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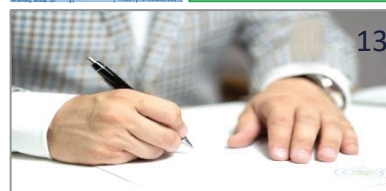
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The Monthly Letter

Time to celebrate!

Dear Friends,

At the beginning of this year, I commented that I felt like hibernating - tucking up warm in a corner and waiting out the cold grey months ahead before Spring: it seemed to me that hedgehogs were onto something.

I wonder if you have emerged from your Covid-19 or winter 'hibernation' yet? I wonder if this recent quote in *The Church Times* strikes a chord:

"One person put it best when they said it was as though the pandemic had caused us all to 'lose the muscle-memory of how to be together'."

Now that the days are longer, bulbs are showing, and the sun appears occasionally, it feels as if life is beginning again! Many are re-discovering the joy of joining in services and activities such as Craft group, Lunch Club, Life Groups or ABC at St Andrew's - even though we may still need to adhere to some sensible precautions.

God made us for relationships - with Him and with each other - and seeing people as they emerge from their 'hibernation' has been fantastic.

Children's work happens every week and Baptisms or Thanksgiving services are happening regularly, with families joining together to celebrate and dedicate to God the life of their newest little ones.

If you still need help to re-discover your 'muscle memory' and to return to being together at St Andrew's, there are some special services to join in with this month. Lent begins with a Communion service for Ash Wednesday at 11.30am on 2 March. On 27 March it is Mothering Sunday, when the service at 10am is for everyone, including our local Scouts who will join us. This special day is an opportunity to celebrate not only our mothers but, importantly, all who have been 'family' to us over the past year. Flowers will be offered for everyone to take and give as a token of thanks to anyone. Look out for further information in this magazine, Weekly News and on our website about everything that is happening.

So, don't hibernate but join us to celebrate!

Blessings,

Francis

Vicar



What I learnt about Ruth

Our study topic for most of January and February was the little-known Book of Ruth. After the series of sermons and studies, **Patrick Davies** looks back on what there was to discover...

It's easy to miss the book of Ruth in the Old Testament - it takes just 4 chapters over about 3 pages, and tucks itself into the Old Testament between the much longer books of Judges (21 chapters) and Samuel (54 chapters). It's an unusual book of the Bible - telling an everyday story of a widowed woman and her widowed mother-in-law - and in it we do not see or hear from God directly at all!

So, why would it be relevant to us here in Oxshott in 2022, to spend our time thinking about this woman who lived around 2,500 miles away and 2,500 years ago...?

Well, I believe this very real and very human story shows us some really important things about God and ourselves, and about how God works in our everyday human lives.



A big question

'Ruth' goes some way to exploring a big question that many have asked throughout the ages: Are our lives within God's complete control, or are things really down to us and our actions?

If God is completely in control, does anything we do really matter?

And, if everything is really down to our own choices and actions, how can it be that God is really God at all?

Falling too far on one side of the argument leads to a kind of 'Let go and let God...' attitude, a passivity which can, at worst, encourage things like the refusal of medical treatment, in the hope of supernatural miracles, rather than more human means of treatment - or a disregard for evidence around climate change.

Falling too far on the other side has led to well-intentioned (but often misguided) zeal in pursuing earthly 'good' devoid of God - such as

the ideas of Marxism - resulting in all kinds of unhealthy attitudes to one another and ourselves.

A third way...

The story of Ruth, however, offers a third way. As our studies revealed, if you look closely, you will see that every prayer offered in the story is answered by the end of the book - but it is the actions of the characters that answer each and every one.

God is at work, yes, but in the background - influencing, not controlling, the story, and not removing responsibility from those human players.

It is the actions of Naomi, Ruth and Boaz which lead them to the wonderful circumstances they enjoy at the end of the book; their planning and action turn the story around.

But throughout the story, they rely and trust in a faithful God - and even see their actions as God's faithfulness to them. As we see them act, they set out a pattern which we can emulate today: pray to God, work with God, and thank God.

So, as we seek to neither neglect our human responsibility in the world, nor embrace the heaviness of mistaking ourselves for God, perhaps we might, like Ruth, match our actions to our prayers - such that what we trust and hope for in God, is what we plan and do with our life.

Revd Patrick Davies

From the Registers



Baptisms

We welcome into God's family:

16 January	Jackson Kai Beveridge
6 February	Alys Clara Parkin

Funerals

We offer our condolences to the family and friends of:

2 February	James Gordon Fleming (died 1 January 2022, aged 100)
3 February	Kathleen May "Kay" Grove (died 24 December 2021, aged 99)

Not recorded in our Registers, but included here as a long-standing past member of St Andrew's:

Service of Thanksgiving at St Mary Magdalene & St Denys, Midhurst, Sussex:

4 February	Colin Haselden Bailey (died 19 January 2022, aged 86)
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Church Services in March

Tue 1 9am Pray Together, via zoom

Wed 2 Ash Wednesday
11.30am Holy Communion (said)



Thu 3 9am Pray Together, via zoom

Sat 5 9am Saturday Prayers, via zoom

Sun 6 The First Sunday of Lent
Lent 2022: Facing Temptation (Psalm 91.1-2, 9-16)
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 second Sunday of Lent
Facing Oppression: Su McClellan from Embrace the Middle East
(Genesis 15.7-21)
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 Joseph of Nazareth
9am Saturday Prayers, via zoom

Sun 20 The third Sunday of Lent
Lent 2022: Facing Consequences (Isaiah 55.1-9)
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

Fri 25 The Annunciation of our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sat 26 9am Saturday Prayers, via zoom

Sun 27 The fourth Sunday of Lent
Mothering Sunday: Love Hurts (Ephesians 4.1-6, 14-16)
10am Listen & Pray in church, with communion

Tue 29 9am Pray Together, via zoom

Wed 30 11.30am Holy Communion (said)

Thu 31 9am Pray Together, via zoom

Notes

- Our Services (on Sundays and Wednesdays) are held in church; places no longer need to be booked beforehand
- Sunday services are also live streamed, via the church website
- Pray Together (on Tuesdays and Thursdays) and Saturday Prayers are on zoom, also via the church website (www.standrewsoxshott.org.uk)

Parish News & Notes

On **2 March** we will have a special said service of Holy Communion for Ash Wednesday.



The tradition of 'Ashing' comes from ancient times, where ashes made from last year's palm crosses are used to mark the worshipper's forehead as a symbol of the penitential season of Lent that is beginning.

It is an opportunity to lay any concerns and fears quietly before Christ and to seek his peace through his forgiveness.

Do join us at 11.30am on this special day.

Our guest preacher on 13 March is Su McClellan from one of our Mission Partners.

Embrace the Middle East is a Christian development charity that tackles poverty and injustice in the Middle East.



Su will be preaching on the subject of 'Facing Oppression'.



Leonard Avery

As you may be aware, we heard with sadness that Len Avery died recently - he was a regular worshipper here at St Andrew's when he lived in the parish.



His funeral will be held at St Mary's, Stoke D'Abernon on Friday 4 March at 2.30pm, followed by afternoon tea in their hall.

If you worship regularly at St Andrew's, you should be on the Church Electoral Roll! It is an act of commitment to your local church and to the Church as a whole; it also opens up the way for greater involvement in the life of the Church, and you become entitled to vote at the APCM.

If you are not already on the roll and would like to be, simply print and sign an Electoral Roll Form from the website and return it to the Church Office by post or by scanning and emailing: if you need any help, feel free to contact the Church Office.

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- Belong**
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Recycle these (but not at home)



We are now used to trying to recycle what we have used, but not everything can go in the recycle bin at home. For some things, we might need to hunt out where will take them; **Pam Henderson** investigates...

It would be good to recycle everything. But some things that could be recycled are not accepted by Elmbridge in our household recycle bins. So the table below shows some places that will take these items...

See you there!

Pam Henderson

	What	Where
	Clothes and shoes <i>(please put each pair of shoes in a separate bag)</i>	Tesco, Leatherhead Samaritans clothes bin (behind the petrol station) Leatherhead Recycling Centre (on the lower level)
	Tetrapak <i>'Shiny' paper containers: juice and milk cartons, Pringles boxes, drinking chocolate tins, disposable coffee cups, etc.)</i>	Leatherhead Recycling Centre (lower level, behind the clothes bins) Randall's Road, Leatherhead (in the car park)
	Plastic bags/wrappings <i>Carrier bags, bread bags, cereal inner packets, rice, any flexible dry food bags, biscuit wrappers, crisps and snack packets, salad and veg bags, flower bags, multipack wrapping (i.e. loo rolls or fizzy drinks) cling film, sleeves on milk bottles</i>	Tesco, Leatherhead Sainsbury's, Cobham (in the entrance foyer) Waitrose, Cobham (in the entrance foyer)

	What	Where
	Batteries <i>All sizes</i>	Sainsbury's, Cobham (in the entrance foyer) Waitrose, Cobham (in the entrance foyer) Leatherhead Recycling Centre
	Dental products <i>Electric toothbrush heads, electric flosser nozzles, interdental brushes, dental floss containers, etc.</i>	River Mole Dental Practice (located within Cobham Health Centre)
	Pens & pencils <i>Used biro, felt tips, pencils and other writing and colouring instruments</i>	Rymans stationers (all branches, including Epsom, Kingston)
	Sundry items! <i>Mobile phones, printer cartridges, toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes and outer boxes, floss, used stamps, milk bottle (only) tops, and packaging from: dishwasher tablets, cleaning wipes, wet wipes (not the wipes themselves)</i>	Sainsbury's, Cobham Trefoil Guild bin (supporting the Guides and Brownies) (in the entrance foyer, beside the plastic bag one)

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Willing to give to St Andrew's?

March is **Free Wills Month** (see panel below), and prompted by this, can we ask whether you are thinking of the legacy *you* will provide to future generations in Oxshott? If so, have you considered including St Andrew's in your will? We would love to encourage you to do so...

St Andrew's has a core vision of growing in faith, in number, and serving the community. A church and community that will last beyond our lifetimes. So if you are thinking of making, or updating, your will, please consider a contribution to your church, St Andrew's.

When making a will:

- Prepare a list of what you have and what you owe, and prioritise any special gifts (for example, particular items to family members, or gifts to certain charities).
- Talk to a solicitor and/or financial advisor to ensure all your requests are prepared.

We trust you will prayerfully consider your legacy. Any gift will be used to help make a real difference to the work St Andrew's is doing, and will continue to do, to support our local and church community.

If you want to include St Andrew's as part of your legacy giving, there is some useful advice on our church website (www.standrewsoxshott.org.uk). Just select 'Playing Your Part' and then click on 'Legacies'. For more guidance about writing your will, do visit www.churchlegacy.org.uk

And you can also access a free will-writing service, approved by the Church of England, at farewill.com/parish-buying

The St Andrew's Parish Giving Committee

If you would like to discuss the giving of a legacy with a member of St Andrew's, please speak to Gavin Harper or Carl Jackson

Did you know...

...that **Free Wills Month** takes place in March and October each year.

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The ups and downs of the Finnies!

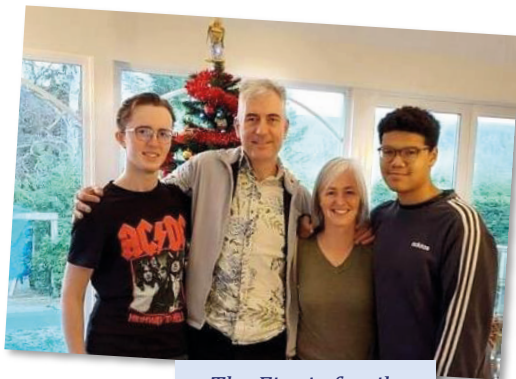
Sometimes life can be a roller coaster as Dean, Paula, Joel and Eli Finnie, our Mission Partners in South Africa, recently discovered. **Liz Mulhall** brings us up to date...

At the beginning of December last year, the Finnies were devastated to have to cancel their long-awaited trip to the UK due to Covid travel restrictions - the third time in 18 months that their plans had altered.

However, they overcame their disappointment putting their trust in God's hands. They were rewarded for their faithfulness as the restrictions were unexpectedly lifted two weeks later. Hastily, and after much prayer, they made the last-minute decision to travel and arrived in the UK on 22 December.

The Finnies had an amazing time with family and friends over the festive period, and Paula was finally able to inter her father's ashes.

They returned safely to South Africa on 5 January, feeling refreshed and rejuvenated.



The Finnie family

A fabulous lunch...

The 'Welcome to 2022' Soup Kitchen lunch that was supported so generously by St Andrew's Church (donating £1,800) went ahead as planned on 23 January, despite extremely hot weather conditions (40°C plus). Paula writes:

What an absolutely wonderful day we had as we welcomed 2022 and celebrated with our soup kitchen friends. It was a joy to show our love to our friends and to serve them with a fabulous 2 course lunch and drinks.

Each one took away a very prayed over, personalised goody bag and the gospel was preached. We also had several very special opportunities to pray with people on the day, which was the icing on the cake.

The weather, though boiling hot, was perfect because we had no wind, and God blessed us with the provision of 5 gazebos during the lunch, so for the first time, everyone ate in shade!

We really could not have done this without you all and want to take this opportunity to thank you all once again for your amazing generosity and partnership with The Gathering.

The Finnies faithfully send monthly newsletters and videos on behalf of their church to keep us informed about their plans and activities (to keep up to date, go to the Mission Partnership section of our website), and are regularly in touch with our Life Group that supports them.

Soup Kitchen Welcome To 2022 Lunch



*Thank You
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this happen*

Life in South Africa continues to be challenging for the family, so they are extremely grateful for St Andrew's support. There have been exorbitant price increases on many day-to-day basics and utilities - water, electricity and fuel have all risen steeply.

Last year, our church donated **£4,680** in addition to the money raised for the Welcome lunch. All this helps towards the running costs of the soup kitchen and literacy and numeracy classes that The Gathering organise.

Thank you all very much for your prayers and continued support for the Finnies and their church.

Liz Mulhall

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Down memory lane 40 years ago

Members past, present and future gathered to celebrate the Ruby Anniversary of the Oxshott Village WI – as **Liz McGibbon** is well placed to explain...

The first meeting of Oxshott Village WI was held 40 years ago in January 1982, and almost exactly 40 years on, the ladies celebrated their Ruby Anniversary. The hall was ablaze in colour as most ladies wore red and the tables were adorned with red cloths and red cyclamen.

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Maggie welcomed two WI Advisors, Chris Wilson and Chris Butterfield, along with two ladies who had previously been members, and several visitors. Hopefully they will soon join us as members.

Maggie Day, the present President, and Liz McGibbon, who was President in 1982, cut a beautiful cake that had been made by Sue Smith, a talented member of the WI. Members were served with a glass of 'fizz' and we toasted the future of Oxshott Village WI.

The ladies were then encouraged to look at the scrap books going back to 1982 – how young we all looked!

Several members had brought memorable items of the WI and items over 40 years old, and members told the story behind their item.

Glenys told the tale of escape from Iran, Joyce about her coffee pot from Doha, Sheila Smith about her teddy bears, Sheila Kent with a photo of a flower arrangement done in the church, and from



Sue Smith, who made the wonderful birthday cake!



Liz McGibbon and Maggie Day cutting the cake

Patricia how Paddington Bear had lost his hat – the dog ate it!

Marlene had two photographs of her house before and after it was renovated - renovation in some part due to support from two of our members, Heather and Rita.

It was an interesting part of the afternoon and members enjoyed catching up with each other. We do like to chat!

The afternoon was drawn to a close with tea and cake, followed by the raffle of baskets of primula. Joyce Hughes thanked members for a most happy and enjoyable afternoon.



This photo, taken at first meeting of the Oxshott Village WI, which took place in 1983, includes Liz McGibbon, who is still a member today



Liz McGibbon, Sheila Kent & Glenys Layzell

We now look forward to a year of interesting speakers and partaking in our various clubs: Craft Group, Walking Group, Book Club and our monthly Pub Lunches.

Our monthly meetings are at 8pm on the third Tuesday of the month in Oxshott Village Centre, and new members and visitors are always welcome.

Liz McGibbon

London's streets brought to life

Oxshott Art & Crafts Society was delighted to welcome back popular local artist Jim Hanlon on 8 February. **Miranda Fuller** was there...

We were delighted to welcome Jim Hanlon for his demonstration for us of a street scene in acrylics; our first of the year, the demonstration was well attended and much enjoyed by all.

Jim had chosen for his subject The Strand, looking west and featuring St Clement Danes church and the Royal Courts of Justice. Using a canvas board, he first sketched his composition before applying a warm grey wash. Then, focussing on tonal values, he blocked areas in, with a mix of warm grey, ultramarine and burnt sienna, using a square brush, on edge for any lines, taking care not to apply the colours too opaquely. For the sky, Jim used a mix of titanium white and Naples yellow and, for the trees, raw sienna and ultramarine. Emphasising the need to distinguish light, dark and medium tones and adding touches of warm grey to soften the brightness of the colours, he painted in the buildings, pavements and road, adding raw sienna, yellow ochre and tiny dashes of crimson.



Artist Jim Hanlon with his painting of The Strand in London



Wendy Hale's colourful felt flowers

and road, adding raw sienna, yellow ochre and tiny dashes of crimson. With none of the detail and precision of an architectural painting, the finished work was a pleasingly soft, loose and subtle yet easily recognisable representation of the subject - pictured above with Jim.

Also pictured (left) is another lovely, bright piece by Wendy Hale, using a favourite technique of wet felting, with colourful Merino wool fibres, topped with freehand machine and hand embroidery. Wendy's work, along with that of fellow

members Charlotte Fletcher and Meryl Hayes, features in the *Connections* exhibition at Riverhouse Barn, Walton-on-Thames from 9 to 20 March, from 10am-4pm.

Contrasting nicely with Jim Hanlon's street scene, on 8 March we welcome back another popular artist, Marie Antoniou, who will be giving us a demonstration of wildlife in acrylics, and on 12 April we look forward to Paul Simmons's demonstration in oils of Indian Himalayan villages.

Further events will be detailed in future issues, but can 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 friendly and informal. Non-members are also welcome, as guests, for a £5 fee, whatever your experience or expertise.

Miranda Fuller

What do you know about glass?

Arts Society trips are very varied; **Nicky Orlebar** explains how a trip to Rye revealed so much about glass and glass making...



Glass specialist Andy McConnell from *The Antiques Roadshow* enthusiastically welcomed local Arts Society members to his home town of Rye on the East Sussex coast. After coffee at his shop, called Glass Etc., we gazed in awe at the quantities of glass in all shapes, colours and sizes which filled his ... glass shelves.

We walked to the nearby Fish Café for our two illustrated lectures.

Andy explained that glass is made of silica, soda ash and lime, and has been known about since 4000 BC. His first talk focused on James Giles, a Huguenot living in London, who perfected the art of gilding and enamelling on glass between 1760-75. With a government tax on clear glass, bone ash was added to make clear glass resemble porcelain. Wealthy patrons then choose their preferred decoration from pattern books. Powdered coloured glass mixed with lavender oil would be painted onto the glass, before firing at a temperature which would not melt the glass underneath.

Andy's second presentation was about the *Impact of Glass* which he reckoned to be 'the most important substance ever created by man'. Before



The charming town of Rye in Sussex

Damascus fell to the Moguls in 1405 AD, the local glassmakers fled to Venice and thence into Europe. Andy mentioned that glass has given us windows, stained glass, mirrors, lenses - in spectacles, telescopes and microscopes (which helped Galileo and Pasteur), thermometers and cameras, to name but a few uses.

After a lunch of local cod, members set off, map in hand, to explore the narrow, cobbled lanes. Rye was not one of the original Cinque Ports but in 1336 was included due to its flourishing trade across the Channel and provision of warships for the monarch.

Continuing our walk through the conservation areas, we felt dwarfed by the beautiful 900-year-old St Mary's Church dominating the hill, as we viewed its huge stained glass from outside. We then came across the nearby Mermaid Inn, now an hotel. With cellars built in 1156 the inn was rebuilt in 1420 with curved timbers and low ceilings.

Too soon we were back at Glass Etc. for tea. Duly refreshed, Andy waved our coach off after a truly fascinating day in East Sussex.

It is sad to report that Andy's shop closed for good during the 2020 Covid lockdown.



Nicky Orlebar

What's On in Oxshott

February

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| Tue | 1 | 10am Ladies Friendship Group: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Morning, in the Small Hall, Oxshott Village Centre |
| Tue | 8 | 7.45pm Oxshott Art & Crafts Society: <i>Demonstrating Wildlife in Acrylics</i> , with Marie Antoniou, at Oxshott Village Centre |
| Wed | 9 | 2.15pm The Arts Society Claremont & Oxshott: <i>Debo Mitford, Duchess & Housewife</i> , with Simon Seligman, at Yehudi Menuhin School, Stoke D'Abernon |
| Tue | 15 | 8pm Oxshott Village Women's Institute: <i>The History of Making Hats</i> , with Zofia Fryer, at Oxshott Village Centre |
| Wed | 16 | 8pm Cercle Français d'Esher: <i>La Peinture au Française de Musée de Chicago</i> , with Christine Nivet, at West End Village Hall, West End, Esher |

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



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at his former school Charterhouse,
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The season will continue 5-14 May
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shown opposite!



Oxshott Station in about 1950...



... the same view in 2022

Oxshott Station: a lost signal box

In our latest comparison of views around Oxshott, past and present, we can see a number of changes at Oxshott Station. And some things have stayed the same...

The views opposite are taken from the 'up' platform (towards Waterloo), and reassuringly, not much has changed! The general view and geography are the same, and some features from when the station was opened on 2 February 1885 are still in place – the station canopies, the footbridge, and the road bridge in the distance.

The track has changed; even in the 1950s there was a 'third rail' carrying the power to the trains, (the line was electrified in 1925, replacing steam locomotives), but in the foreground you can just see some points, which led to a small goods yard and the line to John Early Cook's brickyard, situated in what is now the Summerville Road area.

Two main changes are apparent; first, the platforms have been lengthened only recently, to accommodate 10-car trains instead of 8-car.

But the very obvious difference is that the signal box has disappeared in the intervening years. It was demolished in the 1950s (*see below*), after control of the local tracks was moved to a box at Cook's Crossing in Blundel Lane on 22 January 1951. (Control was then moved to Surbiton in 1970, when colour light signals were brought into use.)

We wonder what happened to the 'OXSHOTT' sign being removed in the picture below!

Oxshott station signal box being demolished.



On how to survive a residential conference

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My dear Nephew Darren

I am glad you enjoyed your conference, but please do not be deluded into thinking that conferences are there to teach you anything. Conferences exist to provide another entry on your CV, to give you time off while flattering yourself that you are working, and to make the person leading it feel that their life is not wholly pointless. As it happened, I was also invited to the same one, the one entitled 'Learning how to say no.' But I refused to attend, thereby proving that I didn't need it anyway.

There are certain useful points you need to learn for conferences. First, about half the attendees will have been together only the previous week attending another conference in another part of the country. They will be eager and overflowing with management platitudes. Avoid them at all costs. Should one of them say to you: 'expect the unexpected' you have my permission to strangle them. They won't have expected that!

Secondly, when you are all asked to go through that ghastly process of introducing yourselves to everyone else, make it up. I think the last time I was obliged to do this, I became a butcher specialising in exporting offal to Saudi Arabia. All your clerical colleagues will then panic that they have turned up for the wrong course and the leader will make sure that you are not asked another single question throughout the event. Both outcomes are satisfying.

Thirdly, do realise that when you are asked to divide into small discussion groups, it means that the conference leader has run out of ideas about what to do next. Do not, at all costs, volunteer to be chairman. It only means that when you have to report back – and if the leaders use the word 'plenary', then by all means contemplate strangling them also - you will be involved in sticking sheets of paper on to walls, which will then rip off the wallpaper when you try to remove them.

You will also have the embarrassment of finding that every felt tip pen you try to use will be empty, and what you thought were the conclusions your group had arrived at will be volubly contradicted by all the other members.

No, if you are ever obliged to attend another course, take a good book, enough claret to cover every evening away, and develop a debilitating illness that, while enabling you to attend every meal, obliges you to retreat to your room for the rest of the day. You will leave having learned as much on whatever the topic was as your colleagues, but you will return refreshed and eager to make the next booking.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

Sudoku

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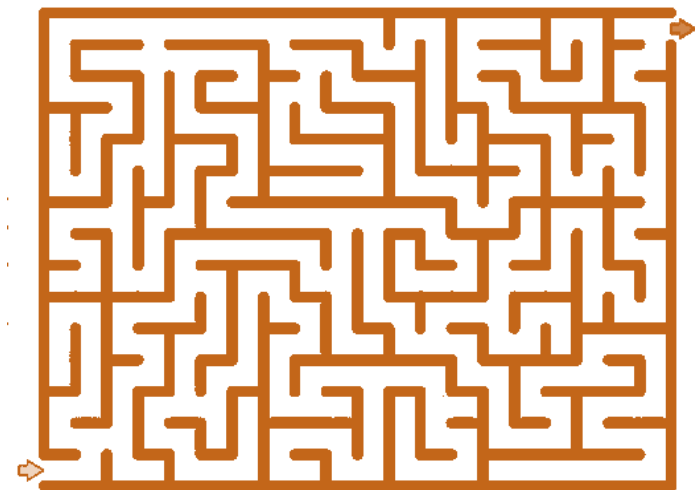
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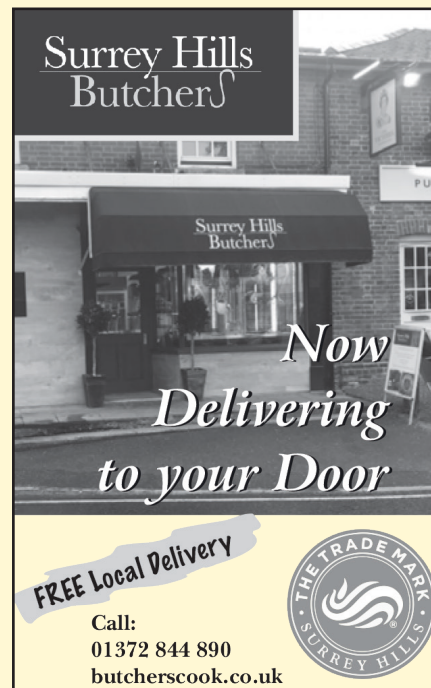
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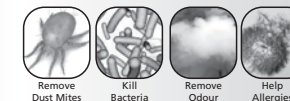
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Build your Church Project: Contact: Ruth Burns (01372 844377)

Children and Young People:

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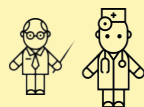
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(oxshottscoutgroup@gmail.com) www.oxshott-scouts.org

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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: Brigitte Tiller (01932 860842 or brigitte@ptiller.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 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)

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Cobham, Downside, Oxshott and Stoke Labour Party: Secretary: Dan Parks (07860 677898 or codslabourbranch@gmail.com)

The Arts Society Claremont and Oxshott (formerly ASCO, before that CODFAS): Meets 2nd Wednesday in month (except July & August) in the Yehudi Menuhin Hall, Stoke D'Abernon. Coach visits also organised. Contact: Anne Wallis (anne@wallis.eu.com)

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