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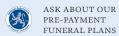
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## Easter has led us to hope...

## Dear Friends.

By now, many of you will have forgotten Easter and the chocolate will have been eaten! But Easter is a season which has 40 days and, for me, this is necessary.

Lent seemed particularly bleak this year. I'm aware how enormously difficult it was for you to

say goodbye to Frances, your beloved vicar, and Jolyon just a few months ago. They were so happy in Oxshott and no-one, especially Frances, expected their time to be cut short through ill-health. Just as Frances held her final service, news broke of the King's diagnosis with a form of cancer. And then, since that time, the Princess of Wales has shocked the nation with her diagnosis too.

On the wall in my grandmother's spare bedroom was one of those clever pictures which changes depending on the direction that you look at it. As you walked past this picture, it changed in an instant from a gory depiction of the crucifixion to a sunshine depiction of the resurrection.

For me, it doesn't quite work like that. Easter Day doesn't replace Good Friday. It changes it. Jesus' risen body still bore the scars of the crucifixion. Easter doesn't take away the suffering, but it does transform it.

## The central celebration!

Hope is the greatest commodity of the church. In common parlance, it refers to a desire for a particular thing to happen. In a Christian context, it is the confident expectation - even certainty - that what God has promised in his faithfulness will come to pass. That's why Easter is the central celebration for the church.

Peter opens his First Epistle by declaring that 'In his great mercy [God] has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead' (1 Peter 1.3).

Like so many other disciplines, I find that hope needs to be exercised. This is part of the reason for the season. Ask yourselves where you find hope. I give thanks for its tangible quality every time I visit St Andrew's. I pray that in this season, you will be filled anew with the hope of Easter.

With huge thanks to Patrick and all of you, for all that you are and do in Oxshott.

+Paul Dorwing

The Rt Revd Paul Davies Bishop of Dorking

## Easter Workshops at St Andrew's!

It was a real joy to welcome all children from the Royal Kent School (by classes in turn) to church to take part in an interactive Easter Workshop – for the first time since 2019! – as **Revd Patrick Davies** explains...

The RKS children were all invited to learn and reflect on some of the key events from Holy Week and Easter: Palm Sunday, The Last Supper, The Cross, and The Resurrection.

At each 'station' (see below and opposite), a wonderful team of volunteers from St Andrew's told the story of what happened, and facilitated the children's response with an activity - and there was time for some

discussion and questions too.

There was a very calm atmosphere in church throughout the morning, as each class thoughtfully and carefully engaged with the events and message which are at the heart of Easter.

Thank you to all the St Andrew's volunteers and RKS staff for helping this very special morning to happen for the children.

Patrick Davies





Church Services Insights

*lesus ascending* 

into heaven – as

portrayed in the

at St Andrew's

East window here

## Church Services in May

Wed 1 Phillip and James, Apostles 11.30am Wednesdays at 11.30 (Holy Communion)

Thu 2 9am Pray Together, via zoom

Sat 4 9am Saturday Prayers

Sun 5 The sixth Second Sunday of Easter

Jesus, our Rescuer

10am St Andrew's at 10, with a Baptism

Tue 7 9am Pray Together, via zoom

Wed 8 11.30am Wednesdays at 11.30 (Holy Communion)

Thu 9 Ascension Day

9am Pray Together, via zoom 7pm Ascension Day service

Sat 11 9am Saturday Prayers

Sun 12 The seventh Sunday of Easter

Thy Kingdom Come/Ascension 10am St Andrew's at 10 4pm St Andrew's @4

Tue 14 Matthias the Apostle 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

Sun 19 Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost

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

Sun 26 Trinity Sunday

Peace – how can we find rest in a stressful world?

10am St Andrew's at 10

7pm St Andrew's at 7

Tue 28 9am Pray Together, via zoom

Wed 29 11.30am Wednesdays at 11.30 (Holy Communion)

Thu 30 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 website
- Saturday Prayers take place weekly in church
- Pray Together sessions during the week are on zoom, via our website

## What are 'Ascension' and 'Pentecost' all about?

This month, Revd Patrick Davies explains some tricky words and concepts...

A Jesus on earth after the resurrection?" The answer, the Bible tells us, is that Jesus was alive on earth for 40 days after the resurrection, and during those 40 days lots of amazing things happened. Jesus appeared to his disciples in large

and small groups in various places and at various times – even eating with them and inviting them to see and experience that he really was alive! You can read about this especially in Luke's gospel (Chapter 24) and John's gospel (Chapters 20 and 21).

At the end of this time, he gave final instructions to his followers, and then ascended into heaven (Luke 24.49-53) – which is what we remember on 'Ascension Day' - this year, Thursday 9 May.

The events following Jesus' resurrection were so extraordinary and compelling that the disciples were utterly transformed – from being scattered and scared as Jesus was

killed, to being energised and united in purpose as he commissioned them to tell the world about him and his message – a daunting task for a group of tax collectors and fishermen!



However, before Jesus returned to his Father in Heaven he promised to send his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit – the personal presence and power of God - to empower and equip them for all he has asked them to do. (Acts 1.1-11).

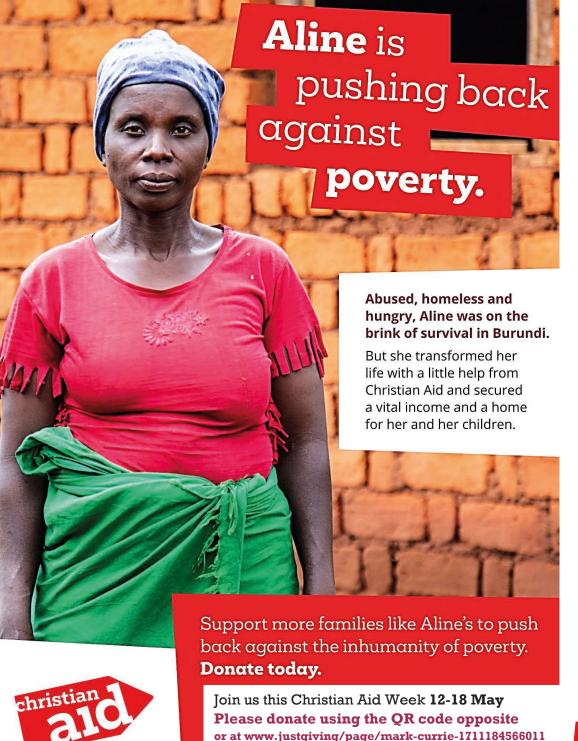
At Pentecost, this year on Sunday 19 May, we remember that Jesus keeps this promise – and the disciples were given the amazing gift of God's Holy Spirit – enabling them to live and speak for Jesus in really remarkable ways! You can read all about this in the book of Acts (Chapter 2).

Without the gift of the Holy Spirit, living and speaking for Jesus would have been impossible for those first disciples – and the same is true for Jesus' followers today. We all need the Holy Spirit – God's presence and power within us – if we are to live the life we are truly made for! None of us can do it on our own – but with God, all things are made possible!

If you want to find out more about the difference the Holy Spirit makes in the life of Jesus' followers, please do be in touch (patrick.davies@standrewsoxshott.org.uk)

Patrick Davies

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## **Christian Aid Week**

As a background to this year's Christian Aid Week, 12-18 May, **Mark Currie** gives just one example of the work being done...

hristian Aid was founded in 1945 by the British and Irish churches to help refugees following the Second World War. For more than 75 years Christian Aid has provided humanitarian relief and long-term development support for poor communities worldwide, regardless of their faith. Christian Aid helps some of the world's poorest people stand on their own two feet.

People like Aline Nibogora *(left, and below)* from Burundi, a country where malnourishment and poverty affect more than 70% of the population. Jobs and food are hard to come by, and those who have homes often have no electricity or running water. Aline was married young to a violent husband and she had her first child when she was just 14 years old. Her husband later forced her out of her home and she had to wander the streets looking for people who would house her for the night.

One day she heard about a community workshop that was funded by Christian Aid. 'I came out with amazing knowledge and skills. The trainer restored a sense of hope and energy in me,' says Aline. She got involved with the Village Savings and

Loan Association (VSLA) and with a small startup loan, Aline started trading avocados and peanuts locally. With her profits, she bought a bicycle so she could transport greater quantities of goods to markets further afield. Eventually, her hard work had finally paid off, and she had earned the money she needed to rent a house.

Today, Aline lives peacefully with her three eldest children on her own plot of land in a remote village in the Kayogoro Commune in Makamba Province. She's baked her own bricks

and is building a strong home for her and her children in every sense. Now Aline can afford food, clothes and essential healthcare for her family. She's also purchased solar panels so her children can do their evening homework by electric light.

Of course, Burundi continues to be one of the toughest places on earth to live, but now when crisis threatens her family's survival, Aline has options. Even a small business can provide just enough resilience to weather the storms here in Burundi.

Please find it in your hearts to support the world's poorest people by donating this Christian Aid Week via the QR code or at www.justgiving/page/mark-currie-1711184566011

Mark Currie





Join us on **Friday 10 May** at 7.30pm for a Christian Aid **Quiz Night**, where teams of 6-8 will compete for the coveted St Andrew's Quiz Trophy – please contact mark.currie@standrewsoxshott.org.uk if you would like to join in!



## Want to wear red?

This year, we celebrate Pentecost Sunday on 19 May; many at St Andrew's have taken up the idea of wearing red to church to mark the occasion and we



invite you to do so as well.

In the magazine this month (page 9), Patrick explains how the promise of the gift of the Holy Spirit was kept...

Do join us on 19 May at 10am!



## Val is presented with her BEM

At a special ceremony, our very own Val Beynon has now been presented with the British Empire Medal.



The award, for services to the community, was part of the 2024 New Year Honours List from the King; it was presented to Val in March by the Lord-Lieutenant of Surrey.



## GUILDFORD

## **Exhibitions at Guildford Cathedral**

Visitors to the Cathedral recently were impressed and moved by an exhibition of icons (right) from war-torn Ukraine, painted on discarded ammunition boxes.

There are often exhibitions and events on at the cathedral – go to www.guildford-cathedral.org/events to find out more.

For example, the Post-box Topper Exhibition runs through to 2 June.



## Daily Bible reading couldn't be simpler!

Are you struggling to read the Bible regularly, or want to try a different approach? **Jane Berridge** tells us about the Bible Reading Fellowship (BRF), and introduces you to the publications available to reinvigorate your Bible study...

We are called to read the Bible on a regular basis, but sometimes the busyness of life gets in the way!

Even when we do read daily, familiar passages can become too familiar, meditating on particular verses might not bring new insights and perhaps we avoid difficult, seemingly incomprehensible passages.

If this sounds familiar, BRF has the

perfect solution. Founded in 1922, BRF publishes a number of Bible Reading notes which



contain daily readings and commentaries by various authors. According to BRF the notes "offer a variety of ways to resource your spiritual journey and help you understand

and apply scripture to your daily life."

The readings are varied, some looking at certain sections of the Bible, while others gather readings from many places in the Bible to reflect on a theme – for example, 'Silence' or 'Mountains of God'. They provide challenge and inspiration and typically cover 10 different themes in each book.

In a handy format, they can be easily taken on the train, on holiday or kept by

your bed. Yours to underline and mediate on, they are a lovely night-time /morning read without the distraction of electronic devices.

Published three times a year, which one would suit you?

New Daylight - for everyone on their daily journey with God; a fresh approach to daily Bible study, with a short verse, helpful commentary and a prayer/thought for the day.

**Guidelines** - a more in-depth study, with reference to a Bible text.

The Upper Room - readers all over the world share the insights of their faith with others. Contains a Bible passage to read, a reflection on the passage, prayer, thought for the day and suggested prayer focus for the day.

Day by Day with God - written for women by women who have themselves found the Bible a source of strength and inspiration for life. Similar format to New Daylight.

## Bible Reflections for Older People -

bringing hope, assurance and sustenance to the older reader, reminding them of the presence and love of God. Each issue contains 40 Bible reflections.\*

Group subscription is £14.97 (\*£16.65) annually, offering savings of £4.50

If you would like to learn more, see examples, try one publication or sign up for an annual discounted group subscription, please contact me via the Church Office.

Jane Berridge

## John David Green 1929-2024 Betty Frances Green 1926-2024

John Green, Vicar of Oxshott 1972-1985, and his wife Betty, both passed away in January; daughter **Sarah Bore** looks back....

n 22 November 1972, Mum, Dad and I set off from Rochester in Kent to drive to Oxshott. I was in the back with the cat, dog, budgie and several gallons of fermenting homemade wine, which the removal men refused to take because it was deemed 'dangerous'. We nearly met our end in Westerham, but Dad managed to swerve and avoid the car that pulled out and fortunately no one was coming the other way.

We arrived safely in Oxshott, which was like a wooded wonderland full of trees, flowers and really lovely people. I can remember our first day, several people calling round to welcome us. Mum was in heaven with a fitted kitchen and central heating. Dad was delighted to have a large study at the



front of the house, rather than having to lead parishioners to a bedroom tucked away upstairs which had served as a study in Rochester.

Dad's Induction was on the 30 November, St Andrew's Day – a lovely Service - followed by a reception at The Royal Kent School. I was just 15 years old and very shy, but I can remember being warmed by the friendliness of everyone. A few days after we moved in, our cat Tibby went missing and I was touched when several parishioners joined me in my search around Oxshott, trying to find her.

Dad was always extremely busy. He was very keen to draw in and welcome people to the church and during his time set up many new groups for all ages with some still running today. I can remember the Barn Dances and Harvest Suppers which were great fun. Each week there were three Sunday services, each with a sermon, as well as other Services. Most afternoons were spent going out and visiting his parishioners, whether they came to Church or not.

Mum, who had never felt that she was 'very good vicar's wife material' made Oxshott Vicarage the heart of the parish. She was loved and appreciated for the warm welcome that she gave to everybody. Her cooking and entertaining talents were legendary. She used to keep a record of the meals she had cooked for people, and there were pages of them. Her bureau was full of thank you letters for wonderful evenings and delicious food that she had saved over the years. Mum and



Dad were in Oxshott for exactly 13 years. I think it was probably the happiest years for them, which they always looked back on fondly.

Mum and Dad both died in January, just 10 days apart. In Mum's bureau I found an envelope with 'Funeral Arrangements' written on it. Inside was a card where she explained that she would like her funeral to be in St Andrew's, so that I could thank all the

people of Oxshott for their friendship and for making them so welcome.

On 26 March, which would have been their 75th Wedding Anniversary, a Thanksgiving for their lives was held with a Church full of people and I was very happy to do just that. Thank you Oxshott.

Sarah Bore

## From the Registers



## Baptisms

We welcome into God's family:

31 March Hannah Powell
31 March Gopal Subramanium

## **Funerals**

We offer our condolences to the family and friends of:

15 March Graham Staward Clarke (died 12 January 2024, aged 86)
26 March Betty Frances Green (died 15 January 2024, aged 97)
26 March Revd John David Green (died 25 January 2024, aged 94)

## **Burial of Ashes**

We remember in our prayers:

25 March Phyllis May Fisher (died 21 September 2023, aged 102)
26 March Betty Frances Green (died 15 January 2024, aged 97)
26 March Revd John David Green (died 25 January 2024, aged 94)

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## The Cobham Area Foodbank still needs you!

In December, our local foodbank commemorated 10 years of existence; nothing to celebrate - and many people are amazed that such a facility is needed in what is often seen as an affluent suburban community. Christina van Roest updates us...

o far this year we have seen significantly more people coming on a Tuesday lunchtime to collect much-needed food parcels. Times are getting tougher for the unemployed and those on low incomes; foodbanks are hugely in demand all over the country.



We help individuals and families struggling with the inflation - energy costs, rent, and all the normal living costs, as well as the unexpected costs such as school events, new uniforms, breakdowns. Many of our clients have full-time jobs, yet not enough funds to pay for both the essentials and food.

In 2023, we distributed over 34 tons of food, and since we opened in 2013 we have provided 250 tons of food and essential items to the deprived people in our area. We are thankful for your continued support; the generous food and essentials donations from St Andrew's Church, as well as your generous financial contributions, have helped us to provide this service and pay our costs such as insurance, running our much-needed Sprinter van and the commercial rents we must pay for our warehouse and distribution centre.

None of our foodbank 'staff' is paid; all donate their volunteer skills and personal time out of compassion and gratitude and a desire to serve fellow neighbours. They are a wonderful team of cheerful and flexible volunteers who

keep our operation running smoothly throughout the year.

Cobham Area Foodbank was chosen to be the Charity of the Year by Squires Garden Centre, and we are grateful for their support. They are organizing events throughout the year to raise funds and awareness. Look out for our collection tins and green bin when you are there.

Donations have been low since Christmas and we are currently giving out three times as much food and essentials than we receive. Consequently, the warehouse stock is diminishing quickly. The shopping list, published on social media and displayed on bins, lists the priority items we need to fill the parcels for the clients.

Do please help us again this year with prayer and your generous contributions of food, essentials, and money. Why not follow our website and social platforms where our current list of priority items is published, and you can read news and reports about our work.

Many thanks for your continuous generous help and support.

## Christing van Roest

## Mothers' Union in action...

In a moving service at Guildford Cathedral in March, MU members from around Surrey heard about the valuable work being done, as Jenny Mathieson reports ...

suppose I must have been attending the Mothers' Union Lady Day Service at the Cathedral for nearly fifty years and I've never been able to witness the procession of our banners up the aisle, accompanied by towering chords from the organ, without a huge lump in my throat.



This year was no exception, and the 27 historic banners from parishes with MU representation were presented at the High Altar (see above). The Service itself was a sung Eucharist and, unusually for this service, it included two testimonies, which were extremely interesting and moving.

## **Working in Send Prison**

Send Prison houses 280 women prisoners, and here Mothers' Union volunteers hold craft classes. Clive McKie, a Methodist Minister and Sessional Chaplain of Send Prison, has set up 'Taketime Meditations', and he uses these at Send. One prisoner asked him, "Who is Jesus – he's big in America, isn't he?" After doing a meditation course, she said, "The weird thing was that although I didn't know Him, He has always known me."

Another young woman, originally very hostile to Clive, gradually came to trust him and find faith. "I feel loved, secure, safe, held, not judged or criticised. If I mess up and talk to God about it, there is a sense of relief. I am no longer a failure."

## **Arriving with nothing**

Jane Hilton, representing the Diocesan Women's Refuges, talked about the two refuges, where often women and children arrive with nothing, having had to flee their homes very suddenly. This is where the Mothers' Union comes into the picture, with contributions collected from members to meet the needs of these families from bedding and clothes to toiletries and toys.

Ros Ebbutt-Hadman and I have been looking at the possibility of resurrecting an MU presence at St Andrew's – not a traditional 'Branch' but something relevant to today and totally inclusive. We are an organisation that is dedicated to supporting Christian family life, and that worldwide supports women among poverty and famine - so watch this space!

Ienny Mathieson

Jenny and Ros with the

St Andrew's banner

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## The Oxshott Village Trust (OVT) Blog #1

News of a new blog [definition: a regularly updated web article that provides insight into a certain topic or organisation], comes from **Hilary Dyson**...

focus today

Who are the OVT? A charity that was founded after WW2 for the benefit of the Oxshott residents.

Some of you will have seen the memorial tablet in St Andrew's Church commemorating the Canadian soldiers stationed in Oxshott during the Second World War, and who started off the Fund by leaving money before they went home to Canada.

The OVT owns the Village Centre

More information, including the new blog, can be found at: https://theoxshottvillagetrust.org.uk

consisting of the two halls and the surgery used by the Oxshott Medical Practice (OMP), all residing on Crown Estate land off Holtwood Road.

Currently, the OVT is managed by a committee of ten volunteers – three trustees & seven committee members.

OVT's focus today is to build a new surgery that will provide a modern medical facility catering for the everincreasing Oxshott population (the number of patients currently stands at 8,500), a building capable of providing not just an NHS practice, but also ancillary medical services that will enhance the well-being of the Oxshott community.

The new surgery needs to comply with the strict rules & regulations applicable to all medical buildings –

consulting room size, flow of the waiting room and the facilities required for patients, nurses, doctors, ancillary & admin personnel.

Working with the

OMP and an architect, we have agreed a design that has been put forward to Elmbridge for pre-planning – this has been passed.

The new building will be constructed alongside the existing surgery, so there will be no disruption to the existing medical services. Once the new surgery is built, the OMP will simply move from the existing one to the new facility.

An important step on the journey to create the new surgery is to convert the OVT charity to a

convert the OVT charity to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), still a charity and accountable to the Charity Commission.

The new CIO will be governed by a new constitution that has been the subject of a recent consultation

with residents. Apart from being a more modern style of charity, the CIO will enable us to reclaim VAT, thus saving some £600,000 on build costs.

The proposed new constitution was available to residents for review during February, and culminated in an Extraordinary Meeting held in the large

Hall on 18 March. The meeting was well attended, with over 100 residents in the Hall. After a wide-ranging debate, the unanimously-agreed constitution is now ready to be sent to the Charity Commission for their approval and registration.

## Who will be members?

The Oxshott Village Trust CIO is for the benefit of Oxshott residents, and the meeting agreed that the Trust is open to membership for all Oxshott residents

As to the funds required - the OVT has carefully managed their income and investments to ensure that we have a healthy fund to put into this development. We have negotiated a new 99-year lease with the Crown Estate at no lease premium, and the Crown Estate will also fund a generous 50% of the building costs.

There will be a requirement for further funds, which we will look to raise locally. The medical practice is a



The boundary map – if you are an 18+ resident within this area, you can be a member!



over the age of 18 years. The agreed map defining the Oxshott area for this purpose is shown above.

There are many steps still to progress, including appointing an architect, obtaining full planning permission and negotiating with the NHS for on-going rental for the new surgery.

vital pillar in the Oxshott community and we will be looking for all the support we can garner from you!

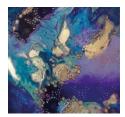
Please do visit our website for more information, via the QR code above, or https://theoxshottvillagetrust.org.uk

And you can also email us on info@theoxshottvillagetrust.org.uk if you have any queries,

Hilary Dyson













## Art & Craft

Some of our best local craftspeople and artists will be exhibiting and selling a wide range of unique work with prices to suit all pockets!

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## OXSHOTTART & CRAFTS SOCIETY

## The 'how to' of painting a portrait

OACS (Oxshott Art& Crafts Society) have been brushing up their skills in portrait painting, as explained by Miranda Fuller...

ACS have found plenty to occupy themselves this spring. As mentioned in the previous issue, we welcomed artist Sally Minns on 12 March, who gave us a colourful demo of a Portrait in oils.

Sally paints from life, rather than from photos (below and right, the artist and her portrait).

She uses a blue or green background for a portrait, as these are far more supportive of skin tones than white is, and sketches first – a charcoal study, showing tone and positioning. She does a colour sketch, too, to decide the palette she will work in, which she advises should be limited.

To help her see the tones, she squints well - or, better still, removes her glasses!





Sally paints from arms' length, to free her strokes, for which she uses square, flat brushes. She draws the main features in, with white lines, first - happily wiping them off, if any need repositioning, and, rather than measuring with pencil or brush, Sally uses her eyes (putting her glasses back on for this!). She then puts in the tones, in blocks, painting different colours over one another, without

blending them. As she then draws more detail into the picture, she stands back from time to time, to check that the positioning of the features is correct.

She then paints the background black, does some final drawing and checks, once more, the positioning of the features.

## Exhibitions...

A number of OACS members, who are also part of Molesey Art Society, took part in the MAS Spring Exhibition at the start of April, which drew and impressed a good number of visitors and made good sales. News of OACS's own Spring Art and Craft Fair, on Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 April (see page 24), will follow in the next issue.

On 14 May we look forward to welcoming back Brendan Smith, fresh from his exhibiting and demonstrating at the Mall Galleries in the 212th Annual Exhibition of the Royal Institute of Painters in Water Colours, to demonstrate for us a Landscape in Acrylic; and finally, on 11 June, Kim Page will give us our last demonstration before the summer - *Abstract Composition with Flowers in Acrylic and Collage*.

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

Miranda Fuller

## What's On in Oxshott

## May

- Thu 2 7am-10pm **Election Day**, for Surrey Police and Crime Commissioner and Elmbridge Borough Councillors *(remember to bring photo ID to the polling station)*
- Tue 7 10am Ladies Friendship Group: My Childhood Home, with coffee and biscuits, in the Small Hall, Oxshott Village Centre
- Wed 8 2.15pm The Arts Society Claremont & Oxshott: Music Recital, then 2.30pm *History of the Royal Academy*, with Rosalind Whyte, at Yehudi Menuhin School. Stoke d'Abernon
- Tue 14 7.30pm Oxshott Art & Crafts Society: Landscape, with Brendan Smith, at Oxshott Village Centre
  - 8pm Oxshott Village Women's Institute: WI Resolutions discussion, at Oxshott Village Centre
- Wed 15 8pm Cercle Français d'Esher: Berthe Morisot, with Christine Nivet, at West End Village Hall, Esher (also on zoom)
- Tue 21 2pm **Oxshott Flower Arrangement Society**: *Club Workshop*, at Oxshott Village Centre

If you would like to have details of your event listed here, let us know at magazine@standrewsoxshott.org.uk





## Flower arranging is simple...

...says Anita Lee, of Oxshott Flower Arrangement Society

ell, our first meeting of the year got us off to a great start in April with a series of colourful, simple but wonderful designs. Having now been shown how simple flower arranging can be, our next meeting on Tuesday 21 May will be a Club Workshop following a light informal lunch. The object of our workshops is to give guidance to one another while sharing ideas following a defined theme.

On 18 June we will be watching Jennifer Thompson working round a theme called *A Good Read*, sharing her

interpretation of the theme before judging the members' arrangements entitled Holidays. With the members in a holiday mood, there will then be a break of two months, re-commencing our programme on the third Tuesday of September with a demonstration called *What a Surprise* being given by Elizabeth Wait.

We are always happy to welcome guests to any of our meetings for a small entry fee of £5 where they can experience for themselves the beauty of flowers and the satisfaction of creating a design. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us to find out for more details.

Anita Lee



## Volunteer Drivers Wanted

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## Bowls and cricket are on at the club!

Oxshott Village Sports Club getting ready for summer welcome back their Bowls and Cricket members for the start of the season...



he Cricket section, this year, will be celebrating 25 years of being Maori Oxshott Cricket Club and 100 years of the original Maori club, culminating in a celebratory cricket match on Sunday 28 July.

Following promotion last season, the 1st XI cricket team will be looking to continue its winning ways, whilst the 2nd XI, with new captain James Ellis, are

aiming to gain promotion for next vear.

....and for the vounger members we have junior cricket training starting with U5-U8s on Sunday mornings going right up to U19s who are being encouraged to ioin with the senior section training and games. Please see the details (right) about the training days and when they start.

Meanwhile, in the Bowls section we have many events planned: bowls roll-up sessions. open days and social events. Bowls is a fun. sociable game that is suitable for all ages. It's a game that only takes 10 minutes to learn the basics and start enjoying the sport.

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## Maori Oxshott CC recruiting new players at all age groups for the 2024 season

Outdoor coaching provided by Rajasthan Royals Academy coaches, starting on the 23rd April:

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free taster sessions for new

where you can enjoy the sport at whatever competitive level you want. As a member you can play on the green whenever you like, weather and daylight permitting! So, if you are working from home why not come down during a break, or drop in after work for a few ends of bowls, perhaps followed by a refreshing drink on the terrace. There is no dress code apart from flat shoes; all the equipment

you need is freely provided. We also provide free coaching to get you started.

Three regular social bowls sessions are held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons. In addition, there are WhatsApp groups set up to arrange quick roll up at other times.

The season starts mid-April and finishes early October.

If you are unable to make one of our regular Open Day sessions (see panel, right), or need more information please contact oxshottbowls@gmail.com or 07747 565379.



For further details about OVSC Membership, contact the office – email office@oxshottsports.com or call 01372 843652.

Fiona Stephen

## Children's exam papers

The following real-life answers to various exam papers explain why teachers need long holidays...

What is the meaning of the word varicose?

- Close by.

Name one of the early Romans' greatest achievements.

- Learning to speak Latin.

What did Mahatma Gandhi and Genghis Khan have in common?

- Unusual names.

Name six animals which live specifically in the Arctic.

- Two polar bears. Four seals.

What is a fibula?

- A little lie

What is a nitrate?

- Cheaper than a day rate.



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## Not just jam and Jerusalem...

Oxshott Village WI members engage in a wide range of activities, as we hear from **Liz McGibbon**...

The are a group of ladies who meet on the third Tuesday of the month in Oxshott Village Centre. The meeting starts about 8pm and is usually finished by 10pm at the latest.

Over the last year we have had several new members. More members would be very welcome, so come and join us.

Each month we have a speaker covering various topics. We are not really 'Jam and Jerusalem', but do take an interest in the campaigns organised by the National Federation of WIs, and each year discuss a WI Resolution.

This year the AGM of the NFWI will be held in the Albert Hall, when members from all over England and Wales will discuss this year's Resolution – Dental Health Matters. Several members from Oxshott are looking forward to attending the debate. Speaking as someone who has been to one of these meeting before, I can tell you hearing 5,000 women singing Jerusalem is spine-tingling!



Helen Pattison's own 'Bug Friendly' artwork



Sketch of Helen Pattison by artist Sue Smith

Apart from monthly meetings, members meet up for walks, craft, lunches, bridge, book club and art.

At our art class this month Sue Smith, who leads the group, sketched our President, Helen Pattison. Helen is also very interested in stopping the Council cutting the verge outside her home and has made, and painted wooden hearts which she has put on the verge outside her house and looks forward to seeing a meadow of wild flowers there in due course.

If you would like further information about joining the WI, please contact me (lizmcgibbon@btinternet.com).

Liz McGihhon

## When Britain really did rule the waves

**Nicky Orlebar** tells us about exploring the Portsmouth Historic Dockyard with members of The Arts Society Claremont & Oxshott (ASCO)...

here was plenty to interest ASCO members during a visit to Portsmouth Historic Dockyard. With only six hours on site, members quickly dispersed around ships, museums, rope and boathouses, Action Stations in a cinema and Laser Quest – an experience to test one's skills, either flying a naval helicopter or commanding a warship. For some, their first priority was coffee high up in the Spinnaker Tower, while others queued for a harbour boat trip.

The *Mary Rose* Museum contains some truly astounding artefacts recovered from the Solent seabed, such as coins and leather bottles. These are displayed alongside the starboard remains of Henry VIII's flagship, which sank in 1545 and is now preserved with water-soluble wax.

The highlight for many was walking aboard Vice-Admiral Lord Nelson's flagship HMS Victory. Lowceilinged gun decks were crammed with cannon facing their gun ports. Hanging canvas bunks were suspended above wooden planks used as tables, with ropes holding everything in place. The ladders between decks we found particularly steep. Nelson's victory



HMS Victory – this 104-gun ship is the world's oldest naval vessel still in commission

at the Battle of Trafalgar on 21 October 1805 proved a huge turning point in Europe, allowing Britain to rule the waves for a century.

Nearby, *HMS Warrior* dates from 1861 and at the time was the largest steamengined warship in the world. Once spied in the Channel, the French under Napoleon III remained in their home waters, with the result that *Warrior* never fired a shot in anger.

Mention must be made of our local Surrey Semaphore tower. In the 1820s, towers were built within sight of each other to send or signal messages between the Admiralty in London and the fleet in Portsmouth. A surviving semaphore link can be visited on Chatley Heath opposite Wisley Gardens.

Nicky Orlebar

**Diversions** 

## Sudoku

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

Last month's solution

Answers next month

	2				1	4		6
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8		1	9 5				9	

## Think about it...

Air used to be free at the garage. Now it's £1. You know why? It's inflation.

Q: What do you call a wheel made of iron?

A: A ferrous wheel.

Yeah, it'd be good to include a joke about sodium. But then I thought Na, no one will get it.

## Spotted...

... more vandalism as art





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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. Monday-Friday, 9am-1pm (01372 842071 or office@standrewsoxshott.org.uk)

Churches Together: Suzanna Knott (01932 866951)

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

 $\textbf{Coffee Comfort:} \ \ \text{meets every 4$^{th}$ Thursday of the month, 10.15-11.45am in the church.}$ 

Contact: Jenny Mathieson (07712 032008)

Shand and Jackie Stewart

**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, Phillip Herbert, Jenny Mathieson, Rebecca Mayhew, Helen

**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)

**Lunch Club:** Meets every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, and generally appeals to people who are 60 plus. Leaders: Sheila and Phillip Herbert (01372 842301)

Music: Director of Music: Valerie Beynon (01932 863296). Organist: Nicky Orlebar Parish Funding: Parish Funding Administrator: Marjorie Cox (07730 560752)

Parochial Church Council: PCC Secretary: Vacant PCC Members: Ruth Burns, Harry Conlan, Mark Currie, Revd Patrick Davies (Associate Minister), Ros Ebbutt-Hadman (Deanery Synod), Patrick Fleming, Charlene Lamb, Rebecca Mayhew, Kirsten Penner, Jill Perrett (Deanery Synod), Steph Rustom (Deanery Synod), Freda Stephenson, Norman Steven and Adele Wright

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

**St Andrew's @4:** A monthly afternoon service in church, for everyone and especially those with primary-school aged and younger children. Contact: Revd Patrick Davies (patrick.davies@standrewsoxshott.org.uk)

**Safeguarding:** Parish Safeguarding Officer: contact via the Church Office, at safeguarding@standrewsoxshott.org.uk

Treasurer: Carl Jackson (01372 843990 or treasurer@standrewsoxshott.org.uk)

Website Editor: Contact: web@standrewsoxshott.org.uk

## **Community and Local Services**





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Telephone: 01372 844000 - Monday to Friday, 8am to 6.30pm

Website: www.oxshottmedicalpractice.nhs.uk

### **Doctors:**

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Dr Laura Peeke MBBS BSc MRCP DRCOG MRCGP PGcert (available Monday, Tuesday)

Dr Hannah Coleman MBBS MRCGP DRCOG (available Wednesday, Thursday)

Dr Esmat Abbas MBBS BSc MRCGP DRCOG DFSRH (available Thursday, Friday)

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## Oxshott and Stoke D'Abernon Ward:

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## **Councillors – Surrey County Council**

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(includes Cobham, Downside, part of Stoke D'Abernon and Oxshott, west of the railway line)
David Lewis (01932 590338 or 07771 505567 or david.lewis1@surreycc.gov.uk)

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(includes Hinchley Wood, Claygate and Oxshott, east of the railway line)
Mark Sugden (01372 463085 or 07548 244422 or mark.sugden@surreycc.gov.uk)

**Counsellor:** Fay Preston MBACP BACP-registered counsellor (01372 450742 or 07855 098995 or visit www.counselling-directory.org.uk/counsellors/fay-preston)

## Contact information for local services

## Services (continued)



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**FEDORA - the Voice for Oxshott CIC:** Chair: Anthony Wolfe (chairman@fedora.org.uk) or visit www.fedora.org.uk

Health Visitor and Cobham Health Centre: (01932 867231)

**Hospital Accident and Emergency Department (A&E):** Epsom General Hospital, Dorking Road, Epsom KT18 7EG

Meals on Wheels: Contact: The Community Support Services Team at Elmbridge Council (01372 474552 or commservices@elmbridge.gov.uk)

Osteopath: Anja Davidson MOst, Wellmead Osteopathy, Steels Lane (01372 897497 or info@wellmeadosteopathy.co.uk)

**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: Debbie Chitty (01372 841892 or ovcbookings@aol.com or visit www.oxshottvillagecentre.co.uk)

**Physiotherapist:** Leigh R. Hopper MCSP SRP, Oxshott Physiotherapy Practice, Sunridge, Fairoak Lane, Oxshott (01372 844449 or oxshottphysio@btopenworld.com)

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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, usually on 3rd Wednesday of each month, from October to June at 7.30pm, in West End Village Hall and online. Contact: Brigitte Tiller (01372 842095 or brigitte@ptiller.com) www.cerclefrancais-esher.uk
- 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 July and August). Chair: Andy Owler (01372 844152 or andyowler@aol.com) 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, Oakshade Road: Lounge bar, snooker, pool, quiz nights; music and entertainment evenings and BBQs held regularly. BT Sports. Open every evening, Saturday & Sunday from midday. Contact: Club Secretary or Stewardess (01372 842232)
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