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Church News

The Monthly Letter

Finding the battery!

Dear Friends,

How are your New Year's resolutions for 2022 going? If they are anything like mine, they have ground to a halt and are almost forgotten. Good for you if, on the contrary, yours are being well and truly fulfilled!

Many people view living life as a Christian in a similar way to making resolutions, perhaps promising themselves that this time, they will try harder and be more disciplined. In my own experience it never lasts; and, indeed, the Bible tells us it's not what we should be attempting.

Trying to live life as a Christian by trying harder is like giving a child an electric toy car but without the battery: although it looks like a car and can be pushed about, it will never do what it was intended to do. The battery-less car will never race along bringing joy and a sense of dynamism.

So, what is the Christian equivalent of the battery in this toy car? It's the Holy Spirit - sometimes unhelpfully referred to as the 'Holy Ghost', which can create unfortunate misconceptions.

The Holy Spirit is the dynamic member of the Trinity - along with God the Father and Jesus Christ, God's Son. In the Old Testament the (Hebrew) word for the Holy Spirit is 'ruach' - the breath of God. In the Greek of the New Testament, it is 'dunamis' (power), from which our word 'dynamic' is derived. Neither of these has anything to do with ghosts and everything to do with life and movement.

From 1 May at St Andrew's, we will be learning more about how to live as Christians using the power of God's Holy Spirit and we would love you to join us. The series includes talks at services and time to mull things over in a Life Group - a small group who typically meet in one another's homes to reflect on and try to apply what we learn. You and your children are most welcome on any Sunday at 10am* as we look at how to be empowered to live as Christians rather than simply 'try harder'.

Blessings,

Francis
Vicar



Parish News & Notes

BYC - it's been quite a year!

There have been some interesting, challenging and exciting developments on Building Your Church (BYC), our project that will radically refresh the buildings here at St Andrew's. **Jill Mengham** updates us...

Back in January 2021, when we shared a video of the then-current plans, we had lots of positive feedback and enthusiasm that the project was underway, and some very helpful suggestions about how we might make the buildings even better for everyone in the community.

We also had some new requirements from the DAC - the Diocesan Advisory Committee - who must grant approval for any changes to church buildings.

We are so grateful for all the feedback, which we feel has led us to an even better way forward.

One of the main challenges from the DAC was to assess the carbon cost of our plan to fully demolish the ancillary buildings and construct everything new. So, over the last 15 months, we have been working with our architect, structural engineer and quantity surveyors to understand the carbon impact of the project. We are really excited by the new design and floor plans, which can use more of the existing foundations, and also aid phasing of the work, which would help us be able to use part of the new building earlier. We are eager to share those plans with you in the next issue of the magazine and on display boards at church.

Amazingly, if all goes according to plan, we could commence building work in January 2023, providing we have the necessary funds in place. We will share more about our fundraising aspirations in the next issue of the magazine, and how you might get involved. Meanwhile, please do support our bid for CIL funding if you get the opportunity.

'Building Your Church' is much broader than the buildings, and so we have been developing exciting plans to expand the activities we offer. There will be more to tell you about this in the coming months too.

Watch this space!

Jill Mengham



This month we start our refreshed Sunday morning service called 'St Andrew's at 10'.

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During the pandemic we offered 'Listen & Pray', a 10am service alternating each week between two service styles. And now we want to retain aspects that many of us have enjoyed about that temporary Listen & Pray service, such as meeting together as one big Church Family, and coming to church mid-morning.

So the new service 'St Andrew's at 10' combines the very best of both styles and, importantly, allows us to come together as one big Church Family before God. Communion will be celebrated every week, sometimes integrated into the service and sometimes offered as an addition (as it was for Listen & Pray).

We aim to continue to live stream the service, and are grateful to the technical team who have enabled everyone - online or in the church - to join together.

And we are planning to offer two other services over the next few months - a service for families with primary-aged children (see page 9), and an informal time of musical worship, prayer and study for our young people and everyone who enjoys this style.

We hope the way forward reflects three priorities - integration, simplicity and families & children - do join us!

Finding God in the Midst of Depression

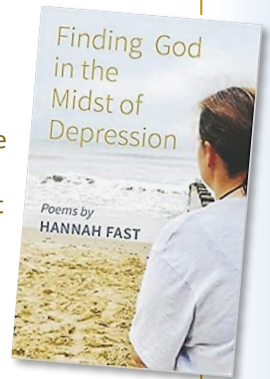
Our very own Hannah Fast, whom many of you will know, has recently published her first book of poems, entitled *Finding God in the Midst of Depression*.

A talented writer and creative thinker, Hannah started writing to inspire and help others. In 2019, when at the lowest point in her life, she began to reconnect with God, writing poetry which helped her and then felt led to get her work published to help others get to know God.

"Through my darkest days, God never once abandoned me. I wanted to help other people who struggled with life issues like mine in the only way I knew how, to tell people about God's love for them. He helped me get back on track every single time. When there was no one, there was God."

More about Hannah and her poetry in our June issue!

Finding God in the Midst of Depression is available at bookshops and online.



Church Services in May



Knowing the Holy Spirit...

Sun 1 The third Sunday of Easter

Knowing the Holy Spirit as a person
(Acts 13.1-6)
10am St Andrew's at 10

Mon 2 Phillip and James, Apostles

Tue 3 9am Pray Together, via zoom

Wed 4 11.30am Holy Communion (said)

Thu 5 9am Pray Together, via zoom

Sat 7 9am Saturday Prayers, via zoom

Sun 8 The fourth Sunday of Easter

Knowing the Holy Spirit through the Old Testament (Genesis 1.1-5)
10am St Andrew's at 10

Tue 10 9am Pray Together, via zoom

Wed 11 11.30am Holy Communion (said)

Thu 12 9am Pray Together, via zoom

Sat 14 9am Saturday Prayers, via zoom

Sun 15 The fifth Sunday of Easter

Knowing the Holy Spirit and what he does (1 Corinthians 2.6-16)
10am St Andrew's at 10
4pm St Andrew's at 4 (see page 9)

Tue 17 9am Pray Together, via zoom

Wed 18 11.30am Holy Communion (said)

Thu 19 9am Pray Together, via zoom

Sat 21 9am Saturday Prayers, via zoom

Sun 22 The sixth Sunday of Easter

Knowing the Holy Spirit through symbols (Ezekiel 37.1-10)
10am St Andrew's at 10

Tue 24 9am Pray Together, via zoom

Wed 25 11.30am Holy Communion (said)

Thu 26 Ascension Day

9am Pray Together - *Thy Kingdom Come*, via zoom

Fri 27 9am Pray Together - *Thy Kingdom Come*, via zoom

Sat 28 9am Saturday Prayers - *Thy Kingdom Come*, via zoom

Sun 29 The seventh Sunday of Easter

Knowing the Holy Spirit's Fruit (Galatians 5.16-24)
10am St Andrew's at 10

Mon 30 9am Pray Together - *Thy Kingdom Come*, via zoom

Tue 31 9am Pray Together - *Thy Kingdom Come*, via zoom

- Our 10am Sunday services are also live streamed, via the church website
- Pray Together and Saturday Prayers are on zoom, also via the church website

Parish News & Notes

What do Hymns and Pimm's have in common?

You can find out at the celebrations for the



Queen's Jubilee celebrations here in Oxshott on Sunday 5 June!

The High Street will be closed that afternoon (see the advert on page 25), and, as part of the celebrations, St Andrew's will run 'Hymns and Pimm's' at 2pm and 4pm for about 30 minutes each time.

Watch out for more details to follow!

St Andrew's at 4

This Summer we are pleased to be starting a **new Sunday afternoon service** at St Andrew's Church, designed to be accessible and enjoyable for everyone - especially those with young children (primary-school aged and younger...)

We hope this new service will offer a relaxed environment to connect with one another and with God, and to discover and explore Christian faith through stories, songs, games, crafts and other activities to do together. You don't need to know or bring or wear anything special to join in - come as you are!

St Andrew's at 4 will run from 4pm, and will finish around 5pm with some food and drinks.

Our first **St Andrew's at 4** will be on Sunday 15 May, with two further services planned for Sunday 19 June, and Sunday 10 July.

To find out more, please email patrick.davies@standrewsoxshott.org.uk
We hope to see you there!

Open the Book – could you join the team?

It is wonderful news that we are again able to offer 'in person' Open the Book assemblies again at the Royal Kent School, each Thursday at 9am.



This is an exciting, important and fun ministry, allowing children to explore and apply Bible stories in a relevant and accessible format.

We hope to increase the team that acts and narrates these stories each week (we have some great costumes!).

So, please let Frances or Patrick know if you are interested in getting involved.

Carina Moffat 1952-2022

Friend and Fellow Musician

It was with tremendous sorrow that we heard of Carina's passing after a long and determined battle against cancer. She was incredibly brave and gave her 'all' right to the end.

It's difficult to write, in a few words here, a fitting tribute to one with so many talents and interests! Most importantly of course, a great support and loving wife to Simon and mother to Rowena and Lara, who when younger both gave their talents here in Oxshott, as members of brownies and guides and the church choir.

Carina was a very keen and knowledgeable gardener - being the 'Queen of Snowdrops' - a legacy from her father - and no one could ever guess how many different species of snowdrops existed until they had visited the special snowdrop bed in her garden. Indeed some have been transported to Wisley and displayed in a special greenhouse - with her name! Her care and expertise covered other gardens - for many years she led a group of devotees to take great care of the church gardens, clearing and planting up the beds to give a delightful show of year-round colour.

She was also a generous host, both at home and at St Andrew's, where she ran a team of ladies for the early 'Loner's Lunches' on Wednesdays in the church hall, producing food fit for royalty to many of our church family.

She loved nature and the natural world and travelled over oceans, seas and continents, from Antarctica to Galapagos, bird-watching and animal watching with the family - and very often sharing those experiences with close friends - I being one of those fortunate to have been on Safaris in Africa, in the rain forests of Costa Rica and amongst the ancient monuments in Egypt and the Incas in Peru.

Of course, her service to the church was outstanding. Her 'sweet playing on the organ' (and the piano) was her abiding passion and, when the church was refurbished, she spent hours in meetings and trying out various organs before finding the 'right' one to replace the old Makin.

She would practise for hours, muttering to herself and tut-tutting when she made mistakes, going over and over the passage until it was correct! She organised 'organ days' with Church Organ World who transported organs to St Andrew's, drawing organists from far and wide to try them out, with Carina, hosting, always at hand providing tea and cakes for attendees.

She was also a faithful and valued singing member of the Oxshott Choral Society, and I have worked with this wonderful 'little fire-cracker'(!)



for thirty years. Together we rehearsed Senior and Junior choirs through Christmas carols, Easter anthems, and plays and musicals such as 'Jonah Man Jazz', all memorable for the delight and fun we all had working together and making music. Many of those children were given theory lessons for exams, and were accompanied by Carina on their big exam days.

Weddings were fun! She was always keen to please - when young couples got married in the church, she would search far and wide to find appropriate exit music for them - 'Ski Sunday', or 'The World Cup', or the more traditional, such as 'Toccata' by Widor. She even played for her own daughter Lara's wedding; on that special occasion, all the choir could see of her was her beautiful pink hat sitting on top of the organ while she played!

A strong character and a stickler for high standards and perfection where possible, she was always reliable, always committed, always willing to help and always generous. She was my right arm in our church services and practices, a wonderful 'music partner' and a precious, much-cherished, friend. Right now she will be singing with the angels and, hopefully, they'll be a heavenly organ for her to play!

She will be sorely missed by everyone - not least by myself.

Val Beynon

From the Registers



Baptisms

We welcome into God's family:

27 March James Jasper Cady

Funerals

We offer our condolences to the family and friends of:

Service of Thanksgiving at St Mary's, Stoke D'Abernon:

25 March John Dickie OBE (died 13 February 2022, aged 98)

Not recorded in our Registers, but taken by Revd Frances Trickey, and included here as a long-standing resident and member of our Electoral Roll

Funeral Service at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead:

8 April Elaine Galley (died 23 January 2022, aged 88)

Not recorded in our Registers, but included here as a long-standing member of the church family

Memorial Service

We offer our condolences to the family and friends of:

12 April Carina Moffat (died 25 March 2022, aged 70)

Christian Aid Week – and a superpower

As Christian Aid Week approaches, **Mark Currie** explains just one way support is given – and how we can help...

In her village in Zimbabwe, big-hearted Janet Zirugo, 70, has seen first hand the desperate hunger drought causes. She's the sole provider for the children in her family, many of them orphans. Love is Janet's superpower – it gives her the strength and courage to keep going, even in the hardest times. With all her love and strength, and with her husband John at her side, she works on her farm so her family - and her neighbours - never again go hungry.

Her drought-resistant seeds are now blooming into a garden of plenty – bowls full of groundnuts, wild fruit, golden corn; a rainbow of colour. The new storeroom she's built keeps her harvest secure, which helps her bounce back in future droughts.

With your support, Christian Aid empowers the most vulnerable communities in the Mutoko and Mudzi districts of Zimbabwe to prepare for, and adapt to, the harsh and changing climate.

Janet and other women like her know when changes are coming and can adapt before crisis hits. With you by their side, they can provide enough food for their families, and live with hope.

This Christian Aid Week (15-21 May), please:

- **Give** generously to help women grow crops that survive in the drought.
- **Act** and raise your voice for justice. Join our Loss and Damage campaign.
- **Pray** that families will stay strong during tough times of drought.

St Andrew's Quiz Trophy!

We will be hosting a quiz evening at St Andrew's on Friday 20 May for a team to win the coveted St Andrew's Quiz Trophy! We hope to get other members of the Oxshott community involved. Come as a team – perhaps with your Life Group or fellow members of your interest group (e.g. the choir or Lunch Club) or simply as a group of friends. If you aren't as big as a team, please let me know (07818 034323) and I will make sure you can join in the fun.

I will also be back on my bike for Christian Aid Week - www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mark-currie11 - and now Covid restrictions are over, you might like to get out and about and become part

Christian Aid Week 15-21 May 2022



Love gives Janet the courage to stand strong against drought and hunger



of this life-changing week by taking on the 300,000 steps in May challenge www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week/challenge-yourself

Thank you.

Mark Currie

Volunteering at Wolf Fields

Eleven of us, and three dogs, had a wonderful visit to Wolf Fields on 19 March, as **Carl Jackson** reports...

We were blessed with a glorious sunny day for our visit, and met not only Kailean but also his wife Kim and daughters Limmy and Zoe. Kailean led us round the 3-acre site, explaining the development of each of the features including the orchards, the story-telling fire pit, the ponds, the beehive & demo area, bird watching area, bird nest cam and the sensory garden, with features for the deaf and the blind.

Our volunteering effort at our Mission Partner involved weeding around the fruit trees and digging an initial strip of the proposed wild flower meadow.



The pictures also show (above left) the friendship established between Limmy & Zoe and Charlene & Warwick's three dogs. Our picnic lunch, enjoyed by us all, was generously supplemented by Kailean & family with spring rolls, samosas & tea.

Thank you to everyone who enabled us to deliver lots of adult and children's forks, spades and other tools and 42 pairs of gloves for the volunteers – we are looking forward to attending the Wolf Fields demonstration day on 25 June.

Carl Jackson

Always learning...

Our Mission Partners in Pakistan open our minds and hearts in numerous ways; **Revd Jolyon Trickey** explains, and brings us up to date...

Mission Partners

Pause to imagine for a moment the implications of the following:

- Pakistan has Iran, Afghanistan, China and India as its neighbours....
- It is a Muslim-majority country of over 200 million, yet has a long history of Christian education and Christian hospitals that is highly valued and respected!
- The Pakistan Constitution (& Flag) embody religious freedom, yet it is the 8th most dangerous place in the world to live as a Christian! (See *Open Doors Watch List 2022*)

Also, Pakistan is one of only nine countries with nuclear weapons, and as I write, the country is in political turmoil. Prime Minister Imran Khan, who had been fighting for his political life, has been forced to resign.

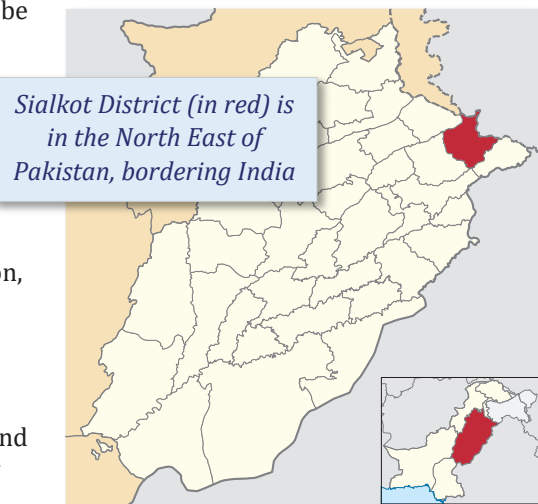
It is important for us to be informed, and the Bishop of Sialkot, The Rt Revd Alwin Samuel, has asked us to pray fervently 'for political stability' in Pakistan.

Sialkot Diocese, where we focus our attention, is world-renowned for its leather goods, footballs and medical instruments.

Yet the Covid pandemic has had a profound health and economic impact, especially upon the poorest.

Over the last two years, we at St Andrew's have made a material difference, with targeted gifts of nearly £5,000. This is over and above our annual commitment of £3,000 per year.

Revd Dr Qaiser Julius, Director of the Open Theological Seminary (OTS) in Lahore, is our main partner in promoting Christian education and discipleship in Sialkot Diocese. He also plays a key role in leading the Increase Association providing TEE (Tools that Equip and Empower) to



ordinary Christians in Asia. This is where two thirds of the world's population live and Christians are often a minority faith group. Qaiser is pictured here (*right*), in Turkey, at Increase's first in-person gathering for over two years.

Our prayers and support for him, his influence and his family (wife Rahila, daughter Homila and son Hannan) are invaluable and led by one of St Andrew's Life Groups, led by Ron & Jackie Stewart.

A growing number

A recent report upon progress in Sialkot revealed that, by summer 2021, six OTS classes, three of them new, are now run through Sialkot Diocese, with 75 students. Each of these is being formed in Christian character and life, not merely knowledge about faith. A new Memorandum of Understanding with Sialkot Diocese was signed last year, aiming to build upon this.

There are also a growing number of other classes in the region and Teenager Programmes have started in three different areas. Total participants are already nearly 400, with an impact upon nearly 3,000 family members.



This picture shows Qaiser (*centre*), with Bishop Alwin (*on the right*) promoting OTS courses to a local church community as part of an 'OTS Sunday'. As we might, they are all gathered around a shared meal!

For further updates and information, please see our website.

Jolyon Trickey

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Village News

Oxshott Care: during and post Covid

Like many local organisations, Oxshott Care has had to adapt over recent months, as **Margaret North** explains...

There can be little doubt about the huge impact Covid has had on all our lives - it has certainly affected how we have operated Oxshott Care. Suddenly, all hospital and GP appointments ceased. Consultations began to take place online or by phone. Our friendly car service, manned as always by our volunteers, was no longer in demand. We had to re-think ourselves.

We had a number of people on our client list whom we knew lived alone, so we looked at ways in which we might be able to offer them support. We offered phone chats, perhaps a prescription needed collecting or some shopping; we even organised dog-walking for one of our clients. Possibly the phone calls were the most appreciated - we are all familiar with the sense of isolation that the lockdown periods visited on us.

We are now very much 'up and running' as face-to-face appointments return, so please do not hesitate to ask us to help with transport.

How you can help

Oxshott Care is a voluntary organisation and this is an opportunity to tell you that we always need more volunteers - we shall never turn you away! You will not be asked to do more than one journey a month and the greater number of volunteers we have, the less frequently you will be asked to help.

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For further information, please call us on 07950 478329 between 9am and 12 noon weekdays. You might also like to look at our website www.oxshottcare.com

OXSHOTT CARE



Margaret North

Looking into Spring

Oxshott Art & Crafts Society have continued to enjoy being able to meet in person for their demonstrations. **Miranda Fuller** brings us the news...

Following Marie Antoniou's characterful ducks in March, on 12 April we had another popular artist, Paul Simmons, demonstrate a painting in oils of Indian Himalayan Villages – more details in the next issue!

There will be no demonstration in May. Instead, we are excited to announce our 2022 Spring Exhibition – our first, of course, since May 2019. Full details are featured opposite – we hope for a good showing of both artists and crafts people, offering a wide range of paintings, woodturning, jewellery, textile art and greetings cards for sale – not to mention homemade cakes and teas/coffees! We hope very much to meet some of our readers there.

Another Spring Exhibition, held in early April, was that of Molesey Art Society, to which several of our members also belong and exhibited. One of these is Sue Monteath, whose fabulous painting of lapwings is pictured here. Readers will not be surprised to learn that her painting won her the *Augustus Lunn Award for Design & Composition*.

As a member exhibiting at Molesey myself, I managed with maddening timing to go down with Covid the day before the exhibition, thereby missing the entire event, unlike my paintings!

Our final demonstration of the 2021/22 programme, and one we look forward to enormously, will be a portrait in acrylics, by very well-liked Hashim Akib, on 14 June, from 7.45-9.45 pm.

Non-members are always welcome to join us as guests, for a £5 fee. Our meetings are friendly and informal and take place at the Oxshott Village Centre. Our full programme, including a membership application, can be found on our website – oxshottartandcrafts.org

Miranda Fuller

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Lapwings, by Sue Monteath

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Squash and tennis reach dizzy heights!

Oxshott Village Sports Club have recently had some high points with racquet sports, as **Sarah Murphy** reports...

We were delighted to host an amazing exhibition of top-class squash on Sunday, 20 March in aid of the charity Garden Route Children's Trust (www.grct.org.uk).

Marwan Elshorbagy, World No 7, and Joel Makin, World No 8, started the evening by playing some of the Club's juniors and First Team members before showing a full house why they are in the top 10 in the world! The pair mesmerised those watching with a mixture of power and delicate shots, sometimes from seemingly impossible positions. Although Joel won 3-1 it was anyone's match until the final few points.

Afterwards, Marwan and Joel kindly stayed on to have a drink and a delicious curry supper with members and guests. Peter Crossman, the Club coach, masterminded the event which was a great success – great for squash, for the Club and for the Garden Route Children's Trust, which received £2,000 to help educate and feed South African children.

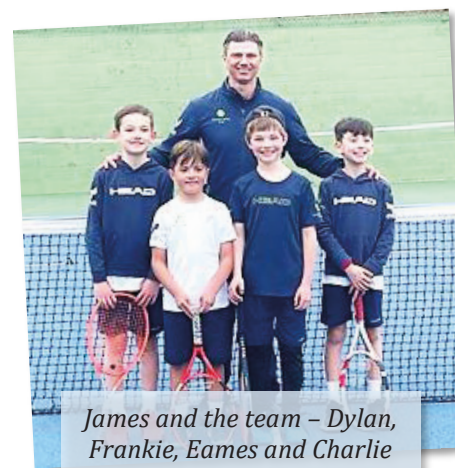
In other news updates - our 9 & Under Tennis Team did it! They have been crowned the National Junior League Team Trophy winners after defeating a very strong Wilton team 8-2 earlier in March.

James Starr, Head Tennis Coach, is extremely proud of all the players who competed.

(continued overleaf)



Marwan Elshorbagy and Joel Makin gave a dazzling display of how to really play squash!



James and the team – Dylan, Frankie, Eames and Charlie

Date for your Diary

Playing pétanque (or boules) on a summer's afternoon, then sharing a glass of wine and a slice of pizza afterwards with friends in OVSC's beautiful surroundings is one of the great pleasures of life!

So do join us and see for yourself, on **Saturday 28 May**, any time after 2pm. Bring the children too, as it is a great game for juniors as well.

Just 'come as you are' and we'll have you playing and having fun in no time. And if you're still here later, the wine and pizza are on us! Please wear flat shoes with no open toes; trainers would be most suitable.



Sarah Murphy

What's On in Oxshott**May**

- Tue 3 10am **Ladies Friendship Group**: Special Holidays Morning, in the Small Hall, Oxshott Village Centre
- Wed 11 2.30pm **The Arts Society Clarendon & Oxshott**: *Easter Presents from Fabergé*, with Claire Phillips, at The Menuhin Hall, Stoke D'Abernon, KT11 3QQ
- Tue 17 2pm **Oxshott Flower Arrangement Society**: *Postcards from France*, with Melanie Smith, at Oxshott Village Centre
- 8pm **Oxshott Village Women's Institute**: *Awareness of Ovarian Cancer*, and discussion of WI Resolutions, at Oxshott Village Centre
- Wed 18 8pm **Cercle Français d'Esher**: *Le monde selon Satie: musique, humour et décadence au tournant du siècle*, with Émilie Capulet, at West End Village Hall, West End Lane, Esher
- Sat 21 11am-5pm **Oxshott Art & Crafts Society**: *Annual Spring Show*, at Oxshott Village Centre:
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Tudor royal residence to Art Deco home

On another pre-Covid ASCO coach visit, a group visited Eltham Palace, south east of Greenwich Park. **Nicky Orlebar** tells all...

Medieval in origin, the 1470 Great Hall with imposing oak hammer-beam roof was used as a dining hall for the court, the king sitting on a dais, with food brought in from behind an impressive carved wooden screen.

Eltham was a favourite Tudor royal residence where the future Henry VIII spent much of his childhood. But over the centuries, Eltham gradually fell into disrepair. The land became a farm using the Great Hall as a barn, depicted in a 1790 painting by JMW Turner.

In the 1930s, wealthy Stephen and Virginia Courtauld, of the successful rayon business, redeveloped the site to create an outstanding modern private house where they could invite their many society and artistic friends. Commissioning famous European designers, the ambitious restoration involved adding a spacious residential extension to blend in externally with the Great Hall. Inside, a highly fashionable Art Deco home emerged. The large entrance hall was lit by a large round, shallow domed ceiling window incorporating small circles of glass resembling cats' eyes. Together with exclusive hand-made furniture and huge circular rug in shades of brown, beige and fawn, the hall was perfect for entertaining. On the walls the marquetry wooden panels showing Venice and Stockholm, were likened to the 'ocean liner style'.

But it was in the dining room (*right*) that the Italian designer Peter Malacrida excelled himself. Above the long rectangular table, he recessed the ceiling and covered it with aluminium leaf, set against a blue background. With the concealed lights turned on, the ceiling was said to shimmer and twinkle above the guests.

The Courtaulds were all for incorporating 1930s mod-cons such as electric fires, an audio system to all rooms, and heated bathroom towel rails.

English Heritage has looked after the Great Hall since 1984, and in 1995 became responsible for restoring the whole Eltham Palace site to how it looked in the Courtaulds' time.

Nicky Orlebar



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On the perils of the church picnic

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My dear Nephew Darren

A Spring parish picnic is always a good idea – although you must bear some details in mind. First, whatever date you choose will turn out be the wettest of the year. English picnics are invariably eaten under umbrellas while wearing Wellingtons and the sort of determinedly cheerful look that defies anyone to admit they would rather be home in front of the fire.

Second, no matter how early in the year, wasps will emerge from hibernation in huge numbers, and terrorise Mrs Hornby with the picnic baskets. And thirdly, someone will bring along their (hungry) dog. Last time Colonel Psmith's spaniel outdid herself: she leapt up, head butted a piece of Madeira cake out of Mrs Horngirdle's hand – and ate the lot – before even a crumb could touch the ground. A good piece of field work, that.

Half-way through the afternoon, some over-excited member of the party will decide to arrange a game of rounders. (Mr Poppinjay tried this one year, as in his youth he had been athletic. Fortunately, the ambulance got there quickly, and the ankle healed well.) Then the mothers who join in will completely ignore the ball sailing past them, while they discuss some burning topic of local gossip.

In the meantime, the young choir members, who were the reason for arranging the game in the first place, will have drifted off to the lake to throw stones at the ducks while no one is looking.

For our annual picnic, I use my own car, making sure it is so full of clerical robes and church magazines that no one else can fit in. Throughout the day, I keep returning to it to make sure no one has broken in to steal the Communion wine – and taking the opportunity to catch up on the cricket scores. By the middle of the afternoon, I usually remember that some urgent duty, such as blessing a traction engine, demands my departure.

The rest of the party, by now soaked, cold and knowing the coach to take them home is still several hours off, only wish they had such demanding work to tear them away.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

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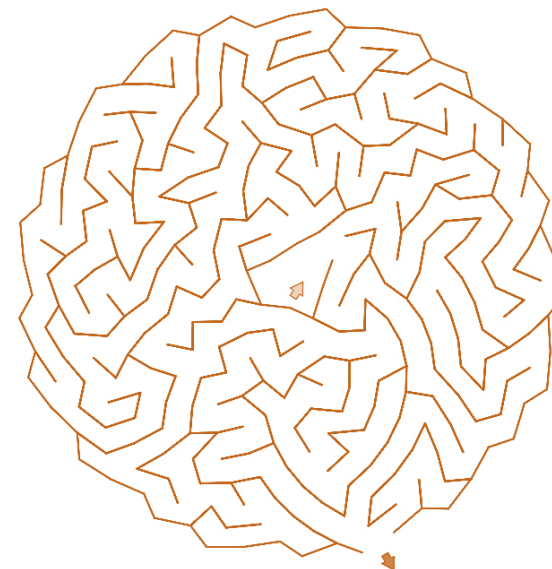
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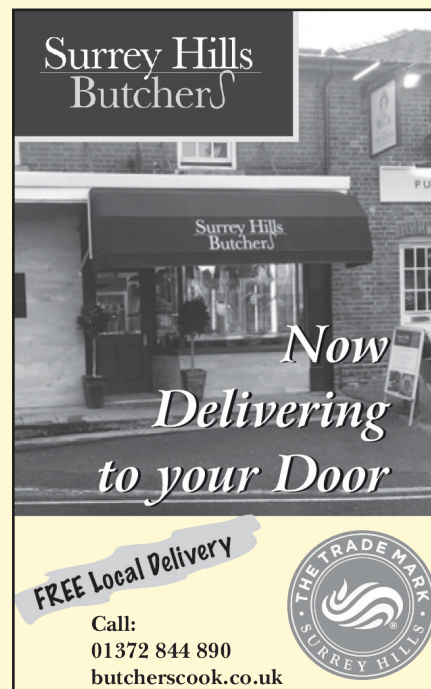
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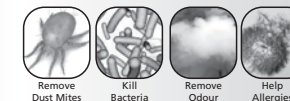
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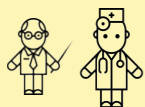
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The Arts Society Claremont and Oxshott (formerly ASCO, before that CODFAS): Meets 2nd Wednesday in month (except July & August) in the Yehudi Menuhin Hall, Stoke D'Abernion. Coach visits also organised. Contact: Anne Wallis (anne@wallis.eu.com)

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)

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



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