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This month's cover, courtesy of Mark Currie, shows Love-in-a-mist (*nigella damascene*), pictured in the St Andrew's garden as part of our Count on Nature (see page 8).



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Welcome

## Bursting with joy...

Dear Friends,



If you have children (or even if you don't!) you may have watched the 2015 Disney Pixar film *Inside Out*, which follows the inner workings of the mind of Riley, a five-year-old girl, and her five emotions – Joy, Sadness, Anger, Fear and Disgust – whom we meet as characters. The more recent *Inside Out 2* picks up the story ten years later, with a teenage Riley and few more emotions added to the cast: Anxiety, Envy, Ennui and Embarrassment – even Nostalgia makes a brief appearance!

The character 'Joy' is most central to the story – and as Joy's own story progresses, she questions her ongoing purpose in Riley's life, at one point saying: "Maybe this is what happens when you grow up – you feel less joy."

As the film portrays, it's all too easy for joy to be sidelined amongst the concerns and responsibilities of adult life. Joy, however, comes to realise that amongst the growing and varied cast of Riley's emotions, she has a very important ongoing place in Riley's life.

Do we expect to find joy in the church...and not just in the children's groups?

A friend of mine, on telling his young daughter that he had been appointed to lead a church, received the baffled response: "But Dad, you're too silly to be a vicar!"

Yet, life-long joy is not only allowed, but actively encouraged in the realm of faith!

C.S. Lewis wrote that "joy is the serious business of heaven". Joy is a Fruit of the Spirit – something which God wants to grow in our lives. The Bible is filled with experiences of joy! Growing up – especially in faith – certainly doesn't mean less joy.

At St Andrew's we want to be a joyful church, bringing joy in our community. It is my hope that this Autumn, as we share and celebrate at Harvest, remember together in October and November, and expectantly wait through Advent for the 'good news of great joy' at Christmas, we will experience together a joy which is more than a simple happiness – the joy of knowing ourselves loved by God.

*Patrick*  
Vicar



## Church Services in September

- Tue 2 9am Pray Together, via zoom  
 Wed 3 11.30am Wednesdays at 11.30 (Holy Communion)  
 Sat 6 9am Saturday Prayers in the Lady Chapel  
 Sun 7 **The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**  
*Parables: The Good Samaritan*  
 10am St Andrew's at 10 All Age service, with a Baptism  
 Tue 9 9am Pray Together, via zoom  
 Wed 10 11.30am Wednesdays at 11.30 (Holy Communion)  
 Sat 13 9am Saturday Prayers in the Lady Chapel  
 Sun 14 **The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**  
*We Believe – Part 1*  
 10am St Andrew's at 10  
 4pm St Andrew's @4  
 Tue 16 9am Pray Together, via zoom  
 Wed 17 11.30am Wednesdays at 11.30 (Holy Communion)  
 Sat 20 9am Saturday Prayers in the Lady Chapel  
 Sun 21 **The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**  
*We Believe – Part 2*  
 10am St Andrew's at 10  
 Tue 23 9am Pray Together, via zoom  
 Wed 24 11.30am Wednesdays at 11.30 (Holy Communion)  
 Sat 27 9am Saturday Prayers in the Lady Chapel  
 Sun 28 **The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**  
*We Believe – Part 3*  
 10am St Andrew's at 10  
 7pm St Andrew's at 7  
 Tue 30 9am Pray Together, via zoom

### Welcome

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to join us for our  
services and prayers.

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details of everything  
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## What is the Nicene Creed?

As Christianity spread across the known world, it was found useful to write down a formal summary of core beliefs, known as a Creed (from the Latin *credo* 'I believe'). The Nicene Creed first arose from the First Council of Nicaea in 325...

The First Council of Nicaea was a council of over 200 Christian bishops convened in the city of Nicaea (now İznik, Turkey) by the Roman Emperor Constantine I. It was the first time that any attempt had been made to summon a general council of the whole church at which, at least in theory, the church in every part of the Roman Empire should be represented.

The Council met from May until the end of July 325, and among its many outcomes was the original Nicene Creed...

"For Christians, the Nicene Creed is one of the most enduring statements of faith. It unites believers across time and space in a shared confession of who God is and what he has done in Jesus Christ. It is recited week by week in worship, but it is much more than a formula; it is a declaration of faith, hope and love, binding us to the communion of saints and to Christ himself."

*Quote taken from The Church of England's booklet published in celebration of the 1,700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Nicene Creed.*

### Unpacking the Creed...

This autumn, over six weeks in our 10am services at St Andrew's Church, we will unpack together those ancient words which have been at the heart of Christian worship and faith for 1,700 years.

Join us as we discover afresh the richness of that of which we say: "We Believe..."

*Patrick Davies*

## Welcome to the Finnies!

Dean & Paula Finnie will visit us on 21 September...

Dean and Paula lead 'The Gathering' church, near Cape Town, South Africa.

We have supported them as our Mission Partners for many years, and we look forward to hearing their latest news!





# Churches Count on Nature 2025

St Andrew’s joined a nationwide initiative to capture the wonders of the natural world that live in churchyards around the UK, as **Mark Currie** reports...

Back in June, we took part in an A Rocha scheme to count and record the wonders of the natural world that live their abundant lives in the grounds of churches around the UK.



So here at St Andrew’s we had three counts of the nature that was living in our church garden and not just those critters that have made their home in our very own bug hotel (pictured above).

It was great to be joined by some of the children that attend ABC as they were much better at getting down to the ground and making friends with the mini-beasties in the garden.

I also discovered that I had a lot to learn from most of the grown-ups that joined the counts, as they helped identify a number of beautiful plants that are thriving in the wild garden behind the church.

## From the Registers



### Baptism

We welcome into God’s family:

6 July                      Spencer George Stuart Brown

My iNaturalist also helped identify a number of plants in the gardens, including some beautiful sounding plants such as the anise-scented sage, love-in-a-mist, yellow loosestrifes and the rose of Sharon.

We are keen that our garden becomes



a place where many in the community can come and relax and enjoy the natural world. Now that our building works are complete, we are thinking through how best we can make it easier for the whole parish to enjoy the wonderful space that the church has been given responsibility to nurture for the benefit of all.

Mark Currie



The rose of Sharon (*hypericum calycinum*)



Anise-scented sage (*salvia guaranitica*) and yellow loosestrifes (*lysimachia vulgaris*)



Love-in-a-mist (*nigella damascene*), with a bee doing its valuable work



Some of the mini-beasts - a black garden ant, a woodlouse and the larvae of a seven spotted ladybird.





## News & Notes

### Bags of Kindness...

In July, near the end of term, the class of Year 6 children from the Royal Kent School (RKS) delivered 'Bags of Kindness' to members of the St Andrew's Church Lunch Club (pictured below).



Having raised the funds to create these bags through a sponsored run around the school field, the children relished the opportunity to spread kindness to some older members of our community.

RKS Deputy Head Joe Blaney and Teacher Suzanne Mather noted how engaged & engaging the children were, putting both time & effort into listening to the fascinating stories being shared by the lunch guests.

So captivated were they, that they retold all they had heard on their return to school, inspired by even former England Cricket players, here in the heart of Oxshott!

### Foodbank update...

In the summer we had a successful Foodbank appeal, which filled 35 crates(!), and we also collected £820, all for our local Cobham Area Foodbank. Thank you – it makes such a difference to so many.



### The Café

After the long summer break, The Café here at St Andrew's Church reopens for a new term from 8 September.

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## The many guises of a good breakfast...

We all enjoy a good breakfast. But not all breakfasts are the same, as we discovered from **Ruth Burns**...

**O**n the first Sunday in July a great Breakfast for Breakfasts™ was held at St Andrew's Oxshott (right), before the morning service. We enjoyed a lovely feast of fruit, muesli and yoghurt, together with pastries from Munch and Wiggles.



The GRCT trustees are very grateful to the St Andrew's for their continued generosity and for all the individual contributions that morning, which helped raise £1,800 to fund e'Pap breakfasts for children.

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### Join us for Breakfast!

The next Oxshott event is an all-day Breakfast for Breakfasts at Longstead, Sheath Lane on Saturday 27 September. Pop in anytime between 10am and 3pm to learn more about our work over a breakfast filled roll and a coffee.

If you are not able to make it to an event and want to know more, do have a look at our website at [www.grct.org.uk](http://www.grct.org.uk)

*Ruth Burns*

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## Oxshott Medical Practice

### Patient Participation Group (PPG)



### Understanding autism

The talk on understanding autism will be given by Emma Whitfield, who has been a volunteer with the National Autistic Society Surrey Branch for over 20 years and is the mum of an autistic young man

The Branch is a parent-to-parent support group run by volunteers who are parents of autistic children or adults, or who have autism themselves

They offer local and online support groups, talks, workshops and activities for parents and carers whose family include someone with autism. There are specific groups for: parents of autistic children; autistic girls; parents of autistic adults; spouses/partners of autistic people and parents/carers of those with Pathological Demand Avoidance

### Topics covered will include

- Autism myth-busting
- What autism is
- Challenges some autistic people may face
- How you can help autistic people
- Top tips



**Date: Thursday 25 September at 6pm**

**Location: St Andrew's Church hall**

**Oakshade Road KT22 0LE**



## Mary Elizabeth Hilborne 1931-2025

The lovely Mary Hilborne passed away earlier this year, and we invited her long-standing friend **Margaret North** to look back at Mary's long life...

**M**y earliest memory of Mary was as we both waited for the bus bringing our daughters home from school - it was the start of conversations which persisted for more than 40 years. We were kindred spirits in many ways, not least the fact that both of us were social workers in the mental health field and we were 'only children': we each had 3 children and actually lived during all those years just round the corner.

I recall a very busy lady, with a demanding full-time job, whilst running her home, at one point caring for her elderly father-in-law, engaging fully in the activities of her church, St Andrew's Oxshott, and doing lots of other things connected with her strong Christian faith. For many years she was a Pastoral Assistant at St Andrew's: she was part of the weekly Bible Groups, she would read the lesson, she would organise 'away weekends' (Retreats) and each year was a fervent organiser of collections for Christian Aid. On a more academic front she attended courses relating to religious history at Birkbeck College, London and to my amazement even managed to write essays!

Mary and her husband Derek were keen walkers, most usually covering long stretches at Polesden Lacey. At a more modest level, she often joined me dog-walking on Oxshott Heath, with what became further conversation opportunities. With Derek she took part each week in Scottish dancing. They were ardent campers with their foldaway caravan and at quite a mature age embarked on cycling tours in France and The Netherlands, which really did impress. I also remember Mary would swim regularly at the nearby Reed's School pool. She always demonstrated a lot of energy, until more recent years, when health problems sadly began to impact.

Our shared interests were invariably current affairs and social issues, with countless discussions on issues we had either read about or heard on the radio. The theatre and drama were hugely important to her; she enjoyed music, read avidly and always the daily papers. I have lovely memories of attending the Proms and visits to the Orange Theatre with Mary and Derek. She loved Shakespeare, and took great pleasure in sharing readings with both friends and family.

Reflecting on the vibrant personality that was the Mary I first knew, her patient uncomplaining demeanour when her health caused life to become extremely limiting, filled me with admiration; she seemed to have an inner calm, an acceptance. I never once heard her utter any word of complaint and I was always greeted with her lovely smile. We never discussed it, but I do believe that it was her unwavering Christian faith that sustained her during those final years. Mary was my very dear friend, whose presence and support I shall always miss.

*Margaret North*

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## Aspects of France...

Esher Franch Circle concluded its 2024-25 season with two talks from regular lecturers on aspects of French life, culture and history, as **Peter Prowse** reports...

**D**anielle John's talk to Esher French Circle on 21 May explored the world of disappearing jobs in France. Danielle recalled how in her childhood village, local washerwomen, mattress-stuffers, umbrella-repairers, and even itinerant knife-sharpeners and pot-menders were all part of everyday life.

Today, many such skills would be at risk of disappearing completely, if it were not for pockets of dedicated enthusiasts who work hard to keep some of these traditional jobs alive.



A telephone operator, a knife sharpener, village washerwomen and an umbrella repairer...

Our talk on 18 June was on Ernest Hébert (1817-1908), the French painter, by our regular speaker Thierry Viennois.

Born in Grenoble during the Romantic period, Hébert (*right*) started painting just as the new school of Realism was taking hold. After classical training at the École des Beaux-Arts in Paris, he rose to fame with *La Mal'aria* at the Salon of 1850.

Sought after for his portraits of Parisian high society, Hébert was an engaging, cultured, and music-loving man and his sociable temperament earned him lasting friendships with many personalities.

### Interested in French language and culture?

Esher French Circle offers monthly talks – in French – by native or fluent French speakers, for anybody interested in keeping up or improving their French; there is ample opportunity to mingle and chat over refreshments before the talk starts at 7.30pm. These take place in West End Village Hall, Esher, and online.

After its summer break, Esher French Circle will start its 2025-26 programme on Wednesday, 15 October. We warmly welcome anybody with an interest in France and French life, whatever their level of knowledge of the language - see [www.cerclefrançais-esher.uk](http://www.cerclefrançais-esher.uk)



Peter Prowse



## Flowers for a summer's day

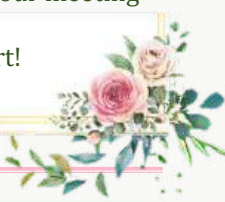
**O**xshott Flower Arrangement Society (OFAS) was delighted to be able to take part in the Cobham One Summer Day event on 22 June. With us at our stall we were pleased to have one of our professional demonstrators, who produced several lovely arrangements of summer flowers while passers-by looked on. This showcased what the Society does each month at our meetings.

We hope that this might inspire people to come along to an OFAS meeting themselves and try their own hand in flower arranging.

Our meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, at 2pm, at Oxshott Village Centre. There are no meetings in July and August, so join us at our meeting on 16 September.

Everyone is welcome to come along – you don't need to be an expert! Contact Anita Lee at [leea8971@gmail.com](mailto:leea8971@gmail.com) for further details.

Anita Lee



## What's On in Oxshott



### September

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|-----|----|--|
| Tue | 2  | 10am <b>Ladies Friendship Group:</b> <i>My Favourite Television Programme</i> , with coffee, chat and biscuits, in the Small Hall, Oxshott Village Centre  |
| Tue | 9  | 7.30pm-9.30pm <b>Oxshott &amp; Cobham Art &amp; Crafts Society:</b> <i>Autumn Woodland Scene</i> in watercolours, with Karen Pearson, at Oxshott Village Centre  |
| Wed | 10 | 2.15pm <b>The Arts Society Claremont &amp; Oxshott:</b> Music Recital, then 2.30pm <i>William Powell Frith and Paintings of the Victorian Crowd</i> , with Alan Read, at Yehudi Menuhin School, Stoke d'Abernon  |
| Sat | 13 | 10am-12.30pm <b>Oxshott Net Zero Repair Café</b> at St Andrew's Church hall, Oakshade Road   |
| Tue | 16 | 2pm <b>Oxshott Flower Arrangement Society:</b> <i>Rethink, Retitle &amp; Reuse</i> , with Carol Ferris, at Oxshott Village Centre<br>8pm <b>Oxshott Village Women's Institute:</b> <i>The History of Punch &amp; Judy</i> , with Gary Miles, at Oxshott Village Centre |
| Thu | 25 | 6pm <b>Oxshott Medical Practice Patient Participation Group:</b> Understanding autism, with Emma Whitfield, at St Andrew's Church hall, Oakshade Road  |
| Sat | 27 | 10am-3pm <b>Garden Route Children's Trust All-day Breakfast</b> , at Longstead, Sheath Lane ( <i>see page 14</i> )   |

If you would like to have details of your event listed here, let us know at [oxshottmagazine@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:oxshottmagazine@yahoo.co.uk)



## Proposals for Green Belt developments

The Green Belt continues to be a hot topic locally, as **Ian Dilks**, a Director of FEDORA - The Voice for Oxshott, reports...

**B**ack in June, I explained why the Green Belt sites around Oxshott are under threat of development. The two principal reasons are i) changes in central government policy to promote more home building, in particular the redesignation of some Green Belt as Grey Belt which can be built on; and ii) that Elmbridge does not have an approved Local Plan which would act as a defence against speculative development applications.

FEDORA has created a section on its website to keep people updated on developments. This includes the policy on the role FEDORA will play. Go to <https://fedora.org.uk/green-belt/>

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The Voice for Oxshott

FEDORA members and supporters also receive regular email updates.

### Two key local proposals

Two sites are currently in play, and developments of the scale proposed would place a burden on already stretched infrastructure.

The outline application to develop the site in Stoke D'Abernon known as The Paddocks is now under consideration by Elmbridge planning officials and we should know their recommendations to councillors in the next few weeks.

Less well known and visible is the site of 23 hectares (57 acres) at Clouds Hill Farm to the south of Oxshott (*see map opposite*). The initial proposal was for half of this to be designated a Suitable Alternative Natural Green Space (SANG) and half developed to accommodate 250/300 new homes of which half will be "affordable".

### Planning-speak

#### SANG:

A Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace (SANG) is a designated area of green, open space designed to reduce the recreational impact of new housing developments on protected natural area.

An application for the SANG was provisionally approved earlier this year; as we go to press, we are expecting to see an outline application for the housing development shortly.

A development of this scale, in addition to other approved developments, would have a significant impact on road safety and air quality affecting all residents. FEDORA is therefore leading the approach to these concerns and has employed an independent traffic consultant. We have also met

with and offered to support several residents who have concerns about the

A map of the Clouds Hill Farm site...



Image: Fairmile Homes

development and its impact on the local community. They are currently considering what approach they wish to take.

### Do join us!

Becoming a member of FEDORA will provide you with updates on progress and guidance on how you might respond - and provide FEDORA with the support it needs to best represent the interests of Oxshott residents.

You can become a member at [fedora.org.uk/membership/](https://fedora.org.uk/membership/)

### Save the date!

#### AGM:

FEDORA's AGM will be held on Monday 6 October at the Royal Kent School, Oakshade Road, at 7pm.

Ian Dilks





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## Round & About



Please note the revised date and place for this month's Repair Café (and see page 28):

**13 September at St Andrew's Church**

**Oxshott Choral Society** start their new season on 10 September (see details opposite).

They will be welcoming their new musical director, Avi Taler, an Israeli-born conductor and choral director with a strong passion for community music-making.

He studied at the Buchmann-Mehta School of Music in Tel Aviv and the Royal College of Music in London.



Avi (left) is passionate about fostering a love for singing, bringing warmth, energy, and musical insight to rehearsals.

OCS are looking forward to him building on their traditions of joyful, inclusive music-making.

He writes, "It's a true honour to step into this role after such a long and meaningful chapter in the Society's history. I already feel the warmth and dedication of this group, and I'm excited to grow our musical journey together".

### Elmbridge Policing Forum

Elmbridge residents have been invited to attend the Elmbridge Policing Forum on Wednesday 10 September at 6.30pm – 8pm at Cobham Rugby Club, Fairmile Lane, Cobham.

The Elmbridge Borough Commander, Inspector Chris Thoday will be giving a short presentation on Policing in Elmbridge, and will then take questions from members of the public.



### A Rocha UK's Easy Eco Tips 2025 Calendar

## SEPTEMBER

The **Season of Creation** (1 September – 4 October) is dedicated to God as the creator and sustainer of all life. During this period of the church calendar, many churches celebrate Harvest, thanking God for His provision through the land and food that is grown.

It's a time when churches and congregations are called to pay special attention to the responsibility of humanity for the Earth and all that lives upon it, and to pray for our world.

Explore A Rocha UK's season of creation resources at: [arocha.org.uk/what-we-do/season-of-creation](http://arocha.org.uk/what-we-do/season-of-creation).





## Art & Crafts is thriving!

With a new name and plenty going on, there is plenty to appreciate in the Art & Crafts world, as **Miranda Fuller** reports...

Readers may already have spotted a change in our logo. To broaden our reach and in recognition of those members who live in Cobham, we are now the Oxshott and Cobham Art and Crafts Society (or OCACS)

Members have made good use of the extraordinarily good weather that this summer has produced, with holiday sketch books, local *plein air* days out and participation by some in the Molesey Towpath exhibition.

Before breaking for the summer, we enjoyed two excellent demonstrations of coastal scenes, by very popular artists Chris Forsey and Brendan Smith. Shown here (*opposite*) are their finished paintings – the first, Chris's mixed media painting of Kingswear, on the Devon coast, and the second, Brendan's watercolour painting of Mevagissy harbour.

Our demonstration for the start of the autumn term, details of which will be shown in the following issue, will be *An Autumn Woodland Scene* in watercolour, by



Our **Kneeler of the month** this month features the Oxshott Art & Crafts Society (OACS - now recently renamed OCACS, as above), with a depiction of pottery and an artist's palette and palette knife.

The kneeler was made by Lavender Martin, whose husband Philip was a painter and an active member of OACS, and indeed was their Secretary for some time. As usual,

Lavender's initials and the year are shown on one side of the kneeler: LM2000

Lavender and Philip lived in Clock House Mead, off Steels Lane, for 48 years!



Our Autumn workshop, 'Printmaking with Collage' by Vicky Oldfield, will take place on Saturday 25 October.

And on 11 November Christine Hopkins is returning, to demonstrate an Urban Landscape in mixed media.

Our Denbies exhibition, later this year than usual, will be from Monday 24 to Sunday 30 November - further details will follow.

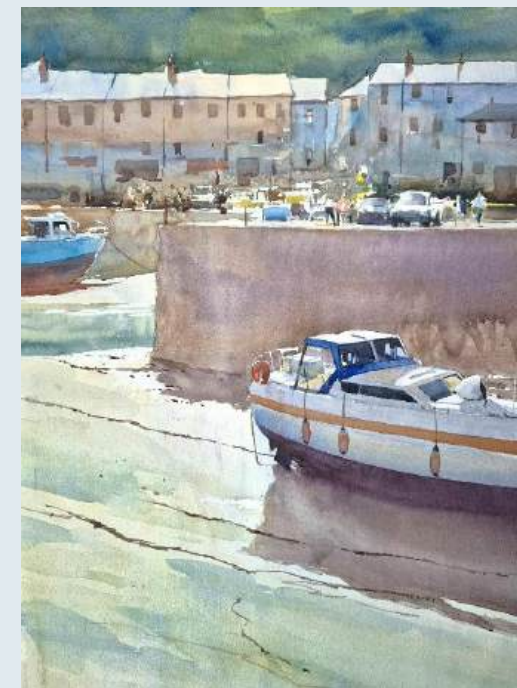
Our demonstrations are friendly and informal and take place at the Oxshott Village Centre on the second Tuesday of the month from 7.30 to 9.30pm - details on our website: [oxshottartandcrafts.org](http://oxshottartandcrafts.org) Non-members are always welcome to attend, regardless of experience or expertise, for a fee of £5.

Miranda Fuller

Karen Pearson, on 9 September.

A collective group of six local artists, called 'The Colourists', formed this year and including some members of the Society, will be holding their debut exhibition from 1-5 October at the Robert Phillips Gallery, Riverhouse Barn, in Walton-on-Thames.

On 14 October we will welcome back Kim Page, to give us an *Abstract Flower Composition* in acrylic and collage.





## Humorous pursuits of the Repair Café

'Saving the Planet One Darned Jumper at a Time': **Ann Forrest**, Oxshott Repair Café volunteer, gives her perspective of this thriving local initiative...

**A**h, volunteering. The noble act of giving one's time and effort to help others – often associated with images of people donning charity shop aprons, or delivering meals on wheels with an obligatory smile.

But hold onto your hats and broken clocks, folks, because we're about to take a detour down the road less travelled. Welcome to the world of Repair Cafés – a utopia of tinkering, tea, and triumph over trash.

Picture this: a bustling hub where the sound of clicking cogs and whirring drills is serenaded by the soft hum of conversation.

Here, seasoned menders – often of the more 'experienced' generation who actually remember a time when things were built to last – bestow their wisdom on the masses.

Often armed with little more than screwdrivers, glue, and a steely determination, these heroes tackle everything from faulty fuses to fractured furniture.

It's a lot like that popular TV show *The Repair Shop*, but with a twist: it's all about the everyday items that life has a habit of breaking. Bring in your broken toasters, moth-eaten jumpers, and even punctured bike tires – no task is too trivial.

And if you think it's just about fixing stuff, think again! We weigh each and every repaired item to keep track of how much we've diverted from the landfill – giving Mother Earth a much-needed break as part of the Net Zero initiative.

Fancy some more examples? We often put new batteries in clocks or give the contacts a good clean so they tick-tock like new. Got a garden tool that's gone blunt? We'll sharpen it to a gleaming edge. Teddies in need of a little TLC? We'll sew their arms and legs back on, making them hug-worthy once more.

But it's not just about the repair work – oh no. This is a proper café too, where you can sip on a hot cup of tea or coffee and munch on a slice of cake while waiting. It's the perfect environment to learn that you don't always have to throw things away. It's a new way of thinking, harking back to the old ways. Save the planet one darned jumper at a time!

And yes, sometimes we do have to admit defeat. If something's too valuable – such as a precious piece of jewellery or an antique clock – we advise you to send it



Yes, that's  
how we can  
fix it...

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Repair Café



Revised  
date and place for  
September Repair Café!  
**September 13<sup>th</sup>**  
at  
**St Andrew's Church**  
**Oxshott**



I'm back!

off to the pros. We don't risk ruining such treasures. But most things, once cleaned up and given a bit of TLC, spring back to life. All this? Completely free of charge. Donations are welcomed, of course, but we're just happy to pass our skills on to others and teach them how to do their own simple repairs.

And in case you thought this was just a local phenomenon, think again! Repair Cafés are part of a national and global network, with kindred spirits patching up broken bits and bobs all over the world. And it's growing! So next time you find yourself with a broken toaster or a sad-looking teddy, don't throw it away. Head down to your local Repair Café. You'll be helping to save the planet one small step at a time.

*Ann Forrest*



### What is Oxshott Net Zero?

Oxshott Net Zero is the umbrella name for a number of local initiatives that aim to reduce our carbon emissions. The Repair Café is one of these – but look out for more! [www.oxshottnetzero.org.uk](http://www.oxshottnetzero.org.uk)

## Oxshott Village Sports Club summer round-up

Plenty of fun and competition at OVSC this summer, as **Sarah Murphy** reports...

**T**he club has enjoyed a busy summer of sport helped by blue skies and hot, long, sunny days. And it was shorts and T-shirt weather all the way for the annual Pétanque Business League, which started in June.

Weekly matches, over five weeks, culminated in a finals evening; the Maori Oxshott Cricket Club (*right*) entered a team for the first time this year and showed all their skill and guile over the weeks to take first place, knocking the CGI team (*top*) into second place for the first time in a few years!

Fortunately, the cricket teams, sponsored by Curchods estate agents and





the Victoria Pub in Oxshott, have also been performing on the cricket field. The newly-formed 3rd team have so far won every match in their league and are looking for promotion with a 100% winning record. The team is proving to be a fantastic platform for some of the younger cricketers to step up and play league cricket.

Both the 1st and 2nd teams are also enjoying some spectacularly competitive games. With only one match so far cancelled due to the weather, let's hope it continues to the end of the season.

A blistering hot day at the end of June saw the Tennis and Padel Tennis Finals take place (*pictures below*). It was a day for BBQs, hunting out shade and drinking Pimm's whilst watching some fabulously competitive



matches! In the tennis it was particularly encouraging to see some of the younger members competing and reaching the tennis finals with Matthew Lisbey, at only 14 years old, taking victory from Jonnie Gabriel in the Men's singles. Both also featured in the Men's doubles where Jonnie, with partner Chris Bedford, sought revenge and won a closely contested match against Matthew who teamed up with his twin brother Michael.

We've had

activities galore throughout the summer, including hosting the Surrey Tennis Finals, which brought players from all over the county to compete in their finals, Bridge summer lunch, Cricket President's Day, junior tennis and squash camps, BBQs and pizza evenings. As we head towards the late summer, we have already started with netball trials in preparation for the new season.

So, if you would like to get involved in the club just get in touch. Contact the office – email [office@oxshottsports.com](mailto:office@oxshottsports.com) or phone 01372843652.

Sarah Murphy

## Royal Tunbridge Wells

Members of ASCO (The Arts Society of Claremont & Oxshott) discovered medicinal waters and fine buildings in the town Princess Victoria loved to visit, as described by **Nicky Orlebar**...

An Arts Society coach group arrived in Royal Tunbridge Wells, eager to explore this historic spa town in the Weald of Kent. Our Blue Badge guide soon joined us for coffee along The Pantiles. This attractive white colonnaded walkway - previously known as Upper Walk - is above the former High Street where in bygone times, local gentry could promenade and be seen. Some four hundred years later, today's shoppers enjoy the boutiques and cafés.

The word 'pantiles' derives from the tiles baked in a pan before being used to pave the walks.

At one end of The Pantiles is the Chalybeate Spring (pronounced Chayley-beat), discovered in 1606. Over the centuries, those seeking a medicinal cure would visit the town to drink the water, which was thought to contain iron and still bubbles away today. Soon, attractive Georgian, Regency and Victorian houses were built, many of the latter designed by Decimus Burton.

Our guide explained that Tunbridge was given the Royal prefix because Edward VII knew his late mother Queen Victoria had enjoyed her visits to the town.

Entering the Church of King Charles the Martyr (some saw the execution of Charles I as a martyrdom), the dark pews contrasted with the cream paintwork. Above us, the exceptional ceiling of shallow domes was designed in 1679 by none other than Sir Christopher Wren's chief plasterer. With rows of round-topped, plain glass windows, the Grade 1 listed church is called the jewel of the Pantiles. In the upper gallery, a plaque indicates where the young Princess Victoria sat for services.

Our guide next led us to The Grove, the oldest park in Royal Tunbridge Wells, dating from 1703. With mature birch, oak and beech trees surrounding a bandstand, the open space is appreciated as a pleasant retreat from the bustle of The Pantiles.



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Nicky Orlebar



# Sudoku

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Last month's solution

Answers  
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## Think about it...

What happens when winter arrives? Autumn leaves.

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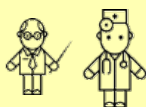


- ABC:** Adults, Babies and young Children - group for babies, young children, and their parents or carers. Contact: Patrick & Belinda Davies (abc@standrewsoxshott.org.uk)
- Children and Young People:** Younger children meet separately for their own activities during part of our Sunday service at 10am in term time.  
See also **St Andrew's @4** (below). For weekday events, see **ABC** (above).  
Contact: Revd Patrick Davies (patrick.davies@standrewsoxshott.org.uk)
- Church Hall:** Contact: for bookings, contact the Church Office (01372 842071)
- Church Office:** Church Administrator: Claire Costard; Assistant: Rowena Osman-Robertson.  
Tuesday-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)
- 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: Claire Costard (electoral.roll@standrewsoxshott.org.uk)
- Lay Assistants:** Barbara Begley, 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)
- 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)
- Mission Partners:** Contact: Mark Currie (mission.partnering@standrewsoxshott.org.uk)
- Music:** Director of Music: Valerie Beynon (01932 863296). Organist: Nicky Orlebar
- Parish Funding:** Parish Funding Administrator: Marjorie Cox (07730 560752)
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- 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)
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### Councillors – Elmbridge Borough Council

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Corinne Sterry (07976 575662 or [csterry@elmbridge.gov.uk](mailto:csterry@elmbridge.gov.uk))

Alan Parker (07917 521069 or [alanparker.oxshott@gmail.com](mailto:alanparker.oxshott@gmail.com))

### Councillors – Surrey County Council

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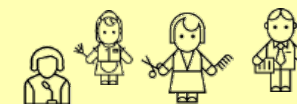
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**Foodbank:** Cobham Area Foodbank, serves Cobham, Oxshott, Stoke D'Abernon, the Horsleys and Effingham (01932 450282 or [manager@cobhamarea.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:manager@cobhamarea.foodbank.org.uk)) Website: [cobhamarea.foodbank.org.uk](http://cobhamarea.foodbank.org.uk)

**Health Visitor:** Surrey Child and Family Health visiting team, supporting you from the birth of your baby up until they go to school (0300 247 0025 or [scfh.contact@hrcgcaregroup.com](mailto:scfh.contact@hrcgcaregroup.com))

**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](mailto:commservices@elmbridge.gov.uk))

**Osteopath:** Anja Davidson MSt, Wellmead Osteopathy, Steels Lane (01372 897497 or [info@wellmeadosteopathy.co.uk](mailto:info@wellmeadosteopathy.co.uk))

**Oxshott Care:** Local Voluntary Help providing transport to medical, dental and hospital appointments. Call 07950 478329 Monday to Friday 9am to 12 noon. Leave message at other times.

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

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

**Police: Elmbridge:** Sergeants Nick Reynolds and Ollie Hayhoe

**Cobham & Oxshott:** NSO (Neighbourhood Specialist Officer) PC Matt Cramp

**Police Station:** Elmbridge Borough Council, Civic Centre, High Street, Esher, Surrey KT10 9SD ([elmbridge@surrey.pnn.police.uk](mailto:elmbridge@surrey.pnn.police.uk))

**To report a crime or incident**, call 101, the number for all non-urgent calls

**In a genuine emergency**, requiring urgent police attendance, call 999

**Patient Participation Group (PPG):** Patients, carers and GP practice staff who meet to discuss local practice issues. Contact: Oxshott Medical Practice (01372 844000)

**Royal Kent School**, Oakshade Road, Oxshott, Surrey KT22 0LE Church of England Primary School, ages 4 to 11. Ladybird Nursery preschool, ages 2-4. For admission details, please contact the School Office. **Headteacher:** Vanessa Cooper. **Deputy Headteacher:** Joe Blaney. **Chair of Governors:** David Young. **Contact:** School Office (01372 842495 or [office@royal-kent.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:office@royal-kent.surrey.sch.uk))

**SSAFA:** Leading national charity helping members and ex-members of the Armed Forces and their families (0204 566 9126 or visit [www.ssafa.org.uk/surrey](http://www.ssafa.org.uk/surrey))

**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))

**Voluntary Action Central Surrey:** Supporting the voluntary sector. Contact: Elmbridge Volunteer Centre, No.1, The Quintet, Charities House, Churchfield Road, Walton on Thames, KT12 2TZ (01372 722911 or visit [www.centralsurreyvoluntaryaction.co.uk](http://www.centralsurreyvoluntaryaction.co.uk))



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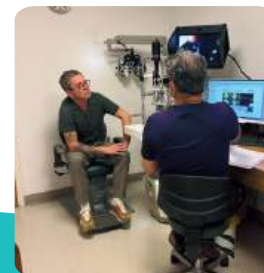
## Local Clubs & Societies



- 1st Oxshott Scouts:** Meetings: Squirrels (Fridays 4.30-5.30pm), Beavers (Mondays 5.30-6.45pm), Cubs (Mondays 6-7.30pm), Scouts (Mondays 7-8.30pm), Explorers (Mondays 7.45-9.15pm) (oxshottscoutgroup@gmail.com) [www.oxshott-scouts.org](http://www.oxshott-scouts.org)
- Girlguiding Oxshott:** Meetings: Rainbows (girls aged 4-7: Tuesdays 4.15-5.30pm), Brownies (7-10: Tuesdays 5.45-7.15pm, Wednesdays 5.30-7pm), 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](mailto:brigitte@ptiller.com)) [www.cerclefrancais-esher.uk](http://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](http://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](mailto:geoffdot@ntlworld.com)) or Ashok Patel (07977 103436 or [ashokdivya@aol.com](mailto: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](http://www.oxshottchoral.org.uk)
- 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](mailto:andyowler@aol.com)) Secretary: Anita Lee (07979 804668 or [leea8971@gmail.com](mailto:leea8971@gmail.com))
- Oxshott Net Zero:** Oxshott residents working to reduce our carbon emissions. Full details and contact via the website ([www.oxshottnetzero.org.uk](http://www.oxshottnetzero.org.uk))
- 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](mailto:office@oxshottsports.com))
- Political Parties: Cobham, Oxshott & Stoke d'Abernon Conservatives:** Chair: Katerina Lusk (07934 296302 or [k.lusk2605@gmail.com](mailto:k.lusk2605@gmail.com))
- Cobham, Downside, Oxshott and Stoke Labour Party:** Secretary: Dan Parks (07860 677898 or [codslabourbranch@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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)
- 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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