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## Remember, Remember...

*Dear Friends,*

I wonder how you best 'remember'? Perhaps you have certain mnemonics which help you with particular things? Or maybe you are someone who likes to keep mementoes, or souvenirs to remember holidays, people or places? Or perhaps, most menially, a list helps to make sure nothing is forgotten at the supermarket?

The end of October and beginning of November are a season of Remembering.

At the end of October, near All Souls' Day, we hold a special service here at St Andrew's, to remember those we have loved who have recently died; our annual Memorial Service is a time to remember, reflect, and bring before God all the feelings and thoughts which surround loss; sadness, anger, confusion, thankfulness, hope...

On the 5th November, we 'remember' something quite different - bonfires and fireworks remind us about Guy Fawkes (and his co-plotters) and the events of the Gunpowder Plot of 1605.

And each year, on the Sunday close to Armistice Day, this year 12th November, in services at Church (10am) and at the War Memorial on Oxshott Heath (12noon) we remember all those who have died in war - particularly the First and Second World Wars, but including all wars and conflicts.

Remembering - first and foremost, it is about 'not forgetting'. But, often it is much more significant than making sure a particular item of shopping is not missed. To 'remember' means to 'call to mind again' and when we mark significant events year after year the rituals of 'remembering' help us both to 'not forget' - but also, to think deeply about the significance of that which we are 'calling to mind'.

### Into the future

Remembering is not nostalgia; it is not looking back and imagining 'things were better then'. But, as we draw events and people from the past into our mind in the present, we take them with us into the future. Our 'calling to mind' gives us resolve to act differently and better beyond today.

It is my prayer that this season of Remembering would move us all to work toward a grateful, loving and peaceful future for our world, and within our community and families.

*Patricia*

Curate

# News & Notes

## Keeping busy at St Andrew's @4 ...

After a break over the Summer, St Andrew's @4 made a welcome return at Harvest, when more than 50 people gathered in the church for songs, stories and activities, particularly suitable for families with primary school aged (and younger) children.



We were thinking about Jesus' telling his disciples that if God cares for the flowers and the birds, we can be assured he cares for us all too. We explored the message in our creative 'zones' by making flowers and birds (and all sorts of things!) to remind us of the message - including a Lego version of 'treasures being stored up in Heaven'. As always, we ended our time sharing pizzas together, finishing at 5.30pm. Our next '@4' service will be on Remembrance Sunday, 12 November - beginning (as the name suggests) at 4pm.



## Welcome...



We are looking forward to welcoming the new Bishop of Dorking here at St Andrew's on 26 November.

The Rt Revd Paul Davies (*above*) became the 6th Bishop of Dorking in September this year.

Paul is a 'suffragan' bishop, that is, subordinate to the Bishop of Guildford in the running of Guildford diocese - which today has over 200 churches. The diocese, with an area that largely coincides with the county of Surrey, has its origins in the Archdeaconry of Surrey, founded in the 12<sup>th</sup> Century.

## Welcome, Freddie

As part of our 10am service on 8 October, we celebrated the baptism of Frederick Henry Earle Nicholls.

We were delighted to extend a warm welcome to parents Philip and Laura Nicholls, and all their friends and family who attended.

Pictured (*right*), all eyes are on Freddie as Revd Patrick Davies conducts the baptism service.



## Happy Harvest bring & share success!



An amazing spread of food filled the tables at last month's Harvest lunch, with almost 80 people attending, bringing their dish offerings to satisfy hungry mouths. The atmosphere was joyous around the hall, with quizzes adding to the chatter of this special fellowship occasion. It was great to see some new faces from our community, a testimony to the welcoming warmth of the friends of St Andrew's. A big thank you to everyone for sharing your love, kindness and of course the delicious food!

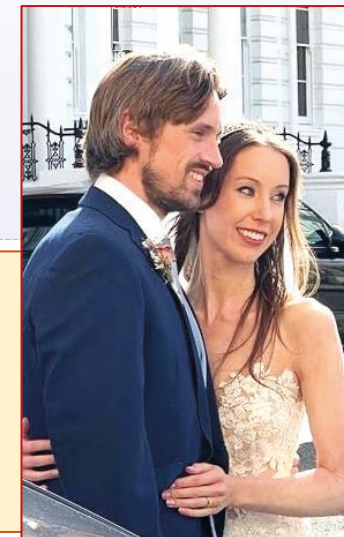
*Adele Wright*

## BYC: the calm before the storm...



As we go to press, we await responses from our shortlist of contractors to our invitations to tender for the building work... Meanwhile, we are continuing to set things up for the start of work; this includes rearranging some events and services at church, and we are grateful for everyone's co-operation, particularly the local schools.

Progress may seem to be a bit slow – but we have no doubt that when the work starts, things will happen very quickly!



## Congratulations

Many parishioners will recall Lucinda Cresswell, one of Alexandra and Jeremy's daughters. Cindy Cresswell was married to Jay Rowe (*see left*) on 22 September at St Peter's Church, Notting Hill. A reception followed at Fulham Palace, formerly the principal residence of the Bishop of London. Our congratulations to the happy couple!

## Planning for Christmas...

We are already planning for our Christmas celebrations!

This year, Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday, so we will not be having our usual Sunday services that day.

There will not be a 10am service - but we will have the traditional Christmas Eve services: a Crib Service in the afternoon and an 11pm Communion Service.

# Church Services in November

- Wed 1 All Saints' Day  
11.30am Wednesdays at 11.30 (Holy Communion)
- Thu 2 9am Pray Together, via zoom
- Sat 4 9am Saturday Prayers in church
- Sun 5 **The fourth Sunday before Advent**  
*The Lord is near*  
10am St Andrew's at 10
- Tue 7 9am Pray Together, via zoom
- Wed 8 11.30am Wednesdays at 11.30 (Holy Communion)
- Thu 9 9am Pray Together, via zoom
- Sat 11 Armistice Day  
9am Saturday Prayers in church
- Sun 12 **The third Sunday before Advent**  
*Remembrance Sunday*  
10am St Andrew's at 10  
12 noon Service at the War Memorial on Oxshott Heath  
4pm St Andrew's @4
- Tue 14 9am Pray Together, via zoom
- Wed 15 11.30am Wednesdays at 11.30 (Holy Communion)
- Thu 16 9am Pray Together, via zoom
- Sat 18 9am Saturday Prayers in church
- Sun 19 **The second Sunday before Advent**  
*Learning contentment in Christ*  
10am St Andrew's at 10
- Tue 21 9am Pray Together, via zoom
- Wed 22 11.30am Wednesdays at 11.30 (Holy Communion)
- Thu 23 9am Pray Together, via zoom
- Sat 25 9am Saturday Prayers in church
- Sun 26 **The Sunday next before Advent**  
10am St Andrew's at 10
- Tue 28 9am Pray Together, via zoom
- Wed 29 11.30am Wednesdays at 11.30 (Holy Communion)
- Thu 30 Andrew the Apostle  
9am Pray Together, via zoom

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

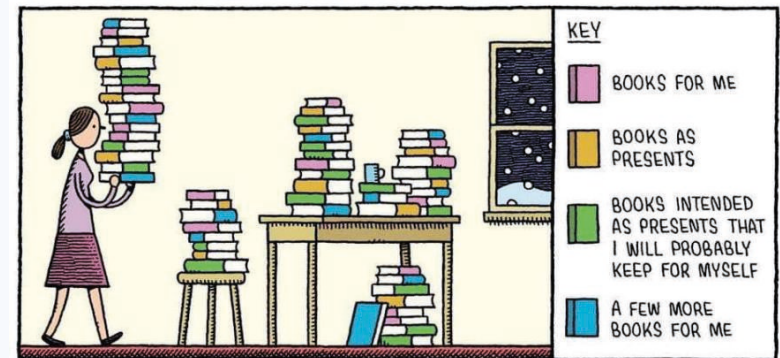
- 10am Sunday services in church are also live streamed, via the church website
- Saturday Prayers take place weekly in church
- Pray Together sessions during the week are on zoom, via the church website

**You may care** to visit The King's Storeroom, a Christian Bookshop in Kingston Upon Thames. It is in the Richard Mayo Centre, the hall of the Kingston United Reformed Church, in Eden Street, and also on line.

They have a wide range of books, charity cards, calendars, bibles, candles, music, study guides, etc., and is an excellent alternative in the absence of a Christian Resources Exhibition at Sandown this year.

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TOM GAULD

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

## Remembrance in 2023

Remembrance Sunday is as relevant as ever, and as usual there will be a variety of opportunities in Oxshott to mark the day...

Remembrance Sunday this year falls on 12 November, and our 10am service here at St Andrew's will include singing from the choir, a communion and the reading of the names of those who gave their lives. A trumpeter will play the Last Post and Reveille. The service will be live streamed as usual, and of course can also be watched later; you can do so via the church website.

Also that day, at noon, there will be the usual short service at the War Memorial on the Heath. Wreaths will be laid by local representatives, and a trumpeter will again play the Last Post and Reveille.

In the afternoon, we have our regular St Andrew's @4, designed to be accessible and enjoyable for everyone – especially those of primary school age and younger. We offer a relaxed environment to connect with one another and with God, and this time we will have special recognition that it is Remembrance Sunday.

### A new kind of poppy

For the first time in 28 years, there is a new kind of poppy, and it's plastic free.



The aim was to reduce the use of single-use plastic, and the new poppy design has a 40% smaller carbon footprint, and is made from 'bespoke red and green paper.' The paper comes from a blend of renewable fibres, 50 per cent of which has been recovered from the waste used in the production of coffee cups.

The remaining stocks of the current poppy will be used, to reduce any waste. Older-style poppies, containing single-use plastic, can be returned to Sainsbury's stores for recycling.

The War Memorial (left) within St Andrew's is on a pillar, in the form of a triptych. The left-hand panel lists the 1914-1918 dead, the central panel shows the dedication and lists the 1939-45 Canadian Forces dead among those who were camped on Oxshott Heath, and the right-hand panel lists the 1939-45 dead.



## Parishes are still “at our very heart”

“Parishes are at the very heart of the Church of England’s mission” - this was the C of E’s response to a recent article in *The Sunday Telegraph*...

The short comment above was provided as a response to an article that had appeared in *The Sunday Telegraph* newspaper on ‘parish closures.’

William Nye, the Church of England’s Secretary General, said: “Local parish churches are at the very heart of the Church of England’s mission and over the next nine years we are investing £3.6 billion of Church Commissioners funds in front-line ministry up and down the land, particularly on those communities most in need.

“It is early days, but we are seeing our efforts bear fruit – and local projects funded by the national church have already brought new people into our congregations.

“Of course, churches do sometimes close – but the truth is that the number of closures is the lowest it has been for 50 years, and we are starting new worshipping communities all the time. In fact, earlier this summer General Synod formally committed the Church to revitalising our parishes.”

In fact, the number of consecrated churches closed has actually decreased in each of the last five decades. The figures provided to *The Sunday Telegraph*, who omitted them, were:

- 1969-1979: 760
- 1980-1989: 485
- 1990-1999: 274
- 2000-2009: 243
- 2010-2019: 209



## From the Registers



### Baptism

We welcome into God's family:

8 October Frederick Henry Earle Nicholls

### Thanksgiving service

With family and friends we gave thanks to God for the birth of:

1 October Charles Streader Cusworth

### Funeral

We offer our condolences to the family and friends of:

13 September Bryon Culmer Lawrence (died 20 August 2023, aged 96)

## A ray of light in a dark situation

Jericho, the Palestinian city in the West Bank, has its own hardships, and, as we all know, escalating violence. **Revd Su McClellan** is the curate at Coventry Cathedral and leads the Church Engagement team at Embrace the Middle East, our Mission Partner; we asked Su to update us...

This year has been particularly challenging for the Leadership Academy of the Palestinian Bible Society (PBS) in Jericho. Escalating violence in the West Bank has led to the closure of roads and the closure of towns and villages.



Su McClellan

The Palestinian Bible Society (PBS), a partner of Embrace the Middle East, works to make the Word of God available to people living in the Holy Land, and runs the centre for children and mothers in Jericho, which provides a safe space to learn valuable life skills and have fun.

All the roads connecting West Bank towns and villages have gates across them, which can be closed without notice, leaving towns, families and friends cut off from each other for days or weeks at a time. This has meant that the Academy has had to postpone some of the training sessions. It has also led to some of the trainees becoming too afraid to travel to the Academy's training centre.

However, despite these challenges the team at PBS have managed to increase the reach of the Leadership Academy in particular, and the work of the PBS more generally. They are now offering training programmes in Jenin, Nablus, Ramallah, Birzeit, Bethlehem and Hebron as well as in Jericho and Jerusalem.

The recent focus had been on developing the leadership abilities of young adults in their local communities so that they can play an increasingly

influential role that is modelled on the life and ministry of Jesus. The Academy team are so thankful that further doors are opening to train members of Scout troops, church youth groups, schools and other community-based organizations.

### A lasting effect

The programme doesn't just impact communities. It has a lasting effect on the participants as we can see from this account from one of the young women enrolled in the Academy:

*This program has affected me positively in many areas.*

*I once thought I could never acquire the skills to lead people to anything. Today, I know that leading someone is not an unachievable task but rather a strong vision that helps impact individuals. This small idea has completely changed the way I*

*look at certain situations.*

*Being a young girl in society can be overwhelming. I found it really hard to reach people, but this program has helped me grow in knowledge.*

*I learned the power of communicating. A leader needs individuals and individuals need a leader. This small concept can be applied in any community. When everyone works as a team to achieve a goal, the task becomes so simple.*

*Today I use those skills and knowledge I learned to help me in my daily life. I volunteer as a kids' Sunday school teacher and this program has helped me build my adaptability, patience, and influence towards the younger generation.*

*I'm hoping to continue to grow more in the leadership field. Having a positive influence on people can be such a beautiful thing. Encouraging others to help*

*reach a certain vision demonstrates its advantages. Challenges are always going to be an obstacle however learning to overcome them is the bigger goal.*

**As we go press** (mid-October), we are all overwhelmed by news from Israel and Gaza, of horrible massacres and horrific retaliation.

Our Mission Partners, Embrace the Middle East, report that in both Israel and Palestine the situation is worse than any of them can ever remember.



Our particular links are with Palestinian Bible Society (PBS) and Elias, leading Embrace Jericho in the West Bank. He writes:

*' Hamas rockets have reached as far as Tel Aviv and just outside Bethlehem, with a Palestinian school needing to be evacuated. All West Bank towns and villages have been locked down with their gates closed. This means that children who were at school in another village to their own, cannot now get home. Palestinians have been shot dead in the West Bank and Israelis shot dead inside Egypt. Hamas militants have taken over a kibbutz in southern Israel and Hezbollah have sent mortars into northern Israel from southern Lebanon. The tinder box has ignited, and no one knows how this is going to end. The only sure and certain thing is that Gaza will be hit harder than ever before, and the death toll is going to rise. Israel has cut off the electricity supply to Gaza and closed the goods crossing – even for food.'*

For clear guidance in prayer and updates, please go to [embraceme.org](http://embraceme.org) and click 'The latest updates...'

Your love, support, and prayers help to make all this possible. This young woman is so right when she says, "When everyone works as a team to achieve a goal, the task becomes so simple." Thank you so much for standing with Embrace and our friends at the Palestinian Bible Society.

Blessings and all good wishes,

*Su McClellan*

Su McClellan



## Helping with a firm foundation

**Nicki Galazka** looks forward to the annual Coffee Morning and Sale in aid of the Garden Route Childrens Trust, this year in a new venue...

**Y**es, it's that time again! As we set our eyes on preparing for Christmas and all that goes with making it a special celebration, it's a sobering thought that there are still so many in our world without basic needs.

This year, why not meet old friends and new over a coffee and cake and shop for some lovely Christmas gifts as well as the chance to win a fabulous raffle prize, whilst also having a major impact on the lives of children in need? The GRCT's (Garden Route Childrens Trust) annual coffee morning and sale is on 28 November in the Oxshott Village Centre (see opposite for details). Last year's event raised over £3,000 –enough to fund a feeding project for a whole school year.

Wellington is based just north of Cape Town and the area has been challenged in so many ways; an incredibly cold wet winter, spiralling prices and continuing unemployment all leading to significant poverty and social issues including rioting. The Ma's vir project is set in the heart of this disadvantaged area but continues to flourish thanks to the dedication of an inspiring Christian community group. The project focuses on children between the formative ages of 3 and 6 years. With a sound foundation, these children have a better chance to be school ready and to flourish. Funded by the GRCT, a nutritious e'Pap meal is provided every morning to over 120 children, fills tummies helping children to concentrate and therefore to learn.

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It is a sobering thought that just £20 buys a nutritious e'Pap breakfast for a child for an entire school year. If you would like to help feed a child, please join us on the 28th and bring friends. With your generosity, we hope to feed even more hungry children going forward!

Nicki Galazka

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Children enjoying their e'Pap breakfast



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## Round & About

### *For your diary...*

This year, Oxshott Choral Society are having their Christmas Concert on Saturday 9 December at St John's School Chapel, in Epsom Road, Leatherhead.

The concert - *Joy to the World* – has moved from its usual venue at St Andrew's Church Oxshott, because of expected building work at the church.

Full details, including how to get tickets, are on page 19.



### Had your seasonal COVID-19 vaccine?



You may be offered a seasonal COVID-19 vaccine if you are:

- 65 years old or over (by 31 March 2024)
- 6 months to 64 years old and at increased risk
- living in a care home for older adults
- a frontline care worker
- 16–64 years old, and a carer
- 12–64 years old and live with someone with a weakened immune system

If you're eligible, you can:

- book online or via 119
- book on the NHS App
- go to a walk-in COVID-19 vaccination site

Full information is on the NHS website: [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)

Search there yourself, or ask someone to do so for you...

### Christmas Crafts

**How a young Oxshott resident has shown resilience through adversity by setting up a small business...**

Mimi Paxton is a remarkable young woman who has grown up and still lives in Oxshott with her family. Her dream of qualifying and working as a psychologist has had to be put on hold shortly after completing her degree at Kent University in very difficult circumstances.

Sadly, she has been bed-bound all this year due to a combination of debilitating and life-changing health conditions.

Undeterred, she said, "I found my life shaping in a very different direction to the one I hoped - becoming a psychologist. To fill the time and have some hobbies I took up arts and crafts; I now make personalised things such as tops and bags, as well as now doing personalised stockings and Christmas trays for Santa and cards."

Mimi's resilience and determination have found an outlet in these high-quality crafts and she is now taking orders for fabulous Christmas cards and other handmade items sold online through her Facebook site: 'Cool Mimi: Personalised Items.' Due to her health condition, production and delivery times are longer than normal, so she is already taking orders via the Facebook page or 07990 712034.



## Judith Elizabeth "Liz" Owler 1944-2023

A long-standing resident of Oxshott, and fully involved in local activities, Liz Owler died at home in Cobham on 19 August

Surrey born and bred, Liz moved to Danescourt Cottages on Leatherhead Road, Oxshott with her new husband John Moore in 1969. Their son Philip arrived in 1977 around the time they moved to "Cooks House" by the level crossing in Blundel Lane.

Membership of the 'baby-sitting circle' soon led to the Royal Kent School, with School Gate and PTA activity until, at the time of the Great Storm in October 1987, Liz was working in the Royal Kent admin office. On that morning, in the absence of the Head Teacher, Liz was tasked with 'Closing the School' as staff and pupils alike could not get to work!

John died suddenly in 1998 and Liz became a single parent, with Philip away at Portsmouth University. "Pick yourself up, dust yourself off, and start all over again" was her mantra, but with three further deaths in the family, her involvement with local activities such as the Oxshott Evening WI and Oxshott Flower Arrangement Society had to be cut back. Philip took a year out from uni' to spend more time at home and was a 'tower of strength' to her. Her circle of friends, ever-widening particularly with her flower-arranging skills, led her to foreign travel and international flower-arranging competitions in Boston MA and elsewhere.

When we became 'a couple' in 2011 Liz brought with her the picture shown below. I cannot claim that my house was immaculate either, and somehow over the next 12 years we never seemed to have time to create "immaculateness", being busy competing in car rallies, hill climbs and sprints in the UK and France. At 70+ Liz obtained a driving licence to allow her to drive our 5-tonne motorhome with the two race cars on the double-deck trailer!

On the cushions on the settee are other mottos: "A clean house is the sign of a mis-spent life", and "Creative minds are rarely tidy".

Perhaps none of these sayings is 'PC', but they are the converse of our own sayings: "This is not a rehearsal", "You don't get a second chance to make a first impression" and "When did you last do something for the first time?"

She has time to rest now! RIP, Dearest Liz.



Andy Owler

## Art in Oxshott

Miranda Fuller updates us on the thriving art scene based here in the village...

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ACS got October off to a good start with an exciting and interesting day's workshop on the 6th, by Reigate artist Christine Hopkins – *An Urban Landscape in Mixed Media*. Eight of us members very much enjoyed watching Christine demonstrate her technique, which makes her work so distinctive and popular.

Beginning by drawing an irregular grid on mount board, Christine then glues small pieces of newsprint, music or patterned paper into just a few of the shapes formed by the grid and then coats the board with PVA. Next, she scrunches a sheet of tissue, which she then smooths out and rolls firmly onto the glued board, ensuring no bubbles remain.

With coloured wax crayon she then outlines features such as doors and windows and colours these in with ink or diluted acrylic paint, before outlining the features with black, using the edge of a piece of card.

The finished effect is delightfully crisp, colourful and quirky and the artist is shown here (left) with her picture.



Following the workshop, on the 10th we were pleased to welcome back artist Max Hale, who gave us a demonstration of *A Still Life in Water Mixable Oils*, details of which will be given in the next issue.

### Looking ahead...

Coming up soon is our annual exhibition at Denbies Wine Estate from 6 – 12 November, details of which are shown opposite, and we hope some readers may visit us there.

Following our Denbies exhibition is our final demonstration of the year, on 14 November – *A Landscape in Watercolour*, by Frank Walters.

On Sunday 3 December we have our Christmas Craft and Art Fair at the Village Centre, from 10.30 am to 4.30 pm, which, again, we hope some readers may like to visit. This is followed, on 12 December, by our final event of the year – our AGM, Christmas social and film show.

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

Miranda Fuller

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# Art @ Denbies

## Mon 6th—Sun 12th November 2023

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## Memories of Liz

The Oxshott Flower Arrangement Society have good reason to be thankful for the life of Liz Owler, who died on 19 August; **Anita Lee** recalls her leadership and energy...

In the few decades since she became a member of the Oxshott Flower Arrangement Society, Liz Owler's ability to achieve the impossible was the image we shall always remember. She literally gave the majority of her time to help keep our Club alive.

The records of the election of Committee officers clearly reveal her dedication to OFAS, as she took on not just one, or two, but at least three

*(continued opposite)*



roles in most of the years from middle 1990s.

In 1995 Liz was the winner of the acclaimed Shirley King Cup. In 1997 she became the Secretary of the Club. By 2000 she was both the Programme Planner and the Area Representative of our Society for Surrey, all of which she continued to fulfil with energy and wisdom until she left us.

2002 saw her as the Society's Chairman and in addition she took on the role of organiser of the Oxshott Christmas Fair; Liz's indomitable efforts within OFAS continued and earlier this year she was holding the position of Vice President of the Club and once again became Chairman.

Liz's commitment to supporting and maintaining our Society helped it to be recognized as a very active, well organized and greatly enjoyed feature of the Oxshott community. She will be greatly missed by everyone in OFAS for her constant cheerfulness and friendship to everyone.

*Anita Lee*

## What's On in Oxshott

### November

- Tue 7 10am **Ladies Friendship Group:** Coffee and Chat: *my Favourite Pastime:* in the Small Hall, Oxshott Village Centre
- Wed 8 2.20pm **The Arts Society, Claremont & Oxshott:** *Catherine the Great, Empress of all the Russias*, with Rosamund Bartlett, at The Menuhin Hall, Stoke D'Abernon
- Sun 12 10am **Remembrance Sunday Service**, at St Andrew's Church  
12noon **Remembrance Service** at the War Memorial, Oxshott Heath
- Tue 14 7.30pm **Oxshott Art & Crafts Society:** *Landscape in Watercolour*, with Frank Walters, at Oxshott Village Centre
- Wed 15 7.30pm **Cercle français d'Esher:** *Catherine Dior et Christian*, with Isabelle Schloesing, at West End Village Hall, West End Lane, Esher
- Fri 17 1.30-5.00pm **St Andrew's Church:** *Bridge Drive*, with cream tea, at Oxshott Village Centre. Reserve your table beforehand (annnewman@aol.com or 01932 863082) *(see page 9)*
- Tue 21 2pm **Oxshott Flower Arrangement Society:** *Christmas Workshop*, with Alison Gillot, in Oxshott Village Centre  
8pm **Oxshott Village Women's Institute:** Annual Meeting, at Oxshott Village Centre
- Tue 28 9.00-1.00pm **Coffee Morning and Christmas Sale** in aid of the *Garden Route Children's Trust*, at Oxshott Village Centre *(see page 15)*

*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)*



## Repair Café for Oxshott

Oxshott Net Zero and Danes Hill School are very excited to collaborate on setting up a repair café for Oxshott, as **Diana Thornton** reports...

The idea of repair cafés is to mend things rather than send them to landfill.

We are recruiting volunteers who would like to help either as a repairer (any practical skills welcome including sewing, electricals, etc) or as a friendly face on the door or to help with admin. You would only come to help as often as suits you.

The launch date is 20 January, but in the meantime if you would like to be involved, come along to our open meeting about the project on 23 November at 7pm in the small hall of the Village Centre or email [diana@oxshottnetzero.org.uk](mailto:diana@oxshottnetzero.org.uk)

*Diana Thornton*

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## How to make a roundabout work

More on the improvements to the A3/M25 junction: This month, how and why the roundabout will be enlarged...

One feature of the re-configured Junction 10 is the enlargement of the roundabout. This is currently small for the size of the junction, and is quite a bottleneck. But earlier proposals to improve things, which included a grandiose 'spaghetti junction'-type solution, were deemed too expensive and too destructive (for example, it would have placed a number of important trees at risk, including several Grade II and Grade II\* Heritage Trees).

### Two key features...

To improve the traffic flow and safety at the junction, two new features will be:

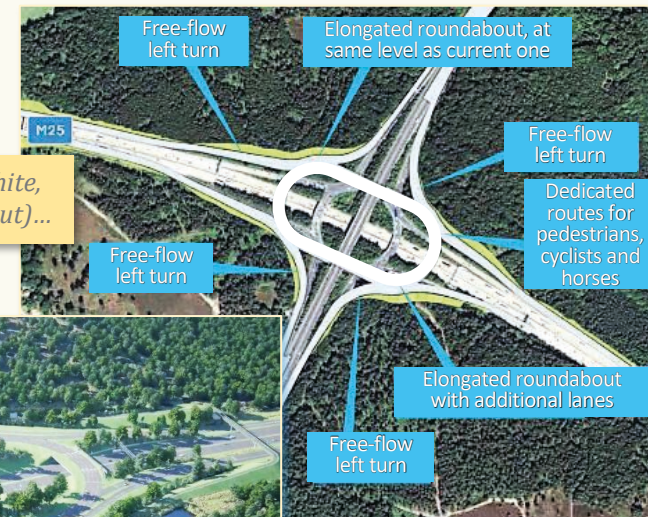
- an elongated and widened roundabout to provide more capacity, and
- four new dedicated free-flow slip roads, to enable all left-turning traffic using Junction 10 to bypass the roundabout/traffic lights.

These new slip roads mean left-turning traffic won't have to negotiate the roundabout itself to join the road that they are aiming for.

The combined effect of the changes is expected to improve traffic flow and reduce queues.

*The plans for the new layout (in white, superimposed over the existing layout)...*

*...and how it will look from the air*



Images: National Highways



Junction 10 is often used by people from Oxshott, so we have an interest in

these changes. And there may be an additional benefit to us, as traffic that currently uses Oxshott as a cut-through may use the new free-flowing Junction 10!

Completion of the whole scheme is scheduled for summer 2025.



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## Fiery passion and drama

When an Arts Society group visited the Royal Albert Hall they were transported to Seville, as **Nicky Orlebar** recalls...

A full coach of Arts Society members arrived at the Royal Albert Hall for a matinée performance of Bizet's *Carmen*, to be sung in English. First performed in Paris in 1875, *Carmen* was not initially well received (Saint-Saëns being especially critical), but little could dampen our anticipation.



Excitement grew as we found Door 3 before climbing the stairs looking for access to the auditorium. Our red seats were all together in the stalls with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra tuning up on our left, below the Father Willis organ. More and more visitors of all ages soon arrived to take their seats. As the lights dimmed, the orchestra transported us to 1820s Seville. We were on the edge of our seats - *Carmen* was about to begin in the oval performance arena before us.

The story unfolded of Carmen, a flirtatious gypsy, falling in love with the soldier Don José, then becoming infatuated with the toreador Escamillo, before being murdered in the last act by Don José. Jealousy and misguided affections together with a bad hand at cards were very much to the fore as we enjoyed the Toreador song and Habanera. Acrobats, fire juggling, tall trees and heads of bulls added considerably to the atmosphere during the crowd scenes. Fortunately, we were sufficiently close to the action to see the singers' faces yet raised enough to have an overall view of the performance in the round.

Was it the colour, music or surroundings which had made *Carmen* so exciting? Next day *The Times* Arts Critic considered our London production to be "Bizet's masterpiece brought thrillingly to life". We had certainly enjoyed every moment.

*Nicky Orlebar*

## Sudoku

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9	6	4	1	3	8	2	5	7
5	9	2	3	1	4	7	6	8
4	7	1	8	5	6	9	3	2
3	8	6	2	7	9	5	1	4
6	2	9	7	4	1	3	8	5
1	4	3	5	8	2	6	7	9
8	5	7	9	6	3	4	2	1

Last month's solution

Answers  
next month

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4		8						3

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## Think about it...

Underneath a street sign 'St Matthew's Close', someone had added: 'Well, I can't see him.'

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- Building Your Church project:** Chair: Ron Stewart (byc@standrewsoxshott.org.uk)
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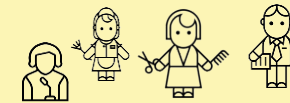
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**Royal Kent School,** Oakshade Road, Oxshott, Surrey KT22 0LE (01372 842495) Church of England Primary School, ages 4 to 11. For details of admissions, please contact the School Office. **Headteacher:** Katie Hancock **Governors:** David Young (Chair), Katie Hancock (Headteacher), Sue Bailey, Joe Blaney, Revd Patrick Davies, Louise Emmett, Stuart Heeks, Helen Howell, Laurie-Ann Lamb, Tonia Lovell, Revd Frances Trickey, Ria Woodhouse

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**Victim Support:** Free confidential support after crime. Contact: Supportline (08 08 16 89 111) or visit [www.victimsupport.org.uk](http://www.victimsupport.org.uk)

All the details you need to join in

## Local Clubs & Societies



**1st Oxshott Scouts:** Meetings: Squirrels (Fridays 4.30-5.30pm), Beavers (Mondays 6-7.15pm), Cubs (Tuesdays 6.30-8pm), Scouts (Wednesdays 6.30-8.30pm), Explorers (Mondays 7.30-9pm) (oxshottscoutgroup@gmail.com) www.oxshott-scouts.org

**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, at 7.30pm 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: Christopher Goodchild (07503 184876 or cobhamandoxshottconservatives@gmail.com)

**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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