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The Monthly Letter

Getting reconnected

Dear Friends,

Community. What does this word mean to you? It might mean the tight-knit group of friends and family who have supported us through the last year or so. It might bring back fond images of Oxshott Village Days, or a great group of colleagues whom you have not seen for a year. For some it will represent a physical community, such as those which exist locally at Sunrise, Gunters Mead or even Broom Hall.

At our annual away day (on zoom) for the church council, we were considering the current need expressed by many to experience a greater sense of community or 'connectedness' as we come out of this period of necessary isolation. Does this resonate with you?

Whether we are raging extroverts or introverts, we all need some sense of belonging, of community. Recent pictures of experimental capacity crowds for the Snooker World Championships and other events underline our desire for and our joy in connectedness and shared experiences.

Christians believe that God created us all with this innate need for connectedness. In the creation story in Genesis, God says, 'It is not good that the man should be alone...'

The crisis in poor mental health across all age groups as we emerge from the isolation of lockdown (especially among the elderly and young people) is evidence of this.

As a church we will be spending time in June, July and September looking at what the Bible teaches us about community: do join us if you wish, either in church or online (details are given elsewhere in this magazine and on our website).

However, the challenge is: what can we - you and I - do to re-create this sense of community so that no one is left out? Let's be prepared to start small but do something. Church ideas currently include adding more outside seating at the church, picnics, co-ordinated trips to the park and so on. If you have any ideas which you would like to share, please contact me via email. Let's be imaginative and aim for the whole community of Oxshott to become reconnected so that everyone flourishes.

Blessings,

Frances

Vicar



Church Services in June



- Tue 1 9am Pray Together, via zoom
 Wed 2 10am-12 noon Private Prayer, in church¹
 Thu 3 9am Pray Together, via zoom
 Sat 5 9am Saturday Prayers, via zoom
Sun 6 The First Sunday after Trinity
Eco Church: Stuff! (Luke 12)
 10am Listen & Pray, live streamed,
 with bookable places in church, for Holy Communion¹
 Tue 8 9am Pray Together, via zoom
 Wed 9 10am-12 noon Private Prayer, in church¹
 Thu 10 9am Pray Together, via zoom
 Fri 11 Barnabas the Apostle
 Sat 12 9am Saturday Prayers, via zoom
Sun 13 The Second Sunday after Trinity; Father's Day
Community in Christ: Blessed in Christ (Ephesians 1)
 10am Listen & Pray, live streamed,
 with bookable places in church, for Holy Communion¹
 Tue 15 9am Pray Together, via zoom
 Wed 16 10am-12 noon Private Prayer, in church¹
 Thu 17 9am Pray Together, via zoom
 Sat 19 9am Saturday Prayers, via zoom
Sun 20 The Third Sunday after Trinity
Community in Christ: Praying in Christ (Ephesians 1)
 10am Listen & Pray, live streamed,
 with bookable places in church, for Holy Communion¹
 plus, a Father's Day service suitable for all ages, 30-minutes, online only²
 Tue 22 9am Pray Together, via zoom
 Wed 23 10am-12 noon Private Prayer, in church¹
 Thu 24 The Birth of John the Baptist
 9am Pray Together, via zoom
 Sat 26 9am Saturday Prayers, via zoom
Sun 27 The Fourth Sunday after Trinity
Community in Christ: Raised with Christ (Ephesians 2)
 10am Listen & Pray, live streamed,
 with bookable places in church, for Holy Communion¹
 Tue 29 Peter and Paul, Apostles
 9am Pray Together, via zoom
 Wed 30 10-12 noon Private Prayer, in church¹

Notes:

¹ Attendance in church currently needs to be booked beforehand - this includes Private Prayer (on Wednesdays) and Listen & Pray with Holy Communion (on Sundays). You can book on the church website (standrewsoxshott.org.uk) or via the Church Office (01372 842071, 9am- 1pm, Monday to Friday)

² Online only; view at any time from 20 June, via the website (standrewsoxshott.org.uk)

+ Church News

Bug Hotel - open for business!

As part of Eco Church, St Andrew's has been delighted to provide a venue for a Bug Hotel in the church grounds! **Raymond Coe** sets the scene...

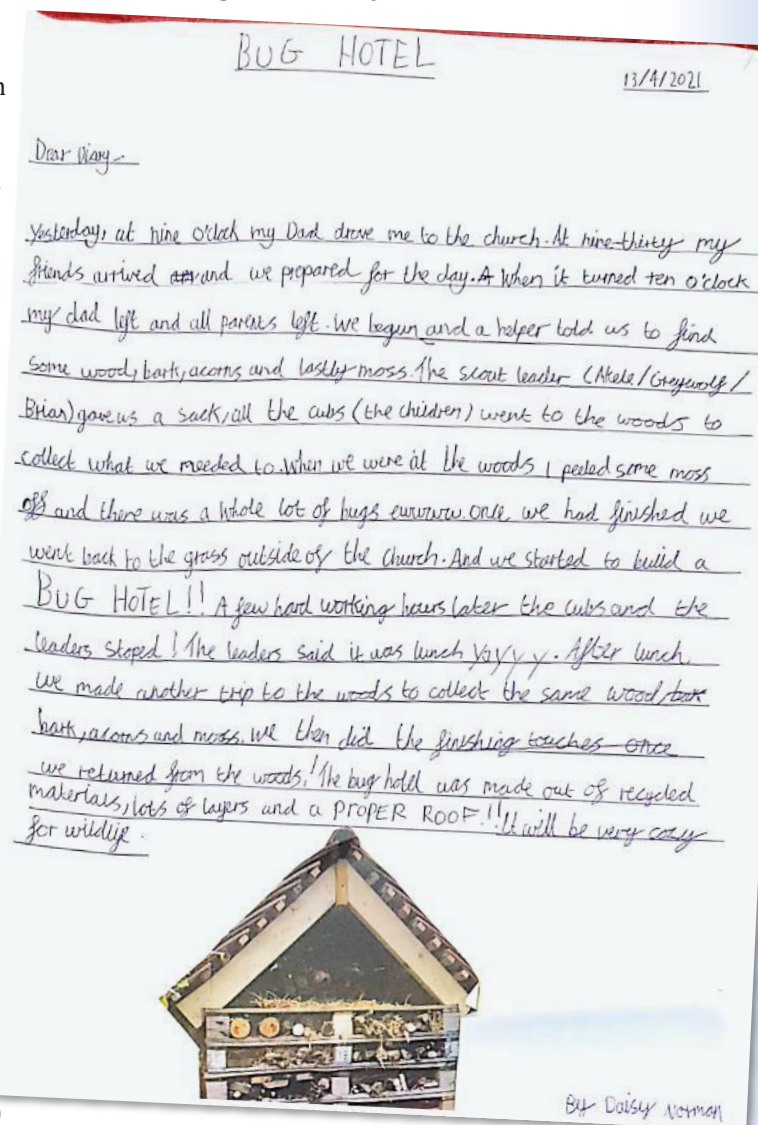
On one day in mid-April, nine Oxshott Cubs, with their leader Brian Murphy, worked with St Andrew's to build a bug hotel in the church grounds.

The activities were very well described in a wonderful 'Dear Diary' note by Daisy Norman – reproduced here (right).

All nine children were pupils at the Royal Kent School and several were eagerly telling me about its history.

I am pleased to report that they all took a keen interest, were

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industrious, well behaved and worked hard throughout the day to complete the project!

The children were taken to the Heath to gather leaves, sticks, moss and other material from the heath floor. They then helped to build the 'hotel' using pallets, pipes, bricks, wood, bark, straw, wood shavings and all the material gathered from the Heath.

Finally the roof was laid using tiles, providing a comfortable home for what we hope will be a wide variety of local wildlife.



Photo: Raymond Coe

*The Bug Hotel in the church grounds
- already taking in guests...*

Almost all the materials were recycled, donated by local residents, various construction sites and a timber mill in the area. There is no plastic.

The construction of the bug hotel is part of an initiative for the church to gain an Eco Church award for its environmental credentials.

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As well as being good for the local environment, we are hoping the facility will be used for teaching purposes.

The hotel is now open for business!

Raymond Coe

It's a baby grand!

St Andrew's is delighted to have been given a baby grand piano, donated by a family who live near Ripley. 100-year-old Brenda Skinner, who moved out of her own house to live with daughter Carol and son-in-law Eldon Sandys, is absolutely delighted that her beloved piano has found a new home where it will be used. After the Covid-safe removal of the piano to St Andrew's, Eldon said, "If ever worship in church is allowed again (it will be!) my mother-in-law Brenda, Carol and I would love to come to St Andrew's to see the piano in its new home."

The piano is a Danemann (the same make as our faithful existing upright piano), and on playing it does fill the space beautifully. We will invite our generous donor family to join us when that is possible.

Ruth Burns



Parish News & Notes

As we unlock...

... from the various Covid restrictions on our services, we are hopeful that we can welcome an increasing number of you into church! The planned services (*on page 4*) are of course subject to alteration as the impact of coronavirus changes.

So do please check our website for the latest information.



Congratulations to James Newman, son of Mike and Anne, on his marriage to Nicky Beveridge.

The wedding took place at the Church of St Peter and St Paul, West Clandon, on 1 May, and – despite being delayed several months due to Covid restrictions, and having an attendance limited to 15 guests – it was a great day!

Our best wishes to the happy couple for their future together.



Building Your Church (BYC) update...

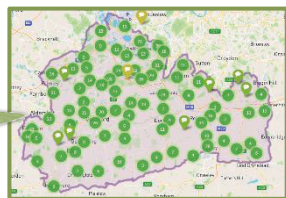
As we go to press this month, we are waiting in positive anticipation... for the Diocese's written response to the Build Your Church (BYC) project; for the architect's updated designs; for Elmbridge's response to our CIL funding application; and we are hoping to get to the next stage with Your Fund Surrey (YFS), following our registration last month – it's not too late for you add a 'Like' to the YFS map!

This is an exciting project that we believe will bring benefit to the whole community of Oxshott, and we really appreciate the feedback and support we have received so far.

Meanwhile, the PCC and BYC Steering Group have been busy thinking about everything – the activities, events, church services and community services – that will be happening in and from St Andrew's, especially as we emerge from lockdown.

One of the many things we have (re)learnt recently is the importance of outdoor space, and so you will soon see furniture appearing in the beautiful church grounds – please feel free to use it whenever you wish – to meet friends, to drink coffee, or just to stop for a while and reflect on how blessed we are with our church and its development at the heart of the community.

Jill Mengham



Services in church

It has been wonderful to welcome at least a limited number of people back into church for our live streamed Sunday services...

We know many of our regulars have been holding back, out of concern for those without internet access; but there are usually a few places available each week.

If you would like to attend, do please book via the Church Office or via the church website.

Thank you all for praying for the Alpha Online Course.



We do have a group signed up, which is really encouraging, but in discussion it has been decided to defer the course to begin from Sunday 12 September.

Do keep praying and inviting - if you'd like to know more, email: alpha@standrewsoxshott.org.uk

Up, up and away...



In April the PCC & Ministry Team held our 2nd virtual Away Day. Although we all would have preferred to meet in person, we were still grateful to be able to get together by zoom, and it was a real blessing to have the time to catch up with each other.

Frances asked us to reflect on the work of the church during the lockdown, and things we would like to celebrate; we were able to come up with a surprisingly long list!

This included such things as the enhanced technical capability that has allowed us to live stream Sunday services, the invaluable work of the pastoral team and the enhanced role of Life Groups. It was also great to hear of the work done by the *StAks@home* team and that the *Open the Book* online service has been viewed by around 80-100 children each week.

In small breakout groups, we had lively discussions about how we will welcome people back into church and how we will serve the community of Oxshott - very much the beginning of the process of reopening, but nonetheless it was a very productive and encouraging time.

Changes to Marriage Registrations

There was a poignant moment in church on 9 May, when Frances lead prayers of thanksgiving and blessing for all those whose weddings had been conducted in St Andrew's, Oxshott, and that had been registered in our historic, green registers. **Frances** explains why...

On 4 May 2021 the way in which all marriages are registered (whether conducted in church or elsewhere) changed. Government legislation now requires that, instead of the best man being entrusted with precious copies of the marriage certificates after the signing of the register (always a slightly nerve-racking moment!), all marriages are now to be registered on a single digital electronic Marriage Register operated by the GRO (General Register Office).

Making the change

Over the next few weeks, a representative from each of the churches (and other wedding venues) across the country is required to take all Marriage Registers and other documentation (including spare Marriage Certificates) in person to their local Registrar. Once the documents have been processed, each church is permitted to keep one of the two identical green Marriage Registers as an historic document.

As a church we will have a new Church Marriage Service Register, in which we will retain all details of church weddings. However, this is for the record only; we will no longer be permitted to issue the usual Marriage Certificates.

Little change in church – and something positive

However, there will actually be little change so far as couples marrying in church are concerned.

Banns will still be called (or licenses applied for, where relevant) by clergy, and a Marriage Document will be signed (and witnessed, with the opportunity for photographs) during the wedding service.

One positive aspect of this new legislation is that mothers' names and occupations are to be included in information provided (following the Registration of Marriage Bill, sponsored by the Bishop of St Albans). In addition, there will be opportunity for the bride and groom to add other



parents (in the case of adoptive and birth parents, for example, or a step-parent) to the form.

The couple will receive a certificate given by St Andrew's (or any local church) to say that the couple were married in the service on that historic day. Clergy are then responsible for sending in the copy (within 21 days) of the Marriage Document to the local Registrar, who will add the couple's details to a central digital Marriage Register.

The Superintendent Registrar will issue a Marriage Certificate at the request of the couple, but this will not be done automatically.

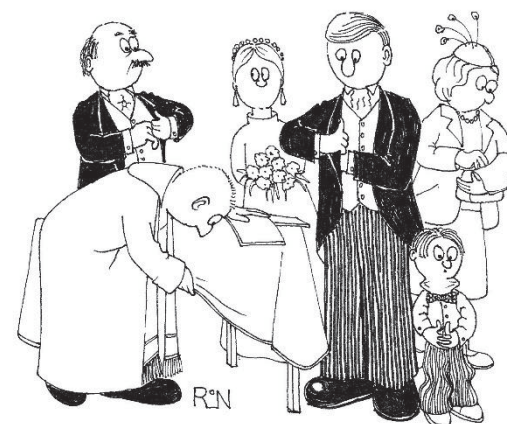
Looking forward

Weddings are always marvellous occasions and at St Andrew's, Oxshott, we love journeying with couples through the preparation, not only for the big day itself, but also for the rest of their married life together.

We are all too conscious of the severe restrictions on marriage ceremonies that have been in place during the pandemic. But these are gradually being removed, and we look forward to a return to 'normality'!

If you or someone you know is thinking about being married here in St Andrew's, please be in touch with the office team in the first instance (01372 842071 or office@standrewsoxshott.org.uk).

Frances Trickey



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The foodbank is our Mission Partner, and we asked **Michael Flaxman**, a Life Group member here at St Andrew's, and a Foodbank Volunteer, to update us on how things are going...



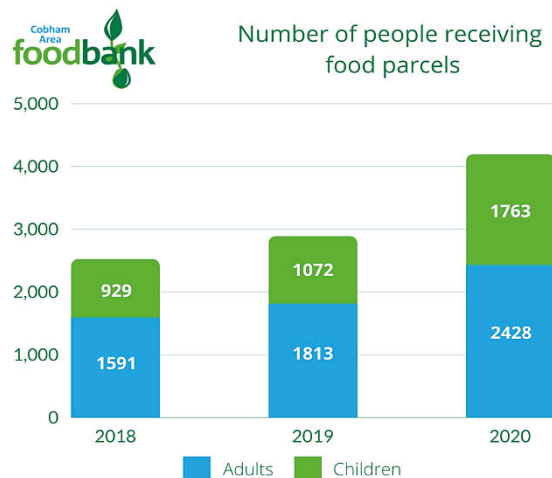
Cobham Area Foodbank is a project founded in 2013 by local churches and community groups, working together towards preventing hunger in our local area covering Cobham, Oxshott, Stoke D'Abernon, Downside, East & West Horsley, and Effingham.

As one of our local Mission Partners, St Andrew's continues to provide support through both generous cash and food donations, as well as a regular focus of our prayers both in church and my Life Group.

As a Foodbank volunteer, amongst many from churches throughout our area, I get to hear first-hand the plight of so many in our local community.

Every day people in the UK go hungry for reasons ranging from redundancy or family breakdown to receiving an unexpected bill on a low income. A simple supply of food makes a big difference which, in addition to preventing hunger, can alleviate debt problems, crime, housing loss and mental health issues.

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which can also provide long-term support to help address issues behind a client's crisis. We also receive client referrals from churches, schools, and surgeries.

Increasing demand

Sadly however, as you can see from the graph (left), demand is only increasing.

In 2020 we collected over 43 tonnes of food, and gave 4,191 individuals (42% of whom were children) one week's emergency food supplies.

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Prior to Covid-19, we would welcome our clients at our pop-up café providing drinks and snacks while they waited for their order to be prepared in accordance with their family size and requirements.

We would chat to clients and we are trained to signpost them to other support, e.g. debt counselling from CAP, children's clothes and toys from B@titude, etc. Due to the pandemic, we have had to curtail some of that personal contact in order to keep our clients and volunteers safe.

Arranging distribution

We have collection bins in all the local churches (Covid restrictions permitting) as well as Oxshott Village Store, Waitrose and Sainsbury's Local in Cobham, etc. Donations are collected in our van and taken to the Foodbank warehouse in Leatherhead where they are weighed and sorted.

Every Tuesday morning the van delivers sufficient food for the week's expected requirements to the Foodbank's 'pop-up café' Distribution Centre. This is currently kindly hosted by Cobham United Church, but this is



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- **Community** - we have a responsibility to support one another.
- **Dignity** - recognise the value of every individual.
- **Justice** - it is not right that anybody should experience hunger.



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Michael Flaxman



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FEDORA: a busy year, and the AGM

With Spring upon us and Covid vaccinations being received, life in Oxshott appears to have taken a positive turn. And FEDORA has continued to be busy...

This has been a very busy year for FEDORA. A full update of what we have been doing will be provided at the Annual General Meeting – see the meeting details overleaf. Our areas of focus have included:

- the emerging Local Plan and how to achieve a reduction in mandated targets from central Government;
- contentious planning applications around Oxshott;
- roads, in particular the A244 with the problems of increasing volumes of traffic, especially HGVs at night;
- flooding problems in some parts of Oxshott;
- clearing and maintenance of footpaths such as along Steels Lane from the Medical Centre to the A244 (see photo);
- enhancement of green spaces in and around Oxshott.

Membership of FEDORA

You can receive updates on what FEDORA is doing and matters of significance to Oxshott residents, by signing-up for emails using the side-panel on our website.

However, we do need more residents to demonstrate their support for FEDORA by becoming Members. With more members we can have more influence.

We distribute our semi-annual magazine to 2,750 households, an estimated 5,500 adults. Our emails are sent to 600 recipients. Yet we have only 235 Members.

If you receive our emails and value what we do, why not join FEDORA? Go to our website at www.fedora.org.uk/membership, fill-out the simple online form and pay the annual subscription of £10. If you care about Oxshott and value what we do, then please support us by joining FEDORA.

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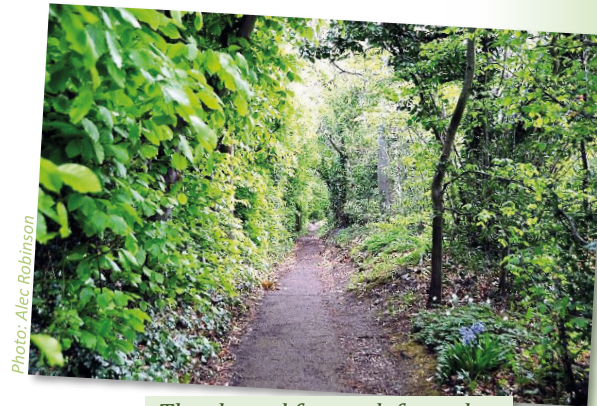


Photo: Alec Robinson

The cleared footpath from the Medical Centre to the A244

Bridleway 49

Photograph by Alec Robinson, taken in April 2020
on the bridle path between Blundel Lane and Wren's Hill

FEDORA

The Voice for Oxshott

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting ("AGM") for FEDORA - The Voice for Oxshott will be held on **24 June 2021**, at the Oxshott Village Centre.

This will be the first AGM since FEDORA was incorporated as a Community interest company in December 2020. All residents of Oxshott and nearby areas are welcome to attend, but please note that only Members of the company can vote. If you are not a Member, or are not sure, and would like to be able to vote at the meeting, please contact membership@fedora.org.uk.

The meeting will include the election of Directors. An initial AGM notice, sent on 19 May to those on our email list, requested nominations for new Directors.

We are also inviting our newly-elected Elmbridge and Surrey Councillors to attend the AGM and hope that they will be able to join us.

If Covid regulations do not allow us to hold a face-to-face meeting, we will make alternative arrangements and Members will be updated by email.

Community Speedwatch

FEDORA is also helping to create a Community Speedwatch Group and is looking for volunteers to run it.

The objective of the Group will be to monitor and help reduce incidents

of speeding traffic on the main roads through Oxshott. If you are interested in learning more, please contact info@fedora.org.uk

Volunteers

Talking of volunteers, all the work of FEDORA is done by the Directors together with a small team of enthusiastic volunteers.

If you are interested in helping in any of our initiatives, do please get in touch through info@fedora.org.uk



Daffodils at the top of Station Approach

Padel Tennis comes to OVSC!

Like a bear waking from its winter hibernation, emerging blinking in the sunlight, so Oxshott Village Sports Club is slowly waking from its long lockdown. **Sarah Murphy** tells all...

After the long lockdown imposed by the Covid restrictions, Tennis and Cricket are back – along with Bowls and Pétanque; Netball is also extending its season to make up for lost time – so it's full-blown action stations at Steels Lane, which is wonderful to see.



A small band of hugely-appreciated volunteers, working solo, or socially distanced as necessary, have spent valuable hours maintaining and repainting the Clubhouse and Bar, so as soon as inside service returns to complement the current outdoor service, our members and visitors will be able to enjoy the refreshed décor along with a refreshing pint or two.

Further exciting news is that planning permission has been granted for the building of 2 new Padel Tennis courts, with work due to hopefully start towards the end of May.

Padel is a racquet sport, typically played in doubles on an enclosed court roughly 25% smaller than the size of a tennis court. Scoring is the same as normal tennis and the balls used are similar but with a little less pressure. The main differences are that the court has walls and the balls can be played off them in a similar way as in the game of squash and that solid, stringless bats are used. It can be played in groups of mixed ages and abilities and is not power dominant.

Having originated in Mexico, Padel is hugely popular in Spain and other European countries as well as Hispanic American countries such as

Argentina. It is one of the fastest growing sports across continental Europe and is rapidly taking the UK by storm. Current members of OVSC will be able to add Padel Tennis to their membership for a small extra charge, and we are now also welcoming new members who may be interested in joining our newly formed Padel Section. Anyone who is interested in learning more about Padel or who would like to join a taster session or become a full member can contact Sarah or Fiona at office@oxshottsports.com and we will be delighted to give you some further information.

Visitors are always welcome at OVSC. With our new patio (left), which wraps around the clubhouse



(continued overleaf)

and overlooks the cricket ground and pétanque terrains, what better place to while away a few summer hours than with a cold drink and watching some cricket, or just enjoying some sunshine. The ever-popular Dough Shack Pizza van also parks at OVSC Monday, Wednesday and Saturday from 4pm until 8pm – so why not add a pizza to your pint, sit back and relax.

Happy Summer 2021 from OVSC!

Sarah Murphy

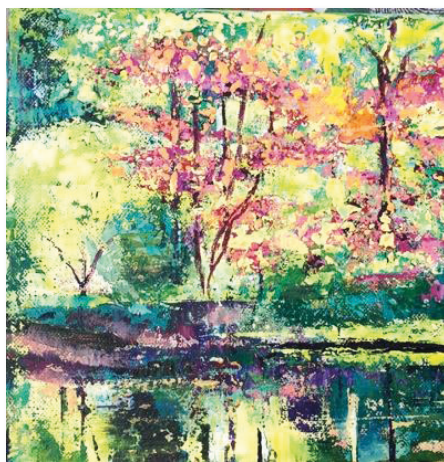
Artworks in action

OACS have been as active as possible during lockdown; **Miranda Fuller** outlines what is happening online and in groups...

Oxshott Art & Crafts Society members hope, before too much longer, to be looking forward to face-to-face demonstrations again - but not until the autumn; our June demonstration will again be online: Judit Matthews's *Natural Worlds, in Watercolour*, on 8 June.

Our members are keeping up their creative work and a number of them will be participating in the annual Surrey Artists Open Studios event in June, in which several hundred artists across Surrey open their individual studios to the public or exhibit in small groups.

Four of our members are part of a group called Stable Artists, who exhibit in West End Village in Esher,



Reflections - by Ros Moysen

at the charming home of member Ros Moysen, who will be exhibiting her latest works in acrylics, collage and mixed media, inspired by and full of colour and texture. Roger Marsden will be showing his range of wood turnings, including bowls in various sizes, lidded pots, night light holders, mortars and pestles, and (especially popular) pepper and salt grinders. Wendy Hale will have her finely embroidered pictures and other pieces of embroidery on display and



Salt and pepper grinders created by Roger Marsden

Beryl Hole, her range of ceramics, from the contemporary to traditional use of the medium, using different firings, including Raku.

Several other artists will also be exhibiting. The studio will be open from 5-20 June, from 11am-5pm on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, in the garden, conservatory and coach house of Rose Cottage, West End Lane, next to the Prince of Wales pub in West End. Entry is free and dogs, bikes and children are welcome.

From the end of June to the beginning of August, I have an art exhibition at The CornerHOUSE Arts Centre in Douglas Road, Surbiton, which put on my online exhibition last summer.

Owing to Covid restrictions, entry is by prior arrangement only. My 'Meet the Artist' evening will be on Tuesday 29 June, by invitation. Do feel free to contact me (miranda.fuller@btinternet.com) if you are interested.

Miranda Fuller



Lina Heather

Those who knew her will have been shocked and saddened to learn of the death of Lina Heather, a longstanding and much-loved Brownie and Guide leader here in Oxshott.

We will bring you a full appreciation of Lina in next month's Magazine.

Flowers in abundance

Another busy month for members of Oxshott Village WI - **Liz McGibbon** explains how their activities are slowly emerging from the restrictions...

Our May meeting was a flower demonstration by Liz Owler on zoom. In spite of our not being able to smell the flowers and foliage, she carefully demonstrated how to assemble vibrant red tulips, alstroemeria and lovely foliage from her garden into very attractive arrangements. It was a most enjoyable evening.

We held a Craft Group meeting in Jenny Beebe's garden, when Brenda Pattison was guided into making a punk rabbit! -sorry, pink!

Bluebells were in abundance on our walk to White Down Bluebell Walk. As we began it looked very disappointing as many trees had been chopped down but thanks to the leaders of the walk, Jenny and Maggie Bowen, we soon came upon a most amazing 360-degree view of beautiful bluebells.



Liz Owler's beautiful arrangement

At last! We held our first WI lunch for over a year when thirteen ladies thoroughly enjoyed lunch at the Running Mare. The first Wednesday of the month is now, again a date in our diaries for lunch in a local establishment.

A meeting of the Book Club in the garden at the back of the United Church, Cobham was very popular and we hope to gather there again to discuss our latest read, *Then She was Gone*, by Lisa Jewell, which was, as the flyleaf says 'incredibly tense' and 'emotional and clever'. It should be an interesting meeting.

Our June meeting will be a talk by June Davey about West Horsley

Place, again on zoom; hopefully, we meet in July in the Oxshott Village Centre, have a Summer Lunch in August and should be back in the Hall in September - wishing everyone a healthy summer.

Liz McGibbon

White Down Bluebell Walk



Photo: Ian Dilks

Voting in Oxshott - 6 May 2021
Slow voting during coronavirus restrictions

What's On in Oxshott



June

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| Tue | 8 | 7.45pm Oxshott Art & Crafts Society: <i>Natural World, in Watercolour</i> , with Judit Matthews, via zoom for members |
| Wed | 9 | 2.20pm The Arts Society of Cobham & Oxshott: <i>The Healing Power of Plants: Why plant-derived treatments are not an alternative - they are the real thing</i> , with Tim Walker, via zoom for members |
| Tues | 15 | 8pm Oxshott Village Women's Institute: <i>West Horsley Place</i> , with June Davey, via zoom for members |
| Wed | 16 | 8pm Cercle Français d'Esher: <i>Henri Tomasi, musicien engagé et humaniste (1901-1971)</i> , with Dr Emilie Capulet, via zoom for members |
| Thur | 24 | 7pm FEDORA (Federation of Oxshott Residents & Associations): <i>Annual General Meeting</i> , at Oxshott Village Centre (Covid restrictions permitting; online if not) |

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

Guerrilla Gardening in Oxshott

Work continues by groups of local residents to enhance our village environment, by the clearance of rubbish and installation of new planting; **Carmen and Alec Robinson** explain the progress...

We hope residents have enjoyed the spring daffodils that have been blooming around Oxshott. Some, such as on the Bevendean estate, were planted by those who wanted to enhance the area; other areas, such as the triangle at the top of Station Approach, were funded by Oxshott Village Day, and 1,500 daffodils were funded Danes Hill School, on the A244 opposite their entrance, planted by us with help from a volunteer.

A current project is to clear the brambles, dead trees and rubbish (barbed wire, concrete, tarmac, car parts, old road signs, bottles, etc,) on the A244 by Wren's Hill. The land is Surrey Highways' - who are supportive, but do not have the funds to do it themselves, although they taken away some of the rubbish. We have dug out over 10 bulk bags of rubbish so far.



In the photo above, the area is on the left; the work is being done by ourselves plus other volunteers from Wren's Hill, Knott Park and Chatsworth Place. We meet for two hours on Monday mornings to work on clearing, after which we will plant low-maintenance native trees and shrubs such as hawthorn. If you would like to help, please email us (see below).

We have now made access to the postbox much easier and uncovered tarmac footpaths that, according to one long-term resident, have not been seen in over 30 years! And it is safer, with much improved visibility for vehicles entering and leaving Wren's Hill. When we are finished there will be a much more attractive scene for everyone.

What is the next project? If you have ideas on other areas that should be enhanced and are willing to get involved, please email greenspaces@fedora.org.uk.

Carmen & Alec Robinson

The Arts Society of Cobham & Oxshott

Education just for women

Royal Holloway College was the result of Jane persuading her husband, Dr Thomas Holloway (1800-1883), to spend his increasing fortune on a university college just for women. Fond of all things French, Thomas despatched his architect W H Crossland to measure the *château de Chambord* on the Loire. The result back in Egham, 19 miles west of London, was Royal Holloway College, an impressive five story edifice, built around two large quadrangles with a roofline of turrets and towers set in 135 acres.

Constructed in pink Bracknell brick with stone ornamentation, Founder's Building was opened in 1886 by Queen Victoria for an initial 30 students.

Dr Thomas Holloway's patent medicines (it is questionable where his doctorate came from) included pills for both internal ailments and ointments for external use. Made off Oxford Street, they were advertised as containing ginger or perfume and sold worldwide. Such was his benevolence, that before commissioning the college, Thomas had already paid for the nearby Holloway Sanatorium at Virginia Water, its tower still visible from the M25. This building is now converted into apartments.

Later in life, Dr Holloway collected paintings by such artists as Landseer, Millais and Frith. He attended London auction houses and frequently out-bid those present. The college curator explained that the recently renovated Picture Gallery has over 70 paintings on the walls, showing Holloway's preference for contemporary life rather than religious scenes. So large were some of the works purchased that it was necessary to remove a few of the gallery's pilasters to provide hanging space.

Today over 11,000 students benefit from Dr Thomas Holloway's Victorian philanthropy at Royal Holloway College, now part of London University.



The impressive Royal Holloway, University of London, set in 135 acres of parkland in Egham, Surrey

Nicky Orlebar

Observations as we get older...

- Learn from others' mistakes. You won't live long enough to make them all yourself.
- Few things are more satisfying than seeing your children have teenagers of their own.
- I want to be 14 again and ruin my life differently. I have new ideas.
- Money isn't everything, but it does keep you in touch with your children.



Sudoku

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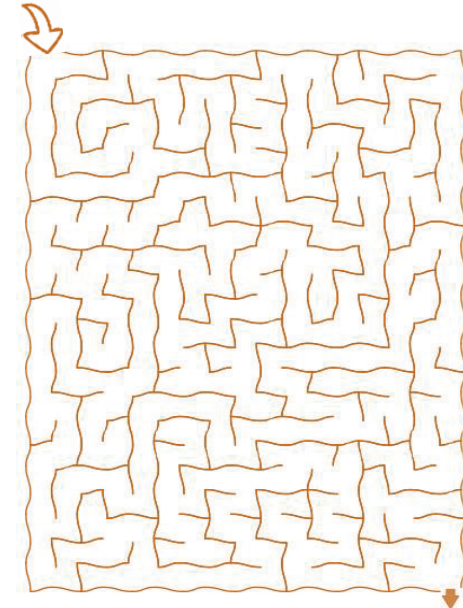
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Maze



Giving thanks...

The Vicar said to a lively six-year-old boy, "So George, your mother says a prayer over you each night? That's very commendable. What does she say?"
George replied, "Thank God he's in bed!"

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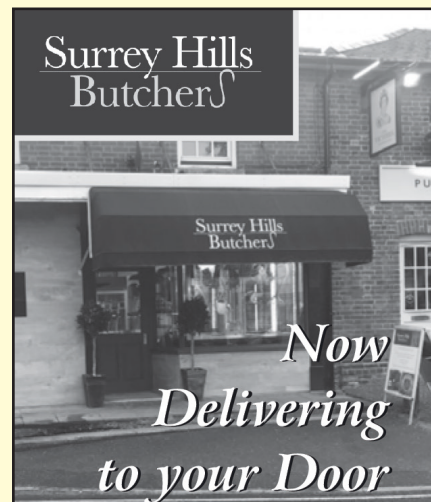
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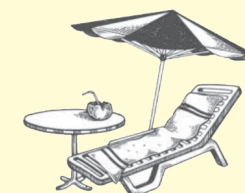


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Who's Who at St Andrew's



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

Build your Church Project: Contact: Ruth Burns (01372 844377)

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 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, 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, Revd Patrick Davies (*Curate*), Patrick Fleming, Richard Green, Chris Hampson, Carl Jackson (*Treasurer*), Anna Jarrett, Rebecca Mayhew (*Deanery Synod*), Mike Newman, Jill Perrett (*Deanery Synod*), Mike Shand, Norman Steven, Revd Frances Trickey (*Vicar*), Revd Jolyon Trickey (*Associate Minister*) and Adele Wright

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)

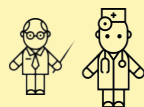
Stewardship: Parish Funding Administrator: Marjorie Cox (01372 842857)

Treasurer: Carl Jackson (01372 843990)

Welcomers: Convenor: Gwen Bullen (01372 843932)

Contact information for local services – *please advise any changes*

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)

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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)

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

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

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Oxshott and Stoke D'Abernon Ward:

Andrew Burley (07503 830954 or aburley@elmbridge.gov.uk),

David Lewis (07771 505567 or djlewis43@btinternet.com),

Alan Parker (07917 521069 or alanparker.oxshott@gmail.com)

Councillors – Surrey County Council

Cobham Division:

(includes Cobham, Downside, part of Stoke D'Abernon and Oxshott, west of the railway line)

David Lewis (01932 590338 or 07771 505567 or david.lewis1@surreycc.gov.uk)

Hinchley Wood, Claygate and Oxshott Division:

(includes Hinchley Wood, Claygate and Oxshott, east of the railway line)

Mark Sugden (01372 463085 or 07548 244422 or mark.sugden@surreycc.gov.uk)

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

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Esher and District Citizens Advice Bureau: Harry Fletcher House, Civic Centre Complex, High Street, Esher (No service currently in person; by phone 01372 464770 Mon-Tue, Thur-Fri 10.30am-3.30pm; Wed 1pm-3.30pm, or via www.eshercab.org.uk)

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: The Community Support Services Team at Elmbridge Council (01372 474552 or commservices@elmbridge.gov.uk)

Neighbourhood Watch: Voluntary crime prevention movement. Co-ordinator for Oxshott: Sally-Ann Todd (sa-washington@hotmail.co.uk)

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

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

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@btopenworld.com)

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

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

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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 Leviton (01932 862532)

Oxshott Village Sports Club: Bowls, Bridge, Cricket, Cycling, Football, Netball, Pétanque, Squash, Stoolball, Tennis. All enquiries to the OVSC office: Fiona Stephen or Sarah Murphy (01372 843652 or office@oxshottsports.com)

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)

Women's Institute - Oxshott Village WI: Meets 3rd Tuesday in month at 8pm, in Oxshott Village Centre. Contact: Maggie Day (01932 988501)



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