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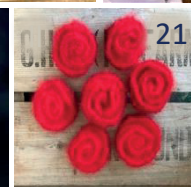
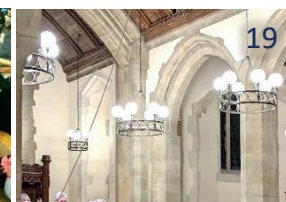
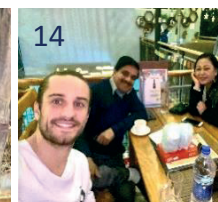
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The Monthly Letter

Loving kindness

Dear Friends,

As we approach Valentine's Day, perhaps you are thinking of how to show love to those close to you...?

Maybe you've already booked a restaurant, or bought a thoughtful gift...or maybe this is your reminder to do so!

In our services at St Andrew's Church we are looking at the Old Testament book of Ruth, which explores the theme of 'love' in a particular way - 'loving kindness'.

Ruth's story is both very ordinary, and truly extraordinary. In a short period of time she experiences the death of all the male members of her family, leaving her with her sister-in-law and mother-in-law together in a very challenging situation of bereavement and hardship. Yet, despite the repeated temptation (and encouragements) to prioritise her own well-being, Ruth consistently acts selflessly and prioritises the well-being of others. In doing so, she discovers great blessing herself!

It's amazing (and maybe a little counter-intuitive) that it is when we turn our thoughts and actions outward, away from ourselves and toward others, that we often find the greatest joy!

Ruth's story reminds us that the way of 'loving kindness' is truly satisfying, and how God calls us to live - and shows us himself, especially in Jesus.

So, away from all the hearts, flowers and romance of Valentine's Day, in our day-to-day lives, how might we live with loving kindness toward others? It's in those consistent little acts of loving kindness that we build our ordinary life into one of extraordinary love.

It is my prayer that, as Ruth's life shows, it is in doing so we may find true joy, security and peace amid all life's pains and joys.

Patricia

Curate



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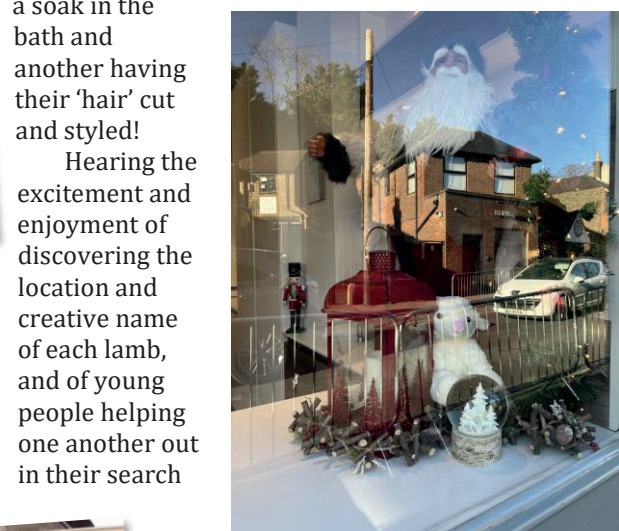
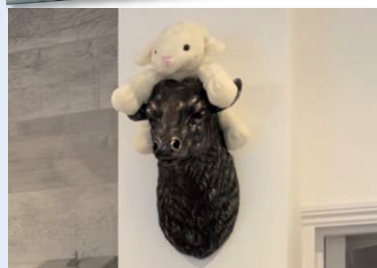
Lamb Trail and Crib Service!

In the run-up to Christmas, the eagle-eyed may have noticed a number of cuddly toy lambs popping up around our community. **Patrick Davies** explains...

The lambs in question were part of the 'Oxshott Lamb Trail', for which children from local schools (and those of all ages) were invited to collect the names of all twelve lambs, and their various locations across the village - which included one taking

a soak in the bath and another having their 'hair' cut and styled!

Hearing the excitement and enjoyment of discovering the location and creative name of each lamb, and of young people helping one another out in their search



for the missing lamb to complete their list, really helped get us in the Christmas spirit.

Thank you to all the shops and businesses, and all who took part!

The Lamb Trail was set up in anticipation of the St Andrew's Crib Service on Christmas Eve, for which the lambs were all gathered back in - except four, who remained in

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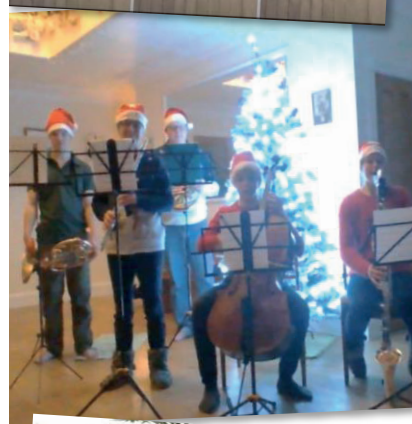
'self-isolation', due to their shop being shut following the Government's updated 'Work from Home' guidance!

The Crib Service goes online...

Those lambs who could return to the fold revealed their identity (and where they had been hiding) to those who gathered via zoom for the Crib Service.

Due to Covid, this service took place online, rather than in person in the church building. But it was, as ever, a very special time for many families to gather with one another, to remember and celebrate Jesus' birth in a service of

about half-an-hour, with Bible readings, carols, animations, stories, prayers and songs, led by children and families.



Hearing children read and sing, play and pray so beautifully really meant everyone was able to encounter the story of Christmas anew and afresh.

So a big thank you goes to all the families who took part, especially for their flexibility and creativity in contributing online!

Patrick Davies

Church Services in February

- Tue 1 9am Pray Together, via zoom
Wed 2 The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)
 11.30am Holy Communion (said)
 Thu 3 9am Pray Together, via zoom
 Sat 5 9am Saturday Prayers, via zoom
Sun 6 The Fourth Sunday before Lent
Ruth: loving kindness in action: Redeemer (Ruth 4.1-12)
 10am Listen & Pray in church, with communion
 Tue 8 9am Pray Together, via zoom
 Wed 9 11.30am Holy Communion (said)
 Thu 10 9am Pray Together, via zoom
 Sat 12 9am Saturday Prayers, via zoom
Sun 13 The third Sunday before Lent
Kailean Khongsai from Wolf Fields, A Rocha
 10am Listen & Pray in church, with communion
 Tue 15 9am Pray Together, via zoom
 Wed 16 11.30am Holy Communion (said)
 Thu 17 9am Pray Together, via zoom
 Sat 19 9am Saturday Prayers, via zoom
Sun 20 The second Sunday before Lent
Ruth: loving kindness in action: witnesses (Ruth 4.9-21)
 10am Listen & Pray in church, with communion
 Tue 22 9am Pray Together, via zoom
 Wed 23 11.30am Holy Communion (said)
 Thu 24 9am Pray Together, via zoom
 Sat 26 9am Saturday Prayers, via zoom
Sun 27 The Sunday next before Lent
Ruth: loving kindness in action: David's line (Ruth 4.13-22)
 10am Listen & Pray in church, with communion



Our sermon series looking at the Book of Ruth continues into February

Notes

- Our Services (on Sundays and Wednesdays) are held in church; 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)

Parish News & Notes

The Finnies' Christmas Soup Kitchen – thank you!



Mission Partners

We are delighted to report that a total of £1,800 was raised to support the Soup Kitchen, and has been gratefully received by Dean & Paula Finnie in South Africa. Dean & Paula, who are one of our mission partners, run a soup kitchen throughout the year at 'The Gathering', their community church.

This year's special Christmas Soup Kitchen lunch was held in January as a welcome to 2022 – thank you to everyone who helped make this possible!



Because we continue to live stream our Sunday services, and other special services during the week,

we are looking for people who would be interested in operating the audio/visual equipment, and who are willing to be part of a monthly rota.

Training to use the equipment would be given - there is no need to be very technical, anyone with basic computing and some common sense can pick it up!

If this is an area where you can offer your time and support, please contact Andrew Burns or Norman Steven via the Church Office (01372 842071 or office@standrewsoxshott.org.uk).

We will be delighted to hear from you!

Thank you

Our Christmas donations this year were sent to Tearfund, and totalled £758.85p, for which they are very grateful.

Thank you.

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A message from the Archbishop of Canterbury...

The Archbishop of Canterbury and the Church of England nationally are encouraging support for the roll-out of Covid boosters across the Diocese.

So please:

- Don't wait - get a booster as soon as possible
- Encourage others to get all their jabs and boosters
- Support the roll-out by volunteering if you're able

Together, let's do whatever we can to fight Covid and protect our neighbours.



The Archbishop gets his booster jab...

What is Candlemas?

You may notice that Candlemas appears in the Church Services this month at St Andrew's, on 2 February. But what is it for?



In fact, there are three reasons for this festival, which is held each year on the second of February.

First, it's the halfway point between the shortest day and the Spring Equinox, so from that date on the daylight hours get longer. In pre-Christian times, this day was known as the 'Feast of Lights' and celebrated the increased strength of the life-giving sun as Winter gave way to Spring.

Second, it's when we remember Mary and Joseph taking their baby Jesus to the Temple, forty days after His birth.

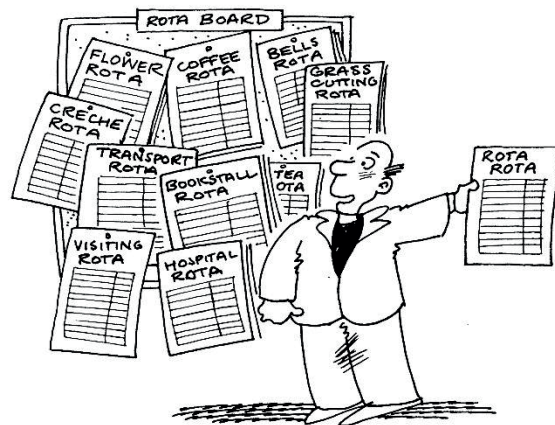
And the third reason? It's directly linked to the name of the feast – Candlemas – so named because on that day each year all the candles for the coming year were brought into the church to be blessed at a 'mass'.

Remember that candles were important in those days, not only because there were no electric lights; people thought they gave protection against plague and illness and famine.

In many churches on this feast there will be a procession of the whole congregation with lighted candles – often inside the whole building, going into every 'dark' corner. Everyone carries their own lighted candle, which they are encouraged to take home and light there also.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe.

You make our darkness to be light.



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St Andrew's is now using ChurchSuite software to organise our emails, rotas and much more besides

Desmond Tutu: five famous quotes



The recent death of Archbishop Desmond Tutu was mourned around the world.

Here are five of his more famous quotes, which show why he was so especially honoured for his justice and reconciliation work in South Africa...

1. "Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world."
2. "If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor. If an elephant has its foot on the tail of a mouse, and you say that you are neutral, the mouse will not appreciate your neutrality."
3. "Don't raise your voice, improve your argument. Good sense does not always lie with the loudest shouters, nor can we say that a large, unruly crowd is always the best arbiter of what is right."
4. "Forgiving is not forgetting; it's actually remembering – remembering and not using your right to hit back. It's a second chance for a new beginning. And the remembering part is particularly important. Especially if you don't want to repeat what happened."
5. "Differences are not intended to separate, to alienate. We are different precisely in order to realise our need of one another."

From the Registers



Funeral

We offer our condolences to the family and friends of:

24 November Robert Houston Hanna (died 29 October 2021, aged 93)

Scattering of Ashes

Not recorded in our Registers, but included here as a long-time resident of Oxshott:

12 November Rosaleen Anna Sutherland-Waite (died 17 April 2020, aged 99)

Ashes were scattered in the sea off West Wittering

Looking towards a greener future...

...for 2022 and beyond! Have your New Year resolutions included efforts to care for our planet and its environment? **Raymond Coe** proposes how to proceed...

Let's determine that 2022 shall be a year when, individually and collectively, in Oxshott, Surrey, the UK and the world we really make positive and measurable strides towards a greener future.

Two major areas that Surrey County Council is asking us all to address are transport and consumption.

Looking at transport

On transport, is there anything we can do to reduce our use of a car? How about resolving not to use it for at least one day each week? Could we walk or cycle to the shops? Do we drive our children to school or do they use a school bus service? Could we share transport for school or shopping?

Bus services are not good in Oxshott, but what about the Chatterbus - there are two services which stop in Oakshade Road. As the Leader of SCC said 'It's very easy for all of us to say we'll leave that to somebody else...but we all have got to change our behaviours and even if it's just in a little way.'

Consumption

Consumption in this context is what we eat, what we wear, what we consume; have we really considered the carbon footprint for the products we purchase?

Fruit and vegetables that are imported over thousands of miles, do we really need them, is there not a locally-grown alternative?

Where has our clothing been made, what is it made from and where did the fibres originate from? There are tee shirts made in Asia using cotton imported from the American continent and the finished product shipped to Europe. This is hardly responsible and sustainable.



And there's more...

If we are insulating our loft, look at wool-based products (75% sheep's wool and 25% recycled fibres) rather than glass fibre.

When we arrange our holidays can we consider the impact on our planet of the mode of transport and the location chosen.

Can we manage to reuse, re-purpose or recycle more products and packaging than we did in 2021?

How are we doing with plastics? 2021 saw some increase in the range of plastic packaging materials that can be recycled, although in some cases determination is required to discover how.

Cans of paint can now be recycled at Guildford Community Recycling Centre (CRC) located in the Slyfield Industrial Estate on Moorfield Road, GU1 1RU. Look at Terracycle (www.terracycle.com/en-GB/) to find arrangements for those difficult to recycle items. If you are confused about what can be recycled have a look at <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/people-and-community/surrey-matters/recycling/confused-about-recycling> and why not try the recycling game with your children at <https://www.surreyep.org.uk/what-to-do-with-an-item/>

France has just introduced a law banning plastic packaging for many fruits and vegetables; could we lobby our government or supermarkets to do the same?

Have you tried Ecovibe (<https://ecovibe.co.uk>) cleaning products? The coconut fibre scouring pads work well, don't scratch and are biodegradable.

I hope there are at least some ideas here that you can try out, and make a difference in some way – Happy New Year!

Raymond & Lilian Coe


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Becoming part of the family....

Jolyon Trickey wonders how important family is to you? And how wide your definition is of family, and how readily others are welcomed into your family?...

For three years we have been looking to make Tanka Subedi, who lives and works in Kathmandu in Nepal, feel like a part of the St Andrew's church family. This is our aspiration for all our mission partners. For this reason, each partner is linked to a Life Group of about 10 people, who try to foster links and pray.

In Tanka's case this is a Friday morning group of women who meet each week and regularly remember him in prayer.

Guy Harper brings greetings from Oxshott!



Recently when Guy Harper, from one of our long-standing church families, set off to climb in the Himalayas, he also met up with Tanka and his wife Rita (pictured left) in Kathmandu and delivered some small gifts from the Life Group and from us.



Family is important to Tanka too. He and his wife, Rita have three daughters: Nishma, Charisma & Rhema. In 2019, Rhema, the eldest, went to Canada to study astrophysics, and financial constraints and Covid had prevented her returning. She has struggled both physically and mentally and we pray for her and them often. Just before Christmas she was rushed home to be loved, cared for and given the medical attention she needs.

Family is important to Tanka and we rejoice that for the first time in three years they were all together (see the photo above).

Over Christmas we received the photo below and warm greetings from another family for which Tanka is responsible: the 70-strong Family of God Church congregation that he leads.

This is one of five for which Tanka is responsible - and Rhema was able to sing as part of their celebrations!



Looking at the image above, we do well to recall that gathering in such numbers and proclaiming the Christian gospel in Nepal are illegal!

Over the last 20 years Tanka has grown another family - a family of churches and church leaders all across Nepal. Through translating courses that equip and empower ordinary Christian and setting up an organisation called ITEEN, Tanka has met and supports many churches and their leaders. When Nepal was hit by a huge wave of Covid last summer, Tanka and ITEEN sought to offer practical and financial help to these churches and church leaders.

The St Andrew's church family responded in love to the needs of this wider family, raising £4,000 to assist with access to medical care and support for the bereaved.

We know that we still have a long way to go in making Tanka and his family feel part of the St Andrew's family. Yet we are encouraged to be making progress!

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In praise of plodders

The Revd Tony Horsfall, a former missionary in East Malaysia and then a retreat leader based in West Yorkshire, considers the slow and steady type of Christian...

I've been pondering the words of the apostle Paul where he says, "I press on towards the goal" (Philippians 3.14).

It suggests to me taking one step at a time, and simply keeping moving in the right direction with discipline and determination.

This reminds me of the great Bible translator William Carey, who said of himself, "If he gives me credit for being a plodder, he will describe me justly. Anything beyond that will be too much. I can plod. I can persevere in any definite pursuit. To this I owe everything."

Christian discipleship is not always exciting, glamorous, or even enjoyable.

Sometimes it is a matter of quietly getting on with it, with our eyes fixed on Jesus.



Tony Horsfall





Village News

OCS: successful Christmas Concert!

After two years since they had last performed, it was with anticipation and excitement that Oxshott Choral Society presented their Christmas concert in St Andrew's Church on 5 December. **Mike Newman** reports...

We had successfully dodged Covid and had a full season of rehearsals leading up to the concert, so we felt that Val Beynon had prepared us really well. Val had chosen Handel's *Messiah* Part One as a truly uplifting work with which to relaunch the choir.

From the moment our tenor soloist John Upperton launched into the

recitative "Comfort ye my people" – words so very relevant to us today – we were captured by the depth and inspiration of Handel's brilliant work. It never ceases to inspire.

The choir responded with real energy and joy as though, after two years of inactivity, they had been let off the leash! Our three soloists – soprano Jane Searle, mezzo soprano Lizzie Searle and tenor Jon Upperton, all played their part with some lovely

singing in the recitatives and arias, and we had Matthew Rickard giving us an excellent accompaniment on the organ.



Val Beynon conducting the soloists and the Choral Society (most of whom are out of shot in this view)

'A wonderful, joyful concert last night. I came home with lifted spirits and carols buzzing round my head – it was really great.'

'Big thanks to all involved, making it another memorable and enjoyable evening. The choir's enthusiasm and hard work paid off with some fine choral singing.'

'Such a lovely concert. It was such a joyous occasion.'

(continued overleaf)

Station Approach

Photograph by Linda Dilks, taken in January 2010
A view of the slippery slope up to Warren Lane
from Oxshott Station in the snow that year

The second half opened splendidly with the “Hallelujah” Chorus, followed by a selection of mainly familiar carols for choir and audience interspersed with readings. As well as the soaring descants in the carols for choir and audience, such as in “O Come all ye Faithful” and “Hark the Herald Angels Sing”, there were quieter moments with some lovely singing, and tender solo moments in Jane and Lizzie Searle’s beautiful duet “Child of the Stable’s Secrets” by Timothy Hewitt Jones and in John Upperton’s singing of Schubert’s “Ave Maria”.

'That was a wonderful and beautiful concert. Thank you so much.'

'Lovely concert last night. Well done to all. The choir sounded great and Jane Searle in particular was on very fine form.'

'It was truly magical. Such beautiful music, brilliantly sung, was fitting praise to God during Advent and raised my spirits as I look forward to Christmas.'

A big thank you to Val for all her hard work and planning, and to Revd Frances Trickey and St Andrew’s for their help in hosting the concert.

As you can see, some lovely comments were received afterwards. Although we had to reduce the number of tickets sold, due to Covid, we had a very good, albeit masked, audience, and were delighted to be able to send £410 to B@titude from our retiring collection.

Michael Newman

What’s On in Oxshott

February

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| Tue | 1 | 10am Ladies Friendship Group: Coffee and Chat, in the Small Hall, Oxshott Village Centre |
| Tue | 8 | 7.45pm Oxshott Art & Crafts Society: <i>Creating a Street Scene using Acrylics</i> , with Jim Hanlon, at Oxshott Village Centre |
| Wed | 9 | 2.15pm The Arts Society Claremont & Oxshott (formerly ASCO): <i>Gypsies, Tramps and Thieves – the Working Classes in Art</i> , with Linda Smith, at Yehudi Menuhin School, Stoke D’Abernon |
| Tue | 15 | 8pm Oxshott Village Women’s Institute: <i>My Interesting Life</i> , with Ann Harper, at Oxshott Village Centre |
| Wed | 16 | 8pm Cercle Français d’Esher: <i>Joséphine et Eugénie, impératrices des Français</i> , with Germaine Jones, via zoom |



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

Creativity continues...

Despite the disruption of Covid, Oxshott Art & Crafts Society has continued undaunted, as reported by **Miranda Fuller**...

OACS concluded its second rather strange year with a cheerful Christmas social, well-attended despite the unwelcome latest Covid variant, Omicron. Festive drinks, savouries and mince pies were followed by a short AGM, before a showing of *A Bigger Picture*, the documentary on David Hockney. Filmed over three years, this captures Hockney’s return from California, to paint the East Yorkshire landscapes of his childhood. It follows his move away from photography, to find renewal in nature, working outside for the first time – in all weathers. As the film reaches its epic climax, a revealing portrait emerges of what inspires one of today’s greatest living British artists. The film made fascinating viewing and completed an altogether very uplifting evening.

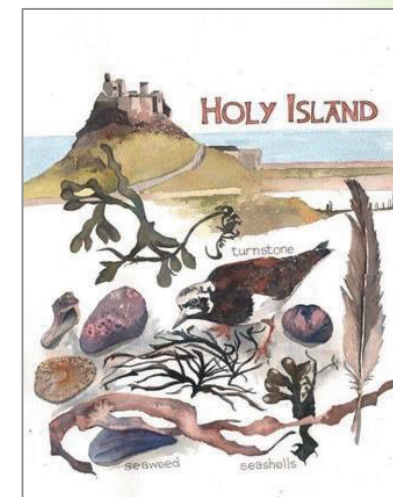
Our first meeting of 2022, on 11 January, was to have been our members’ presentations evening. Unfortunately, due to the increasing number of Covid cases, this was postponed. In the meantime, though, pictured here are works by two of our members, Wendy Hale and Meryl Hayes.



catching knitted and felted red rose brooches.

We hope very much to be able to go ahead with our meeting on 8 February - a return visit by popular local artist, Jim Hanlon, to demonstrate a street scene for us in acrylics. Further events will be detailed in future issues, but can also be found in our full 2022 programme on our website, which includes a membership application.

Our meetings take place from 7.45-9.45pm on the second Tuesday of the month, at the Oxshott Village Centre, and are informal and friendly. Non-members are also welcome, as guests, whatever your expertise or experience, for a £5 fee.



Meryl’s lovely watercolour (*right*) is based on a holiday of hers in Northumberland last year, and Wendy has been creating eye-

Miranda Fuller

Which is Oxshott's best Post Box?

Oxshott is blessed with plenty of Royal Mail post boxes – but how well do you know them? And which is your favourite?!...

Are you aware of the wide variety of post boxes in Oxshott? By this we mean both the styles of them (pillar, wall-mounted, etc.) and the cypher (the monogram-like device of the reigning monarch). Many of them are quite historic.

The table below shows those that we believe lie within and on the borders of the parish. The majority of post boxes are cast iron, but in one case sheet steel has been used.

The oldest post box is built into the wall at the station. It is the only Victorian one in the village, with its 'VR' cypher; as the railway was opened in 1885, the post box must date from around then.

Most of the boxes are in very good condition, and in good decorative order, resplendent in red and black, and some have interesting detail in their casting.



This very smart box at Broomfield Ride appears to be attached to what used to be a telegraph pole...

Location Style	Picture	Cypher	Location Style	Picture	Cypher
Blundel Lane Pillar		 George VI 1936-1952	Eaton Park Road (nr. Littleheath Lane) Wall		 George V 1910-1936
Broomfield Ride Post		 Elizabeth II 1952-	Fairmile Park Road (nr. Miles Lane) Pillar		 George VI 1936-1952
Brown's Corner Pillar		 George V 1910-1936	Fairoak Lane Pillar		 George V 1910-1936

Location Style	Picture	Cypher	Location Style	Picture	Cypher
Oaklawn Road (nr. L'head Road) Lamp		 Elizabeth II 1952-	Sandy Lane 2 (nr. Milner Drive) Pillar		 George VI 1936-1952
Oxshott High Street Pillar		 Elizabeth II 1952-	Sandy Lane 3 (nr. Sandy Way) Pillar		 George V 1910-1936
Oxshott Station Wall		 Victoria 1837-1901	Steels Lane (nr. Sheath Lane) Lamp		 Elizabeth II 1952-
Queens Drive Lamp		 Edward VII 1901-1910	Waverley Road (nr. Kenilworth Avenue) Lamp		 Elizabeth II 1952-
Sandy Lane 1 (nr. Burleigh Park) Pillar		 Elizabeth II 1952-	Wren's Hill Pillar		 George V 1910-1936

The boxes can be valued as being part of a distinctively British landscape, with the obvious risk that modern communications mean they could go the same way as red telephone boxes; but we would then lose their history, with cyphers of five different reigning monarchs here in Oxshott.

Our favourite local box is the unusual Edward VII 'lamp'-style postbox on Queens Drive, shown on our cover this month; it is very small, just big enough to accept small letters, but in good order despite being over 100 years old, and sporting a very elegant cypher.

At the other end of the scale is the recently-relocated lamp box on the corner of Steels Lane and Sheath Lane – crudely made of sheet steel, it has a cheap-looking cypher in stainless steel seemingly glued to it. This box is not even the right 'Post Office red' colour!

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What's new for 2022!

After celebrating Christmas, OVSC looks forward to the New Year...



Oxshott Village
Sports Club

As 2021 came to a close, despite the cold weather, members of the OVSC Padel and Tennis sections enjoyed a fantastic afternoon of games, mulled wine, mince pies and festive tunes to get everyone into the festive spirit. Congratulations went to Glodi Fourie who won the

best festive dressed lady for tennis and Carol Littlewood for padel.



Carol with her prize (top), showing off her new padel bat!



Who's that sneaking off with a mince pie?!



And (right) Glodi with coach, James!

The new padel courts are proving ever popular and we have been delighted to welcome so many new members to the club. A variety of opportunities are available for the padel players with club social sessions, coaching sessions for all levels, a padel ladder and even matches.

We are looking forward to the warmer weather when we can hold more social events around the padel courts.

The cricket and bowls summer seasons will soon be upon us. Winter

cricket nets are currently taking place, so if the Ashes Down Under have inspired you to pick up a cricket bat get in touch – the new season will start in April!!

Membership offers

The club currently has a special offer on annual memberships - if you join now and pay for your full annual membership it will continue up to the end of March 2023. Even if you don't want to join in with the sporting activities, but would like to join the club, we have social memberships available – with a fully-stocked bar, events such as quiz and curry nights and lunches for the 6 Nations rugby to name just a few.

A new venture being trialled is “Greta’s kitchen” – Greta will be offering tea, coffee and snacks at the club on Tuesday and Friday mornings – and if successful this will be extended to more mornings and perhaps even lunches!

Please contact Sarah or Fiona in the office if you are interested in membership of the club on 01372 843652 or office@oxshottsports.com

Fiona Stephen

Basildon Park revived

With Arts Society trips hopefully to be resumed, **Nicky Orlebar** tells the story of a house resurrected...



A day spent at Basildon Park near Goring-on-Thames completely masks the tribulations of this elegant Palladian mansion in Berkshire. Built between 1776-1783 by John Carr of York for Sir Francis Sykes of the East India Company, the building exemplifies all that the Georgians found attractive – a central portico connected by single storey walls linking two pavilions (for kitchen and laundry). Each block of the Bath stone walls is bevelled and glows warmly in the sunshine.

Entrance for the family was via the ground floor, under the state rooms.

Guests arriving by coach and horses, however, would ascend outdoor flights of stairs before entering the first-floor hall behind the exterior pillars and pediment.



Basildon Park

Old prints show the hall's magnificent proportions, where pilasters and pale-coloured plasterwork contributed to a truly impressive grand entrance.

However, all was not to last - money ran out and a succession of owners sold off panelling, door surrounds and fireplaces. During WWI the building was used as a convalescent home for officers and soldiers of the Berkshire regiments, while in WWII the mansion was again requisitioned by the Army, with resultant damage.

It was in 1952 that a newspaper proprietor and his wife Lord and Lady Iliffe (pronounced eye-liff) first encountered the dilapidated property, by now facing possible demolition. With utmost determination, they bought and set about renovating the entire property, replacing windows, ceilings, bookcases and much else. After WWII many country house owners were selling up, finding the rising costs of running a large property too prohibitive. Nothing daunted, Langton and Renée Illiffe traversed the country with tape measure, attending these country house sales and auctions. Together they bought Georgian carpets, curtains, pictures and furniture (including state beds) for their beloved Basildon, which, when installed, completely brought the house back to life. They even found doors which were the perfect size for Basildon but had been made for another property.



The Iliffes' *tour de force* was renovating the expansive Great Staircase room, an area which links the first-floor hall through to the Octagon Drawing Room. The staircase is seemingly unsupported but, as our guide explained, is cantilevered such that each step stays in position due to stone

weights pressing down inside the wall. It is considered to be one of builder John Carr's most significant interior spaces.

Outside, the 400 acres of landscaped parkland overlooking the Thames Valley were also in need of much attention. Originally planned as pleasure grounds, shrubberies and woods, the Iliffes' vision ensured the grounds returned to a manageable state while closely resembling their 18th century layout.

How indebted we were that Lord and Lady Iliffe should generously leave Basildon Park to the National Trust, for groups such as The Arts Society to visit and appreciate.

Nicky Orlebar

New Year numbers

If you are a fan of numbers, you'll like the dates this month. Especially look forward to 22 February, when you can write the date 22/2/22...

And look at the end of the credits of film and television programmes new this year; because the copyright date is traditionally shown in Latin numerals, the date appears as 'three doubles': ©MMXXII

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Sudoku

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Last month's solution

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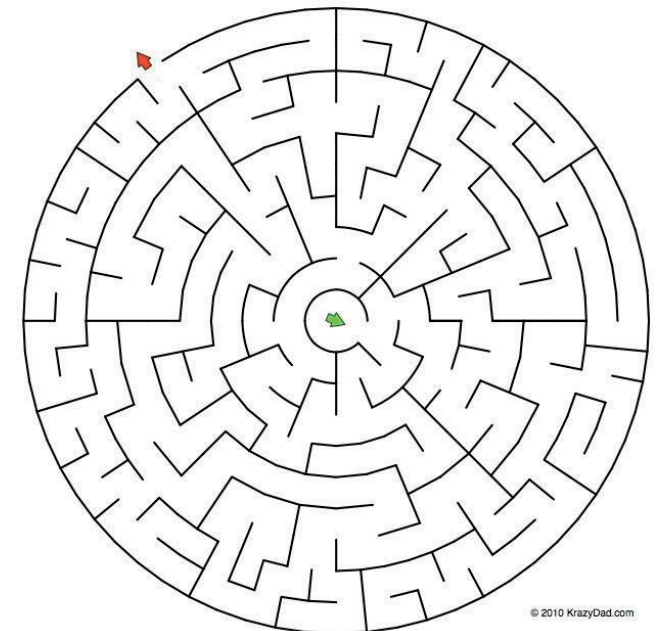
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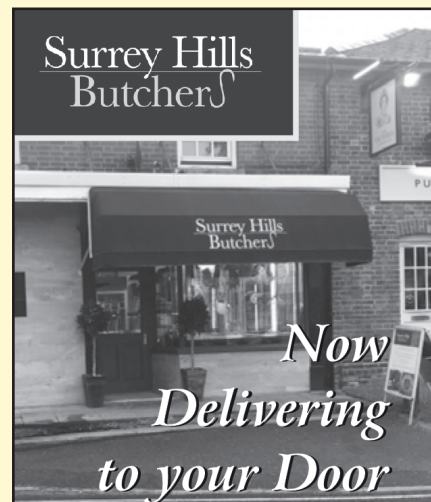
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Build your Church Project: Contact: Ruth Burns (01372 844377)

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)

Church Office: Church Administrator: Claire Costard. Assistant: Rowena Osman-
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Churchwardens: John Henshall (01737 844756), Andy Hum (01372 844322)

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mothers.union@standrewsoxshott.org.uk)

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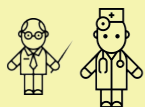
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The Oxshott Club: Centre of village social life; Oakshade Road. Lounge bar, snooker, pool, quiz nights; music and entertainment evenings and BBQs held regularly. BT Sports channel. Open every evening; Saturday & Sunday from midday. See us on Facebook or contact Club Secretary or Stewardess (01372 842232)

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