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The Monthly Letter

A season for everything

Dear Friends,

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven."
(Ecclesiastes 3.1)



Summer is, for many of us, time to embrace a different pace - to step back from the busyness and take time away from our usual routines and activities, and perhaps pick up new ones, for a while!

The words above from the Bible remind us that God is the one who has shaped the times and 'seasons' our lives: the quiet and the busy, the happy and the sad, the easy and the difficult.

Yet sometimes it is easy to doubt that God has it all together when we look at what is going on in the world, or our own life, when things may feel like chaos. But the Bible seeks to reassure us that God has always got everything under control - and nothing which happens is a surprise to God, or beyond the reach of his big plans for the world and for us - even when we can't quite fathom how!

We live in a world of inevitable and constant change, which can be unsettling. Knowing God is in control helps us to discover, accept, appreciate and embrace the distinct character of each 'season' in our life, and to make the best of it for what it is. As we do, the changes we experience help us to learn and to adapt and to grow: "God has made everything beautiful in its time." (Ecclesiastes 3.11) - even painful seasons can be made beautiful with God as companion.

As we know, Summer will give way to Autumn, Autumn to Winter and Winter to Spring, so make the best of each 'season', both in the year and in our life! Enjoy friends, family, home, garden, health, holidays, hobbies, community, countryside and church! Enjoy each moment for what it is, and in the reassurance that God is in control!

Patricia

Curate

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Church News

B@titude hosts their celebration again!

After a two-year break because of Covid, B@titude in Leatherhead were able to organise their annual event once again...

The Thursday Morning Life Group here at St Andrew's are linked with our Mission Partner, B@titude in Leatherhead, who organise a 'Kings and Queens Celebration' event each year - but they had to cancel these last two years because of Covid restrictions.

The event is a grand tea party, with entertainment and gifts, for the elderly in the Leatherhead area, to make them feel special as 'Kings and Queens' of society. As Jenny Moore has commented, "...it was to soften hearts."

This year the event was back, on Saturday 21 May, at the Kingston Road Recreation Ground in North Leatherhead, and some of the Thursday Morning Life



Pictures: Sue Procter

Group went to help with the event, which included lunch, music, bingo, afternoon tea and a raffle.

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Sue Procter from the Life Group said: "It was such a lovely afternoon, and perfect marquee weather - warm, but not hot, and no rain! About 100 people attended in all - there were 10 tables laid out beautifully.

Great entertainment

"The whole afternoon was enjoyable and with a relaxed atmosphere. There was plenty to eat and drink and some great entertainment.

"Charlotte in particular had the most amazing voice and sang some great golden oldies.

"I have never seen so many raffle prizes - they kept going giving them out. Then followed a very serious game of bingo - serious silence throughout the tent whilst the numbers were called!

"It was a fantastic community event organised by B@titude and supported by various local sponsors and local volunteers - especially the Leatherhead youth club, who served as waiters and waitresses on the day."

Karen Henshall



A brand new service!

On Sunday 15 May, we started a new monthly afternoon service called 'St Andrew's @4'. **Richard Bath** reports...



This new service is designed to be accessible and enjoyable for everyone - especially those with primary-school aged and younger children. It offers a relaxed environment to connect with one another and with God, and to discover and explore the Christian faith through stories, songs, games, crafts, and other activities.

In May we thought about Jesus telling the story of 'The Lost Sheep'. In June it was about the story 'A Loving Father'.

Each time we finished by eating pizza and fruit and cucumber sticks and drinking orange squash, and a cup of tea for the adults!

To find out more, please come along to the next meeting, on Sunday 10 July at 4pm - we look forward to welcoming you.

Richard Bath



Richard Bath

Church Services in July and August

July

- Sat 2 9am Saturday Prayers, in church
- Sun 3 The Third Sunday after Trinity**
The Spirit comes to all followers of Christ (Acts 1.1-11)
 10am St Andrew's at 10
- Tue 5 9am Pray Together, via zoom
- Wed 6 11.30am Wednesdays at 11.30 (Holy Communion)
- Thu 7 9am Pray Together, via zoom
- Sat 9 9am Saturday Prayers, in church
- Sun 10 The fourth Sunday after Trinity**
The Spirit interprets the Old Testament (Acts 2.14-36)
 10am St Andrew's at 10
 4pm St Andrew's @4
- Tue 12 9am Pray Together, via zoom
- Wed 13 11.30am Wednesdays at 11.30 (Holy Communion)
- Thu 14 9am Pray Together, via zoom
- Sat 16 9am Saturday Prayers, in church
- Sun 17 The fifth Sunday after Trinity**
The Spirit shows what it means to be Church (Acts 2.37-47)
 10am St Andrew's at 10
- Tue 19 9am Pray Together, via zoom
- Wed 20 11.30am Wednesdays at 11.30 (Holy Communion)
- Thu 21 9am Pray Together, via zoom
- Sat 23 9am Saturday Prayers, in church
- Sun 24 The sixth Sunday after Trinity**
The Spirit explains the events of the cross (Acts 3.11-26)
 10am St Andrew's at 10
- Tue 26 9am Pray Together, via zoom
- Wed 27 11.30am Wednesdays at 11.30 (Holy Communion)
- Thu 28 9am Pray Together, via zoom
- Sat 30 9am Saturday Prayers, in church
- Sun 31 The seventh Sunday after Trinity**
The Spirit gives courage to face opposition (Acts 4.1-31)
 10am St Andrew's at 10



August

- Tue 2 9am Pray Together, via zoom
- Wed 3 11.30am Wednesdays at 11.30 (Holy Communion)
- Thu 4 9am Pray Together, via zoom
- Sat 6 9am Saturday Prayers, in church
- Sun 7 The eighth Sunday after Trinity**
The Spirit exposes hypocrisy in the Church (Acts 4.32-5.16)
 10am St Andrew's at 10
 4pm St Andrew's @4
- Tue 9 9am Pray Together, via zoom
- Wed 10 11.30am Wednesdays at 11.30 (Holy Communion)
- Thu 11 9am Pray Together, via zoom
- Sat 13 9am Saturday Prayers, in church
- Sun 14 The ninth Sunday after Trinity**
The Spirit fills and uses the laity in the Church (Acts 6.1-7)
 10am St Andrew's at 10
- Tue 16 9am Pray Together, via zoom
- Wed 17 11.30am Wednesdays at 11.30 (Holy Communion)
- Thu 18 9am Pray Together, via zoom
- Sat 20 9am Saturday Prayers, in church
- Sun 21 The tenth Sunday after Trinity**
The Spirit inspires faithful witness (Acts 6.5-7.60)
 St Andrew's at 10
- Tue 23 9am Pray Together, via zoom
- Wed 24 11.30am Wednesdays at 11.30 (Holy Communion)
- Thu 25 9am Pray Together, via zoom
- Sat 27 9am Saturday Prayers, in church
- Sun 28 The eleventh Sunday after Trinity**
The Spirit applies the Gospel to crowds and individuals (Acts 8.4-8, 14-17, 26-40)
 St Andrew's at 10
- Tue 30 9am Pray Together, via zoom
- Wed 31 11.30am Wednesdays at 11.30 (Holy Communion)

Do join us, in person or online:

- 1 10am Sunday services in church are also live streamed, via the church website
- 2 Saturday Prayers take place in the Lady Chapel, in church
- 3 Pray Together sessions during the week are on zoom, via the church website





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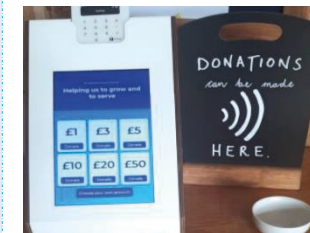
Rebecca Mayhew

We are pleased to announce that, following her election at a special meeting at the end of May, Rebecca Mayhew joins Jill Perrett as a churchwarden for the next year!

Both wardens were commissioned by Archdeacon Martin at a service on 9 June.

Not carrying any cash?!

We now have a machine in the church vestibule which allows you to give pre-set amounts or whatever amount you choose.



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Quiz Night success!



In a hotly fought contest, fifty people from St Andrew's gathered in the church hall for the Christian Aid Quiz, one of the teams from the Wednesday Morning Life Group taking home the valuable trophy at the end of the evening. Together we raised almost £1,000 to support the world's poorest people.

Mid-Week Communion

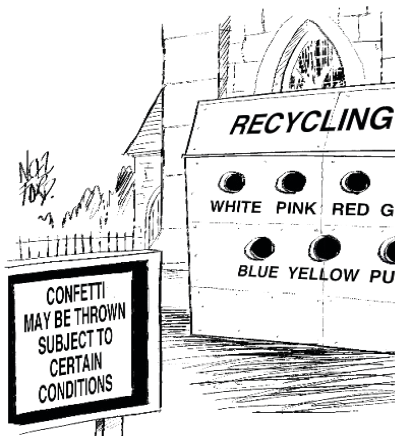
Wednesdays at 11.30

Join us every Wednesday at 11.30am in church for a traditional service of Holy Communion.



Each week we hold a short service, without music, that lasts about 30 minutes.

We look forward to seeing you!



Cathedrals: lighting the way to Net Zero

England's ancient cathedrals could be in the 'vanguard' of technological development needed for the green revolution...

In fact, cathedrals could show the way in making changes for achieving Net Zero carbon across the whole Church by 2030, with a route map due for a vote at General Synod this month (July).

So says the Church of England's lead Bishop for Environmental Affairs, Graham Usher, who is Bishop of Norwich. He points out that cathedrals have an impressive track record within the heritage sector.

Many have already installed green adaptations such as solar panels, or replaced light fittings, or increased draft exclusion. Others have re-designed precincts to give greater access to green space and a chance for biodiversity to thrive. Over two thirds of cathedrals are already part of the A Rocha 'Eco Church' programme – well known to St Andrew's.

However, with cathedrals still responsible for around two per cent of the total Church of England carbon emissions, they need to identify more opportunities to meet the ambitious target set by General Synod in 2020.

The Church of England's Route Map to Net Zero Carbon will be discussed at General Synod this month (July).



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OF ENGLAND

From the Registers



Marriage

We offer our congratulations to:

11 June Emily Alice Galazka and Christopher James Ali Marti

Funerals

We offer our condolences to the family and friends of:

9 May Donald Garth Perry (died 30 March 2022, aged 91)

17 May John Mason (died 7 April 2022, aged 91)

26 May David Holloway (died 29 April 2022, aged 98)

Burial of Ashes

We treasure the memory of:

15 May Carina Moffat (died 25 March 2022, aged 70)

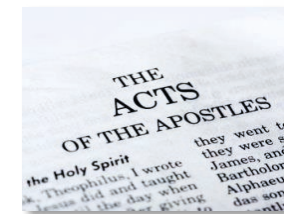
Being extraordinary

Phillip Herbert introduces the book of Acts in the New Testament, which is the subject of this year's summer sermon series...



The book of Acts in the New Testament was written by a medical doctor, Luke. He also wrote the gospel that bears his name, and both books come with an introduction as to how and why he wrote them.

He starts the book of Acts in the following words: 'In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach...' (Theophilus is probably the wealthy commissioning agent who funded Luke's conscientious research.)



The story of Acts begins where the gospel of Luke finishes. Jesus has been crucified, raised from the dead and ascended to the Father. That being so, the use of the words 'Jesus began to do and teach' suggests that the stories in Acts are stories of Jesus continuing to work and teach.

The coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost is nothing less than the coming of the Spirit of Jesus who continues his work in the lives of the Apostles.

But it is not only in the lives of the Apostles; Jesus is seen to be at work in ordinary women and men who, by hearing and believing the gospel message, share their faith. They do this in all sorts of ways, with the purpose of introducing others to encounter Jesus Christ. In each situation they are empowered by the Holy Spirit within.

During the summer months, St Andrew's at 10 will focus on some of these ordinary people carrying on the work of Jesus in the power of the Spirit, often in undramatic ways.

Their example will encourage us to be extraordinary in ordinary ways.

Phillip Herbert

Mark Currie did his bit for Christian Aid Week

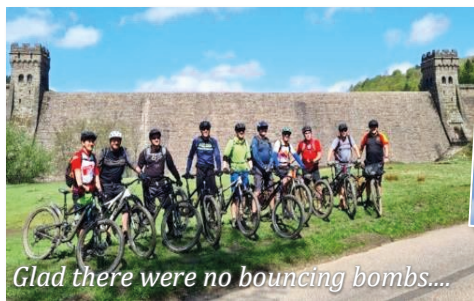
Mark Currie, our Christian Aid representative at St Andrew's, took on another cycling challenge this year to raise funds to support those living in extreme poverty...



This year, Mark went riding in the hills of the Peak District, cycling to the northernmost cathedrals in England and also riding around Essex to round off the month of May, aiming to cover 750km in 7 days.

Phase 1 – The Peak District

Mark set off with a group of friends for three days riding in the Peak District in early May. There was some great scenery but the riding was tough with lots of boulders on the trails. We rode Jacob's Ladder, The Ladybower Classic, where we passed the Derwent dam where the pilots trained for the Dambusters sortie, followed by Deep Cut. Three of the ten bikes didn't make it through the three days and one of the team injured their knee on Deep Cut although it was more bad bruising than a Deep Cut.



Glad there were no bouncing bombs....

Mark was lucky, and he covered the full 110 km and climbed 10,000 feet according to his gadgets, and got some great views.

Phase 2 – The Cathedrals

Having visited 11 cathedrals in the South last year over three days, Mark set out to visit the 10 northernmost Church of England cathedrals over three consecutive days, travelling from Newcastle to Derby.

Day one was a very wet one as Mark set off from Newcastle Cathedral, past the Angel of the North to Durham Cathedral. He then had a puncture, a split inner tube and failed rear gears on route to Ripon and having re-traced his route to get help, he had to miss Ripon Cathedral and head straight to York. Finally, the sun came out and the bells were ringing when he arrived at York Minster. It was a 150km day on the bike.

Day two had a threatening weather forecast but Mark avoided the rain as he travelled from York Minster to Sheffield Cathedral via Bradford and Wakefield Cathedrals. City-style riding including a ten-mile ride on the main dual carriageway from Rotherham to Sheffield at rush hour, which wasn't much fun – navigation a bit awry! He did however also get to see the cathedral of snooker, the Crucible, after his 150km ride to Sheffield!

Day three was the icing on the cake – the sun shone most of the way and a fellow Christian, Keith, rode up to Mark and offered to show him the way to Lincoln cathedral, kindly taking a detour from his planned ride to

help Mark find his way – another angel of the north! The route went from Sheffield cathedral to Lincoln cathedral (a real beauty on a hill), via Southwell cathedral to Derby cathedral – 475km in three consecutive days – and for some strange reason the Achilles tendons were aching!

Christian Aid Week 15-21 May 2022



Just three of the places Mark visited: York Minster; Wakefield and Lincoln Cathedrals

Phase 3 – Ride Essex

Along with 25,000 other cyclists Mark set out from Waterloo at 7am on 29 May to ride just over 100 miles through the east side of London and out to the lovely (thankfully) flat Essex countryside. All the riders received great encouragement from people in towns and villages like Felsted, Great Dunmow, Chipping Ongar and Epping – maybe the cyclists won't be so welcome after the third year of road closures!

Mark and his two friends supported each other on the road and they crossed the line together at Tower Bridge at around 3pm – job done!

Your support – a big thank you

Mark was fortunate to receive a lot of support from family, friends and the St Andrew's family and has raised over £2,600 from his cycling efforts.

He says: "It was worth riding the 750 km in seven days and climbing nearly 5 ½ Ben Nevis (7,300 metres) to help people like Janet Zirugo in Zimbabwe (*Ed: featured in May's Magazine*). I may have suffered a little on the rides, but I had food to nourish me whenever it was needed – I know I have been truly blessed."

Mark's efforts also inspired Chloe, his youngest daughter, to run a cake sale at her school and she raised almost £400 to support Christian Aid's work.

If you would like to provide further support to the world's poorest, it is not too late – visit www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mark-currie11

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Village News

Resolutions to bring about change

The Women's Institute has always been a campaigning organisation, as **Liz McGibbon** of the Oxshott Village WI explains...

The National Federation of Women's Institutes' campaigns tackle issues that matter to members. From equal pay to climate change, mental health and violence against women, members have embraced a diverse set of challenges for the last 100 years.

In May each year members discuss a Resolution which has been put forward by a member of the Women's Institute, with the hope that by bringing it to our attention the problem will be rectified and hopefully lead to change.

The Resolution up for discussion this year was *Women and Girls with ASD and ADHD were under-diagnosed, under-identified, misdiagnosed and under-supported*. There was a short discussion and all members supported the Resolution which will be further discussed at the NFWI Annual General Meeting in Liverpool in June.

See the Signs

The Resolution for 2021 was entitled *See the Signs*, which sought to raise awareness of subtle signs and symptoms of ovarian cancer to help ensure more women are diagnosed earlier.

Helen Pattison organised an enjoyable and fun evening raising our awareness of this horrible problem. We decorated 'womb' shaped biscuits, made origami roses, teal ribbon pins, tattooed our arms, and painted our nails in teal – the colour of the campaign. It was good to move around and chat to each other.

Thanks to Helen, we all left with much more information on how to detect ovarian cancer.

Summer is coming, and we look forward to a meeting in Jenny Beebe's garden, Summer Lunch in the Old Plough at Stoke D'Abernon and our musical afternoon on 14 October, when we will be entertained by Margaret Watson, a wonderful harpist, followed by afternoon tea. Tickets £15 from Jenny Beebe: jennykaybeebe@aol.com

Liz McGibbon



OVSC Jubilee celebrations

Saturday 4 June saw Oxshott Village Sports Club dressed in its finery and ready to party!

Over 300 members and their guests partied the night away celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. With a drinks reception generously sponsored by Grappelli, Cobham and a buffet supper prepared by our very own Jeff Edgar Gibson, guests were entertained by music provided by the bands *Backtrack* and *Take Thatish!*

The day had started with a Jubilee themed tennis tournament held in the afternoon, which



saw all the courts in play. The winning team was *Balmoral* who were crowned champions!

Away from the Jubilee celebrations, the Petanque section held a successful open day in late May. They welcomed a number of guests who enjoyed an afternoon of Petanque followed by pizza and wine.

Looking forward to the summer, the club will be holding the finals days for the first Padel tennis tournament at the club on Saturday 18 June, with Paella & Padel. The finals of the tennis tournament will then take place the following Saturday 25 June with a BBQ and tennis. Both tournaments have been well supported by members and we look forward to seeing some high calibre play on show!

Anyone wishing to learn more about OVSC and what we have on offer just contact Fiona or Sarah in the office – email: office@oxshottsports.com or visit the website – www.ovsc.co.uk

Sarah Murphy and Fiona Stephen



Get active!

The Oxshott Badminton Club has a long history, and is back up and running post-Covid, as **Geoff Moyle** reports...

The Oxshott Badminton Club was one of the first users of The Oxshott Village Centre when it was opened in 1962, and the Club has remained in continuous existence since that time.

Play is from 7.30 pm to 10.00 pm each Tuesday evening from September to May. Some members continue to play during the summer months at an associated club in Walton.

The availability of only one court necessitates that all games are doubles which enhances the sociability of the Club. All games are played with feathered shuttlecocks.

Not so sedate!

There is a common misconception that badminton is a rather gentle and sedate sport. That is certainly not the case and a competitive game of badminton will be both mentally and physically demanding.

Players of all ages are welcome and a free evening is offered to get a feel for the Club. It is usual for potential new members to attend as visitors for a number of weeks at a cost of £5 per session - if you do join, the fees paid to date are deducted from the amount due, which would be a modest prorated annual fee.

The Club has a social and friendly atmosphere, and a post-Christmas lunch is held in January and a summer party in July. A number of members did not re-join the Club after the extended closure during the Covid pandemic, so a few new members would be most welcome.

If you are interested in finding out more then please contact either Geoff Moyle (01372 843844 or geoffdot@ntlworld.com) or Ashok Patel (07977 103436 or ashokdivya@aol.com).

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Beauty in artistic diversity

Oxshott Art & Crafts Society were thrilled to hold their Spring Exhibition in May, as **Miranda Fuller** reports...

In the previous issue we announced how delighted we were to hold our Spring Exhibition in May – our first since 2019, owing to Covid – and promised more detail to follow.

Our artists and craftspeople exhibiting numbered sixteen and, in addition to all the artwork and cards on display, was a wide and colourful range of crafts, including woodturning, jewellery, textile art, hand and machine embroidery, feltwork, knitting, brooch-making and printmaking.



Among the craftspeople were new members, mother and daughter Jule and Jeysie Mallett, each with her own craft table, pictured here. Despite it being Jeysie's first time exhibiting anywhere, she managed to succeed in selling by far the most items in the show. Also very pleased was member



Barbara Thaxter, whose painting, *Cherry Blossom*, was voted by visitors the best in the show and sold to a very satisfied buyer. Visitors enjoyed browsing both art displays and craft stalls, as pictured here, and it was

particularly nice for us to meet those of you who visited and to chat about the exhibits.

Watch this space!

Our final demonstration in our programme, on 14 June, was a portrait in acrylics, by very popular artist, Hash Akib, details of which will be given in the next issue, along with our new programme for 2022/23, which will also be found on our website - oxshottartandcrafts.org – later in the summer.

Our monthly meetings for demonstrations are friendly and informal and take place on the second Tuesday of the month at the Oxshott Village Centre, beginning in September.

Non-members are always welcome to join us as guests, for a £5 fee, regardless of experience or expertise.

We wish readers a good and healthy summer.

Miranda Fuller

OXSHOTTART & CRAFTS SOCIETY

What's On in Oxshott

July

- Tues 5 10am **Ladies Friendship Group:** *What I did when I left School*, in the Small Hall, Oxshott Village Centre
- Tues 19 2.30pm **Oxshott Flower Arrangement Society:** Demonstration – *Scrumptious Summer*, with Susie Tausig, at Oxshott Village Centre
- 8pm **Oxshott Village Women's Institute:** *Elmbridge CAN Refugee Support*, with Jeannie Tweedy, at Oxshott Village Centre

August

- Tues 2 12noon **Ladies Friendship Group:** Ploughman's Lunch, in the Small Hall, Oxshott Village Centre

Many local organisations take a break over the summer.

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



A concert with the Queen's favourites!

On Sunday 12 June, Oxshott and Horsley Choral Societies combined for their Summer Platinum Jubilee Concert 'Gloriana'. A big success despite some challenges!

It may seem obvious that the recent excellent concert will have been the result of careful planning and thoughtful rehearsal. But on this occasion the Oxshott and Horsley Choral Societies had some last minute challenges!

The two societies combined for their Summer Platinum Jubilee Concert in St Andrew's Church on Sunday 12 June. Val Beynon had put together a truly uplifting programme befitting a Royal celebration.

The concert opened with Haydn's Imperial 'Nelson' Mass. Written in the summer of 1798, a time of great turmoil in Europe, Haydn's original title for the Mass was *Missa in Angustiis* (Mass for troubled times).

Its first performance coincided with Nelson's defeat of Napoleon in the Battle of the Nile, so the mass acquired the nickname the *Nelson Mass*. It is a wonderfully joyous work.

The last minute challenges included the organist Matthew Rickard, with whom they had rehearsed, getting Covid a few days before the concert, and the soprano Jane Searle having severe hay fever on the night.

With David Harvey stepping in to accompany on the piano, and Jane Searle (soprano) swapping parts with her daughter Elizabeth Searle (mezzo-soprano), the choir and the male soloists John Upperton and Andrew Mayor all combined under the direction of Val Beynon to give a spirited and uplifting performance of this wonderful work.

Varied music for the Queen

For the varied repertoire of the second half of the concert, accompaniments were provided by David again on piano, and for key works on the organ by Jacob Costard, also impressively stepping in at a few days' notice.

The second half opened with the Platinum Jubilee Anthem 'In our Service' by Thomas Hewitt Jones, a brilliant tribute to her Majesty's seventy year's unstinted and dedicated service to our country.



Handel's Coronation anthem 'Zadok the Priest' followed. Composed for the coronation of George II in 1727, it has been used at the coronation of every British monarch since then. It was sung with great power by the combined choirs.

The next section of the concert, 'Favourites of our Queen', featured songs, from 'Oklahoma' and 'Annie get your gun', followed by Vera Lynn's 'White Cliffs of Dover', and the Queen's favourite hymn 'Praise my soul the King of Heaven', both with audience participation.

The programme ended with 'I was Glad' – Parry's magnificent anthem played at the Queen's coronation and in St Paul's cathedral at the Jubilee Service. A truly uplifting end to a wonderful concert – so we thought!

Val had one more ace up her sleeve. As an encore, the choir performed a memorable harmony version of ABBA's 'Dancing Queen'. Apparently, another favourite of the Queen: "I am the Queen and I like to dance!" Everyone went home with a smile on their faces.

Congratulations and Thanks!

A huge thank you is due to Val Beynon for putting together such an uplifting programme and her work in preparing the choirs for the concert.

Also thank you to the four soloists - Jane Searle, Elizabeth Searle, John Upperton and Andrew Mayor, and to our pianist David Harvey and organist Jacob Costard.

All in all, a splendid Jubilee celebration of music.

Bletchley Park secrets revealed

In 2016, an Arts Society group from Cobham and Oxshott arrived by coach at Bletchley Park, a place inextricably linked with WWII codebreaking, as Nicky Orlebar recalls...

Before 1970, such was the strict secrecy observed by those connected with the place, the existence of Bletchley Park or Station X (being the tenth site acquired for wartime operations) was barely known.

Fearing London could be bombed from the air, the search was on in 1938 to find some premises to house the Government Code and Cypher School (GC+CS), after the war known as GCHQ. Conveniently, the Mansion and estate were up for sale, located an accessible 50 miles north-west of London near the A5 (Watling Street) in Buckinghamshire countryside.

After coffee in Hut 4 (formerly used for Naval Intelligence), we met our guides in the Chauffeurs' Hut for an introduction before setting off on foot around the grounds. First stop was in front of the 1883 Mansion (quite the most extraordinary looking building imaginable).

As the war progressed, the rooms in the Mansion proved inadequate, so the Park grounds were built over with quickly constructed rows of

numbered wooden Huts and concrete Blocks, some later replaced by brick. In these buildings and following training, diligent codebreakers intercepted radio messages sent between the Nazi High Command to their troops on land (including the railways), in the air, at sea (both above and below the surface) or their Secret Service. The result of Bletchley decoding and decrypting messages is now considered to have shortened the war by possibly two years.

Using the ever-changing Enigma rotors, and the later Lorenz systems, the Germans thought themselves invincible. Their portable, mechanical Enigma machines were originally built for the German banking system, but by 1932 three Polish mathematicians had managed to break into an early version. By 1939, fearing a German invasion into Poland, the Poles passed their knowledge to the British and French. Helpfully, our guide explained the distinction between a code and cypher. A code word stays unchanged, but in an Enigma cypher every individual letter in every word is substituted and never repeated. It was Alan Turing who realised this subtle difference.

Working in the utmost secrecy, mathematicians, linguists, crossword experts and chess champions worked tirelessly round the clock in three eight-hour shifts, seven days a week. In the Huts, with over 9,000 women patiently collecting, filing and cross-referencing data by hand, speed was of the essence. This was greatly helped by the newly invented Polish electronic Bombe and Colossus machines (early programmable computers) deducing the day's Enigma rotor settings, which it was realised the Germans changed regularly at midnight.

Open daily

The Mansion and grounds near Milton Keynes are now open daily – look for signs to Bletchley Centre. The recently renovated Huts and Blocks are full of photographs, films, maps and codebreaking machines all helping to explain the quite remarkable story of Bletchley Park. Also, in the grounds is a memorial to the three Polish mathematicians who originally cracked the code. A Roll of Honour is available online to help find family members who may have worked at Bletchley ... but never told anyone.

Nicky Orlebar



Bletchley Park during WWII

On why our church is safe from vandals

The Rectory
St James the Least of All



My dear Nephew Darren

I was sorry to hear that your church was broken into last week. Since your sound system rivals that of any concert hall and your projection equipment would put most cinemas to shame, it is not surprising that is what they had their sights on. Your bemusement that they never touched your library of recordings is less understandable. I would have thought that few thieves would have been much interested in renditions of 'Shine Jesus, Shine' and other such artistic gems.

It may have been an act of Christian charity to put a sign outside saying 'Thieves will be forgiven', although since they took this as an invitation to burgle your house the following evening, I hope your forgiveness still operates. Especially as they also stole your favourite guitar.

Last year, we had unwelcome visitors. The thieves must have spent several hours breaking down the church's 400-year-old oak door to get in. Shame about that. Had they bothered to try the handle, they would have discovered that we never lock the church anyway.

Since we have yet to leap forward into the 19th century, there was little to attract them. Had they removed the marble sarcophagi of the Earls of Lincombe, the money they may have made wouldn't even have paid for the subsequent hernia operations. Inevitably, there was general outrage that the poor box had been broken into – although as far as I can remember, for many years it had contained nothing more than an old three-penny piece and a button.

For many of our congregation, this represented the End of Civilisation as We Know It. Calls were made to have a permanent armed guard on the premises, and a few even speculated about the possibility of having strategically placed land mines about the place. Mrs Beaufort offered to lend us her fierce Pekingese, and Colonel Beauchamp generously offered us his collection of man traps.

Perhaps our thieves may be forgiven their crime, but until that three-penny piece and button are returned, it will not be forgotten.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

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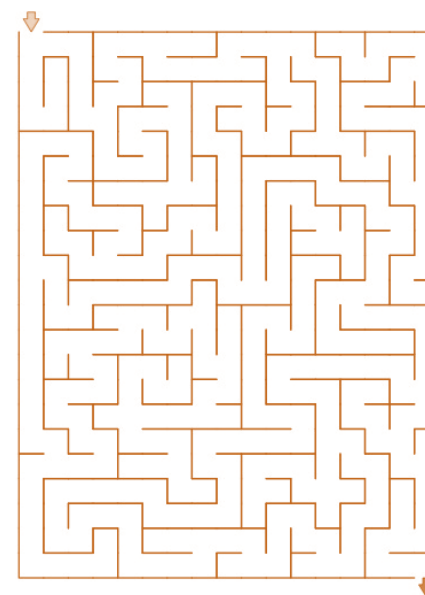
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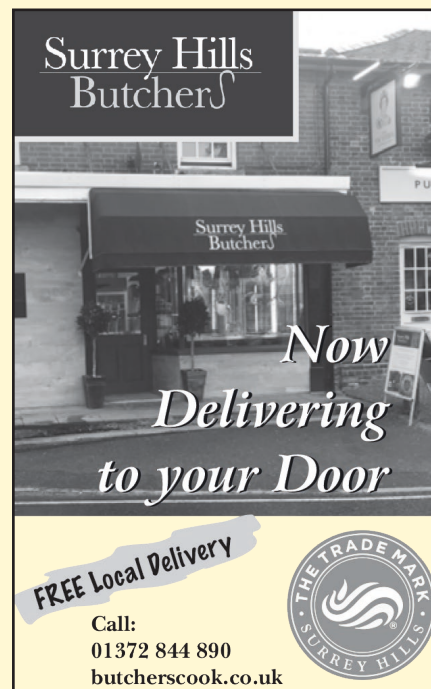
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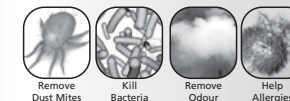
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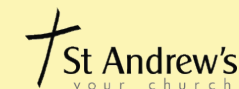
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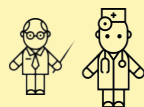
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