another, albeit, hopefully, shorter lockdown, this year doesn't become any less strange. Our members continue to make it as creative and upbeat as possible and one of these is Colm Doran.

In the last issue, we learned of member Denise Doran's prodigious creative output and success in having her work accepted for the Society of Women Artists' Annual Exhibition. It would seem that her husband, Colm, a fellow member of OACS, has been every bit as creatively industrious.

When the first lockdown began, with activities drastically curtailed, Colm began looking through past holiday photos and photographing the glorious spring beauty around on daily local lockdown walks, for possible painting subjects. Most of Colm's paintings are landscapes and his preferred medium is acrylic, for speed and looseness.

In recent months he has painted more pictures (over 90!) than in all the past years put together!

Two paintings of his are shown here (right), of Esher

Common and Cobham Mill.

Due to this second lockdown, the dates of the Christmas Fair at Ros Moysen's studio, Rose Cottage, in West End, Esher, announced in the previous issue - and, of course, subject to further Covid restrictions - are

(continued overleaf)



now 4-6 and 11-13 December (Friday 5-9pm and Saturday and Sunday 10am-5pm). Several of our members will be exhibiting, including Wendy Hale, whose work is pictured here (right).

We all hope that before much longer it may become possible for the Society to return to its normal programme and welcome members and guests back again to our regular monthly demonstrations.

In the meantime, we wish readers a safe and healthy Christmas and a very much happier New Year!

Miranda Fuller



The Arts Society Cobham & Oxshott

Windsor Castle aglow for Christmas

It is an indisputable fact that a visit to anywhere royal is guaranteed to attract members of The Arts Society Cobham & Oxshott (ASCO). Thus, in early December 2016, we headed to Windsor Castle for a sparkling Christmas visit. *En route* we first sustained ourselves with an early lunch at



Windsor Farm Shop, which was then followed by some Christmas shopping of Duchy and Highgrove goods.

Back on our coach, we soon arrived at the Castle for our *Great Kitchen to State Apartments Tour*. This began

with a talk and film describing preparations for a state banquet.

Remarkably, the kitchen (above) has been in use for nearly 750 years and today can cater for 160 dinner guests seated the length of St George's

Hall. In the Great Kitchen we wandered between ovens and walk-in refrigerators, noticing enormous K beaters and much copper kitchenware on the shelves. The 1992 fire revealed an unknown higher and older kitchen ceiling as well as a 14th century timber skylight.

Being December, the State Apartments sparkled with beautiful Christmas decorations. We felt dwarfed by a large fir tree in St George's Hall, twinkling with lights and lanterns. Our excitement continued as we walked through the Queen's Ballroom, hung with van Dyck paintings, before coming across several large works by Canaletto in the King's Bedchamber.

The immense Waterloo Chamber was originally a courtyard open to the elements. It was roofed over in 1830 to make a room large enough to house Sir Thomas Lawrence's portraits of the key European leaders who brought down Napoleon. A painting of the Duke of Wellington



hangs in key position. As we walked around, the sheer size of the swags and wreaths decorating the fireplaces impressed us all. An added bonus included in our ticket, was entry to an exhibition of the Queen's evening dresses, some dating back to the 1950s.

Prior to this visit, ASCO benefitted from a November Study Day on Windsor Castle given by Oliver Everett, former Librarian to the Queen. He took us back through the centuries and with his PowerPoint presentation showing some remarkable early maps, illustrating how the site had evolved.

Begun in 1070, the Castle, sited on high ground overlooking the Thames and near a Saxon hunting ground known as Windsor Forest, took 16 years to complete. Constructed of local Bagshot sandstone, Windsor was one of nine castles built by William the Conqueror within easy reach of London. It is today the Queen's favourite weekend residence.

Nicky Orlebar

Nativity Play guidelines

The following guidelines have (allegedly) been issued to Head Teachers to ensure children follow Covid safety procedures for Nativity Plays...

1. There will be no reference to travel, necessary or otherwise. The Holy Family's journey to Bethlehem will NOT be mentioned.
2. The innkeeper's line "There is no room at the inn" will be replaced with "Accommodation should have been pre-booked, and is limited because of strict adherence to social distancing regulations."
3. A maximum of six shepherds will be abiding in the fields keeping watch over their flocks by night. (There is no limit on the size of flocks.)
4. 'A multitude of the heavenly host' is permitted in heaven, but for those approaching Bethlehem, there will only be a sextet.
5. The shepherds visiting the stable will wear masks and use hand sanitising gel on arrival. They must depart **before** the wise men appear.
6. The wise men will also wear masks; it will be clearly stated that they are in a bubble, and that they have observed a period of quarantine before visiting the infant Jesus.
7. Gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh will NOT be brought into the stable. Instead the wise men will tell Joseph they will email him with order details so he can click & collect at Waitrose.



"Oh, nothing too exciting in lockdown, Sue. I burnt the toast last Wednesday, and on Saturday Jim split an infinitive. What's new with you?"

Sudoku

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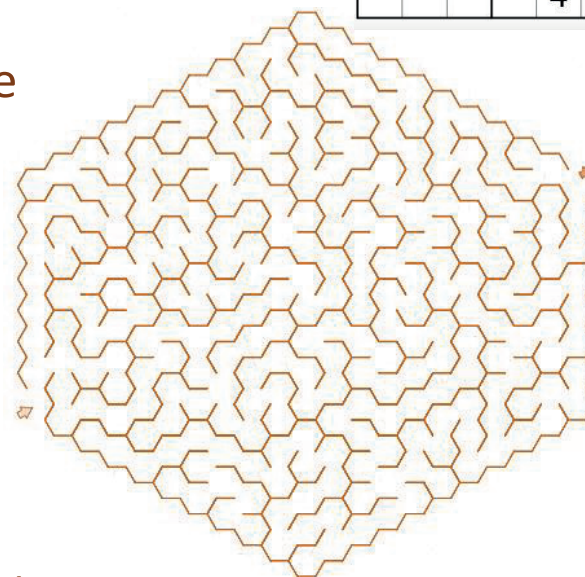
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Bible Reading Fellowship: Hon Sec: Claire King (01932 867522)

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 Leviton (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: Ruth Burns, David Crouch, Revd Patrick Davies (*Curate*), Patrick Fleming, Richard Green, Chris Hampson, Karen Henshall, Brenda Hum, Carl Jackson (*Treasurer*), Anna Jarrett, Claire King, Charlene Lamb, Rebecca Mayhew (*Deanery Synod*), Jill Mengham, Mike Newman, Jill Perrett (*Deanery Synod*), Gordon Scott, 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)

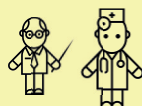
Stewardship: Parish Funding Administrator: Marjorie Cox (01372 842857)

Treasurer: Carl Jackson (01372 843990)

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Community and Local Services



Oxshott Medical Practice: Holtwood Road, Oxshott KT22 0QJ

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

Website: www.oxshottmedicalpractice.co.uk

Doctors:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Outside surgery hours:

- **in Non-Emergency cases:** telephone **111**

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

Patient Participation Group:

Chairman: Elizabeth Chovil (oxshottppgsec@gmail.com)

Central Surrey Voluntary Action: No.1, The Quintet, Charities House, Churchfield Road, Walton on Thames, KT12 2TZ - incorporating Elmbridge Volunteer Centre, and an Esher venue (01372 463587 or visit www.centralsurreyvoluntaryaction.co.uk)

Centre for Sight: Vision correction, laser eye surgery, lens implants and cataract surgery, at 48 High Street, Oxshott. Mon-Fri, 9am-4.30pm (0800 011 2882)

Chiroprapist: Tracie Sampson MBChA MSSCh HPC-registered. Visiting practice (mobile 07944 951505, home 01932 589756)

Council Representatives – Surrey:

Mary Lewis (01932 590338) represents Cobham, Downside & part of Stoke D'Abernon and Oxshott (west of the railway line)

Mike Bennison (01932 866367) represents Oxshott (east of the railway line), Claygate and Hinchley Wood.

Both can also be contacted through the Esher & Walton Conservative Association, 3 Bridle Close, Surbiton Road, Kingston-upon-Thames KT1 2JW (020 8546 2934 or conservatives@esherswalton.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

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

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

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

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

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

Physiotherapist: Leigh R. Hopper MCSP SRP, Oxshott Physiotherapy Practice, Sunridge, Fair Oak Lane, Oxshott (01372 844449 or 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)

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@ssafo.org.uk)

Victim Support: For help and support, call your local victim care team (0845 38 99 528 or shorehamvcu@victimsupport.org.uk). Lines open Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm, 2nd Saturday 9am-5pm or visit 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

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, Pétaque, Squash, Stoolball, Tennis. All enquiries to the OVSC office: Fiona Stephen or Sarah Murphy (01372 843652 or office@oxshottsports.com)

Political Parties: Cobham, Oxshott & Stoke d'Abernon Conservatives: Chair: Jan Fuller (01372 844167 or janmfuller@yahoo.co.uk)

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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