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What do we make?

Dear Friends,

In a speech at the Lambeth Conference held in August, the Archbishop of York (Stephen Cottrell) said this:

McDonalds make hamburgers. Cadburys make chocolate. Starbucks make coffee. The Simon Bolivar Youth Orchestra of Venezuela make music. Heineken make beer. Toyota make cars. Rolex make watches. And sisters and brothers, the Church of Jesus Christ makes disciples. That is our core business. That is what we are about. Not just converts. Jesus doesn't say 'go into the world and make converts.' He doesn't say 'go into the world and make churchgoers.' He says 'make disciples.' Followers of Jesus.



St Andrew's Oxshott is committed to disciple-making (as well as serving our community). This might begin with baptism/christening, and it has been a thrill for Patrick and me to have conducted a good number of these this year, often on a Sunday afternoon, with family and friends gathered in support and celebration. In the service, we say that: 'In baptism (*this child*) begins his/her journey in faith.'

The journey has just begun, and we regard it as our privilege that, as your church, we can help to foster the growth of young disciples by offering opportunities for families to learn together on a Sunday afternoon at St Andrew's @4 or through weekly activities at the 10am service.

For adults, we offer courses such as Alpha and Christianity Explored. Patrick (Davies) will run this latter during the autumn as a way of preparing adults and teenagers for confirmation. Life Groups - which meet weekly or fortnightly in people's homes or at church - are designed to help all of us to grow as disciples; for more information please email Patrick Fleming at: lifegroups@standrewsoxshott.org.uk

Whoever you are, whatever your age or background, you are warmly invited to come and find out more, to let us help you grow as a follower of Jesus, because we believe - like the Archbishop of York - that is what God's church is all about.

Blessings,

Francis
Vicar

For more information on any of the activities mentioned, do see our website

What will you do this month?

September is the time of year when things start up again after the summer. And there is plenty to choose from at St Andrew's!...

What with holidays, the effects of Covid and other distractions, many of us have not been around for church activities during the summer break – but this month things are gearing up again!

Our church services at St Andrew's continue, of course, and from 11 September we start a new series of sermons and studies, as Jolyon explains (*see page 9*). And the Life Groups, many of which stood down over the summer, are back in full swing this month. There are plenty to choose from (*see page 13*), so if you aren't yet participating, do join us!

Get involved!

But as well as these main activities, there are plenty of diversions for specific groups, including:

- **ABC**, our group for babies, young children, and with their parents or carers, restarts on **Monday 5 September**. We offer a friendly place to connect together each week, with toys, stories, crafts, songs, snacks and refreshments. Members book online for each session - if you are not an ABC member, and want to find out more, please email us (abc@standrewsoxshott.org.uk).
- **The Lunch Club** next meets on **Wednesday 7 September** - indeed it meets every first and third Wednesday at 12.30pm in the church hall. The Club generally appeals to people who are 60 plus, and new faces are always very welcome! - email us (lunch.club@standrewsoxshott.org.uk) or contact the Church Office.
- **Open the Book** restarts on **Thursday 8 September**. This involves us attending assemblies at the local schools, and featuring Open the Book, where we bring the Bible to life. Could you get involved?!
- **St Andrew's @4** is our new monthly afternoon service, designed to be accessible and enjoyable for everyone – especially those with primary-school aged and younger. We restart the term on **Sunday 11 September** – do join us!



Summer Weddings!

Two of our church families celebrated weddings over the summer...



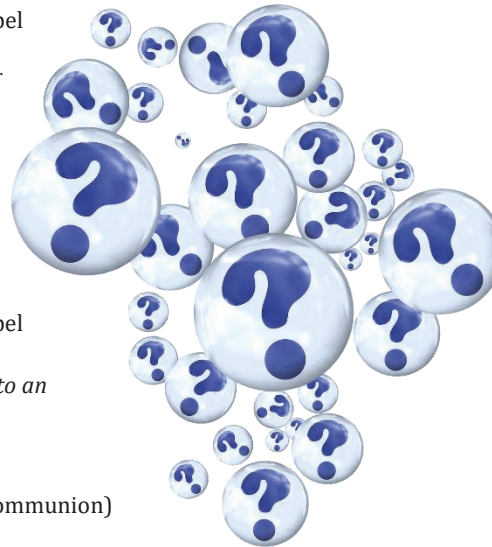
Rachel Mengham and Jack Lea (*right*) were married in Warwickshire on 2 July 2022

Emily Galazka and Chris Marti (*below*) were married here at St Andrew's on 11 June 2022



Church Services in September

- Thu 1 9am Pray Together, via zoom
 Sat 3 9am Saturday Prayers, in the Lady Chapel
Sun 4 The twelfth Sunday after Trinity
Being Extraordinary: the Spirit changes instinctive prejudice
 10am St Andrew's at 10
 Tue 6 9am Pray Together, via zoom
 Wed 7 11.30am Wednesdays at 11.30 (Holy Communion)
 Thu 8 9am Pray Together, via zoom
 Sat 10 9am Saturday Prayers, in the Lady Chapel
Sun 11 The thirteenth Sunday after Trinity
Questions for God: Why do I feel so downhearted?
 10am St Andrew's at 10
 Tue 13 9am Pray Together, via zoom
 Wed 14 11.30am Wednesdays at 11.30 (Holy Communion)
 Thu 15 9am Pray Together, via zoom
 Sat 17 9am Saturday Prayers, in the Lady Chapel
Sun 18 The fourteenth Sunday after Trinity
Questions for God: What am I to make of all the war in the world?
 10am St Andrew's at 10
 Tue 20 9am Pray Together, via zoom
 Wed 21 **Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist**
 11.30am Wednesdays at 11.30 (Holy Communion)
 Thu 22 9am Pray Together, via zoom
 Sat 24 9am Saturday Prayers, in the Lady Chapel
Sun 25 The fifteenth Sunday after Trinity
Questions for God: How am I to respond to an economic crisis?
 10am St Andrew's at 10
 Tue 27 9am Pray Together, via zoom
 Wed 28 11.30am Wednesdays at 11.30 (Holy Communion)
 Thu 29 **Michael and All Angels**
 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 take place in the Lady Chapel, in church
- Pray Together sessions during the week are on zoom, via the church website

'Questions for God'

As **Jolyon Trickey** outlines, the upcoming teaching series is in response to the questions on people's hearts and minds today...

The unusual title, 'Questions for God', refers to the St Andrew's sermons and Life Group studies for the early autumn, 11 September to 4 October. These arose out of a concern in the ministry team (our preachers and services leaders, lay and ordained) that we tackle some things on people's minds at the moment.

Consultation produced a very long list of topics and questions!

A few have been shaped into this series and others will be tackled in other series over the coming year.

Psalms 139 is beautiful. It describes how we are known, uniquely formed and held in God, whatever our circumstances. Near the end, the Psalmist writes: *Search me O God, and know my heart, test me and know my anxious thoughts.* He wonderfully captures the way in which even those with faith are troubled by their thoughts and reactions to things in life and in the world. He implies that we can bring even these to God.

At the moment these might include the experience and impacts of the pandemic, the prospect of a looming economic crisis and the reality of war in Ukraine (and elsewhere).

We have therefore chosen this as a theme verse and the Psalm as a setting for our reflections. We will also use other Psalms and a New Testament reading each week to underpin our reflections.

The four questions we will address are:

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|---------------------|--|
| 11 September | Why do I feel so downhearted? |
| 18 September | What am I to make of all the war in the world? |
| 25 September | How am I to respond to an economic crisis? |
| 2 October (Harvest) | Is there hope when things seem hopeless? |

We hope you will join us, or watch our services and talks online. They are broadcast live, but are also available to watch later via the St Andrew's website.

Rev'd Jolyon Trickey



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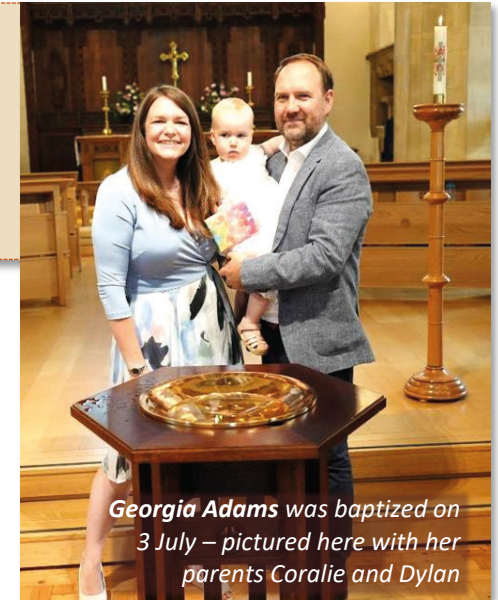
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Parish News & Notes

In celebration of the recent baptisms held here at St Andrew's, a gathering for baptism families is planned for 18 September.

We hope the families enjoy meeting up!



Georgia Adams was baptized on 3 July – pictured here with her parents Coralie and Dylan

It's Ride & Stride time again: this year: 10 September.

The Surrey Churches Preservation Trust raises money for church restoration and repair - cyclists and walkers are given a list of participating churches in their area (there is a list for Leatherhead!), and visit churches by bike or on foot, and ask friends to sponsor them for a fixed amount per church visited.

Half the money goes to the church of the cyclist's choice; the other half goes to churches in need (who apply for a grant) - in 20 years, Ride & Stride Surrey has raised over £500,000.



Everyone can join in - bikers, hikers, mobility scooters and horse riders all welcome!

More details from the Church Office or www.surreychurchespreservationtrust.org

Supporting Ukrainian people...

A concert of classical music was held on 28 July here in St Andrew's Church, and raised over £1,500 - what an amazing evening!!!



The event was in aid of the Babusya Galyna Fund, and more concerts are planned, including one here in church on 9 September – see page 15 for full details.

Patrick's 75 in 75 – Completed!

Patrick Fleming challenged himself to walk 75 miles in 75 consecutive hours and raise £3,000 to support the Garden Route Children's Trust, one of our Mission Partners, whose aim is to educate and feed South African children in need. £3,000 would be enough to feed 75 pre-school children with a bowl of fortified porridge for 2 school years.



Patrick decided on the challenge when he realised that he is soon to enter his 75th year. He said that it sounded good at the time!

Patrick reports: "I am pleased to report that I made it – I completed the 75 miles in 61 hours 20 minutes after 30 hours of walking (including stops). Not only that, due to your generosity I have raised over £5,000 (including Gift Aid). THANK YOU VERY MUCH for your support. I am extremely grateful."

It is not too late to support Patrick – you can do so at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Patrick-Fleming8

Any amount, no matter how small, will make a difference to the physical and mental development of small children who have very little.



We celebrate Harvest on Sunday 2 October, and our Sunday morning service will be followed by a lunch – watch out for details nearer the time!

Interested in Confirmation?

A Confirmation course for adults starts in September...

If you would like to join, or are considering Confirmation, or simply want know more about it, do contact our curate Patrick: patrick.davies@standrewsoxshott.org.uk



Finally, we're still waiting for someone from last week's ABC to come and claim their lost property...

Why not trial a Life Group this autumn?

As with so many activities at St Andrew's, we are gearing up for the next season of Life Groups, as **Jill Mengham** explains...

Over the summer, some of our Life Groups have continued to meet for study, others for coffee or socials, while others have taken a summer break.

But all will meet again for socials during week commencing 5 September and for study together from week commencing 12 September.

The autumn term study is called 'Questions for God' (see page 9), and will consider biblical responses to some of the issues concerning us today.

If you're not yet part of a Life Group, we would love you to come along – to the social and/or to the week-by-week studies. You can

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From the Registers



Baptisms

We welcome into God's family:

3 July	Georgia Mary Adams
17 July	Lily James
	Emily Elizabeth James
24 July	Archie James Stefan Wasilewski

Funerals

We offer our condolences to the family and friends of:

4 July	Anne Sexton (died 1 June 2022, aged 85)
8 July	Peter Gerald Keith Lloyd (died 16 June 2022, aged 83)
4 August	Stanley Albert "Stan" Salter (died 5 July 2022, aged 96)

Funeral at St Mary's, Stoke D'Abernon, and Cobham Cemetery:

22 July	James Gerard "Jim" Inskip (died 24 May 2022, aged 77)
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Not recorded in our Registers, but included here as a long-standing resident of Oxshott parish

just come for the autumn term if you wish (or even just to one session) to try it out. Whatever you choose, you will be very welcome.

For more information about each of these groups, simply visit the St Andrew's website, or contact Patrick Fleming (patrick.fleming@standrewsoxshott.org.uk).

Jill Mengham

Plenty to choose from!

Our various Life Groups meet as follows:

- **Mondays** at 7.45pm
- **Mondays** at 8pm (2 groups)
- **Wednesdays** (fortnightly) at 10.15am
- **Thursdays** at 9.30am
- **Thursdays** (fortnightly) at 10.30am
- **Thursdays** at 7.30pm
- **Fridays** at 10am

Inspiration at Send

The MU has long had links with HMP Send, and **Rosalind Ebbutt-Hadman** was thrilled to attend an Art Exhibition there...

At the end of June I went to an extraordinary art exhibition at HMP Send, which is a closed female training prison, south of Ripley. The exhibition was called 'Our Time', and was organised by Sally Varah, the Chairman of the Michael Varah Memorial Fund, which, together with the Watts Gallery, organises art classes for inmates at the prison.

Once there - I went with Antonia Wilson, former MU diocesan President - and through very minimal security, since we were all expected, having signed up beforehand, we went into an exhibition of quite outstanding painting, drawing and sculpture.

The artists were nearly all present, and talked to us as we went round about their projects.

Sally Varah also gave a presentation, and most of the artists gave a brief summary of their work, and the effect these weekly lessons have had on their view of life, and how to deal with their many problems.

Their art teacher, who works for the Watts Gallery, also spoke.



An astonishing standard

Nearly all the inspiration and examples are from photographs, which she has taught her students to interpret through a variety of mediums to an astonishing standard. One section of the exhibition was work from an artist who left Send four years ago, and is now a professional commercial artist.

We were able to buy any of the works, or commission a further version of one already sold. The prices were just to cover costs of materials. There were also cards of various types - also available at the Watts Gallery.

It was so inspiring to see how an idea like this, with thought and help, could turn lives around.

There should be another exhibition next summer, in 2023, and I'll certainly go if I can. It's easy to apply - I would so encourage others to go as well.

Rosalind Ebbutt-Hadman

Classical Music in aid of Babusya Galyna Fund

Fundraising Concert with
Ukrainian professional musicians

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This month there will be another concert at St Andrew's to help Ukraine and everyone who suffers from the war.

To be held on 9 September, it is presented by the Babusya Galyna UK Fund, together with the Oksana Mullen Foundation, and supported by Polish Social & Cultural Association, in cooperation with Ukrainian and British musicians, designers, organizers and volunteers.

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Practical partnership with A Rocha (UK)

A Rocha is our newest national mission partner, focussed on care for creation. We gave them over £3,000 in 2021. Our hands-on link is with Wolf Fields, just 20 miles away – close enough to visit!

On Wednesday 22 June, three members of Carl Jackson's Life Group travelled to Southall to join the A Rocha working party at Wolf Fields. We continued with preparation of the plot set aside for a wild flower meadow. We have now cleared 50 sq metres of both large roots and smaller weeds. We raked this level and cleared a section of a large quantity of stones ready for some demonstration sowing at the open day.

The remainder of the plot, about 250 sq metres, is now cleared of surface brambles and is being covered with a horticultural fabric to suppress further growth. The ground is currently 'rock hard', so further digging must await the rain to soften the soil. In the autumn, additional volunteers will be very welcome to tackle the hard work in this substantial area.

On 25 June, A Rocha held their *Act for Nature* open day at Wolf Fields, attended by about 27 people, including 3 from St Andrew's. The Wolf Fields manager, Kailean Khongsi, led a tour around the site, explaining the purpose of the various features including a pond, a sensory garden, a tactile garden, an area of wild flower and a fruit tree orchard. A bee-keeper gave a very informative talk at the site beehive on bees, their habits, lifecycle etc. She recommended reading the government's *The National Pollinator Strategy: for bees and other pollinators in England*.

Andy Atkins, the A Rocha CEO, then gave a talk on the history of A Rocha and its aspirations - its aim is to protect and restore the natural world in conjunction with reducing the impact of climate change, through various strands of activity, including a *Wild Christian* scheme, Eco Church (to which St Andrew's, and 5,000 other churches, now belong) and *Partners in Action*, a collaborative network of Christian land managers demonstrating active care for the natural world.

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Village News

Signs of real progress

FEDORA believe they have seen tangible progress in a number of their initiatives, as **Anthony Wolfe** reports...

Following a meeting on 30 June 2022 of Elmbridge Borough Council's Local Spending Board for Cobham & Downside, Oxshott and Stoke D'Abernon, it is a pleasure to report that Oxshott has secured funding for a number of road and safety initiatives. This is especially true as it was the first time for a very long time that such funding has been secured for Oxshott.

The funding was in connection with three specific initiatives:

FEDORA
The Voice for Oxshott

- **A 20 mph limit for the village centre**

20 mph speed limit for the centre of the village has now been given the go-ahead and in this case the agreed funding is to be provided by Surrey Highways. This covers both the A244 and Oakshade Road. Further details will follow in the next issue of the FEDORA magazine.

- **A new pathway past The Victoria and Surrey Hills Butchers**

A new pathway is planned to provide a continuous footway on the east side of the High Street, outside The Victoria pub and Surrey Hills Butchers. Although there are a number of steps required to turn intent into legal agreements so that the path can be built, this scheme would supplement the 20mph limit for the A244 in the village centre, which is already scheduled for 2022-23.

- **Installation of average speed cameras**

A significant financial contribution from the Local Spending Board has been allocated for the installation of two average speed cameras on the A244 Leatherhead Road, with their locations to be set at the village gateway to the south and the area between The Bear and the access to Danes Hill School to the north. However, further funding has yet to be identified.

Furthermore...

Sandy Lane

Another initiative that will be of interest to Oxshott residents was a submission made by Cobham & Downside RA to develop a scheme that reduces the speed limit along Sandy Lane from 40mph to 30mph without streetlights. This was following a survey that established that the top priority

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for residents was to lower the speed limit. The Local Spending Board agreed to kick-start the project with some initial funding.

Other initiatives

We will look to update local residents on a broad range of other initiatives. These include:

- The concept of an HGV night-time ban.
- Paths outside Willow View and Oxshott Lodge on the A244.
- Reduction of speeds on Fair Oak Lane.
- A crossing at the intersection of Steels Lane, Oakshade Road and Holtwood Road.

But common to all of them is that these projects will need to secure funding over at least the next two or three years.

AGM

If you want to find out more detail of how these initiatives are progressing as we move into the Autumn, then please do join us for the AGM of FEDORA – the Voice for Oxshott CIC **at the Village Centre at 7.30pm on 3 November 2022.**

Alternatively, you can find further details on FEDORA's website:

www.fedora.org.uk

Anthony Wolfe

Portraits with panache

Oxshott Arts & Crafts Society completed its 2021/22 programme with an exciting demonstration, says **Miranda Fuller...**

Our guest on 14 June was well-known artist, Hashim Akib (*pictured below*), who describes his vibrant style as 'post-impressionistic'.

Working on a canvas, Hash lays down a base colour, such as pale jade green or lilac, and chooses the skin tone and the light and dark areas.

Dampening his brush, Hash mixes his 'skin colours', such as yellow ochre, lemon, red, green and blue, on the palette. Using a broad flat brush, and without washing it between colours, he works in strong, vertical strokes, using thick, saturated colours, to avoid the duller effect that thinner layers can produce, and in this way avoids a formulaic look and enjoys a certain lack of control!

Using broad, dark strokes for the background and large carving marks, 'big slabs and little blobs', in no time at all he has produced a face and likeness and, by coffee break, has completed the first of two portraits!

Hash encourages strong, assertive strokes (easier said than done!) and, occasionally, a palette knife, for a less contrived effect. He uses white and



*Foxgloves,
by Meryl Hayes*

yellow, with the edge of the smallest brush, to bring out light on areas such as the eyelids and nose. He never paints eyes or earrings in detail, suggesting them simply with touches of colour. Hair, he paints in broad, rectangular blocks and, surrounding the head with several dry blocks of colour, avoids it appearing 'contained'. Beards and moustaches, he paints with small, vertical strokes.

By the end of the demonstration, Hash had completed a second free and vibrant, yet quite recognisable portrait and, as usual, had shown us a very fresh and interesting technique.

During the summer, members have continued their creative work and shown here (*left*) is Meryl Hayes's delightful watercolour of foxgloves.

Plans for 2022/23

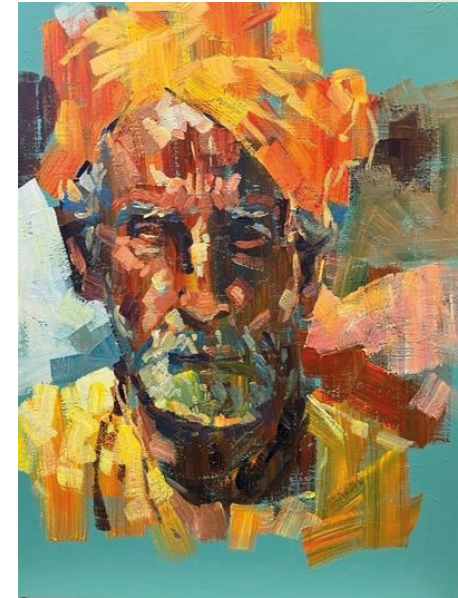
We have an exciting new programme for 2022/23, beginning with a demonstration on 13 September of a landscape in watercolour, by Frank Walters, and, on 11 October, a return visit by Christine Hopkins to demonstrate an urban landscape in mixed media. On 21 October, from 10am-4pm, we have our Autumn Workshop, by artist Brendan Smith, and our Autumn Exhibition will take place

on 24-30 October at Denbies Vineyard.

Our monthly meetings for demonstrations, friendly and informal, now take place 7.30-9.30pm. Non-members are always welcome as guests, for a £5 fee, regardless of experience or expertise.

Full details of our new programme can be found on our website (www.oxshottartsandcrafts.org) and you can also follow us on Facebook.

Miranda Fuller



Hashim Akib's dramatic portrait

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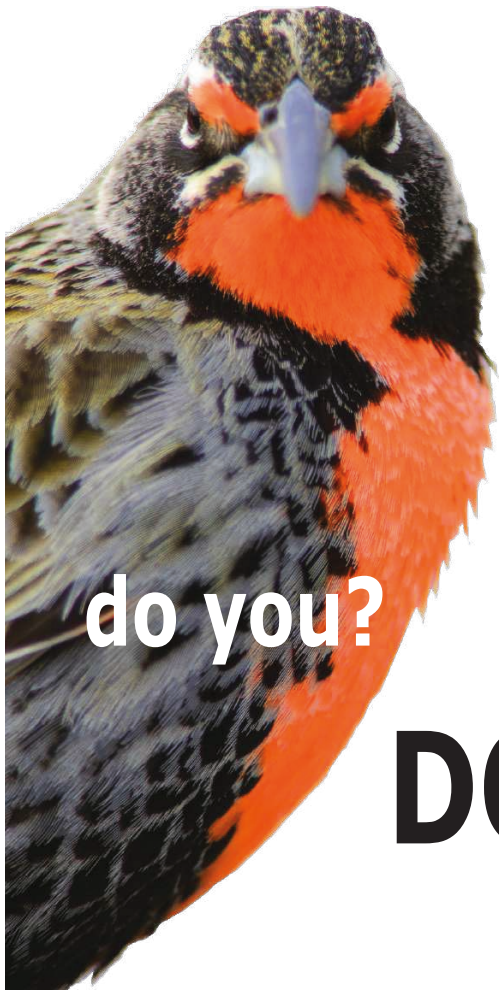
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We're a friendly local choir... Why not give us a try - we welcome singers in all parts, but particularly need more altos, tenors and basses. Come along on 7 September to meet us, there is no commitment.

In 2022/23 we will be singing works as diverse as Puccini's *Messa di Gloria* and participate in the Leith Hill Musical Festival on 15 April 2023, singing pieces chosen by Val Beynon, our musical director, and two choral pieces with orchestra - Elgar's *The Music Makers* and Vaughan Williams' *Toward the Unknown Region*.

For further details, please visit our website www.oxshottchoral.org.uk or contact Sue Rees at secretary@oxshottchoral.org.uk

Mike Newman

WI has it covered!

With recent topics from wildlife photography to refugee support, Oxshott Village WI have been busy, as **Liz McGibbon** reports...

The meetings held in June and July this year were very enjoyable, but totally different.

At our June meeting Tom Way amazed all the members with his photographs of wildlife. He explained how he spent time, sometimes days, waiting to get the right picture and his results were astounding.

He had brought copies of his photos and many were purchased - an example (*right*) being



a stag with an interesting hair do!

In July, on a more serious topic, Jeannie Tweedie from *Elmbridge CAN Refugee Support* accompanied by Linda, an Albanian asylum seeker, told members how the charity started seven years ago, to help asylum seekers with accommodation, learn English and IT skills.



Linda explained how the charity had helped her and she is now able to travel abroad and is working in this country, with her aim to eventually work in the Police.

Members found it an interesting evening and enjoyed meeting Linda.

The speaker for 20 September is now Michael Woolard, who will give a talk entitled, *My Career in Journalism & the BBC*.

Meetings are on the third Tuesday of the month, and visitors and new members are always welcome.

Liz McGibbon

What's On in Oxshott



September

- Tues 6 10am **Ladies Friendship Group:** Coffee and Chat, *How I met my Husband*, in the Small Hall, Oxshott Village Centre
- Sat 9 7pm **Fundraising Concert in aid of Babusya Galyna Fund**, at St Andrew's Church (see page 15)
- Tues 13 7.30pm **Oxshott Art & Crafts Society:** *Landscapes in Watercolour*, with Frank Walters, at Oxshott Village Centre
- Wed 14 2.20pm **The Arts Society, Cobham & Oxshott:** *The Chinese Imperial Court Costume*, with David Rosier, at Oxshott Village Centre
- Tues 20 2pm **Oxshott Flower Arrangement Society:** *Déjà vu*, with Nadira Birki, at Oxshott Village Centre
- 8pm **Oxshott Village Women's Institute:** *My Career in Journalism & the BBC*, with Michael Woolard, at Oxshott Village Centre

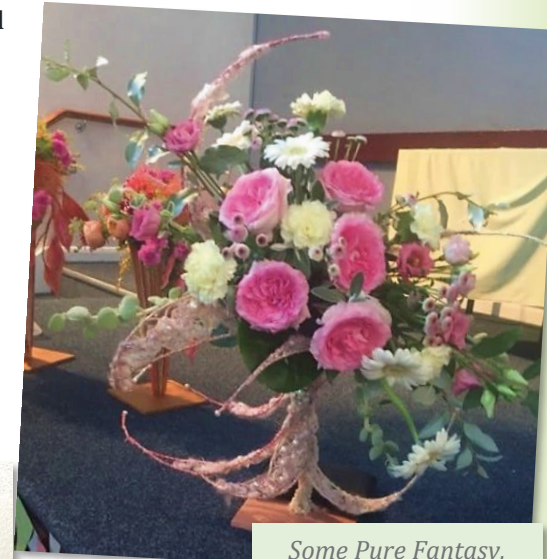
If you would like to have details of your event listed here, let us know at oxshottmagazine@yahoo.co.uk

Sapphire celebrations!

The 65th anniversary meeting of the Oxshott Flower Arrangement Society took place at the end of June, as **Jackie Topp** describes...

The anniversary meeting started with a celebratory glass of fizz for all our members and guests, and we were treated to a fantastic demonstration by Graham King which lived up to its title of *Pure Fantasy*.

Graham is a very keen craftsman, and explained to us how some of his structures were made using wool and wire, usually dyed to match the creation he was doing. As he said, he has the national collection of Dylan!



Some Pure Fantasy, by Graham King



The Judges' Choice arrangement, by Jackie Topp

As is our usual practice, Graham's creations were raffled off. Eight lucky ladies went home with some beautiful flowers. The afternoon ended with tea, and cupcakes made by Sylvia Thornton that were superb - each was decorated with an iced blue flower as 65 years is Blue Sapphire.

'Sapphire and Steel' was the title of our competition; Graham very kindly judged, and gave Judges' Choice to Jackie Topp.

Our next meeting is on 20

September when Nadira Burki will be with us and her title is *Déjà vu*.

Please come and join us; our meetings start at 2pm in Oxshott Village Centre and you will be most welcome.

Jackie Topp

Wellington's home – Stratfield Saye

Looking for inspiration for a day out? **Nicky Orlebar** describes an interesting Arts Society visit to Wellington's country home...

Stratfield Saye, in the Hampshire countryside, was originally a farmhouse dating from 1630. It was bought after the Battle of Waterloo (18 June 1815) for the first Duke of Wellington by a grateful British government now rid of Napoleon's antics.



Stratfield Saye House – residence of the Duke of Wellington

Curiously, both Wellington and Napoleon were born in 1769.

Approached through the stable blocks, ASCO members observed how unpretentious the two-storey house appears. Despite being altered and extended by Wellington to create a manageable residence, its restraint contrasts with the lavish architecture of Blenheim Palace, built 100 years earlier for another military victor - the Duke of Marlborough.

Walking around a circular lawn in front of the house, we gazed at a statue of St George and the Dragon – a bit of a misnomer as the unfinished statue (*right*) only shows the dragon and a horse.



Inside House are displayed all the trappings of a gentleman's residence – silk wall hangings, family portraits, marble fireplaces and of course much furniture, paintings and china either gifted or bought at sales following the French Revolution.

The hall with pillars, balustrade and flags also has grey and beige geometrically patterned Roman mosaics in the floor from nearby Silchester.

Outside in the grounds, under a spreading Turkey Oak tree, stands the gravestone of Wellington's faithful stallion *Copenhagen* who carried him all day through the 1815 battle. In a nearby barn, members walked around the colossal black funeral carriage (made from captured then melted down French bronze cannons) used to convey Wellington's coffin to his state funeral and burial in St Paul's Cathedral.

Wellington's best pictures and furniture are now at Apsley House, his London residence, but it was at Stratfield Saye in Hampshire that Arthur Wellesley, 1st Duke of Wellington, established his comfortable family home.

Nicky Orlebar

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

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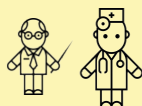
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