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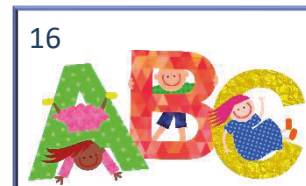
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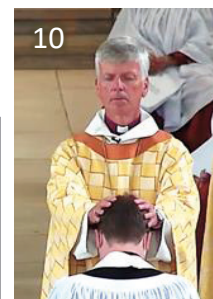
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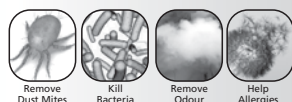
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## The Monthly Letter

## Reconnecting in Oxshott

Dear Friends,

I wonder how this summer has felt to you? Since 19 July, I have enjoyed treasured moments with friends and family whom I have not seen, except perhaps via zoom, for some time. Even with local friends it has been a real joy to be able to catch up properly in the comfort of someone's home.

I know some of you are still waiting to see loved ones - perhaps because they live abroad. People speak of gaps of two years since they last met up. This must be so hard. Be assured that we continue to pray for you every week at St Andrew's and if you would like any support, please be in touch via the office number.

In addition, I know friends who are feeling anxious about re-connecting once more, concerned about what might happen if they fell ill, especially as they live alone. Once again, please let us know if we can help you.

As we restart our two main

5 September (full details of our

ministries and activities gradually

working to provide safe ways

levels of confidence/anxiety concerning Covid-19.

You can find all the information on our website. Alternatively, please ring the office for guidance. Watch our website and Weekly News too for information on a community-wide social event on Sunday 3 October as we celebrate Harvest together.

As we all look forward to the 'new normal' let us do so whilst acknowledging that the pandemic has affected people in very different ways and seek to love one another as we meet together once more.

Paul puts this best in his letter to Christians at Galatia:

*"You, my brothers and sisters, were called to freedom.*

*But do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence; rather, serve one another humbly in love.*

*For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command:*

*'Love your neighbour as yourself.'*"

(Galatians 5.13-14)

Blessings,

Francis  
Vicar



## Update

Plans for September services have changed since publication, with our 10am services continuing for the present – see the full details on our website: [www.standrewsoxshott.org.uk](http://www.standrewsoxshott.org.uk)



## Parish News & Notes

### Alpha Online!

St Andrew's Church will soon be hosting Alpha Online, on Sunday evenings from 12 September. **Patrick Davies** explains ...

**W**e are delighted to announce that we will be hosting the well-respected Alpha course here in Oxshott. You may have heard of Alpha already – it involves a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith, each one looking at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation.

Alpha is run all around the globe, and everyone is welcome. It runs in cafés, churches, universities, homes - you name it. No two Alphas look the same, but here are the answers to some of the questions you might have:

**What?** Alpha is a chance to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment.

**Why?** We all have some big questions about life, faith and meaning – maybe especially at the moment! Alpha gives us a chance to explore the big questions together, hearing each other's thoughts.

**Who?** Alpha is for anyone and everyone. You don't need to have been to church before, and people generally have pretty diverse points of view, which can lead to great discussions!

**How?** With 'Alpha Online' we meet together via zoom, to watch an episode about questions around the Christian faith, and have a chance to chat about it afterwards. There's no pressure, no follow-up and no charge.

**When?** 7.45pm-9pm, Sundays, from 12 September 2021. There are 11 sessions, so the course will finish toward the end of November.

**Where?** You can join us on zoom from wherever you are! Let us know you'd like to join us, and you will receive the zoom link by email.

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We do hope you can join us!

*Rev'd Patrick Davies*

### Moving forward...

As we go to press, changes continue to be made to how St Andrew's operates as the Covid-19 restrictions reduce. The Vicar, clergy and churchwardens are seeking to move to the new normal, whilst keeping us safe and taking care of the vulnerable or anxious.



For example, you no longer need to book for church services or private prayer in church, and seats are being returned to a more normal configuration. Singing is now encouraged! Communion in both kinds (that is, with both the bread and the wine) is now being offered, whilst preserving various Covid-related precautions - at each service, the welcomers will direct you appropriately, within the latest arrangements.

We are looking forward to offering two styles of services on Sunday mornings, and are planning to reintroduce provision for children, and the sharing of refreshments.

Thank you for your patience, and we look forward to seeing you!

### Congratulations

to Emily Galazka and Chris Marti on the announcement of their engagement.



Emily grew up at St Andrew's, from attending Junior Church to helping lead it, and we are delighted to share this happy news.

Emily and Chris will be married here at St Andrew's next June.

### Giving thanks for our vaccines in Oxshott

The availability of a free vaccine has brought a deep sense of relief and hope to us in the UK. As a gesture of thankfulness, Frances challenged the community of Oxshott to support a St Andrew's initiative in tandem with Christian Aid.

We are pleased to tell you that to date we are aware of donations of over £1,335 (including Gift Aid), which will support Christian Aid's response to the pandemic in communities around the world.

Thank you.



Keep in touch with the Weekly News! If you'd like a copy sent to you, by email or by post, just contact the Church Office

## Church Services in September

Wed 1 10.30am Private Prayer in church  
11.30am Holy Communion  
Thu 2 9am Pray Together, via zoom  
Sat 4 9am Saturday Prayers, via zoom  
**Sun 5 The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**  
*Living in Christ (Part 1)* (Ephesians 4.17-5:21)

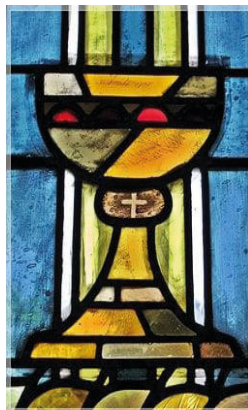
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Tue 7 11.30am Holy Communion  
Wed 8 11.30am Holy Communion  
Thu 9 9am Pray Together, via zoom  
Sat 11 9am Saturday Prayers, via zoom  
**Sun 12 The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**  
*Living in Christ (Part 2)* (Ephesians 5.1-20)  
9.15am Holy Communion  
11am Oxshott Praise  
Tue 14 9am Pray Together, via zoom  
Wed 15 10.30am Private Prayer in church  
11.30am Holy Communion  
Thu 16 9am Pray Together, via zoom  
Sat 18 9am Saturday Prayers, via zoom  
**Sun 19 The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity**  
*Relationships in Christ* (Ephesians 5.21-6.9)  
9.15am Holy Communion  
11am Oxshott Praise Communion  
Tue 21 9am Pray Together, via zoom  
Wed 22 10.30am Private Prayer in church  
11.30am Holy Communion  
Thu 23 9am Pray Together, via zoom  
Sat 25 9am Saturday Prayers, via zoom  
**Sun 26 The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity**  
*Protected by Christ* (Ephesians 6:10-24)  
9.15am Holy Communion  
11am Oxshott Praise  
Tue 28 9am Pray Together, via zoom  
Wed 29 10.30am Private Prayer in church  
11.30am Holy Communion  
Thu 30 9am Pray Together, via zoom

### Notes

- Our Services (on Sundays and Wednesdays) and Private Prayer (on Wednesdays) are now in church, and places no longer need to be booked beforehand
- Pray Together (on Tuesdays and Thursdays) and Saturday Prayers continue on zoom, via the church website ([www.standrewsoxshott.org.uk](http://www.standrewsoxshott.org.uk))



**We bring you news of Josey Wisdom**, who is to be married to her fiancé, Chris Speller (pictured here with Josey) in Farnham on 4 September. They are to be married at St Andrew's, Farnham, by the curate there, John Marrow, also well known to us here at Oxshott.

Please pray for Josey and Chris as they prepare for their wedding and as Josey moves to join Chris in Swindon.

Josey also has a new job! Starting on 1 October, she becomes full-time Children and Families Leader at All Saints' Church in Faringdon, Oxfordshire.

**The Bereavement Group** have had gatherings here in my garden, which have been much enjoyed by all.

People just felt so glad to get out of their homes and meet with other members of our Coffee Comfort group.

Everyone has been caring about others in the group during lockdown, with people keeping in touch on the phone regularly.

We are all looking forward to resuming our regular third Thursday morning coffee meetings,



starting in September and hopefully taking place once again in the church vestibule.

Jenny Mathieson



**Join the Archbishop of Canterbury at a Big Questions meeting near you.**

Justin Welby is visiting the Diocese of Guildford on 25 & 26 September and will engage with local communities at a series of Big Questions events.

This is a unique opportunity to put questions to the Archbishop and hear him speak on how to find security and hope in uncertain times. Each event will last one hour.

Local venues include Leatherhead, Esher, Epsom, Guildford and Dorking, on Saturday 25 September.

All are welcome and admission is free, but places are limited and must be booked in advance at:

[www.cofeguildford.org.uk/whats-on/events/big-questions](http://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/whats-on/events/big-questions)





## Patrick: ordained as Priest

We are delighted that in July our curate here at St Andrew's, **Patrick Davies**, was ordained Priest. We asked Patrick what that means, both broadly and to him in particular...

**Y**ou may be thinking "Didn't that happen last year. Did something not work the first time round?" If you are, you're partly right! You're not imagining it - I was ordained last year! On 10 October 2020 I was ordained a Deacon in the Church of England at a small service at Holy Trinity, Claygate - with very limited numbers present in person due to the restrictions in place at the time.

The role of a Deacon is to 'serve' - and it is said of those who are ordained: 'Once a Deacon, always a Deacon' - that is, we never stop being called first to serve. But on 3 July I was ordained a Priest as well. The service took place this time at Guildford Cathedral, with slightly less limited numbers!

Being ordained Priest means I have been commissioned by God and the church to do a slightly different role, as well as still being a Deacon. Being a Priest means a bit more leadership within the church, and at times being a representative for God, for the church and for the community of faith. It means I can lead at services of Holy Communion, pronounce God's blessing, and proclaim the truth of God's forgiveness for people.

Being ordained a Priest is not a 'promotion' or elevation, and does not mean I am any more or less than I was before - but it's a specific role I believe God has called me to, and ordination is the church simply affirming

that call, and praying that God by his Holy Spirit would help me to step into it well.

God calls us all - primarily to follow Jesus, but to be and do many other things as well. Some are called by God to be teachers, accountants, managers, musicians, business people, partners, parents - the list could go on and on - and it would be wonderful to learn to recognise the call of God in each of us.

It is my prayer that whatever God has called *you* to, you would know his blessing and the help of his Holy Spirit as you step into it.

If you have any questions about exploring the way in which God is calling you, or about what it means to follow Jesus, I would love to chat with you over a coffee sometime!

*Rev'd Patrick Davies*

*You can contact Patrick by email ([patrick.davies@standrewsoxshott.org.uk](mailto:patrick.davies@standrewsoxshott.org.uk)) or by phone (07780 125127)*



*Patrick, Belinda and the family after the service ...*

## From the Registers



### Baptisms

*We welcome into God's family:*

11 July                      Otis Theodore Rigley

### Funerals

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

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## Becoming new

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This insect can help us understand the afterlife and the significance of the resurrected Jesus. Paul, on his journeys, discovered that some members of the church in Corinth were confused about life after death. So Paul wrote a lengthy letter to them to explain the importance of the resurrection of Jesus, and how it affects our future existence.

Paul doesn't mention caterpillars and butterflies but describes a seed becoming a plant. By just looking at an individual seed there is no knowing what it is going to look like! But out of its death comes a beautiful new life form.

Paul points out that all living beings have a body that enables them to live in a particular environment. There are earthly bodies for living in a physical world and a spiritual body for living in the heavenly realms. And so God will give to us a new spiritual body to enable us to live with Him in heaven.

Of course, all butterflies eventually die, but in our resurrected body we will not be subject to decay or death. How do we know this? Jesus said: "Because I live, you also will live" (John 14.19). Jesus pioneered the way for us. He died on the cross, arose from the grave, and so opened up the way for all believers in Him to go to Heaven.

Thanks be to God!

## As easy as ABC...

There's a new place for Adults, Babies and young Children to enjoy and connect...



As part of the gradual reopening of St Andrew's, from Monday 13 September we will begin a new group for babies, young children, and their parents or carers, which will run each Monday in school term time, 9.15-11am. We will have toys, stories, songs, snacks and refreshments, and hope it will be a friendly place to enjoy and connect together each week.

If you, or someone you know, would be interested in coming along, please email us ([abc@standrewsoxshott.org.uk](mailto:abc@standrewsoxshott.org.uk)) or just turn up at the church any time from 9am on 13 September.

As we move forward, it would be good to have more people to help with running this group too - so, if you can offer help in any way and however often, please be in touch via the same email address, or speak with Patrick, Belinda or Frances.

*Revd Patrick Davies*



"Due to our failure to secure a holiday relief organist, the next hymn will also be sung to the tune, *Chopsticks*."

## The Desert Song

Despite the difficulties in meeting up, the groups within St Andrew's have been very active. **Ron & Jackie Stewart** tell how the members of their Life Group tackled running a service in church...

One day several weeks ago, Frances asked the Life Group leaders if any of their groups would like to take over one of the summer series of services on the Psalms. We raised this challenge with our Monday Evening group at our next meeting, and there was an enthusiastic response, perhaps inspired by characters from the "Les Misérables" study series we were doing at the time!

The allocated Psalm for Sunday, 15 August was Psalm 63, one of several Psalms King David wrote whilst fleeing Jerusalem from his son, Absalom. He poured out his heart and soul as he sought in the loneliness of the wilderness of Judah, but through it all he held fast to his praise and worship of God for all the blessings that had taken place in his life.

Most members of the group participated in the service; some leading, two as preachers, three others acting - taking the roles of an interviewer, Absalom and King David - to provide a different and poignant context to where and when King David wrote this Psalm. There were prayers to compose, a musical excerpt in Urdu to reference our Mission Partner connection with Sialkot in Pakistan, a video introduction from one of John Stott's books on the Psalms and even new images to a worship song.

We prayed the whole would bring glory to God and were grateful for the opportunity to serve in this way.

Our prayer is that the hearts of some who watched and heard, whether in church or online, captured the depth of David's faith to seek and reach out to God in confidence and believe too for themselves that however you are feeling, God is always faithful.

*Ron & Jackie Stewart*

## Psalm 63







## The railway bridge

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# Village News

## A brief update on roads...

FEDORA has been looking to improve a number of issues concerning the roads of Oxshott, as Ian Dilks now reports...

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The Voice for Oxshott

Further to our updates in the previous editions of the magazine, we are pleased to report that there is continuing albeit slow progress on all of our requests, i.e. a night time HGV ban in the village, the deployment of average speed cameras on the A244, speed restrictions in the centre of the village and continuous pavement access to the High Street from the south of the village.

### Design work

Surrey Highways is currently analysing the results of the recent traffic monitoring exercise, which will inform design options, and initial design work on all projects should commence later this year or early next. Cobham residents have expressed concerns about the risk of an HGV ban diverting vehicles into Cobham, and whilst we think this is unlikely, it will complicate the design work.

We are also in discussions with Surrey and our councillors about modifying the parking restrictions in the lay-by in the High Street.

I'm pleased to report that good progress is being made to establish an Oxshott Community SpeedWatch.

Further details will be presented at the upcoming AGM (see below).

Ian Dilks



**FEDORA**  
The Voice for Oxshott

## Annual General Meeting

FEDORA - the Voice for Oxshott CIC will be holding its AGM at the Village Centre at 7.30pm on 30 September.

This will be an opportunity to meet the directors and key volunteers of FEDORA - the Voice for Oxshott CIC, as well as your local councillors. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

All members and supporters are most welcome.

## The Arts Society is on the move!

An important change is about to happen to The Arts Society Cobham and Oxshott (ASCO). **Ionis Thompson**, Acting Chair, explains...

We have recently had concerns – like many other Arts Societies – about a drop in our membership which made our future look precarious. So we were delighted when Claremont Arts Society approached us with a view to merging our two societies as they, too, were finding their numbers had dropped away in recent years.

A merger made sense as their membership is from an area similar to ours, they also meet on the second Wednesday of the month (though currently in the evenings) and they use the lovely Yehudi Menuhin Hall in Stoke d'Abernon for their lectures.



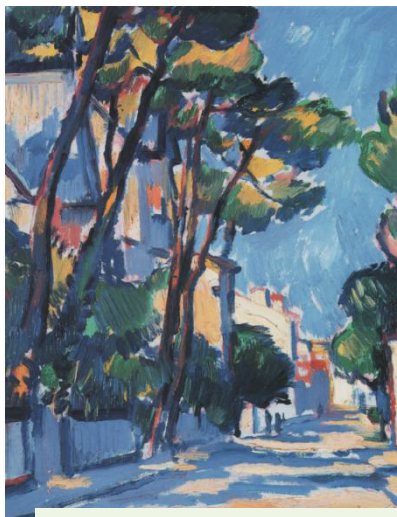
### Exciting plans for 2022!

We have now agreed to merge in January 2022, to move our lectures to the Menuhin Hall and to continue meeting on the same day of the month in the afternoons. We will be called **The Arts Society Claremont and Oxshott** (or ASCO for short, the same acronym as we have now). This move will ensure good sizes of audience and sufficient income to continue operating.

We'll continue to hold 10 lectures a year with a Summer and a Christmas lunch and many Visits to interesting places. The annual membership fee will continue to be £45. The Menuhin Hall, which many readers will already know well, is a most attractive, well equipped hall with plenty of space and lovely grounds. Crucially it has ample room to park, so there will no longer be competition for limited parking slots when arriving for a talk. We feel this will be a great enhancement of our present position.

### A wide range of subjects

For the rest of this year, until the merger, we will continue to meet in Oxshott Village Hall. We are all longing to meet again 'live' after a year of zoom lectures and plan to hold our first talk of the autumn season in the Hall. This will be on 8 September at 2pm (our postponed AGM will be held



*In February we learnt about the work of the Scottish Colourists*

before the talk): it is being given by Clive Stewart-Lockhart on *The Orientalists: Artist Travellers to the Near East*. If there is another surge of the virus, we will, of course, revert to holding the talk and the AGM virtually.

The year of talks that ended this summer, all given by zoom, has covered a wide range of subjects. We've looked at the paintings of Eric Ravilious and of the Scottish Colourists and the Glasgow Boys and Girls; we've been given a background view of the Nutcracker Suite with accompanying musical extracts; we've had a lively description of the Vikings and their artistic creations; we've looked at the tribal rugs and weavings of Persian and Central Asian Nomads and been shown how plants can heal. In the next few months we will be hearing about the artist Vermeer and will end the year with a jolly talk on the cartoonist, Giles.



*The story of the Nutcracker was our topic in March*

### Popular visits

During the winter, as Visits were no longer possible, we put on two virtual tours of parts of London – the East End and Mayfair – with a Blue Guide, which proved very popular with our members and guests from other societies.

Our first 'live' visit, postponed from before the pandemic, will be to West Horsley Place on 20 September. This will be Nicky Orlebar's last organised Visit, after some 15 years of running trips for the Society – see her recollections over the page of a past visit, to West Wycombe.

If all this appeals to any readers who are not already members of ASCO but would like to join for the last few months of our independent existence and then to go on to our new enlarged being, our Membership Secretary, Sheila Millard, would be happy to welcome you to the society if you email her (ascobox2018@gmail.com).

We look forward to seeing you.

*Ionis Thompson*



## Dilettanti Dashwoods

**Nicky Orlebar**, who has organised the excursions of The Arts Society Cobham and Oxshott (ASCO) for many years, still has time to recollect one of their guided visits...

**A**SCO (The Arts Society Cobham & Oxshott) members immersed themselves in the life and times of the Dashwood family when visiting their church, caves, house and park in the village of West Wycombe, Buckinghamshire.

Everything about the Dashwoods comes over as slightly eccentric, in both life and death.

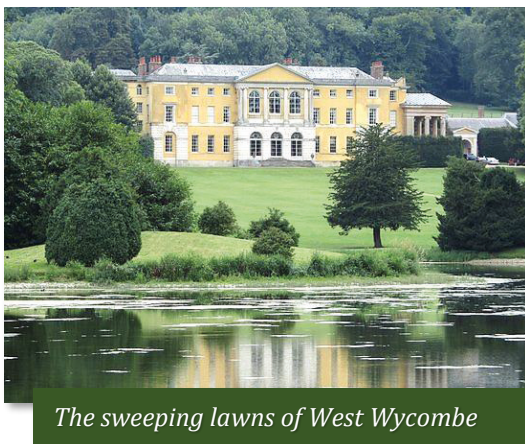
Originally London silk merchants, the second baronet and MP Sir Francis Dashwood (1708-81) lived life to the full travelling as far as Constantinople and Russia before returning to England to make enthusiastic improvements to his house in the 1740s.

Our guided visit began with their hilltop church overlooking the estate. Lavishly decorated inside in the Palmyra style inspired by a Grand Tour, the tower is topped by a golden ball visible for miles around and originally used for Dashwood parties. Their roofless, hexagonal mausoleum stands nearby. Literally below these buildings and inside the chalk hills are the Hell-Fire caves excavated by farm workers when the harvests failed. Extending some 400m underground, the lit tunnels cross the 'River Styx' to the 'Inner Temple' where the Dashwood Dilettanti Society met.

After our lunch in a conveniently sited nearby garden centre, we entered the park. This consists of a Capability Brown landscape around the Greek Revival house. A footpath follows the attractive ochre-coloured walls to the south front with its double colonnade added in 1756 and now much appreciated by film makers.

Inside, little remains undecorated. Faded frescoes and statues, pillars and pilasters, painted ceilings and illusionistic marble walls contribute to a neo-classical aura. Outside, a walk around the grounds led past lodges, statues and temples, upper and lower lakes with islands, grottoes, bridges, a boathouse and cascade. For a theatrical experience, National Trust-owned West Wycombe is hard to beat.

Nicky Orlebar



*The sweeping lawns of West Wycombe*



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## Things can only get better!

WI members certainly felt that as they gathered in July - **Liz McGibbon** outlines how everyone is looking to get back to their usual rhythm. ...

**M**embers of Oxshott Village WI gathered in person in Oxshott Village Centre on Tuesday 20 July. As we had not booked a speaker, we had a fun evening trying out our brains at a couple of quizzes and some fun with 'Handbag Bingo'.

Members have been in contact over the last months, gathering for walks, book club, craft meetings and, more recently, lunching together in local pubs.

Walks have taken members to various parts of Surrey and we have seen some beautiful views of the Surrey Hills at Ranmore Common and even spotted rare orchids. The last walk was to the Woodland Trust near Langley Vale, where members admired a recent memorial to the Battle of Jutland.



*Some of the WI walkers...*

### Future meetings!

We are looking forward to the future, as on 21 September our speaker will be Sheila Willis and her topic *Beside the seaside*, and on 19 October Carol Cameron will talk about *Victorian Dolls*.

If you would like to attend either of these meetings, please come to Oxshott Village Centre just before 8pm and you will be made very welcome.

Liz McGibbon

*Work in progress at Oxshott Village Store - after major refurbishment, new services are being introduced, including COOK food and a pharmacy.*

*The amenities on Oxshott High Street are increasing all the time!*



## Now looking forward....

Oxshott Art & Crafts Society (OACS) members have been keeping busy, as **Miranda Fuller** reports, but they are also looking forward to some in-person meetings...

**A**lthough OACS don't meet during the summer, our members have continued to enjoy filling their time as creatively as possible.

Wendy Hale has been busy upcycling ties, creating a colourful assortment of brooches, pen holders, specs and phone cases, bags and patchwork hexagons, pictured here.

Meryl Hayes, Charlotte Fletcher and Wendy Hale all participated in the *Glad Rags Project*, at West Horsley Place, in which local people during lockdown were invited to sew a square, illustrating something which cheered them. Pictured here is Meryl's square, combining her love of gardening, stitching and indigo dyeing.



*Upcycling, by Wendy Hale*

Our woodturner chairman, Roger Marsden, meanwhile, has his work currently on show in the Orleans House Gallery in Twickenham, as part of a range of exhibitions on the theme of Cultural Reforestation.

My own exhibition at the CornerHOUSE arts centre in Surbiton got off to a great start with my Meet the Artist evening in late June and



*Fabric artwork by Meryl Hayes*

finished in mid-August. Pictured here is my mixed media picture, *Among the Leaves*.

### In-person demonstrations

Most excitingly, we have the start of our Autumn programme coming up, with our first in-person demonstrations since Spring 2020!

To start us off, on 14 September we have popular artist Max Hale giving a still life demonstration in water-mixable oils.

Then, on 12 October we have our well-regarded local artist, Hildegard Reid, demonstrating still life in acrylic, and

following this we have another popular artist, Keith Morton, giving us a day's portrait workshop in acrylic, on Friday 29 October. Details of further events will be given in the next edition.

Readers will fully understand how much we are looking forward to getting back together and attending these events and, should you wish to come along to the demonstrations, you will be very welcome. These take place on the second Tuesday of the month from 7.45-9.45pm, at the Village Centre.

*Miranda Fuller*



*Among the Leaves, by Miranda Fuller*

## What's On in Oxshott

### September

- |      |    |   |
|------|----|---|
| Tue  | 7  | 10am <b>Women's Friendship Group:</b> Coffee and Chat, in the Small Hall, Oxshott Village Centre  |
| Wed  | 8  | 2.20pm <b>The Arts Society, Cobham &amp; Oxshott:</b> <i>The Orientalists: Artist Travellers to the Near East</i> , with Clive Stewart-Lockhart at Oxshott Village Centre |
| Tues | 14 | 7.45pm <b>Oxshott Art &amp; Crafts Society:</b> <i>Still Life: with water-mixable oils</i> , with Max Hale, at Oxshott Village Centre                                     |
| Tues | 21 | 8pm <b>Oxshott Village Women's Institute:</b> <i>Beside the Sea</i> , with Sheila Willis, at Oxshott Village Centre   |
| Thur | 30 | 7.30pm <b>FEDORA - Voice for Oxshott:</b> <i>Annual General Meeting</i> , in the Main Hall, Oxshott Village Centre  |

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





## Keeping it natural...

What do you consider to be 'beautiful countryside'?

According to Natural England, thorny scrubs and floodplains should be seen as more beautiful than manicured fields.

Tony Juniper, chair of Natural England, which is the government's adviser for the natural environment, has said a 'cultural revolution' is necessary to help people appreciate the beauty of a messy countryside.

He has said that the "orderliness" of much of our British countryside, with neat stone walls, sheep-grazed fields and villages has often created "ecological deserts" for wildlife, who starve. "To ensure our future security, it will be necessary for us to let nature take back some control."

### 'Rewilding' can be healing

So Tony Juniper strongly supports the increasing popularity of 'rewilding' projects which have become a popular way for land managers to give nature a chance. He believes that rewilding can help to heal degraded landscapes and provide better habitat for wildlife.

A post-Brexit plan to reward farmers and other land managers for improving water quality and helping plants and wildlife is expected to replace the EU's Common Agricultural Policy.



### Local Recovery Strategies

In a separate initiative, the Government has recently (on 10 August) opened a consultation on plans for new Local Nature Recovery Strategies across England, as part of the landmark Environment Bill.

The consultation launch follows successful Local Nature Recovery Strategies pilots in Cornwall, Buckinghamshire, Greater Manchester, Northumberland and Cumbria which showed how local groups can work collaboratively together to produce their strategies. Managed by Natural England in conjunction with the local partner organisations, the pilots have informed the policy development and next steps.

For Natural England, Tony Juniper said, "Restoring our natural world after years of decline will bring a wealth of benefits to people, our environment and our economy. We're pleased to support the consultation, which will allow our partners to feed into how the Local Nature Recovery Strategies will run."

"Natural England has played a key role in developing the Local Nature Recovery Strategies, including running the pilots which used an evidence-based, locally led, collaborative approach."

The Nature Recovery Network plans to create or restore 500,000 hectares of wildlife habitat outside protected sites and help species thrive, more effectively linking existing protected sites and landscapes, as well as urban green infrastructure, such as trees, hedgerows, parks, fields, forests, and urban blue infrastructure, such as rainwater tanks, bioswales, rivers, canals, ponds, wetlands, and floodplains.

*Make sure Oxshott's voice is heard: the consultation will be open online on Citizen Space for a period of 12 weeks, closing on Tuesday 2 November.*

*For the detail, find the background and the survey at:  
[//consult.defra.gov.uk/land-use/local-nature-recovery-strategies/](https://consult.defra.gov.uk/land-use/local-nature-recovery-strategies/)*

## Back to School!

Danes Hill School is looking forward to the new term and beyond, as **Claire Walsh** outlines...



We were delighted to welcome all the children at Danes Hill back to school for the Summer Term 2021 and are excited about the approaching Autumn Term.

Despite the challenges in this academic year, our senior pupils excelled in gaining 46 senior school scholarships this summer. Our Common Entrance results were equally as impressive with 95% gaining A\* to C grades.

Even after the term had ended, the school was buzzing with the very popular Summer Camps! We are looking forward to hosting events again at school, in the Autumn Term, such as our annual Family Day, Fireworks Night and Christmas Fayre.

Looking ahead to 2022, we will welcome our new Head, Mrs Maxine Shaw (*pictured right*), who is currently Head of the Junior School of St Paul's in Barnes. She will start her position as Head of Danes Hill and Bevendean in September 2022. Mr Rob Andrews will continue as Acting Head until this time.

We would like to wish our Danes Hill families and local community a propitious end to 2021.



*Claire Walsh  
Local Community Liaison Officer - Danes Hill School*

## Our special new gastropub

The Victoria was visited by **Andrew & Ruth Burns**, who review the experience for us here...



The Victoria Oxshott has finally reopened, but in a new guise as a gastropub – the brainchild of some entrepreneurs who learned their craft under chefs such as Gordon Ramsey and Heston Blumenthal. The layout of the bar and restaurant area will be familiar to regulars, but the original woodwork has been revealed and repainted. We were given a sneak preview just before the official opening – greeted warmly at the door by Simon, one of the founders and Matt, the head chef. Their young staff produced some exciting pre-dinner cocktails – including an elegant French Martini and a refreshing Garden Tonic.

There are two new private dining areas, but our table looked out on the attractive replanted garden and terrace at the rear. The menu was not overly long, but everything looked mouth-watering – the four of us agreed that we could have picked anything. We started with a beer-battered oyster each with delicate seaweed mayonnaise – the beginning of what was an adventure for our senses. The starters were superb – particularly the Mushroom Parfait – with its intense flavours – and the beautiful and subtly cooked Torched Mackerel. We were a bit uncertain about the sound and look of the Crispy Pigs Head – but the taste of the soft pork with the crunch of the surrounding breadcrumbs was utterly delicious.

The wine list was high quality – with some eye-wateringly expensive wines at the top end for the special occasion. We were recommended a nice red Burgundy to have with some wonderful mains – the best were perhaps the Bavette cooked on the charcoal grill or the Brill with Mussels tasting as if they had just come out of the sea. The dark horse dishes were the Pork Chop – succulent and bursting with flavour – and the Halibut fish and chips in the lightest, crispest batter we had ever tasted. Little dishes of carrots, potatoes and thick chips completed the table.

The portions were not tiny, but we bravely made room for desserts and so shared a Chocolate Parfait and a slightly gooey Passion Fruit Pavlova. The star was a small glass of a red Montecappone dessert wine which was like a mouthful of sweet cherries. We were made to feel very welcome and it is clear that the owners are keen to be a core part of the life of the Oxshott village and community, sourcing some of their key ingredients locally. Their new staff were enthusiastic – all smiles and plainly enjoying their work – we were well looked after by assistant managers, Louise and Emilia.

The four of us agreed that the whole evening was excellent – the prices were high end, as you would expect, but the food, drink and ambience were all a truly top-quality experience. We will be back and soon.

*Andrew and Ruth Burns*

## Sudoku

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*Last month's solution*

*Answers  
next month*

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## What do you call...

What do you call a dog who is a magician?

A labracadabrador.

## Dad jokes...

I got my daughter a fridge for her birthday.

I can't wait to see her face light up when she opens it.

## Being British...



How to really enjoy the rain:

1. Stand at the window (inside)
2. Put non-tea drinking hand on hip
3. Sip tea from a mug
4. Mutter "Look at that rain", "It's really coming down now" or "The garden needs it"
5. Say "Good job we got the cushions/washing in"
6. Eat all the biscuits



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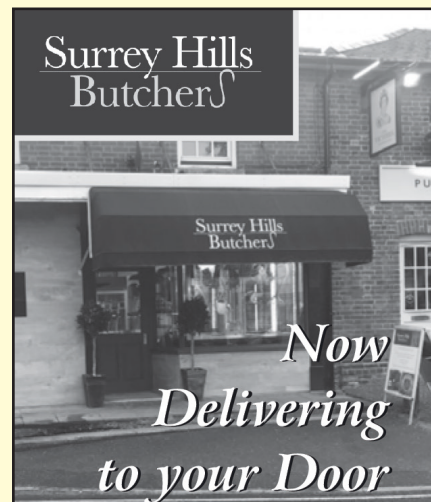
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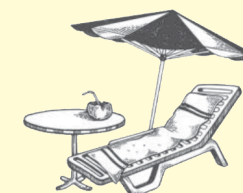


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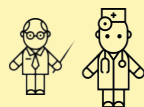
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#### Hinchley Wood, Claygate and Oxshott Division:

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Mark Sugden (01372 463085 or 07548 244422 or [mark.sugden@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto: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](http://www.counselling-directory.org.uk/counsellors/fay-preston))

Contact information for local services

## Services *(continued)*



**Dentist:** Dr Brian Cullen BDS (Shef), Oxshott Dental Practice, Winkfield, Steels Lane, Oxshott. Mon-Thur 8am-5pm; Fri 8am-4.30pm (01372 843552 or [info@oxshottdental.com](mailto:info@oxshottdental.com) or visit [www.oxshottdental.com](http://www.oxshottdental.com))

**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](http://www.eshercab.org.uk))

**FEDORA:** Federation of Oxshott Residents and Associations. Co-Chairs: Anthony Wolfe, Carmen Robinson ([chairman@fedora.org.uk](mailto:chairman@fedora.org.uk))

**Friends of Oxshott Heath:** Contact: Jan Fuller ([janmfuller@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:janmfuller@yahoo.co.uk)), Elizabeth Chovil ([e.chovil@ntlworld.com](mailto: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](mailto:commservices@elmbridge.gov.uk))

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Royal Kent School,** Oakshade Road, Oxshott, Surrey KT22 0LE (01372 842495) Church of England Primary School, ages 4 to 11. For details of admissions, please contact the School Office. **Headteacher:** Katie Hancock **Governors:** David Young (Chair), Katie Hancock (Headteacher), Joe Blaney, Revd Patrick Davies, Louise Emmett, Stuart Heeks, Helen Howell, Steve Jones, Laurie-Ann Lamb, Tonia Lovell, Revd Frances Trickey, Robbert Zoet

**SSAFA:** Leading national charity helping members and ex-members of the Armed Forces and their families (01372 462796 or [surrey@ssafa.org.uk](mailto:surrey@ssafa.org.uk))

**Victim Support:** Free confidential support after crime. Contact: Supportline (08 08 16

All the details you need to join in

## Local Clubs & Societies



Covid-19: many activities are suspended, or are online only - ask contacts below for details

**1st Oxshott Scouts:** Meetings, Beavers (Mondays 6-7.15pm), Cubs (Thursdays 6.30-8pm), Scouts (Wednesdays 6.30-8pm), Explorers (Mondays 7.30-9pm).  
(oxshottscoutgroup@gmail.com) [www.oxshott-scouts.org](http://www.oxshott-scouts.org)

**Ladies Friendship Group:** Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in month at 10am, in small hall in Oxshott Village Centre. Contact: Angela Horne (01372 843113)

**Le Cercle Français d'Esher:** Evening talks in French on 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month from October to June in West End Village Hall. Contact: Cavan Taylor (01932 864258 or [cavan.taylor@btopenworld.com](mailto:cavan.taylor@btopenworld.com))

**Oxshott Art & Crafts Society:** This friendly group of artists and craftsmen meet for a demonstration at 7.45pm on the second Tuesday of most months. Guests are welcome and members can exhibit in three annual exhibitions. All standards are welcome. Full details are all on our website ([www.oxshottartandcrafts.org](http://www.oxshottartandcrafts.org))

**Oxshott Badminton Club:** If you play badminton why not join us on Tuesday evenings (September to May). Contact: Geoff Moyle (01372 843844 or [geoffdot@ntlworld.com](mailto:geoffdot@ntlworld.com)) or Ashok Patel (07977 103436 or [ashokdivya@aol.com](mailto:ashokdivya@aol.com))

**Oxshott Bridge Club:** Duplicate bridge on Wednesday evenings at Oxshott Village Centre. Enquiries to Secretary: Janet Kefford (01932 863541)

**Oxshott Choral Society:** Meets Wednesday evenings in the Church Hall. Contact: Sue Rees (01372 842300) [www.oxshottchoral.org.uk](http://www.oxshottchoral.org.uk)

**Oxshott, Esher and the Dittons NWR (National Women's Register):** meets fortnightly on Tuesday evenings (some Tuesday afternoons during winter) in each other's homes. Contact: Cathy Davies (01372 842085)

**Oxshott Flower Arrangement Society:** Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in the month at Oxshott Village Centre, except August. Contact: Jill Leviton (01932 862532)

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

**Political Parties: Cobham, Oxshott & Stoke d'Abernon Conservatives:** Chair: Cathy Davies (01372 842085 or [cdavies\\_waldegrave@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:cdavies_waldegrave@yahoo.co.uk))

**Cobham, Downside, Oxshott and Stoke Labour Party:** For information contact Secretary Dan Parks (07860 677898 or [codslabourbranch@gmail.com](mailto:codslabourbranch@gmail.com))

**The Arts Society Cobham and Oxshott** (formerly CODFAS): arranges illustrated monthly afternoon talks, and lectures with lunch, at Oxshott Village Centre. Coach visits organised. Contact: Sheila Millard (01372 462722)

**The Oxshott Club, Oakshade Road:** Centre of Village Social Life. Lounge Bar, Snooker, Pool, Quiz Nights on a regular basis; music and entertainment evenings and BBQs held regularly. Sports events shown on BT Sports channel. Open every evening; Saturday and Sunday open midday onwards. New members always welcome. See us on Facebook or contact Club Secretary or Stewardess (01372 842232)

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

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