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The Monthly Letter

Jubilees and communities!

Dear Friends,

As the official celebrations marking Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee draw near, I wonder what memories you have of milestones in her reign? Perhaps you remember local community events such as street parties?

For me, the Queen's Silver Jubilee in 1977 stands out. I was 18 and sang with the Somerset Youth Choir in a concert at the Royal Albert Hall under the baton of Sir David Wilcox. It was an amazing experience: rehearsing at the Royal College of Music, orienteering around the endless circular corridors backstage in that iconic hall and being a part of something momentous and fun all at the same time.

Many families with young children who have moved into our village over the past few years have said to me that one of their chief reasons for moving to Oxshott is to feel part of a community. If the crowds who gathered last December to witness the switching on of our village lights are anything to go by, I think a lot of us have been reminded of how important community is for human flourishing. Over these special few days in early June, we are fortunate that in Oxshott we will have plenty of opportunities to come together and celebrate this milestone in the reign of Elizabeth II, especially on Sunday 5 June when, from 12 noon to 5pm, the busy A244 will mercifully be closed and our village will become a pedestrianised zone.

In her ninetieth year, a book was published as a tribute to the Queen's 'quietly held...authentic and well-known' faith, entitled *The Servant Queen and the King she serves**. In it, we are told that one of the biblical stories most often quoted by her majesty is the well-known story of the Good Samaritan (recorded in Luke chapter 10, verses 25-37). In this story cultural, racial and faith divides are forgotten as one person steps forward to befriend and care for another.

Let's do this in our village and celebrate not only her majesty's long and dutiful reign but also that we live here in this great village together.

Blessings,

Francis
Vicar

**Quote from Jeremy Paxman, p.61, The Servant Queen and the King she serves, published 2016 by Bible Society, HOPE and LICC.*

+ Church News

St George's Day Parade held in Oxshott

This year's St George's Day parade and service for Esher District Scouts was held on 24 April here in sunny Oxshott...



Esher District Scouts extend from Molesey down to Cobham, covering the Dittons, Hinchley Wood, Weston Green, Esher and Claygate as well as Oxshott



On the afternoon of Sunday 24 April, St Andrew's hosted a service for almost 400 Esher District Scouts to mark St George's Day and the annual renewal of their scout promise to do their best and do their duty.

Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers with their volunteer leaders from groups in Oxshott, Cobham, Claygate, Hinchley Wood and Esher gathered at the Royal Kent School. Led by the wonderful playing of the Claygate Scout Marching Band, the St George's and Union flags were paraded up to the High Street and down Steels Lane, with residents

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coming out of shops and houses to see hundreds of scouts marching past. The scouts then squeezed into every available seat and area in church, with room for some of the watching parents in the vestibule, before all the group's colourful flags were paraded in and placed at the east end.

The theme for this year's service was '**Mine, Yours, Our World**', so two Explorers read to us from Genesis chapter 1- the biblical story of Creation. We were reminded that our loving God made the world perfect for us and that He gave us responsibility to look after it. In the prayers, written and led by representatives of each group present, we apologised for our failures and recommitted ourselves to looking after God's world. As part of this commitment, a collection was received for tree planting via Surrey Wildlife Trust's Heritage Hedgerow Project. Esher District Scouts are also committed to work with Elmbridge Council to donate trees to be planted on Esher Common for the Queen's Green Canopy Project.

A special day

Our vicar Frances Trickey said: "It was wonderful to hold this service at St Andrew's for this special day in the Scouting year. There was a real sense of occasion and it was tremendous to have the church filled with young people and their leaders. As a Brownie, Guide and Young Leader, I was for years involved in similar parades in services in Taunton, Somerset, and so it brought back happy memories.

"I am so grateful too to each of the councillors as well as the senior leaders in the Scout movement who attended for making this such a successful occasion."

Local Scout leader Andrew Burns said: "The Scout promise of duty to God and the Queen and to help other people is fundamental to everything that the Scouts does. It was brilliant to see so many young faces engaged by Frances' challenge about helping save the planet and the part that faith has to play in their lives."



Tweet from David Lewis, local councillor

Church Services in June

Wed 1 11.30am Holy Communion (said)
 Thu 2 9am *Thy Kingdom Come* Pray Together, via zoom
 Sat 4 9am *Thy Kingdom Come* Saturday Prayers, in church

Sun 5 Pentecost

Pentecost (Acts 2.1-2)
 10am St Andrew's at 10

Tue 7 9am Pray Together, via zoom
 Wed 8 11.30am Holy Communion (said)
 Thu 9 9am Pray Together, via zoom
 Sat 11 **Barnabas the Apostle**
 9am Saturday Prayers, in church

Sun 12 Trinity Sunday

Trinity Sunday (John 16.12-15)
 10am St Andrew's at 10

Tue 14 9am Pray Together, via zoom
 Wed 15 11.30am Holy Communion (said)
 Thu 16 9am Pray Together, via zoom
 Sat 18 9am Saturday Prayers, in church

Sun 19 The first Sunday after Trinity

Knowing the Holy Spirit and the Gifts He gives (Romans 12.1-8)
 10am St Andrew's at 10
 4pm St Andrew's @4

Tue 21 9am Pray Together, via zoom
 Wed 22 11.30am Holy Communion (said)
 Thu 23 9am Pray Together, via zoom

Fri 24 The birth of John the Baptist

Sat 25 9am Saturday Prayers, in church

Sun 26 The second Sunday after Trinity

Knowing the Holy Spirit and the Spirit-filled Life (Ephesians 5.15-21)
 10am St Andrew's at 10

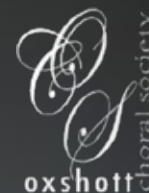
Tue 28 9am Pray Together, via zoom
 Wed 29 **Peter and Paul, Apostles**
 11.30am Holy Communion (said)
 Thu 30 9am Pray Together, via zoom

Do join us, in person or online:

- 10am Sunday services in church are also live streamed, via the church website
- Saturday Prayers now take place once again in the Lady Chapel, in church
- Pray Together sessions during the week are on zoom, via the church website



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Thy Kingdom Come 2022

We are again participating in these ten days of celebration, prayer and witness, between Ascension Day and Pentecost, 26 May to 5 June.

We are using the 2022 Prayer Journal, themed around images of the Holy Spirit, which dovetails neatly with this term's teaching series on Knowing the Holy Spirit.

Check out the church website for the latest details of the programme!



Saturday Prayers

We are pleased to confirm that **Saturday Prayers** are once again

being held in person in the Lady Chapel – having been on Zoom because of the Covid-19 constraints.

For the present, **Pray Together**, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, remain on zoom.

You are very welcome to join us at any of these valuable times of prayer, all of which commence at 9am - see the website for full details: www.standrewsoxshott.org.uk



Hymns and Pimm's in the High Street!

As part of the Queen's Jubilee celebrations on Sunday 5 June in Oxshott,

St Andrew's will be running



'Hymns and Pimm's' in the High Street at 2pm and 4pm, for about 30 minutes each time.

We plan to lead the singing with members of the choir, congregation and the community.

We can also confirm that St Andrew's church and grounds will be open and available for villagers to eat their street food or picnics, use the facilities, etc.

From the Registers



Burial of Ashes

We offer our condolences to the family and friends of:

16 April	Nicola Anne Hunter (died 7 June 2019, aged 74)
27 April	Harold Edward Grove (died 11 November 1993, aged 72)
	Kathleen May (Kay) Grove (died 24 December 2021, aged 99)

Cobham Area Foodbank – what's new?

Activities of our local Foodbank, one of our Mission Partners, has seen some surprising variations over recent times: **Michael Flaxman** reports...

Firstly, thank you to all those who provide food and monetary donations to the Cobham Area Foodbank. The past couple of years have been challenging for many in our local community with Covid restrictions, loss of loved ones, school closures, illness, loneliness, hospitalisation, job losses – the list goes on.



*Waitrose Collection Day,
March 2022*

The Cobham Area Foodbank too has felt the negative impact, but there were also some mitigation, with people's increased generosity during the first part of the pandemic filling our storage warehouse, clients receiving food from other charitable and business organisations set up during the crisis, the £20 extra for those on Benefits, furlough support for some of those with jobs etc., all of which meant we were still able to provide each family in need with enough food for a week and remain open throughout.

Difficult as the Covid period has been, however, many clients have now an even greater fear of what is to come, as inflation starts to increase rapidly and disproportionately hitting two of the most fundamental aspects of life - **eating** and **heating** - especially if you were 'just managing' before.

Citizens Advice, among others, try to help those struggling with energy costs, while foodbanks and similar operations try to help with the 'eating'.

Now there are new challenges...

Foodbanks, however, including Cobham Area Foodbank, are facing new challenges too. Donations to foodbanks nationwide have dropped significantly in the past months – Cobham Area Foodbank has been distributing approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ ton of food to clients each week but only receiving $\frac{1}{2}$ ton in food donations – a situation which is unsustainable in the long term. Many weeks we must buy items we no longer have in stock.

There are several tangible reasons why donations have slowed down – competing crises, donor fatigue, volunteers returning to work, stock shortages, etc., but the new additional concern is the threat of a downward

spiral, as people are less able to afford to be generous and donate due to the impact of inflation on their own finances, just now when we expect more people fall into difficulty and need a foodbank.

We have recently restarted our occasional supermarket Collection Days, which are very helpful in replenishing stocks, where we give shoppers short lists of items we are in particular need. We collect from them as they come out, but



*The Foodbank van,
collecting donations*

the importance of individuals *regularly* putting items in the green collection bins is paramount – about 50% of our collection is from bins in supermarkets and 20% from bins in churches including, of course, St Andrew's. Please check the priority items marked on the bins each week - and ensure the items are in date, otherwise they cannot be distributed!

Our Client Distribution Centre, currently kindly hosted by Cobham United Church, operates every Tuesday and we look forward to be able to welcome once again our clients not only with bags of food but also hot drinks and snacks; pre-pandemic, we would sit down to chat to clients and if appropriate, we are trained to signpost them to other support such as debt counselling from CAP, Citizens Advice, children's clothes and toys from B@titude, etc.

A major challenge facing the trustees is to find a suitable permanent location for our Client Distribution Centre.

Thank you for all your support of donations of food, money and volunteer time. Monetary donations may be made through the website at www.cobhamarea.foodbank.org.uk or you can send a cheque, payable to St Andrew's PCC, to St Andrew's Church Office, Oakshade Road, Oxshott, KT22 0LE, enclosing a note "Foodbank Donation".

Michael Flaxman

Finding healing through poetry

Last month we featured the launch of a book of poems by Hannah Fast. As promised, **Charlene Lamb** now brings you the background to Hannah's happy emergence into a new life...

Today, in the United Kingdom and around the world, many of us experience serious mental health challenges and often don't know where to turn or who to speak to. Everything seems bleak and pointless, with no end in sight and any form of positive, inspiring motivational support seems unreachable. We write a journal, we exercise, we talk, and sometimes we remain silent...

Can you relate to this?

Hannah Fast, a local Oxshott resident and member of St Andrew's Oxshott since 2014, knows all too well how this feels and the impact it has had on her life. Today, she can share how she has moved from a dark and broody space into a well-balanced and happy life, where she can embrace love and life. We spoke to Hannah to better understand her story and what the change catalyst was.

"It was God," she said. "I was suicidal, and a Catholic friend told me that if I killed myself I would go to Hell. This scared me so I went to church for answers; the vicar told me I wouldn't go to Hell if I took my own life because my mind wasn't my own, but by then I had changed my mind, I wanted to live again, but with God but my side."

Words pouring out

As an outlet, Hannah chose to write poetry. She started writing one 'God poem' after the next, the words pouring from the depths of her soul, spilling over into sentences that eloquently depicted the raw emotion wrangling within her. Over the years, she has written countless pieces, which have often helped people she knew reconnect with God in powerful ways.

And that is when the idea was born – her Eureka moment, the epiphany that changed her life – it was time to help people understand God's love for them, through beautiful verses that would inspire hope and a sense of wellbeing. "That's it," she thought, "I know only too well how it feels, if I could bring people to understand God's love whilst they are struggling with depression and other mental health issues, imagine if I could get these poems out there and published, I could help people I don't even know and make a positive



Hannah, her book and her buddy, Vlekkie!

difference in their lives." She knew first hand how being closer to God had literally saved her life, and it became her mission to get her works published so that she could indeed help others through poetry.

As part of her journey through the grips of depression, Hannah's faith has been restored by reading and writing her 'God poems'. She explains, "If I feel low, lost or sad I will read one of my poems and my faith is always restored. God wrote these poems through me, so it's like He is communicating with me when I read them because I'm not good at praying. This is my connection to God, through my poetry."

Encouragement

Today, Hannah works locally and enjoys spending time with friends, walking, shopping and watching comedies. Her creativity does not stop at poetry, she is an avid decorator and enjoys painting. She enjoys surprising people and making them feel special. When one of her fellow life group ladies at St Andrew's was going through a difficult time as her dog was critically ill, Hannah made it her business to find out about the scamp and surprised her friend with a beautifully framed poem about the animal.

Any words of encouragement when feeling low? "Hope. Faith. Love. Trust. Never give up, God is always with you. Do not be afraid. Just trust in God."

We include here an example of Hannah's poetry - she is currently writing a sequel to *Finding God in the Midst of Depression* that will also

include poems about life, friendships, love, mental health, and bits and bobs about each poem, so, in essence, it will read like an autobiography, embracing a range of visual elements.

We wait with bated breath!

Charlene Lamb

Finding God in the Midst of Depression is available from Amazon, WH Smith, Waterstones and eBay

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He battles with you as you face your fight
Don't be scared, you are not alone
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Hats and specs in Oxshott

It is said that variety is the spice of life, and that can certainly be said about the WI meetings held in March and April, as **Liz McGibbon** reports...

Zofia Fryer, our speaker in March, gave a talk entitled *The History of Making Hats*. As the topic was hats, for fun nearly every member arrived wearing a hat - much to the surprise of the speaker!

The variety of hats was colourful and interesting. There were a number of 'Mother of the Bride' wedding hats and even an Australian hat with corks! Zofia gave an interesting and informative talk about the history of hats, telling members that, surprisingly, Luton was the main centre of



ladies' hats for 200 years from 1889, and in 1930 70 million hats were made. Today, however, there are only about 15 hat-making companies in Luton. The hat making is, however, not forgotten, as Luton football club is called The Hatters.

We enjoyed seeing how a hat was formed and embellished with flowers etc and members were given an opportunity to try on several hats made by Zofia reminding us of the old song, *Where did You get that Hat?*

There was a more serious talk in April when we enjoyed a very interesting and informative talk entitled *The Eyes Have It*, by Bryony Allen, a senior member of Leighton's Opticians.

Bryony was a lively speaker, and explained the workings of the eye and all the different problems that can occur and how they can be treated. Bryony was very knowledgeable and members appreciated her helpful advice when answering their questions.

She also recommended that if you chose to go to another optician, you should ensure that previous details of your eye examinations were transferred to your new opticians.

Members learnt a lot at that meeting.

A musical afternoon ahead

Please make a note in your diary for Friday 14 October this year! The ladies of Oxshott Village WI have booked Margaret Watson, a professional harpist, to give a lively, afternoon recital.

The event will be held in Oxshott Village Centre at 2pm, and is open to everyone who would enjoy a musical afternoon followed by afternoon tea. Tickets priced £15 - contact Jenny Beebe (email jennykaybeebe@aol.com)

Liz McGibbon



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OFAS is back!

Oxshott Flower Arrangement Society celebrates their full return, and a special anniversary, as Chairman **Jackie Topp** reports...

Like a lot of other societies, we are gradually getting ourselves back into action with our members gaining more confidence in general and everybody's desire to return to a more normal life.

This is just in time to celebrate our 65th anniversary! What an achievement, and to celebrate we are holding our Blue Sapphire afternoon on 21 June.

We are lucky enough to have Graham King as our demonstrator. Graham is very well known in the world of flower arranging and as such is very busy sitting on many committees and organising big events. His demonstration is called *Pure Fantasy* and I am sure it will live up to its title.

So we are only too happy to welcome visitors, or past members, and please bring a friend. A very modest charge of £5 is made for visitors and this will get you a glass of Prosecco and a piece of birthday cake! Just turn up at 1.30 for 2pm start. If you would like to contact our secretary, Anita Lee, to let her know you are coming along - her phone number is in the directory at the back of this magazine.

At our meeting on 19 April we had a fabulous demonstration by Helen Hare. Helen is Hong Kong Chinese so, whilst making amazing arrangements, she told us stories of her early life in Hong Kong and her experiences as a child of immigrants in the UK. All very relevant at the moment.

Our meeting in July will be on Tuesday 19 July, and the title is *Scrumptious Summer*. We welcome visitors to any of our meetings, so please come along and enjoy a fabulous afternoon of flowers.

Jackie Topp

Our
65th!



It's all in the layers!

Miranda Fuller brings us up to speed with the lively activities of the Oxshott Art & Crafts Society...

On 21 and 22 May, Oxshott Art and Crafts Society were delighted to hold their first Spring Exhibition since 2019, following the cancellation of the previous two due to Covid restrictions.

It signalled a refreshing return to normality both for us and visitors. More details will be given in the next issue.

The Society were pleased, too, to learn that member, Meryl Hayes, had had three of her watercolour paintings accepted for *AppArt*, an annual large art and sculpture exhibition held at Prior's Field School, near Godalming, in April, and shown here is one of them.

Also pictured here (*below*) is popular artist Paul Simmons, who we were very happy to welcome back in April, to demonstrate for us a painting in oils of an Indian Himalayan village. Paul spoke of the walking he had done in this region with his wife, Linda, who came and shared the evening with us. He described how, throughout their travels, he would sit at the end of the day sketching the wonderful views, to the bemusement of the locals.

Working on a 16" x 20" canvas, primed roughly with neutral grey, and with a palette of seven colours – cadmium yellow, cadmium lemon, French ultramarine, alizarin crimson, burnt umber, cobalt, Winsor blue and titanium white – Paul used large brushes, with a spring to them, and zest-it solvent, to employ the 'fat over lean' method, in which each layer is more solvent based. He used the

oils like watercolours, in the wet-in-wet process, to create texture, initially applying the paint very wet and allowing it to run and using plenty of



Meryl Hayes' delicate watercolour



Paul Simmons creating his image of an Indian Himalayan village

solvent to create the dilapidation of the buildings.

Having sketched the composition in pale grey paint, he painted the blue of the sky, the mauve of the mountains, the green of the trees and the pale foreground, gradually strengthening the colours and adding more detail, including the figure. Once the scene was complete, he added a few fine lines with a rigger brush, to distinguish light from dark in the wall and paving stones. Paul's demo, transporting us to a place many of us have still to visit, made for an interesting and very enjoyable evening.

With the last demonstration of our 2021/22 programme, in June, we welcome back a very popular artist, Hashim Akib, who will be painting a portrait for us in acrylics. As always, non-members are welcome to join us as guests, for a £5 fee, whatever your experience or expertise. Our meetings are friendly and informal and take place at the Oxshott Village Centre from 7.45-9.45pm on the second Tuesday of the month.

Miranda Fuller

What's On in Oxshott



June

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| Sun | 5 | 12 noon onwards Queen's Jubilee Street Party , Oxshott High Street and environs (<i>details on page 18</i>) |
| Tue | 7 | 10am Ladies Friendship Group : <i>Royal Memories & Memorabilia</i> , in the Small Hall, Oxshott Village Centre |
| Wed | 8 | 2.30pm The Arts Society Clarendon & Oxshott : <i>John Ruskin, his Impact and Legacy</i> , with David Cross, at The Menuhin Hall, Stoke D'Abernon, KT11 3QQ |
| Tue | 14 | 7.45pm Oxshott Art & Crafts Society : <i>Portraits in Acrylic</i> , with Hashim Akib, at Oxshott Village Centre
8pm Oxshott Village Women's Institute : <i>Awareness of Ovarian Cancer, and Discussion of WI Resolutions</i> , at Oxshott Village Centre |
| Wed | 15 | 8pm Cercle Français d'Esher : <i>L'Histoire de France en Chansons</i> , with Thierry Viennois, at West End Village Hall, West End Lane, West End, Esher |
| Sat | 18 | 12pm-4pm The Royal Kent School : Summer Fête, at RKS, Oakshade Road (<i>see page 21 for details</i>) |
| Tue | 21 | 1.30pm Oxshott Flower Arrangement Society : 65 th Birthday Celebration: Demonstration - <i>Pure Fantasy</i> , with Graham King at Oxshott Village Centre |

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

Summer starts at OVSC

The summer season gets off to a flying start at our local sports club, as **Fiona Stephen** reports...



The official opening of OVSC's four new clay courts took place at the club at the beginning of May, with members coming out in force to enjoy a BBQ, bubbly, and some great fun social tennis.

Commenting on the new courts, Rod Stevens, the Tennis Chairman, said: "I'm extremely pleased and delighted members have responded so positively to the newly surfaced courts. We were blessed with dry weather during the construction of the courts and for the opening event – it really feels summer has come early to Oxshott!"

The Oxshott Squash tournament also took place at the beginning of May, and was hailed one of the best for many years. There was some excellent squash on show and the finalists gave those who came to support a fantastic example of high-quality matches.

The showpiece Open final was contested between John Gemmell and Stuart Hibbert. The crowd, who had already been entertained by some of the other events, settled in and the players did not disappoint. Every point was fought over with some incredibly long rallies and unbelievable pickups. As with many of the other finals, it went to a thrilling fifth set which Stuart eventually took to seal the victory and become the Oxshott Open Champion 2022.

And finally, the MOCC cricket season started at the end of April. The club announced a big commitment to strengthening the junior coaching this season with a new partnership with the Rajasthan Royals Cricket Academy to provide coaches for our junior cricketers, with each age group getting their own dedicated coach.

In glorious weather the seniors launched their campaigns with victories in a couple of friendly matches. The 1st XI then went on to win their first league match of the season with a win in a record-breaking time of just two hours!

Fiona Stephen



Tennis member Denis Norgan cooks up a storm at the opening of the new OVSC clay courts

The delights of Frogmore House and the Savill Garden

In this month's account of an ASCO coach visit, **Nicky Orlebar** tells of a trip to Windsor...



Frogmore House

On a warm pre-Covid September day with not a cloud in the sky, a full coach of ASCO members arrived at Windsor Great Park. After passing through security we approached the sweeping front drive of Frogmore House. Built in 1680 with later extensions and alterations, the house is today an attractive cream symmetrical building.

Once inside the Hall, our guide explained how George III's wife, Queen Charlotte, and their talented artistic daughters had enjoyed life here away from the strictures of Windsor Castle. Queen Victoria also visited regularly, while Queen Mary converted a dressing room into a 'Black Museum' to house her favourite collection of (black) *papier-mâché* furniture inlaid with mother-of-pearl. But it was the late Duke of Edinburgh who oversaw the refurbishment of the Britannia Room, with furniture from the much loved and now decommissioned Royal Yacht. Today this Dining Room is used for charity committee meetings involving a member of the royal family.

Later a pleasant stroll through the grounds offered a glimpse west across Frogmore Lake to the Royal Mausoleum while to the south we found Queen Victoria's Tea House. Here the tiled roof and tall brick chimney stacks seemingly almost crushed the two rooms below.

Our afternoon was spent in The Savill Garden, named after Eric Savill who arrived as Deputy Surveyor in 1932, rising to Deputy Ranger before his retirement in 1959. Set in 35 undulating acres, Savill's landscaping began under Queen Mary, later becoming of great interest to George VI and Queen Elizabeth.

The winding gravel path led through the newly planted Rose Garden, Bog Garden and herbaceous borders full of late summer colour, while a new Temperate glasshouse was visible beyond the ornamental grasses. The end of our enjoyable day came as we all appeared from every corner of the garden for a cream tea in the award-winning Savill Building.

Nicky Orlebar

Beware all donations!

The Rectory
St James the Least of All



My dear Nephew Darren

This has been an unusual month: we have moved from hysterical excitement to deep disappointment within the space of days.

For many years, our vestry has displayed an oil painting generously donated by the Dowager Duchess of Stansby – given to us, I suspect, because her son, the tenth Duke, would not allow it in his house. It was supposed to depict Daniel in the lions' den, although I always thought it looked more like a prospective adopter visiting a dog rescue centre. The Dowager was less than pleased when it wasn't made the centrepiece in the sanctuary, but we managed to persuade her that her exceptional work of art would be safer from theft if locked away.

Then our cleaner happened to knock it off the wall. If it had landed in her bucket of disinfectant and been totally destroyed, it would have been a sadness I suspect I could have learned to bear. But, more interestingly, some of the Dowager's oil was chipped off – to reveal a painting underneath of what looked like a cherub.

The cleaner told the churchwarden, who instructed her not to tell anyone about the find. This inevitably meant that, within the hour, the entire parish knew of the discovery of what had already been transformed into a priceless pre-Raphaelite treasure. Our churchwarden has yet to learn the fact that if you tell someone something in complete confidence, they assume it means they can only tell one other person at a time.

By evening, various camps had already formed - Miss Timmins wanted the treasure to be placed in a side chapel, as a shrine, preferably with candles permanently burning beside it. She envisaged St James the Least of All becoming a place of pilgrimage, and that this yet-to-be revealed cherub may work miracles of healing. She was already asking for opinions about where the car park should be built to cater for the thousands of tourists who would soon be flocking here.

We compromised by getting the thing x-rayed, to see what work of art lay underneath. It turned out to be by a local artist who had painted an advert for the village pharmacist to sell his own brand of gripe water.

Shrines, towers and good deeds were quietly forgotten and the last we heard of the tenth Duke was that he was consulting a second set of solicitors to see if he can get out of paying for the work that they had done to retrieve the painting.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

Sudoku

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Last month's solution

*Answers
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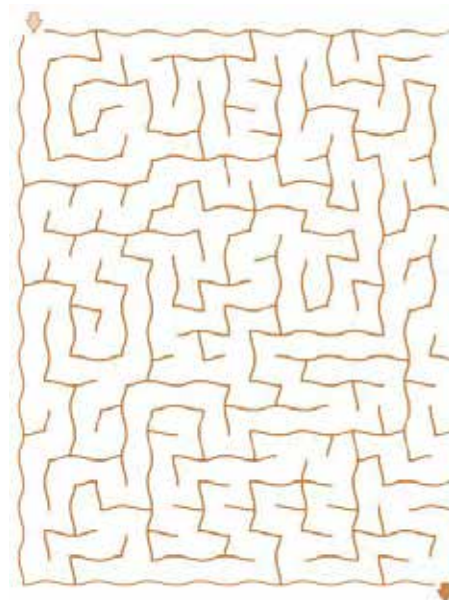
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Vegetables...?

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Jack and the beans talk.

Maze



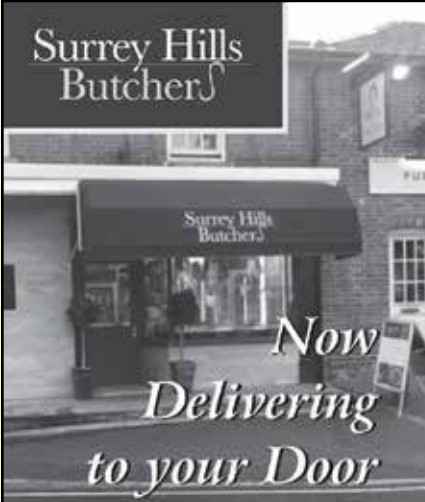
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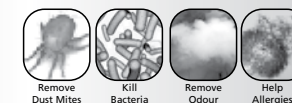
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Bible Reading Fellowship: Hon Sec: Claire King (01932 867522)

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

Children and Young People: Younger children meet separately for their own activities
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Church Hall: For bookings contact the Church Office (01372 842071)

Church Office: Church Administrator: Claire Costard; Assistant: Rowena Osman-
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Electoral Roll Officer: Emily Godfrey (electoral.roll@standrewsoxshott.org.uk)

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Life Groups: A number of Life Groups meet for study, fellowship and prayer on a regular
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Lunch Club: meets every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month, and generally appeals to
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Mothers' Union: Branch Leader: Jane Endean (07762 212607 or
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