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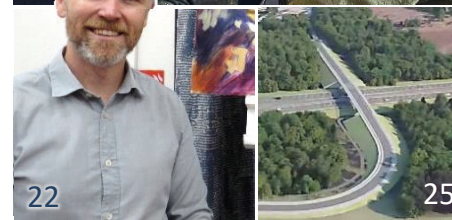
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This month's cover, courtesy of Graham Tillotson, shows a rich autumnal harvest of apples

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## Falling leaves...

*'Though outwardly we are wasting away, inwardly we are being renewed day by day.'*  
2 Corinthians 4:16



Dear Friends,

According to the Campaign to Protect Rural England, October is a month for the senses; trees change their colour, leaves rustle and are shaken from branches by the wind. We wake to morning mists, and cool air. There are smells of wet and decay as plants start to die back, of fungi in the woods, of damp moss and ferns. Fruits are ripe in the hedgerows: crab apples, brambles and damsons, essential food for wildlife approaching the onset of winter.

Autumn is often characterised with melancholy - a kind of sweet sadness, remembering Summer and preparing for the challenges and chills of Winter. It is a season of slowing down, rest and renewal, and we trust in time it will lead to freshness, life and vibrancy. The outward 'wasting away' we see is essential if we are to enjoy the bursting forth of life in Spring.

**'Inwardly we are being renewed day by day.'**

In the coming months, St Andrew's Church may look like a bit like a tree losing its leaves; things may not always appear quite as beautiful or lively as they have done, as our Building Your Church project renews our tired buildings.



As the 'leaves' fall from our building, we may experience a sense of melancholy as we remember happy days of summer, and as bare 'branches' are exposed there may be times when we will wonder when the first buds of spring will again be seen. Yet, as with nature, life remains at the heart, strong beneath the surface, preparing to burst forth with freshness and colour in the season to come.

In his letter to the Church at Corinth, Paul reminds us that it is the unseen work of renewal inside each of us which will, in time, burst forth with vibrant life. Our inner spiritual health may be renewed, even when our leaves and branches are shaken and falling. The source of Paul's hope is the source of life itself, the true life which burst into the world in Jesus - the real, vibrant never-ending life which Jesus offers, and makes possible for us each.

May we look forward with hope, to what is to come!

*Patrick*  
Associate Minister

# News & Notes

## Any moment now...

Work continues behind the scenes on our Building Your Church project...

As we go to press, we are at the stage of delivering detailed drawings and plans to our shortlist of potential Contractors to enable them to make their tender bids. Meanwhile, we have started to clear the contents of some areas, and delivery of temporary cabins is in hand.

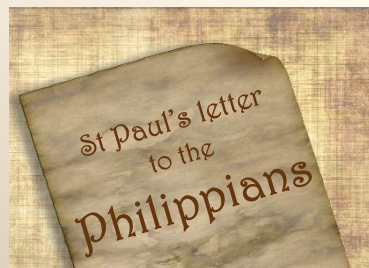
As we explained last time, initial work will involve the hall, offices, kitchen and toilets, etc., but the main church will still function fully, accessed via the south door, and we do plan to run all our normal services.



## Harvest

Our Harvest Service this year is on 1 October at 10am, after which we will have our Bring & Share Buffet Style Harvest Lunch!

Arrangements for the lunch are already well in hand – our thanks to Adele Wright for organising this – and if you have booked to come, we hope you will enjoy fellowship and a hearty Harvest meal!



**This month** we continue our studies of the 'thank you' letter that St Paul wrote to the church in the important city

of Philippi, at the time a prosperous Roman colony in Macedonia.

Our sermon series, which looks at Paul's encouragement of the local congregation, runs until early November, breaking for Harvest (on 1 October) and for Remembrance Sunday (on 12 November).



A reminder that a pizza van from **The Dough Shack**, serving traditional wood fired pizzas, visits our car park every Wednesday from 5pm to 8.30pm – check their website for the latest details and a menu, or call them on 0203 488 8109.



## Links with Pakistan

We are pleased to have our Mission Partner links with Pakistan, in particular with OTS, and Qaiser and Rahila Julius joined us for a few days in September to cement those links.

Qaiser is the Executive Director of OTS (The Open Theological Seminary), a non-denominational seminary that provides Christian teaching to over a thousand students a year, and we were pleased that he was able to preach the sermon here on the Sunday of their visit, as part of our series on the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Rahila was able to tell us, with a recorded video and in person, about her project Help for the Helpless. Rahila founded and runs this Christian charity, that reaches out to marginalised Christian women and helps them by teaching sewing skills; after a year's training, at their graduation, they are provided with a sewing machine and the tools to run their own small business. They have opened ten of these centres in the past six years, and Rahila had a small number of samples of their handiwork to show us and for sale.



## Licensing of Revd Patrick Davies

On Monday 21 August, Archdeacon Martin Breadmore conducted a Licensing Service for Patrick.



This service commissioned Patrick to serve as Associate Minister in our parish, with particular focus on Families and Children. Please continue to pray for Patrick and his family as he begins this next exciting stage in his ministry here at St Andrew's.

## Annual Memorial Service



Each year we hold a Memorial Service to remember the lives of all those who have died, especially those with any connection to St Andrew's; this year's service is on 29 October.

Each person who attends will have the opportunity to light a candle in memory of loved ones, and to hear their names being read out. The service is open to everyone.

Look out for more details on how to participate; the Church Office (01372 842071) will be pleased to answer any queries.



The harvest produce was taken to the old people's bungalows

# Church Services in October

## Harvest

- Sun 1 **The seventeenth Sunday after Trinity**  
*Harvest – an all age Harvest service*  
10am St Andrew's at 10  
3pm Thanksgiving for a child service
- Tue 3 9am Pray Together, via zoom
- Wed 4 11.30am Wednesdays at 11.30 (Holy Communion)
- Thu 5 9am Pray Together, via zoom
- Sat 7 9am Saturday Prayers in church
- Sun 8 **The eighteenth Sunday after Trinity**  
*Shine like stars in the world*  
10am St Andrew's at 10  
4pm St Andrew's @4
- 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 church
- Sun 15 **The nineteenth Sunday after Trinity**  
*Friendship, character and community*  
10am St Andrew's at 10
- Tue 17 9am Pray Together, via zoom
- Wed 18 Luke the Evangelist  
11.30am Wednesdays at 11.30 (Holy Communion)
- Thu 19 9am Pray Together, via zoom
- Sat 21 9am Saturday Prayers in church
- Sun 22 **The twentieth Sunday after Trinity**  
*Rejoice in the Lord*  
10am St Andrew's at 10  
7pm St Andrew's at 7
- 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 Simon and Jude, Apostles  
9am Saturday Prayers in church
- Sun 29 **The last Sunday after Trinity**  
*Press on, and hold fast*  
10am St Andrew's at 10  
3.30pm Annual Memorial Service
- Tue 31 9am Pray Together, via zoom

You are very welcome to join us for our services and prayers, in person or online:

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

# Learning from Ukraine

Bible Sunday is this month, on 29 October, and it's easy to think that a Bible is easy to come by. By this is not always the case, as Ukraine demonstrates...

The war in Ukraine has led to a dramatic rise in the demand for Bibles, as people ask existential questions about life and death.

The Ukrainian Bible Society reports that, in the last 15 months, some 700,000 Bibles have been distributed across the war-torn country. This is a five-fold increase on numbers handed out before the war - in 2020, some 136,767 Bibles were distributed in Ukraine.



Anatoliy Raychynets, deputy general secretary of the Ukrainian Bible Society explains, "The experience of this time is that so many people are looking for Bibles and churches. We are doing everything possible to reach all the needs, but more Bibles are needed. With the help of the Word of God, we can bring the love of God to those who need it."

Bibles are distributed around the country, including to soldiers and civilian communities on the front line, and to those in hospital. "Wherever the Bible is taken, it is very much appreciated," said Anatoliy.

**A bridge drive with a fantastic cream tea**

will be held on  
**Friday 17 November**  
from 1.30pm to 5pm  
in Oxshott Village Centre  
to raise money for the  
'Build Your Church' fund

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Please make up a table, and contact Anne Newman 01932 863082, annenewman@aol.com for tickets at £72 per table (£18 per person)

There will also be a raffle, so please bring cash along with cards and cloths and bidding boxes

## Using an app to help the Foodbank...

Hello Foodbank Supporters! You may have seen an article in a recent *Waitrose Weekend* paper about an app called 'BanktheFood'. So why would this be useful to the Cobham Area Foodbank, one of our Mission Partners, we hear you ask...

**B**anktheFood was first piloted in Southend Foodbank two years ago, and now has nearly 35,000 users helping 350 registered foodbanks across the UK, from the Isle of Skye all the way down to Cornwall.

We want to encourage people in the Cobham and Oxshott area to use this app, to help them remember what we need most for our foodbank, and to use the feedback loop to our warehouse, so we know in real time what is being bought.

### See the list...!

You simply set the app to connect to our Cobham Area foodbank and immediately see the list of what is currently most urgently needed. There's also a list of local drop-off points. If you tick what you buy from the list on your phone, those details are transmitted immediately to the Manager of the warehouse, so she can see what's on the way. (This data is anonymous, so we don't see who buys what.)

You should also be able to use your settings to enable a notification to appear when you walk into Waitrose to shop, although this takes some experimenting, based on our experience so far... but in any event, if you just open the app anytime, you can see the list straightaway, wherever you shop.

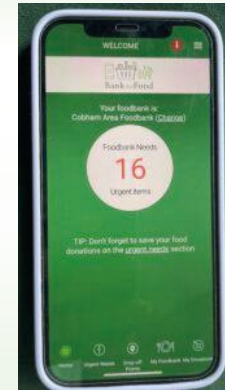
Christina van Roest, Trustee & Manager of Cobham Area Foodbank, said, "We are very excited about this app and we hope it will make donating easier and more fun for our supporters. It will also help us to manage our stock more efficiently and

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ensure we have always enough of the most needed items."

She added, "We are very grateful for all the donations we receive, but sometimes we do get too much of one thing and not enough of another. With this app, when you open it, you can immediately see the essentials we need most BEFORE you start shopping and put them in your shopping basket prior to reaching the checkout. It is then just a matter of dropping them in the donation box on your way out.



The app is free and easy to use, and can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play or via this QR code:



"Cobham Area Foodbank is encouraging our supporters to try it out and spread the word among friends and family."

### Experience elsewhere

Experience from other foodbanks has shown that when this app is widely used, donations increase and more of the most needed items are donated, which is so helpful. And of course, it engages people in a new way with our foodbank, so we will be promoting this on our social media.

We will continue to publish the lists as before, on social media and on the collecting bins, and put out the foodbank labels in Waitrose, but this app provides another way for people to access the priority items and, most importantly, at the time when they need it.

It is of course just an option, so please do continue to support us, in the way you prefer. Most foodbanks, including our own, have suffered a significant drop in donations and many weeks we give out more food and provisions than we collect which is a cause for concern.

Do have a go and encourage your friends and family to download the "BanktheFood" app! It is simple and straightforward. You can let us know how you get on by accessing our website [cobhamarea.foodbank.org.uk/contact-us/](http://cobhamarea.foodbank.org.uk/contact-us/)

Thank you for your continuing support.

*Cobham Area Foodbank*



## From the Registers



### Baptism

*We welcome into God's family:*

27 August Elodie Rose Rigley



## An update from B@titude...

You will know that St Andrew's supports Mission Partners far and near - and very near is B@titude in Leatherhead! We asked **Jenny Moore** for an update on their inspirational work...

**W**here has the time gone? We can't quite believe it's already September! We hope our latest news brings you encouragement as you continue to support us. Even after 18 years, our shop continues to be a point of connection, provision and conversation. Thank you.



### Summer activities

We feel grateful for the continued provision to be able to support families in the summer holidays. We were able to take two coaches to Brighton beach for the day and host another fun day on the rec where around 400 people attended.

Thankfully, the sun made an appearance for our trip to Brighton. We took over 100 people by two coaches. Families enjoyed the beach while others explored the town. For one woman, it was a real treat to return to a place she loved and for another, it was the first time as a single mum to 5 children. We gathered at 2pm on



*Families having fun!...*

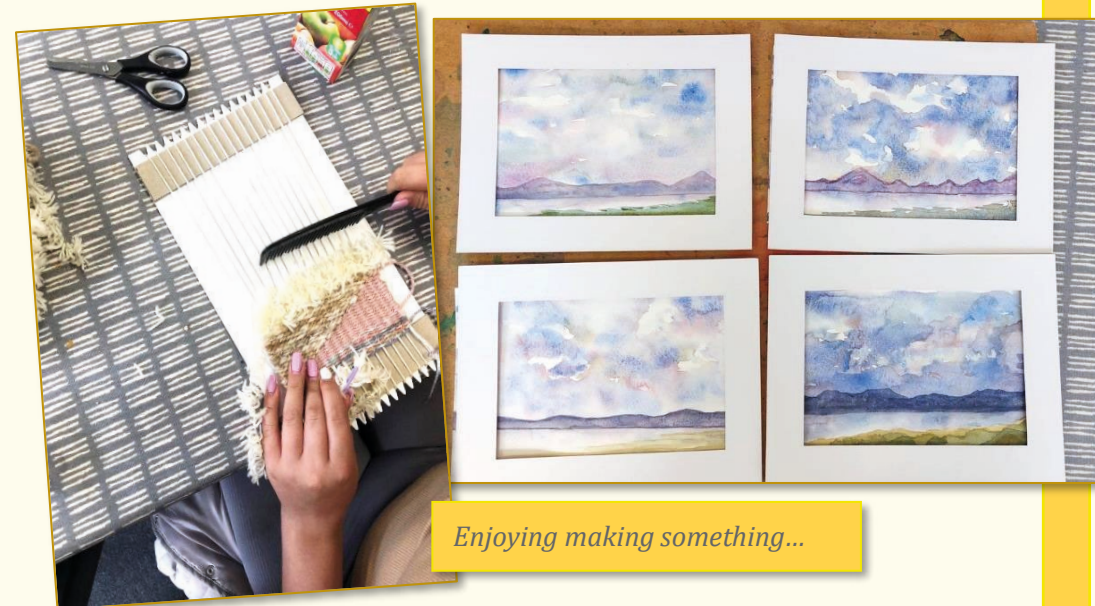
the pier and treated everyone to an ice cream.

Our community fun day consisted of an inflatable slide, bungee jumps and ride on cars. By partnering with local churches and organisations we were able to offer crafts, activities, sports and games. The local fire service attended so children could play dress up and explore a fire engine. Families brought their own picnic and we supplied the ice lollies. It's a privilege to be able to offer this all for free to help parents & carers and bring some joy to the children.

### The Hive – an update

It's fantastic to see The Hive going from strength to strength, as Marion has worked hard to build her team of volunteers and develop courses and local connections. The Hive continues to run regular workshops, teach valuable sewing skills and create a safe place for people to connect and support each other.

It's wonderful to witness the pride that comes from making something with



*Enjoying making something...*

your own hands and encouragement from new found friends. We know much 'deeper' work happens in that space.

If you would like to know more about The Hive, visit the website [www.thehiveleatherhead.com](http://www.thehiveleatherhead.com)

### Coming up...

We are going to be taking our Kings & Queens (our over 65's) to see a film at the Leatherhead Theatre, including coffee and cake afterwards. We feel encouraged by the enthusiasm and positive response.

And in December we will be treating families to a Christmas panto...

*Jenny Moore*



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Over the top?

We asked a guest for some thoughts on modern life, and discovered that The Ven John Barton is intrigued by some modern-day usage of our language...

I'm trying to stop saying the word 'incredible'. It's overused and has become almost meaningless. "We are incredibly grateful"; "I had an incredible meal". As the word really means 'beyond belief or understanding', it can't actually apply - in either case.

'Unbelievable' is similarly misused. So is 'fantastic', which is meant to describe something belonging to an imaginary world. So, strictly speaking, a fantastic tennis player can't be a real one.



How about 'amazing'? Count how many times you hear it today. It should be reserved to describe something astonishing, out of this world. If you think about it, if everything is amazing or incredible, then nothing really is. When the exceptional becomes normal or commonplace, nothing is special.

We seem to be struggling to find words to convey something out of the ordinary. Try 'iconic'. Iconic only appeared recently and has been distorted to mean 'historic' or 'traditional' or 'classic'. My dictionary tells me iconic actually means something to do with an icon, which is a depiction of Christ, the Virgin Mary, or a saint. In fact, most of these over-the-top words, now in everyday use, have a religious association. Originally, they were reserved to communicate otherness, difference, deep respect.

Is it awesome?

For example, what about 'awesome'? It should mean inspiring 'awe' or reverence. It's a take-your-breath-away word. Awe is what Moses felt when he saw a bush on fire, because it didn't actually burn away, and he sensed the presence of God. Awe is something St Peter experienced, when he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!'

If you try to imagine what Moses and Peter actually felt, words like 'unworthiness' and 'fear' might come to mind. They really were experiencing something out of the ordinary, too hot to handle. They were out of their depth. An experience like that stayed with them for life. They had encountered holiness. Now there's a word worth using.

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## Sizzling summer successes!

Every sport was a winner at Oxshott Village Sports Club over the summer, as **Fiona Stephen** reports...



**T**he summer season at OVSC comes to a close with a blast of blue skies and record temperatures – finally! And what a summer it's been.....

The 1<sup>st</sup> XI cricket team, who turn out under the name of Māori-Oxshott, achieved a hard-fought promotion into Division 3 of the AJ Sports Surrey Championship. Huge congratulations to Captain Guy Harper and the rest of the team, who endured a nail-biting final few games before confirmation that the team were indeed being promoted. In the same vein, the Māori Oxshott U13s remained unbeaten all season – a truly wonderful statistic.



*The successful Māori-Oxshott 1<sup>st</sup> XI cricket team...*

Away from the outfield and in the confines of the padel tennis courts, which feel like you're playing in a greenhouse when the sun shines, the Oxshott Padel Club Men's 3rd team won the iPadel Summer League South East B Division, which means they are now destined for the iPadel finals in October which will be played in Bristol.



*...and the victorious Oxshott Vets Squash 1st Team*

With four wins and one draw, this is a fantastic achievement from the newest section at OVSC.

Belated congratulations must also go to the Oxshott Vets Squash 1st Team (*left*), who reigned victorious in the Surrey 1st Division, with a season

stretching from last September to April this year.

Oxshott Tennis Club also enjoyed a successful summer. New member Jake Evans, who joined the club at the beginning of the summer as No. 4 in Surrey, won the U18 Surrey Championship as well as the Open Men's – and is now No. 1 in Surrey! Huge

congratulations to Jake, and one to watch for tennis fans out there! Meanwhile the Men's O45 team are playing in the National League and are through to the Semi-finals paying a team from Giffnock, Scotland. It looks like the match will take place in Scotland, so not sure how many supporters will make the journey but hopefully we'll have some good news next time!

Other success stories include a thrilling Pétanque Business League which ran over six weeks in July and August. Six teams battled it out to become champions, with CGI taking the cup and Knight Frank coming a close second.



**Inter-section rivalry!**

Inter-section challenges also played an important part this summer, with padel players taking to the pétanque terrains for a match against the pétanque section,



*Feisty cricket v netball teams!*

and the cricketers swapping cricket balls for netballs as they met Oxshott Netball Club on the netball court. Although the ladies from the netball club took the game in the netball challenge, the men certainly showed their mettle on court and brought the feistiness with which they play their cricket, off the cricket pitch and onto the tarmac.

Away from the pitches, courts and terrains, Oxshott Bridge Club, who meet every Thursday morning in the club house, celebrated their Silver Anniversary at the end of August with champagne and cupcakes. An ever-enthusiastic Chairman, Edward Kurk, proposed the toast – 'To Oxshott Village Bridge Club's first 25 years!'

Finally, on Friday 29 September, the club will be joining in the Macmillan Cancer Support 'Biggest Coffee Morning', with cakes, biscuit and other goodies being served to support this wonderful initiative.

*Fiona Stephen*

## Would you support our glorious Heath?

It has been suggested that the Friends of Oxshott Heath might be revived, to help ensure that this glorious asset is looked after. **Corinne Sterry** explains all...

Some years ago, the responsibility for Oxshott Heath was transferred from Oxshott Heath Conservators to Elmbridge Borough Council.

A body of friends calling itself Friends of Oxshott Heath was born, with members of the local community who had an interest in the well-being of Oxshott Heath.

Sadly, as membership has dwindled for a variety of reasons, it now needs additional input/ membership.



*Photos: Nicki Galazka*

As a local resident, one of your local councillors and a member of the Countryside Committee at Elmbridge

BC, I would like to see what can be done to revive the Friends of Oxshott Heath.

If you would like to support this initiative and become a member of the Friends of Oxshott Heath, then please do not hesitate to get in touch with me at [corinne@sterrydesigns.co.uk](mailto:corinne@sterrydesigns.co.uk)

*Corinne Sterry*

## Colourful summer fun...

As **Miranda Fuller** reports, members of the Oxshott Art & Crafts Society (OACS) have had exhibitions and demonstrations to enjoy...

As our pretty mixed summer turned into a pretty hot one, OACS continued to keep ourselves occupied. Sue Smith was busy organising A Library of Art, an exhibition by Surrey Figurative Artists at the Library, Leatherhead Institute, as part of Heritage Week; and several OACS members, who also belong to the Molesey Art Society, participated in the annual Molesey Towpath Exhibition, for which both showers and extreme heat kindly held off. Pictured here (left) is our Wendy Hale and daughter, Amy, at Wendy's colourful stand.

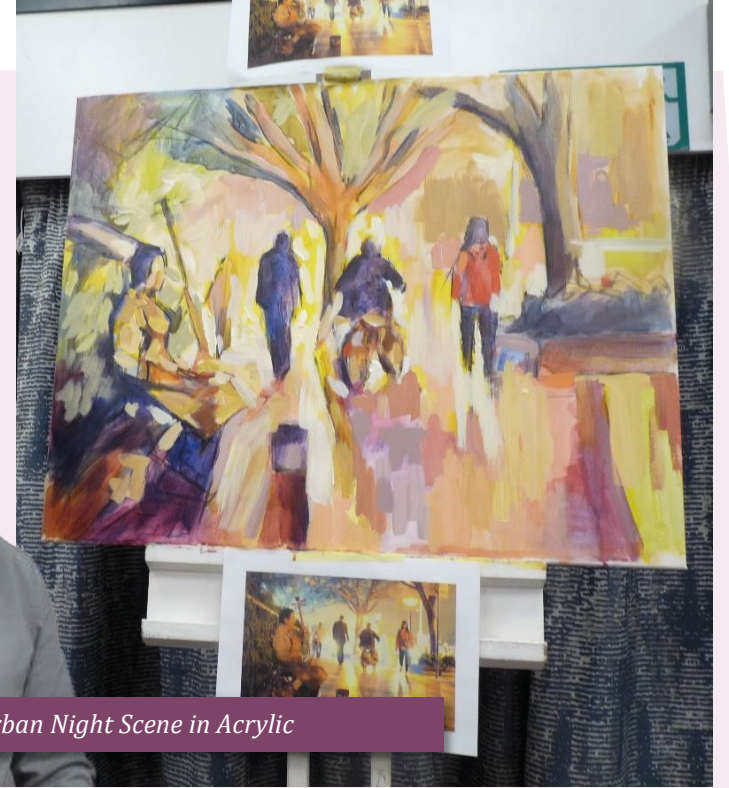
It was with great pleasure that on 12 September we welcomed back popular artist Joel Wareing (pictured opposite), to start off our 2023/24 programme with his demonstration, *Urban Night Scene in Acrylic*. On a gesso primed canvas, Joel sketched the scene in pencil and fixed it with hairspray (a cheaper fixative) before applying a cadmium yellow wash around the figures. In yellow ochre, raw sienna and cadmium red wash and using long flat and filbert brushes, he covered all the lighter areas with fast, expressive strokes; then, with purple, ultramarine blue and cadmium yellow, worked on the darker areas, standing back regularly, squinting, to check tones

and ensure no white canvas remained. With no curved lines - just straight, strong and fast, he then put structural touches to figures and shapes with charcoal, not outlining any. Spraying fixative again, he then strengthened the colours, adding gloss medium rather than matt, for richness, before building up the dark areas, for which he used a warm palette of ultramarine, crimson and burnt sienna, all of them transparent; for black - burnt sienna and ultramarine.

With all dark areas finished, he began applying thicker paint, introducing white for the first time; for the mid-tones, mixing it separately with ultramarine, raw sienna, cadmium red and yellow and crimson. This thicker paint, he said, could



Joel Wareing with his *Urban Night Scene in Acrylic*



equally be applied with a palette knife. He finished with 'lost and found edges' - deciding which should blend into the background and which remain sharp - and stressed the importance of continually analysing tones and ensuring that the earlier colour washes did not become completely hidden by thicker paint, deadening the whole effect. Joel and his painting, pictured here, gave us a thoroughly enjoyable first demonstration and it was good to have him back.

## OXSHOTTART & CRAFTSSOCIETY



### Looking forward...

We look forward to our day's autumn workshop on Friday 6 October, from 10am-4pm at the Village Centre - *Urban Landscape in Mixed Media*, by Christine Hopkins - which promises to be both very interesting and fun. Tickets may still be available to non-members, by contacting sue.smith191@btinternet.com.

Our second demo of the term is on 10 October - *Still Life in Water Mixable Oils*, with Max Hale and, from 6-12 November, we have our annual exhibition at Denbies Wine Estate, times of which are given on our website.

As always, non-members are welcome to our meetings, regardless of expertise or experience, for a £5 fee, and these take place on the second Tuesday of the month, from 7.30-9.30pm, at Oxshott Village Centre.

Miranda Fuller

## Getting to Wisley in 2025

In the first of a series, we explain the improvements to the A3/M25 junction: This month, how the route to Wisley will change...

**Y**ou may have spotted the huge new bridge support on the A3, just south of the M25, and wondered what it is for. Well, here's the answer: to get to Wisley!

Currently, to get from Oxshott to Wisley (and the RHS Gardens) involves driving down the A3 to the Ockham exit, and there going all the way round the roundabout, coming back up the A3 on the northbound side, before taking a hard left up Wisley Lane.

Returning to Oxshott from Wisley is shorter, but more fraught, as it involves emerging directly onto the A3 and turning sharp left; until recently, it also involved crossing traffic going into a long layby.

### And in future...

Once the roadworks have been

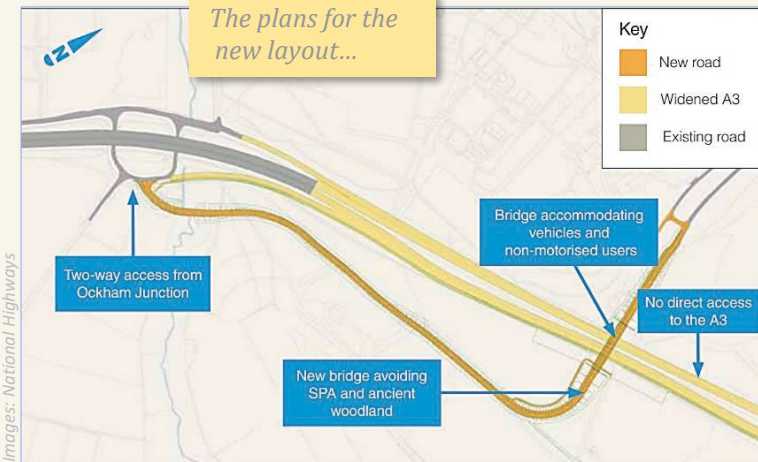
completed, getting to Wisley should be rather safer; you will still go down to the Ockham Junction roundabout, but take a new first exit, on to a two-way road that will take you over the new bridge over the A3, directly into Wisley Lane.

Returning, you would use the same road from Wisley, joining the northbound

A3 from the Ockham Junction roundabout. It is longer than before, but should be much safer and easier to navigate.

Completion is scheduled for 2025.

*...and how the new bridge will look from the air*



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# What's On in Oxshott



## October

- Tue 3 10am **Ladies Friendship Group**: Social meeting. If you would like to come and meet us and have a coffee you would be most welcome, in the Small Hall, Oxshott Village Centre
- Fri 6 10am-4pm **Oxshott Art & Crafts Society**: *All day workshop: Urban Landscape*, with Christine Hopkins, at Oxshott Village Centre
- Tue 10 7.30-9.30pm **Oxshott Art & Crafts Society**: *Still Life in Water Mixable Oils*, with Max Hale, at Oxshott Village Centre
- Wed 11 2.20pm **The Arts Society, Claremont & Oxshott**: *Covent Garden - 'Not bloody likely!'*, with Daniel Snowman, at The Menuhin Hall, Stoke D'Abernon
- Tue 17 2pm **Oxshott Flower Arrangement Society**: *Sisters*, with Gill Smaggasdale, at Oxshott Village Centre  
8pm **Oxshott Village Women's Institute**: *Cheese Please!*, with Rosemary Horton, at Oxshott Village Centre
- Wed 18 8pm **Cercle Français d'Esher**: *Le Curieux Destin du Chevalier d'Éon*, with Annie Kean, at West End Village Hall, West End Lane, Esher

*If you would like to have details of your event listed here, let us know at [magazine@standrewsoxshott.org.uk](mailto:magazine@standrewsoxshott.org.uk)*

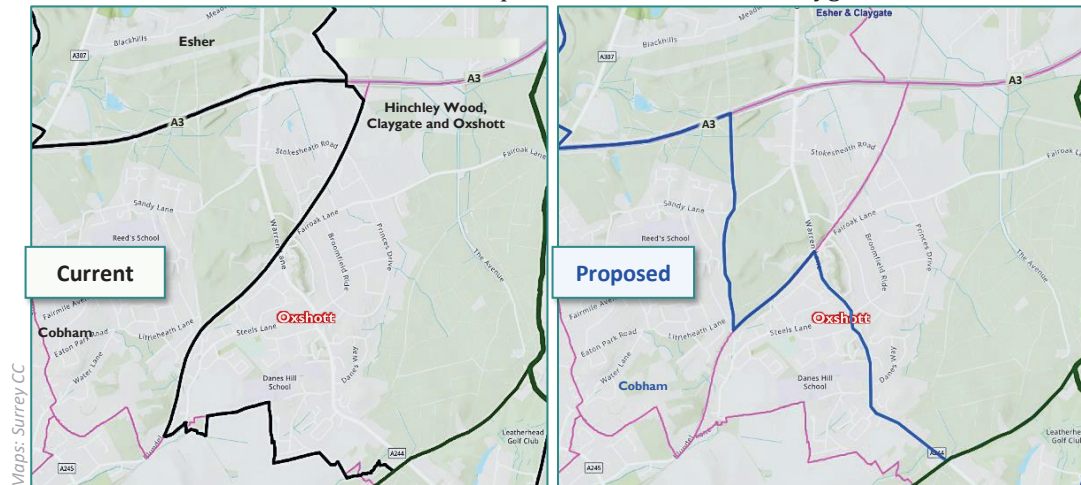
# Have your say on a new political map...

New boundaries are being proposed for council divisions in Surrey, and the Local Government Boundary Commission wants to hear what you think, by 16 October. So how might these changes impact Oxshott?

Oxshott residents are currently represented across two of the wards of Surrey County Council (SCC): **Cobham**, and **Hinchley Wood, Claygate and Oxshott**.

The current boundary between the two (*see map*) follows the railway line through Oxshott: homes to the northwest fall within Cobham ward, represented by David Lewis, and those to the southeast (comprising most of Oxshott) fall within Hinchley Wood, Claygate and Oxshott, where Mark Sugden is our local councillor.

SCC proposes to redraw the boundary so that it runs south from the A3 along the western edge of the Heath, down to the Blundel Lane level crossing, and then north east along the railway to the A244 railway bridge, and then south on the A244 through the High Street to the existing border with Mole Valley. Oxshott would thus be split in two along the High Street - the area to the west would be part of the new Cobham ward and the area to the east part of the new Esher & Claygate ward.

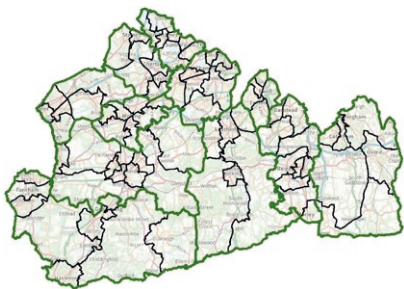


Detailed maps showing the effect of the changes can be found (if you are persistent) at [www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/surrey](http://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/surrey). You can give your views via that website, or by email, or by post (*see panel opposite*).

Critically, the changes would mean Oxshott would be cut in half in terms of who represents residents. It would be deprived of its separate identity, with the name disappearing from ward titles. In certain contexts, Oxshott may lose its 'voice' in future issues. This is also of concern to FEDORA and local councillors, and the proposed changes could complicate access to funding, etc.

But we suggest you examine the implications for yourself, and comment via the website above before the closing date of 16 October 2023.

# Have your say Surrey Electoral Review



The Local Government Boundary Commission for England is asking for your views on proposed new electoral arrangements for Surrey.

We want to know:

- Do the proposed divisions reflect local communities?
- How do you think the proposals can be improved?
- Are the names of the proposed divisions right?

**Consultation closes: 16 October**



Review Officer (Surrey), LGBCE,  
PO Box 133, Blyth, NE24 9FE

## The fortunes of an 18<sup>th</sup> century sheep farmer

When an Arts Society group visited Spencer House in St James's Place, SW1, our house guide acquainted us with the family's history, as **Nicky Orlebar** recalls...

**H**aving made his fortune sheep farming at Althorp, the family seat in Northamptonshire, John Spencer the 1st Earl inherited the art collection of his great grandmother Sarah, Duchess of Marlborough.

Coupled with his Grand Tour purchases, a substantial London town house was obviously required.

In 1755 John Vardy, a pupil of William Kent, was commissioned to build a Palladian mansion with the west front overlooking Green Park. With Vardy building the exterior, James 'Athenian' Stuart, recently returned from

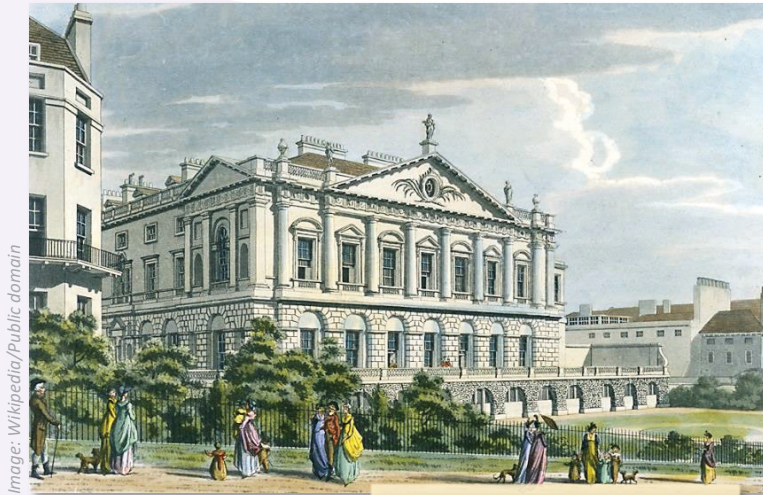


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View of the house, circa 1800

Italy, was instructed to design and paint the first-floor interiors in the neo-classical style, which was in vogue following the discovery of Herculaneum. Completed in 1766, Spencer House was quickly recognised as being a most impressive residence befitting John Spencer's place in society amongst royalty.

We first entered the elegant Dining Room with its delicate frieze around the ceiling while the Palm Room was a mixture of gold and cream fronds with the pillars painted to resemble palm trees. The Staircase Hall with pale green walls was decorated with white pilasters unusually joined by garlands.

Upstairs, it was the Great Room with its sumptuous carpet, red silk walls and gold and cream coffered ceiling that was the highlight for some ASCO members. Others preferred the Painted Room – a masterpiece of Etruscan decoration.

By the 1900s, with agricultural rents at a low, the Spencers sought a succession of tenants to take over the house. Luckily, the 1980s saw leaseholder Lord Rothschild renovate the property, returning it to its 18th century heyday. Whether one's preference is for the architecture, sculpture, furniture, pictures (family portraits by Sir Joshua Reynolds), ceilings or carpets, today Spencer House is an exceptional *tour de force* of taste and grandeur.

Nicky Orlebar

## Sudoku

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Last month's solution

Answers next month

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## Think about it...

The barman says, "We don't serve time travellers in here."  
A time traveller walks into a bar.

C, E-flat, and G walk into a bar.  
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**Building Your Church project:** Chair: Ron Stewart (byc@standrewsoxshott.org.uk)

**Children and Young People:** Younger children meet separately for their own activities during part of our Sunday service at 10am in term time. Special services are also held monthly for children and families, see **St Andrew's @4** (below). For weekday events, see **ABC** (above). Contact: the Church Office (01372 842071)

**Church Hall:** For bookings, contact the Church Office (01372 842071)

**Church Office:** Church Administrator: Claire Costard; Assistant: Rowena Osman-Robertson. Mon-Fri, 9am-1pm (01372 842071 or office@standrewsoxshott.org.uk)

**Churches Together:** Suzanna Knott (01932 866951)

**Churchwardens:** Jill Perrett (07768 852805), Rebecca Mayhew (07818 426482)

**Coffee Comfort:** meets every 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month, 10.15-11.45am in the church. Contact: Jenny Mathieson (07712 032008)

**Deanery Synod:** Representatives: Jill Perrett, Ros Ebbutt-Hadman and Steph Rustom

**Electoral Roll:** Electoral Roll Officer: Emily Godfrey (electoral.roll@standrewsoxshott.org.uk)

**Lay Assistants:** Barbara Begley, Anita Harper, Phillip Herbert, Jenny Mathieson, Rebecca Mayhew, Helen Shand and Jackie Stewart

**Life Groups:** A number of Life Groups meet for study, fellowship and prayer on a regular basis throughout the parish. Co-ordinator: Patrick Fleming (life.groups@standrewsoxshott.org.uk or through the Church Office 01372 842071)

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**Pastoral Assistants:** Barbara Begley, Michael Flaxman, Anita Harper, Rebecca Mayhew, Helen Shand, Jackie Stewart, Ron Stewart and Trish Torr. Contact: call the Church Office (01372 842071)

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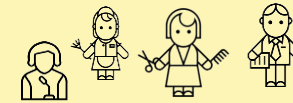
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Mark Sugden (01372 463085 or 07548 244422 or [mark.sugden@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:mark.sugden@surreycc.gov.uk))

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**Friends of Oxshott Heath:** Contact: Jan Fuller ([janmfuller@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:janmfuller@yahoo.co.uk)), Elizabeth Chovil ([e.chovil@ntlworld.com](mailto:e.chovil@ntlworld.com))

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**Oxshott Care:** Local voluntary Help Scheme (07950 478329). Phone attendance Mon-Fri 9am-12 noon, answer machine at other times

**Oxshott Village Centre:** Bookings Secretary: Alexandra Horne (01372 841892 or [ovcbookings@aol.com](mailto:ovcbookings@aol.com) or visit [www.oxshottvillagecentre.co.uk](http://www.oxshottvillagecentre.co.uk))

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**Girlguiding Oxshott:** Meetings: Rainbows (girls aged 5-7: Tuesdays 4.15-5.30pm), Brownies (7-10: Tuesdays 5.45-7.15pm), Guides (10-14: Tuesdays 7.30-9pm), Rangers (14-18: Wednesdays 7.30-9pm). Contact: 1stoxshottbrownies@gmail.com

**Ladies Friendship Group:** Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in month at 10am, in small hall in Oxshott Village Centre. Contact: Angela Horne (01372 843113)

**Le Cercle Français d'Esher:** Evening talks in French on 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month from October to June in West End Village Hall. Contact: Brigitte Tiller (01372 842095 or brigitte@ptiller.com)

**Oxshott Art & Crafts Society:** This friendly group of artists and craftsmen meet for a demonstration at 7.30pm on the second Tuesday of most months. Guests are welcome. Full details on our website (www.oxshottartandcrafts.org)

**Oxshott Badminton Club:** If you play badminton why not join us on Tuesday evenings (September to May). Contact: Geoff Moyle (01372 843844 or geoffdot@ntlworld.com) or Ashok Patel (07977 103436 or ashokdivya@aol.com)

**Oxshott Bridge Club:** Duplicate bridge on Wednesday evenings at Oxshott Village Centre. Enquiries to Secretary: Janet Kefford (01932 863541)

**Oxshott Choral Society:** Meets Wednesday evenings in Stoke D'Abernon Church Hall. Contact: Sue Rees (01372 842300) www.oxshottchoral.org.uk

**Oxshott, Esher and the Dittons NWR (National Women's Register):** meets fortnightly on Tuesday evenings (some Tuesday afternoons during winter) in each other's homes. Contact: Cathy Davies (01372 842085)

**Oxshott Flower Arrangement Society:** Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in 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:** Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in month at 8pm, in Oxshott Village Centre. Contact: Maggie Day (01932 988501)



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