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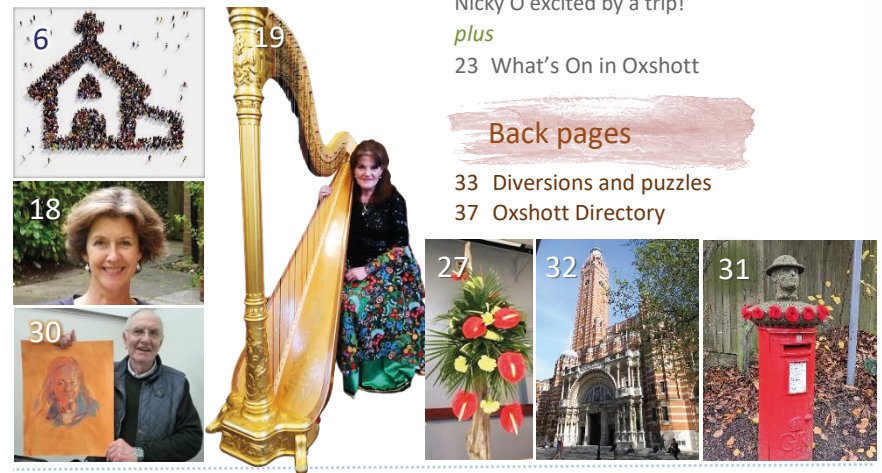
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This month's cover picture picks up our Christmas theme, *Name above all names*, and shows some of the different names by which Jesus was known



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Name above all names

Dear Friends,

Apparently, millions in the UK continue to send Christmas cards, despite concerns over the cost, commercialisation and the eco-credentials of the card industry. Indeed, 'the British ... send more greetings cards per head than any other nationality in the world,' claims Tim Travis, a curator at the V&A (*Country Life*, 4 Dec 2021).



Our cards have arrived recently. We choose cards that support charities (this year it's foodbanks) and contain bible verses that explain the reason for the season. For 2022 the card we have chosen is a graphic design of several of the names of Jesus from a well-known Bible verse in the Old Testament, which declares:

*For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*
(Isaiah 9.6)

If you include titles, the Bible mentions nearly 200 different names for God and Jesus, from the better-known 'Emmanuel' to more obscure Hebrew titles such as 'Jehovah Jireh'. This fact was first recorded in *Cruden's Concordance*, published in 1737 (and continuously in print ever since).

Every one of Jesus' names is significant as each highlights a different part of Jesus' character. For example, Emmanuel (which means 'God with us'), reminds us that the Christian God is not remote but in Jesus came to earth, to live among us an ordinary human life, but without sin.

St Andrew's Christmas 2022 theme is 'Jesus, name above all names' (from Philippians in the New Testament this time). This early credal statement expressed a direct challenge to the all-powerful Roman emperors: one day even they would bow to Jesus.

In each of our services we will focus on at least one name and discover what this name shows us about Jesus and, perhaps, what it demands of us. The All-age and the Candlelit Carol Services on 18 December will feature a whole group of names.

So do join us. Sing the traditional carols. Hear the well-known readings. Consider the character of Jesus. And whether you are with us this Christmas or not, ponder how his names challenge the way we are to live in 2023.

Blessings,

Francis

Vicar

Good News for all of Oxshott!

We are pleased to report good progress on the building project here at St Andrew's, which will benefit the whole village...

What we do at St Andrew's is important, not least because we can help people spend valuable time and grow together, whether it's at ABC for the younger members of the community, or at Lunch Club for the older members, or at one of the many activities in between. Indeed a glance through our website or this magazine will reveal how busy we are in supporting everyone's social, spiritual and mental health.

So it's also important that we have buildings that are attractive, welcoming and fit for purpose to house and enhance these many activities.

Hence, the main focus of the 'Building Your Church' (BYC) project since the pandemic, and in a difficult economic climate, has been to 're-imagine' our indoor and outdoor spaces and ascertain the most appropriate way – financially and environmentally – to upgrade the buildings and gardens that wrap around the church. We aim to provide more open, accessible, flexible spaces, for everything we do currently and for our future needs.

See the story, see the drawings!

During December, the story and the architect drawings will be displayed in the entrance to the church, and we encourage you to come in and take a look - we think you will like what you see!

If it happens to be on a Wednesday morning from 9-11am, we will be serving coffee and cake!

We can now report that we have agreement in principle from the necessary Church authorities, and have had good feedback from Elmbridge BC as regards Planning matters.

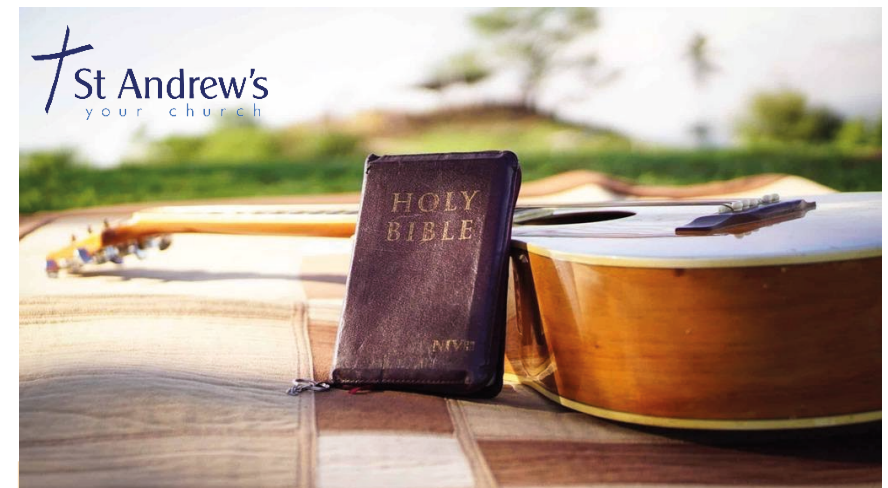


So, subject to these necessary planning permissions, the build could start as early as spring 2023, but this also depends on funding. On this front, we have received an extremely generous offer from a donor connected to church to add to our existing funds. While this gives us a very healthy start to the fundraising, we still need to raise at least a further £200,000 before we can start the physical building programme. If you are able and would like to support the project financially, please contact the BYC Steering Group by emailing byc@standrewsoxshott.org.uk or call Frances on 01372 842071 – we would be delighted to hear from you.

We are confident and excited that these changes to our buildings will be transformational and of real benefit, value and blessing to our whole village community.

As such, we thank you for every aspect of your support as we embark on this next chapter in the life of St Andrew's.

*Revd Frances Trickey, Vicar
Ron Stewart, Chair, BYC Steering Group*



Introducing a new Sunday evening contemporary service!

St Andrew's is launching an informal service of modern worship, teaching and discussion on topical issues, and prayer ministry.

The first service will be on 29 January and thereafter they will be held on the fourth Sunday of the month. Refreshments will be served from 6.30pm and the services will run from 7-8pm.

This is an exciting new venture so, if you like modern worship and contemporary style, why not come along. We look forward to welcoming you.

Church Services in December

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- Thu 1 9am Pray Together, via zoom
 Sat 3 9am Saturday Prayers in the Lady Chapel
Sun 4 The Second Sunday of Advent
Building Your Church: Gift day/Commitment Sunday
 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 Third Sunday of Advent
Jesus, name above all names: Prophet of the Most High
 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 Fourth Sunday of Advent
Jesus, name above all names: Emmanuel, God with us
 8am Service of said Holy Communion
 10am All-age Carol Service
 7pm Candlelit Carol Service
 Tue 20 9am Pray Together, via zoom
 Wed 21 11.30am Wednesdays at 11.30 (Holy Communion)
 Thu 22 9am Pray Together, via zoom
 Sat 24 **Christmas Eve**
Jesus, name above all names: Mighty Saviour
 4pm Crib Service: The greatest story in history
 11pm Midnight Holy Communion
Sun 25 Christmas Day
Jesus, name above all names: Son of God
 10am St Andrew's at 10

(Please see note opposite about subsequent services, etc.)

Church Services in January

- Sun 1 The Second Sunday of Christmas**
Jesus, name above all names: The Messiah
 10am St Andrew's at 10
 Wed 4 11.30am Wednesdays at 11.30 (Holy Communion)
 Thu 5 9am Pray Together, via zoom

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- Fri 6 The Epiphany
 Sat 7 9am Saturday Prayers in the Lady Chapel
Sun 8 The Baptism of Christ
Christ's Call to His Church: Called to love
 10am St Andrew's at 10
 Tue 10 9am Pray Together, via zoom
 Wed 11 11.30am Wednesdays at 11.30 (Holy Communion)
 Thu 12 9am Pray Together, via zoom
 Sat 14 9am Saturday Prayers in the Lady Chapel
Sun 15 The Second Sunday of Epiphany
Christ's Call to His Church: Called to suffer
 10am St Andrew's at 10
 Tue 17 9am Pray Together, via zoom
 Wed 18 11.30am Wednesdays at 11.30 (Holy Communion)
 Thu 19 9am Pray Together, via zoom
 Sat 21 9am Saturday Prayers in the Lady Chapel
Sun 22 The Third Sunday of Epiphany
Christ's Call to His Church: Called to truth
 10am St Andrew's at 10
 Tue 24 9am Pray Together, via zoom
 Wed 25 11.30am Wednesdays at 11.30 (Holy Communion)
 Thu 26 9am Pray Together, via zoom
 Sat 28 9am Saturday Prayers in the Lady Chapel
Sun 29 The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany
Christ's Call to His Church: Called to holiness
 10am St Andrew's at 10
 7pm Modern Worship Service

You are very welcome to join us, in person or online:

- **Please note:** No services or prayers will be held between Christmas Day and Wednesday 4 January, except for the 'St Andrew's at 10' service on 1 January
- 10am Sunday services in church are live streamed, via the church website

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To become a volunteer, for further information, please call Oxshott Care on 07950 478329 or visit our website: www.oxshottcare.com

Parish News & Notes

We are currently thinking a lot about the importance of building our church, here in Oxshott.

Our new series of Sunday sermons, starting in January, considers the question of what Jesus Christ might think of our church.

From the second and third chapters of the Book of Revelation, we will consider seven letters addressed to seven ancient churches under the pastoral care of the Apostle John. Using the chapter headings of John Stott's book *What Christ thinks of the church*, we shall consider how we should build our church in love; through suffering; in truth; with holiness; in sincerity; with mission; by wholeheartedness.

We probably have a lot to learn!

New Series

Thank you, Richard!

As we approach one of the busiest times of the Church year, it is good to remember those who help things run smoothly here at St Andrew's.

So we say 'thank you' this month to Richard Bath, for his continuing support at services and other events, in helping to set up the chairs, etc. – and putting everything back afterwards!

Christmas and New Year opening dates

The Church Office will close on Friday 23 December and re-open on Wednesday 4 January. And as you will notice (page 8), no services or prayers will be held between Christmas Day and Wednesday 4 January, except for our "St Andrew's at 10" service on 1 January. Looking forward to seeing you!



We held our annual Memorial Service on 20 October, when people were invited to have the name of a loved one read out and a candle lit in their memory. It was a reflective service, accompanied by choir and organ, and the scene above shows the sanctuary afterwards.

Lunch Club 2023!

St Andrew's Lunch Club will continue to meet in 2023, starting on 18 January and continuing on the first and third Wednesdays of each month.



The Club generally appeals to people who are 60 plus, and new faces are always very welcome to join us for a delicious two course lunch.

For more information please contact Phillip or Sheila Herbert on 01372 842301.



We are delighted to continue to live stream our Sunday services, and other special services during the week. To maintain this, we are looking for people who would be interested in operating the audio/visual equipment, and are willing to be part of a monthly rota.

Training to use the equipment would be given - there is no need to be very technical, anyone with basic computing and some common sense can pick it up!

If this is an area where you can offer your time and support, please contact Andrew Burns or Norman Steven via the Church Office (01372 842071 or office@standrewsoxshott.org.uk).

We will be very pleased to hear from you!



"I thought *you* were bringing the matches!"

A big Thank You...

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in the success of this, your parish magazine, over the past year.

After the constraints of the pandemic, we seem to have regained momentum – for which we thank distributors, contributors, advertisers, readers and anyone else who has played a part.

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Our theme this month is:

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Successful concert supports Ukrainians

St Andrew's hosted an excellent concert in October by the Babusya Galyna fund, which brings together Ukrainian and British people in providing practical help for Ukrainians in the UK...

The Cobham-based Babusya Galyna fund raises awareness and funds through activities such as concerts, exhibitions and dinners – including the recent well-attended concert here at St Andrew's, Oxshott.

Featuring professional musicians and Ukrainian refugees, the concert raised much-needed funds to provide iPads for children in Ukraine to continue their studies, as well as sleeping bags and warm clothing for winter.

The fund was set up in March 2022 to help safeguard families displaced by the war, and offer ongoing help and support. Oksana Mullen, the founder, says, "Our work today includes advancing education and employment opportunities for Ukrainians over here, and supporting the mental health and wellbeing of those affected by the war."

The volunteer-led fund, which has already raised £30,000, is named for Babusya Galyna, Oksana's late mother. "A proud grandmother, she fled Ukraine after conditions became intolerable," she said. "While the TV showed images of thousands of people boarding trains to Lviv, my mother was in that crowd, with her husband, disabled son, nieces, and nephews too young to fight. Sadly, Babusya died that day." The fund has supported families with food, clothing and interim accommodation and wants to provide long-lasting benefits to communities in Ukraine and the UK.

Christmas Concert for Ukraine: St Andrew's Cobham, 1 December

"We have a major upcoming event, our Christmas Concert at St Andrew's, Cobham, on Thursday 1st December at 7pm," Oksana says. "We're hoping as many people can support this amazing cause and enjoy a fantastic evening of music."

The special concert showcases top Ukrainian musicians, and features Emmy® award-winning pianist, composer and conductor Gavin Greenaway.

Concert tickets £20 - all proceeds to Babusya Galyna fund

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The Hon Alexandra Cresswell 1956-2022

Former long-standing resident of Oxshott, and wife to Jeremy (our Vicar here 1990-2015), Alexandra died at home in Calne on 14 October

We were shocked and saddened to learn of Alexandra's passing. And our hearts go out to Jeremy, her daughters Caroline, Lucinda and Alice, and all the rest of the family.

A Service of Thanksgiving was held at St Mary's, Marlborough, on 1 November, at which Julie Sheldon paid an engaging, extensive and beautifully judged tribute to Alexandra; so, if we may be so bold, we include some of her recollections here:

"My response to being called a Vicar's daughter (VD, as she liked to call me) was to call her the Vicar's wife (VW). This had us in gales of laughter. Our friendship goes back just under half her life and allowed me to witness a faithfulness and deep commitment to Christ.

"We remember and thank God for her sharing of our joys and sorrows. Part of this would take place in the kitchen or garden. Her studies at Wingfield gave her a *cordons bleu*, but running her own catering business she modestly underplayed; and she would readily be at the end of a telephone to help with lumpy cheese sauce. During the pandemic she helped prepare meals in the kitchens of Marlborough College to help feed those in need in the town.

"She was a potter. As a local potter, Alexandra became an expert in ceramics. With her beautiful gift as an artist and such attention to detail, her plates and figures are memorable. But my friend would not take any praise or compliment for her work and always underplayed her talent.

"She was Art-Coordinator of Guildford Cathedral with a good relationship with the Dean. Her wit was legendary. A trip to the Royal Academy became alive in particular with her wry sense of humour over a painting by Piero della Francesca: Jesus is being baptised by John the Baptist and the dove of the Holy Spirit is descending. But what Alexandra pointed out was a chap in the background, shoes off, already in the river, pulling his shirt over his head ready to be baptised ... only to miss the main event because he was undressing!

"She will always be remembered."

Julie Sheldon



Doris Butterworth 1924-2022

Doris, who died at the end of September, was well known to many of us – but as **Phillip Herbert** recalls, she was a lady full of surprises!

Many of us remember Doris as a smiley, little old lady who would quietly sit towards the back of the church on Sundays. Up until 2020 she organised our Lunch Club, meticulously keeping records of attendance and finance.

What may surprise you is that she was a long-standing and distinguished member of the Royal Society of Chemistry and still chaired the board of a company that she had started almost 50 years previously.

Today Butterworth Laboratories employs over 80 scientists and support staff, many of whom attended her funeral here in St Andrew's.

The MD of her company paid tribute to her management style. "She was", he said, "without doubt the boss and made things clear how she wanted things done. She was also interested in the people who worked for her in a personal and motherly way." In business she had unshakeable confidence that some things are best done by a woman!

Having no children of her own, Doris was a second mother to her godson Andrew. In his tribute, he spoke of his mother and Doris enjoying London life in the 50's before marriage. Quoting her diary from that time she (clinically) noted the date of the first kiss from Ken, the man she subsequently married, adding 'W-h-o-o-p-e-e'!

After losing her husband, Doris became a regular at St Andrew's. She greatly appreciated the kindness and comfort of the Bereavement team led by Jenny Mathieson. The Alpha course, and the courses that followed it, helped her to renew her Christian faith.

Doris was a great encourager. She had a sharp mind and, occasionally, a sharp word when things were not as they should be. She worked hard and played hard, enjoying a social life outside the church as well as within.

Many of us guessed that she was in her late eighties, but her date of birth was a closely guarded secret. Only now can it be revealed. She died peacefully at home, just a month short of her 98th birthday. What a surprise! What a woman!



Phillip Herbert



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Village News

WI - always something going on!

Oxshott Village WI has been busy again, as **Liz McGibbon** reports...

The ladies of the Village WI organised a fundraising event for Friday 14 October, and were fortunate in booking Margaret Watson, a renowned harpist.

It was decided to serve afternoon tea after the recital, and several members prepared sandwiches, cakes and scones. Tickets went on sale and it was hoped we would sell at least 30. We did in fact sell 60, with several people on the waiting list!

It was a very enjoyable afternoon and funds are now available for booking speakers for our meetings next year.

50% of the raffle money was given to the Shooting Star charity.

Margaret Watson, acclaimed harpist from West Sussex

(continued overleaf)



Cake and companionship at the WI

We have booked the Drift Restaurant for our Christmas lunch in December, and as I write we are looking forward to the return of Carol Cameron in November and her talk about a doll named Rose Percy, that has raised funds since the American Civil War. Carol has an amazing collection of antique dolls and going by her last visit it should be an interesting meeting.

Poppies in the woods

Once again members of the WI have adorned the WI bench in Oxshott Woods with poppies. It is hoped walkers in Oxshott Woods will admire it and remember all loved ones lost over the years.

Our plans for next year are not yet finalised, but we look forward to an interesting and happy year. Please contact Liz McGibbon (lizmcgibbon@btinternet) if you would like more information about Oxshott Village WI, which meets at 8pm on the third Tuesday of the month in Oxshott Village Centre.

Liz McGibbon



Teapots galore!

Round & About

Oxshott Medical Practice...

... are currently running flu clinics at the Practice, and would encourage those over 50, and those over 18 with a medical condition, to book their flu vaccine at the Practice on 01372 844000.

Covid boosters are available to book by going onto the NHS website at:

www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/ or by calling 119.



... and Oxshott Medical Practice PPG is back up and running!

We already have ideas for talks to take place in spring and summer, and would like to hear your ideas for any future talks/debates.

Our committee has lost a few members - we would be delighted to hear from anyone who would like to join us. If you feel you can help, please contact Claire Broadhurst, the practice manager.

Liz Chovil

- A Patient Participation Group (PPG) is a group of patients, carers and GP practice staff who meet to discuss practice issues and patient experience to help improve the service.

What's On in Oxshott



December

- Sat 3 7.30pm **Oxshott Choral Society Christmas Concert**, *Gloria*, at St Andrew's Church, Oxshott
Tickets available from 01932 863082
- Sun 4 11am to 4.30pm **Oxshott Art & Crafts Society: Christmas Fair**, at Oxshott Village Centre
- Tue 6 12.15pm **Ladies Friendship Group**: Christmas Ploughman's lunch at The Drift Golf Club.
12pm **Oxshott Flower Arrangement Society**: Christmas Lunch (*ticket only*), followed by
2pm Demonstration: *Christmas Comes but Once a Year*, by Lucia Dean Taylor, at Oxshott Village Centre
- Wed 7 2.20pm **The Arts Society Claremont & Oxshott: The Magic of Pantomime**, with Ian Gledhill, at The Menuhin Hall, Stoke D'Abernon
- Tue 13 7.45pm **Oxshott Art & Crafts Society**: AGM and Christmas Film Night, at Oxshott Village Centre
12 for 12.30pm **Oxshott Village Women's Institute**: Christmas lunch at the Drift Golf Club
- Wed 14 7.30pm **Cercle Français d'Esher: L'Age d'Or de la Chanson**, with Peter Prowse, at West End Village Hall, Esher or via zoom (tba)

January 2023

- Tue 3 10am **Ladies Friendship Group**: Coffee, Chat and Celebrate the New Year, in the Small Hall, Oxshott Village Centre
- Tue 10 7.45pm **Oxshott Art & Crafts Society**: Illustrated talk by *Gladrags*, an innovative textile group from West Horsley Place, at Oxshott Village Centre
- Wed 11 7.30pm **Cercle Français d'Esher: De la Creuse à la Moselle en vélo**, with Maryse Wright, via zoom for members
2.30pm **The Arts Society Claremont & Oxshott: World Famous Photographs** - images that shaped our culture, with Brian Stater at The Menuhin Hall, Stoke D'Abernon (preceded by short concert with pupils of Yehudi Menuhin School - doors open at 1.30pm)
- Tue 17 2pm **Oxshott Flower Arrangement Society: Change the Grip**, with Angela Merryfield, at Oxshott Village Centre
8pm **Oxshott Village Women's Institute: Skin Care** by Tanya Marchetti of Neal's Yard, at Oxshott Village Centre

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

FEDORA: a positive update at the AGM!

An encouraging number of members of *FEDORA – the Voice for Oxshott CIC* met for its second AGM, as Chair **Anthony Wolfe** reports...

We met in the Village Hall on November 3, and as well as the formalities of approving accounts, electing officers and an Honorary Financial Examiner, there was quite a range of topics on which to update members.

Highlights included positive developments such as:

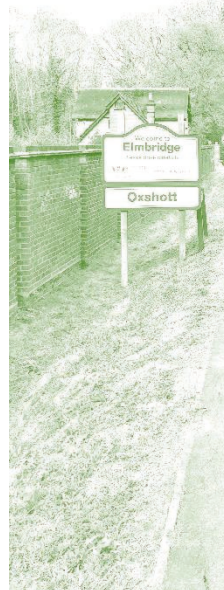
- Success in securing CIL funding for a range of initiatives – a first for a very long time, if ever, for Oxshott. (CIL is the Community Infrastructure Levy where Elmbridge BC raises funds from new developments to help fund improved physical infrastructure.)
- Continued progress in Sandy Lane, with many thanks to David Lewis and Hugh Tompkins:
 - New white lines have been painted along the entire length of the lane.
 - Flooding on the bend, just west of Reed’s School has been resolved. It was apparently caused when Virgin installed their cable network and damaged the culvert under the road.
 - An informal footpath has been installed so that pedestrians can now walk on one side of the lane from the Miles Lane junction to just short of Reed’s School without having to repeatedly cross the lane. This path is now being well used.
 - Reed’s School have applied for planning permission to widen the entrance to the school. This will significantly improve access to the school for buses and so reduce the log jam at each end of the day.
 - Plans for reducing the speed from 40mph to 30mph are progressing well, with outline details now agreed.
- As a result of a new commitment by Surrey CC to plant 1.2 million new trees by 2030, it has been possible to have 12 indigenous trees planted along the border of Broom Hall and the A244. These trees will be planted in December and will grow to a maximum of 15-20 feet. In addition, at a date to be confirmed, two rows of whips will be planted so that a hedge is established along the length of the fence.

Progress on roads

Ian Dilks reported a particularly busy year on members’ behalf addressing issues with our roads in Oxshott. At the risk of oversimplifying these:

- The 20mph speed limit in the centre of the village has been agreed by Surrey Highways, funding has been approved and design is in progress.
- The changes to parking in the High Street have been approved.

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- Agreement in principle has been given for a new dedicated footpath in the High Street, following generous agreement from the Victoria to make land available.

Attention is being also focussed on:

- Working with our neighbouring community organisations, agreeing a solution for a night-time HGV ban
- Installation of average speed cameras on the A244
- A long-term solution to speeding along, and the crossing of, Steels Lane
- A continuous footpath from the south of the village into the village centre
- A reduction of the speed limits along the length of Fair Oak Lane
- Addressing the danger for pedestrians on the railway bridge

Clearly there are continued concerns with the impact of the development of the M25 Junction 10 interchange, and we are working with Surrey’s Cabinet member responsible for roads, our local councillors and other residents’ groups to influence what we can.

Planning

Mike Wheeler explained the current status of the Local Plan, which FEDORA welcomes, although it will inevitably lead to ever increasing housing density across the borough. At the same time, he highlighted some clear deficiencies - there is a need for a well-drafted design code to preserve the local character, and a need also to identify the improvements in infrastructure required to support the proposed housing growth.

At the same time, he drew our attention to the dangers of ignoring the demographics in the south-east and the consequent acute shortage of housing, and the possible changes in the political landscape and its impact on central government demands for housing – and so its impact on the Green Belt.

We were then pleased to welcome Maxine Shaw, the new head of Danes Hill School, who took the opportunity to reassure the audience that she was determined to both re-set the relationship of the school with its immediate neighbours and the wider community of Oxshott and address the culture of the school. This is something that FEDORA welcomes and is now actively seeking to support.

Questions from the floor were addressed, after which everyone was able to have a drink and mingle with our local councillors and officers of FEDORA – the Voice for Oxshott CIC.

Anthony Wolfe

A detailed report on these various initiatives is available in the recently published Autumn edition of the magazine, FEDORA – the Voice for Oxshott. And why not join FEDORA, and receive our regular emails to stay in touch with these developments – email us at info@fedora.org.uk

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Enjoy the flowers!

Times have changed, but as Jackie Topp reports, there is much to look forward to in 2023...

This year has been quite a notable one for Oxshott Flower Club. In June we celebrated our 65th anniversary. Our Club has evolved over the last 65 years. When we started in the 1960s most women didn't have a job and their interests were more confined to those within the home. We, along with clubs such as the Women's Institute, were very popular and had a thriving membership.

Naturally things change over time and the younger women of Oxshott today have jobs and therefore daytime clubs are not possible. We have seen numbers shrink but certainly not enthusiasm. Some wonderful demonstrators have come to our Club over the years and they have given us some splendid displays of amazing flowers.

Flowers can always be relied upon to brighten up the duller days and lift spirits. So, if you find yourself with a free third Tuesday afternoon of the month do come along to the Village Centre and watch some beautiful and exotic flowers being artfully arranged. We are a small but friendly group who would welcome you to



join us for the afternoon.

The arrangements pictured here were done by various demonstrators we have had throughout the year and we have more delights in store for 2023!

Jackie Topp



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What does giving back mean?

Learning at school should encompass giving back, as **Maxine Shaw**, the new Head at Danes Hill School, explains...

The pupils at Danes Hill School are very fortunate. Most come from families who have comfortable lifestyles. All come from families that recognise the importance and benefit of a good education and in some cases are willing to make huge sacrifices to pay for an independent education.

Like many school communities, we have a very strong philanthropic ethos. Each year we have three nominated charities who benefit from the energetic fundraising initiatives of the children. Last academic year, £12,000 was raised for Winston's Wish, Riding for the Disabled and Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

Both staff and children are united when planning and delivering events throughout the year, including Santa Dashes, sponsored swims, rowing challenges, Charity Day activities, tough mudders and mufti days. In fact, the Charities Prefect is regarded as one of the most prestigious roles for the senior pupils.

This term saw a fantastic collection of produce for the Cobham Area Foodbank, following our Harvest services. However, it is easy to take a bag of groceries from your parents and drop it onto a heaving stage of goodies in the School Hall.

In the same way, it is easy to ask your parents to hop out of the car at pick-up to buy you a doughnut to raise money for The Garden Route Children's Trust.

This is where I feel we have more work to do! All the charities are deserving, and I am delighted to support them, but I feel very strongly that the privilege of an education at a school like Danes Hill, comes with the responsibility to give back. This responsibility lies on the shoulders of the children as much as their parents and it is important that the pupils learn to give, rather than simply take, to pass on to the charity.

So, my praise goes to those children who helped to organise the doughnut sale and sell the goodies, to those who offered to help at the Foodbank, to those who dip into their own piggy banks to pay for the doughnuts. It goes to the child who swam the distance of the Channel over the course of the summer term to raise money for a charity close to her heart and to the pupils who take the initiative to work with and introduce new charities to Danes Hill School.

To be able to give is one of the greatest gifts to others and to ourselves. I guess I need to get out my Christmas tree outfit for the Santa Dash!

Maxine Shaw



In the mix - urban landscapes to portraits

This month, **Miranda Fuller** reports on a packed programme for Oxshott Art & Crafts Society...

OACS's second demonstration of our 2022/23 programme was an urban landscape in mixed media by popular Reigate artist Christine Hopkins.

Using a sheet of mount board, taped down, Christine sketches first, drawing her buildings flat, without perspective and emphasising areas of light and shade. Some of her buildings are suggested by a photograph of old warehouses, others from her imagination, and once she has outlined them, she applies small pieces of collage, from different sources – old encyclopaedia pages, music sheets, newspaper and tissue paper - for variety and texture.

Next, beginning with a good neutral wash over the whole, Christine paints the scene with acrylic inks, which, unlike watercolour paints, dry the same colour. For architectural subjects such as this, she always uses a square brush and the edge of a card for straight lines, such as the verticals and horizontals, which she varies in thickness for variety and a suggestion of age. Using pieces of corrugated card for details such as railings and steps and with a few more finishing touches, Christine has produced the distinctively fresh and quirky picture you see here.

With great disappointment, we were unable to go ahead with our workshop on 21 October by Brendan Smith, due a variety of reasons, but Brendan very kindly agreed to postpone it until 19 May next year.

Our autumn exhibition at Denbies Wine Estate did go ahead, however, and proved a great success. Twenty-four of our members exhibited and almost 1,000 visitors came. Dorothy Clayton won 'Best in Show' for her picture *Train in Snow*, which she sold, along with three more of her paintings; 'Most Voted For' artist was Denise Doran, with 58 votes.

On 8 November, with a record attendance for us, we enjoyed another excellent demonstration, by well-liked Keith Morton – a portrait in acrylics. Keith takes time measuring proportions carefully with his brush and



Urban Landscape, by Christine Hopkins

marking these with lines, before applying paint. He uses no medium with acrylics, in order not to slow down the process, and normally paints over, later, with oils. His colour mixing is always done with reference to the colour wheel, and he works with a limited palette, using bold blocks of colour and paying great attention to the planes of light and shade. Keith managed to produce one portrait before our tea break and another afterwards, one of which is shown here.



Keith Morton

Our next event is our Christmas Fair, on Sunday 4 December, at Oxshott Village Centre, from 11am to 4.30pm and where we look forward to seeing a number of our readers. We then have our AGM, Social and Film Show on Tuesday 13 December, to close this year's events. Our first meeting in the

New Year, on Tuesday 10 January, will be *Illustrated Talk* by GladRags, an innovative textile group from West Horsley Place, and promises to be an interesting change from our usual demonstrations.

We wish all our readers a merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Miranda Fuller

Remembrance in knitted form

Knitted figures and decorations have increasingly been appearing on the top of postboxes across the UK...

Knitted postbox toppers started appearing across the UK during lockdown as a way to honour NHS staff and put a smile on people's faces.

Since then, the knitted creations have been used to honour special occasions such as the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, Easter, Christmas and Remembrance Day.

Several have appeared within the parish locally. A splendid recent example (*right*) was spotted in Sandy Lane, at the junction with Sandy Drive.



The Arts Society: Westminster Cathedral

This month, **Nicky Orlebar** gets excited about a trip by ASCO to the Roman Catholic Westminster Cathedral...

The foundation stone of Westminster Cathedral in London's Victoria was laid in 1895, with the building opening for worship eight years later.

Designed by J F Bentley, the exterior of striped red brick and white Portland stone is best admired by standing back in the Piazza. Built in the 'neo-Byzantine style', the Italianate striped campanile some 87m (284ft) high is a most visible landmark on the London skyline. The main Cathedral entrance is under a huge arch topped with smaller arches.

Inside, the eyes of ASCO members were immediately drawn to a tall 9m high crucifix hanging above the High Altar; made of painted and gilt wood it reputedly weighs two tonnes. Our guide said that the Cathedral's interior height at 33 metres with an internal width of 18 metres make it the largest Catholic church in England, able to seat some 2,000 people.

In the baptistery to the right of the main entrance, we encountered a sizeable octagonal font, carved in Rome. Continuing along the South transept, we came across a 15th century alabaster statue of the Virgin and Child made in the celebrated medieval Nottingham School. During the Reformation it was transported to France for safekeeping. Another chapel contained a wall mosaic commemorating Thomas Becket's murder in 1170 in Canterbury. Other chapels glistened with mosaics depicting scenes from biblical stories with the wall and pillar marble being sourced from around the world. Above us, the nave roof and domes were dark due to years of using candles and incense. Mosaics will eventually cover this area when funds permit.

The first London performance of Elgar's *The Dream of Gerontius* took place in the Cathedral in 1903, commemorated by an inlaid marble panel.

After taking the lift up the tower to the Viewing Gallery with its breathtaking panorama over London, we descended to the basement and found the Cathedral Café for lunch. We had all enjoyed a most worthwhile morning learning about Westminster Cathedral.



Nicky Orlebar

Sudoku

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Children and Young People: Younger children meet separately for their own activities during part of our Sunday service at 10am in term time. For weekday events, see **ABC (above)**. Special services in church are also planned for children and families; contact the Church Office (01372 842071)

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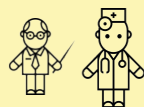
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- Oxshott Flower Arrangement Society:** Meets 3rd Tuesday in the month at Oxshott Village Centre, except August. Secretary: Anita Lee (07979 804668 or leea8971@gmail.com)
- Oxshott Village Sports Club:** Bowls, Bridge, Cricket, Cycling, Football, Netball, Padel, Pétanque, Squash, Stoolball, Tennis. All enquiries to the OVSC office: Fiona Stephen or Sarah Murphy (01372 843652 or office@oxshottsports.com)
- Political Parties: Cobham, Oxshott & Stoke d'Abernon Conservatives:** Chair: Cathy Davies (01372 842085 or cdavies_waldegrave@yahoo.co.uk)
- Cobham, Downside, Oxshott and Stoke Labour Party:** Secretary: Dan Parks (07860 677898 or codslabourbranch@gmail.com)
- The Arts Society Claremont and Oxshott** (formerly ASCO, before that CODFAS): Meets 2nd Wednesday in month (except July & August) in the Yehudi Menuhin Hall, Stoke D'Abernon. Coach visits also organised. Contact: Anne Wallis (anne@wallis.eu.com)
- 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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