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## A Growing Team at St Andrew's

*Dear Friends,*

I am really pleased to share some good news; the team at St Andrew's is growing!

Having spent some time with us during the final year of his ordination training, we are so pleased that **David Boothby** will be staying at St Andrew's and becoming our **Curate**, for up to four years from his ordination as a Deacon at Guildford Cathedral on Sunday 28 June. It is a real joy to welcome David on a longer-term basis, into the next phase of his training. If you haven't met David, I hope you will have the opportunity to do so as he makes St Andrew's his home for the coming years.



And, as those who were able to join our Annual Meeting (APCM) will already know, this summer we also look forward to welcoming **Lyn Turner**, our new **Youth and Children's Minister**, who begins her role towards the end of August. We have been encouraged with the growth of young people in church in recent years, and are excited to see this develop with Lyn's leadership.

Jesus often used the image of growth as a sign of health – healthy plants grow, bear fruit, and set seed, which go on to grow more plants. Yet, a plant cannot grow if it is cut off from its roots. So too, our growth as individuals, and as a church community, depends on our connection to Jesus – 'the true vine', as he describes himself in John 15.

Ultimately, it is not our buildings, services, activities, numbers, or even our wonderful new team members that will enable St Andrew's to flourish; it is Jesus, and our connection with him.

So, whether you have been part of St Andrew's for decades, or are simply curious and considering joining for the first time – as we give thanks for David, and for Lyn, let's put our roots deep down into prayer, worship, and God's word, through which we find Jesus - the true vine – the root of all life and growth.

*Patrick*  
Vicar



## Church Services in June

Mon	1	The Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth
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	<b>The First Sunday after Trinity</b> 10am St Andrew's at 10
Tue	9	9am Pray Together, via zoom
Wed	10	11.30am Wednesdays at 11.30 (Holy Communion)
Thu	11	Barnabas the Apostle
Sat	13	9am Saturday Prayers, in the Lady Chapel
Sun	14	<b>The Second Sunday after Trinity</b> 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	<b>The Third Sunday after Trinity</b> 10am St Andrew's at 10 2pm Baptism service
Tue	23	9am Pray Together, via zoom
Wed	24	The Birth of John the Baptist 11.30am Wednesdays at 11.30 (Holy Communion)
Sat	27	9am Saturday Prayers, in the Lady Chapel
Sun	28	<b>The Fourth Sunday after Trinity</b> 8am Said service of Holy Communion 10am Service of the Word 7pm St Andrew's at 7
Mon	29	Peter and Paul, Apostles
Tue	30	9am Pray Together, via zoom



### Welcome

You are very welcome to join us for our services and prayers

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## News & Notes

### Sponsoring Mark...



You will know from last month's Magazine that Mark Currie is again cycling during

Christian Aid Week. As we go to press, he is tackling his ride around the English cathedrals, planning to visit eight in just three days (11-13 May).

You can still sponsor Mark, and see his progress, at his Just Giving Page – use the QR code:

[Mark Currie's JustGiving Page](#)



### Our June appeal...

It's June again - and throughout the month, for the third year running,



St Andrew's Church is organising a special community collection to help fill the empty shelves at the Foodbank warehouse.

After the previous special appeals, we sent over 30 crates of food and other essential items to the Foodbank, along with financial donations. Can we match, or even exceed that, this year?

Any non-perishable food donation is welcome – a drop off point and lists of particular stocks that are required will be available in church, or even better, check the website or download the BanktheFood app!

And in this month's Magazine, Michael Flaxman gives us the full inside story on our local Foodbank – [see pages 14 -15](#).



1998 JFA

Our **Kneeler of the month** features Churches Together (CT), a national initiative founded in 1990 that encourages churches from a wide range of traditions to work together in unity.

The kneeler was made by Janice Aslin, who was our CT representative for a few years; note the date and her initials: 1998 JFA.



In particular, it celebrates Churches Together in Cobham, Oxshott and Stoke D'Abernon, which has seven member churches, including Cobham United Church, all three Anglican parish churches and the Roman Catholic Sacred Heart in Cobham. These work together on various local initiatives. Every kneeler has its story.

# News & Notes



## Heavenly music

A trip up to town for Evensong...

On 27 April at 5pm, some friends from St Andrew's Church arrived at Westminster Abbey for Evensong.

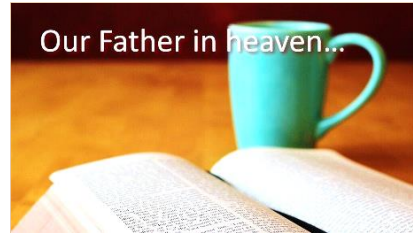
They had come to listen to Jacob Costard (son of our Parish Administrator, Claire) playing the mighty Harrison & Harrison five manual organ.

Jacob is not only an organ scholar at Clare College, Cambridge, but is also reading Theology there. As we glanced up at the towering vault of the ceiling and the outstanding stained glass, we sat listening to the sound of Jacob's organ Voluntary at the beginning of the service. He then sang with the Clare College choir leaving a fellow organist on the organ bench.

We so look forward to hearing Jacob play again, perhaps in the same historic setting.

*Nicky Orlebar*

Our Father in heaven...



## Pray Together

Join us every Tuesday, from 9am to 9.30am, on zoom

Would you like to delve a little deeper into the Bible?

Join us for a short time of Bible reading, reflection and prayer, every Tuesday from 9am to 9.30am.

To join, just click on the link on the front page of the church website: Pray Together is listed under Coming Events.

We look forward to seeing you!

## What about the money?

At our recent APCM (our equivalent of an AGM) back in March, we naturally talked about the money side of St Andrew's. And it became clear that some key points are not well understood! So, for example:



1. St Andrew's Church, Oxshott is a stand-alone registered charity (No. 1128379), so the Report and Accounts are submitted to the Charity Commission as well as to Guildford Diocese. Parochial Church Council (PCC) members are the Trustees of the charity.
2. On average, it costs about £250,000 to run St Andrew's each year, apart from major developments. This figure includes: running costs (for example, the costs of running the building, insurance, staff costs, etc.); our payment to Guildford Diocese of £100,000 each year (who in turn fund the Vicar's salary and the vicarage, and (for example) poorer parishes); and giving away about £30,000 to other charitable organisations each year.
3. So not only do we get no money from 'head office' or government, but we pay them!
4. Over 80% of our income comes from the local church community, by way of gifts and legacies. We can also apply for grants, like any other local organisation, for specific purposes.

Hopefully this explains some of the main elements of our finances.

## St Alban – British martyr under the Romans

In our occasional series on Saints' Days celebrated by the Church, this month we look at a comparatively local example...

On 22 June the Church remembers St Alban, who was put to death on that day in AD 250, on the site of the town in Hertfordshire that now bears his name and has a splendid cathedral that houses his shrine.

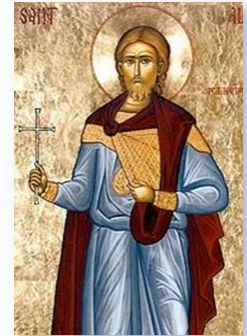
Christianity was struggling to survive in third century Britain under Roman rule. In the middle of the century there were two periods of specific and ruthless persecution. During one of these Alban, who was not a Christian himself, gave shelter to a Christian priest who was being hunted down by the authorities.

During his stay with Alban, the priest greatly impressed him with the depth and integrity of his faith, and he sought instruction and then baptism. Eventually, however, the soldiers tracked the priest down - and he would have been taken away and killed.

### Promoting a banned religion...

Alban, however, put on the priest's robes, so that when the soldiers arrived they assumed that he was their prey. The priest was able to continue his ministry, but Alban was taken away, interrogated and eventually charged with promoting a banned religion. All through, he refused to say anything that could implicate anyone else, but (according to an account by the Venerable Bede) boldly confessed his faith in Christ. He was tried, sentenced to death, and executed.

He is widely recognised as the first British martyr, though two Christians were martyred in Wales during the same persecutions. Alban's body was buried near the site of the present town and later became a major place of pilgrimage.



## From the Registers



### Funeral

*We offer our condolences to the family and friends of:*

1 May Heather Anne Cook (died 9 April 2026, aged 82)

### Burial of Ashes

*We remember in our prayers:*

19 April Gwendoline Bullen (died 14 December 2025, aged 87)

26 April Peter Denis Macey (died 28 August 2025, aged 89)

**Mouse Makes**

"May the grace of the Lord **JESUS CHRIST** and the love of **GOD** and the fellowship of the **HOLY SPIRIT** be with you all."

2 Corinthians 13:14

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## Simon Alexander Moffat 1952-2026

We celebrate the life of Simon Moffat, who sadly passed away earlier this year, a few years after the passing of his wife Carina...

Simon and Carina arrived in Oxshott in 1985 and threw themselves into the community and the life of this church. Carina was our church organist for over 30 years and Simon served through many roles as church sidesman, treasurer, auditor and loyal supporter of various projects including replanting of the church gardens and making props for many of the junior church choir plays on behalf of their daughters Rowena and Lara.

In his professional life, Simon served as CFO for Cellnet (now O2) and BT Openreach, supporting the development of the mobile phone and internet technology that has become the foundation of modern life.

His charity and community work was extremely important to him – serving on the board of Save the Children and as a Governor of Guildford High School, where he ran the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

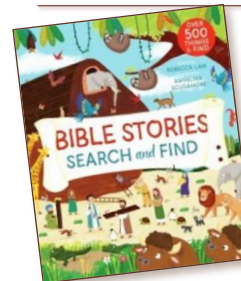
Many will remember Simon for his many passions and hobbies. He was a keen bird-watcher and could identify species from the briefest glimpses of feathers or their song. He had a love for travel, was a keen long-distance runner, cyclist and latterly in his retirement Ocean Yachtmaster, competing in multiple transatlantic and Fastnet races.

Simon will be remembered for his kind and generous spirit, his commitment to his family as a supportive husband, much-loved Dad, and adored Grandad, and for his service to others in the community.



### Book Review

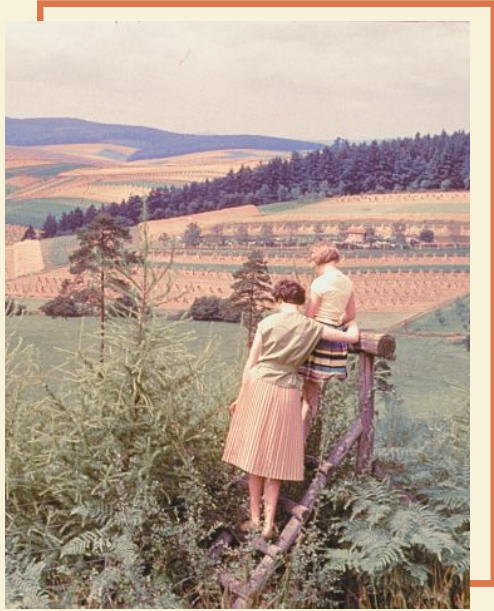
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## Our local foodbank...

... should not be needed, but as **Michael Flaxman** explains, it carries out a valuable role across Cobham, Oxshott and surrounding areas...

**W**hen someone needs a food bank, it is a sign support has come too late - and it should not be that way. That is why at Cobham Area Foodbank, we are affiliated with Trussell, the largest network of foodbanks in the country, who lobby on behalf of our clients at a national level to remove the need for foodbanks

We operate each Tuesday from the Cobham United Church on Stoke Road, distributing food and other necessities, in nutritionally balanced packs, adapted to the family size. Last year we helped nearly 200 individuals and families from the local area, often multiple times during the year, with up to 20 clients a week coming to the Distribution Centre in search of assistance. In 2025, we gave out over 1,600 packs of food - that is over 22 tons! We now have a representative from the Esher Citizens Advice present each week who tries to assist clients in solving the problems which have forced them to use the foodbank. Not only do

our clients suffer from the cost of living, but may also have challenges related to mental health, debt, unemployment, domestic abuse, relationship breakdowns, etc.

Recently, we held a Foodbank

Collection Drive at Waitrose and received nearly 700 kg of food and necessities - we are so grateful to everyone who made this possible ... our wonderful volunteers, the many shoppers who donated and the fantastic Waitrose team who supported us throughout the day including with hot drinks! It really was a brilliant community effort, and a reminder of how much people care. The items collected, however, are only equivalent to about two or three weeks of distribution!

We therefore rely on constant donations of food and necessities from all around the area with donation points at supermarkets, churches, Oxshott Community Hub and Cobham Rugby Club. We also are thankful for generous financial

donations which importantly allow us to purchase those items we run short of. This ensures we deliver a complete, nutritionally balanced food pack to every client.

Donations however, are regrettably down this year - in our case, 8% from churches and 10% from supermarkets, but this is a phenomenon felt throughout the national foodbank network.



### Did you know...

Cobham Area Foodbank was started as an initiative from Churches Together? (see our *Kneeler of the Month* feature on page 7)

Our clients come through local referral agencies including Cobham Centre for the Community, PA Housing, Oasis, Esher Citizens Advice Bureau, Weybridge Job Centre Plus and local churches.

Do please download and use the **Bank the Food** app (right) from the App Store or Play Store to see, as you shop, our priority needs in real time before you check out.

Alternatively, if you would like to make a financial donation, please visit our website at [cobhamarea.foodbank.org.uk](http://cobhamarea.foodbank.org.uk) or Facebook or Instagram for details, plus news and information.

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*Michael Flaxman*



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## High Street regeneration: more progress

The work on our High Street continues to move forward, as the Oxshott Regeneration team reports...

It has been a hugely positive few weeks since the last update, and we're delighted to say that the timeline for the regeneration project is still being met – the details are as follows:

- In the coming weeks, **Site 1**, next to Munch & Wiggles, will reach a major milestone as the building becomes fully watertight, with roofing works being completed. This confirms that builders Wolsey House Group are still firmly on schedule, with works progressing smoothly and causing zero to minimal disruption to the surrounding area.
- Initial behind-the-scenes progress is also being made on **Site 2**, which requires nine pre-commencement planning conditions prior to demolition of the previous building. These are now in their final stages, and the team are currently awaiting confirmation from Surrey County Council to proceed.

### A proud sponsorship

There is other exciting news too! Peter Brodnicki and James Davis are of course the founders of the regeneration project. Along with this, they are also the founders behind other exciting local initiatives such as Visit Oxshott and the Oxshott Village website, both created to support local businesses and residents.

In line with their desire to support the local community as much as possible, Peter and James are now proud sponsors of the wonderful Chatterbus.

The duo's community and charitable values align closely with the fantastic work that Chatterbus do, and their sponsorship has helped Chatterbus to open a new route in to Gunters Mead. As reported in this magazine last month, this adds to the existing routes that pass through Oxshott, along with the surrounding areas. This is a huge step in helping more residents to be mobile, when many of them have been unable to get out and about until Chatterbus was able to assist. Chatterbus and the team behind it are truly amazing, and Peter and James are incredibly proud to support them.



Good progress on Site 1...



*The Oxshott Regeneration team*

## FEDORA: Developments in the Green Belt

The Green Belt in Oxshott is under threat; **Ian Dilks**, Chair of FEDORA, reports...

The current 'hot topic' locally in the village is Planning, and the impact of developments on the Green Belt, traffic and key local services here in Oxshott.

**FEDORA**  
The Voice for Oxshott

Supporters and members of FEDORA have been receiving our news bulletins by email, but if you haven't seen these, we would like to bring you up to date...

### Clouds Hill Farm – the Application

As you may know, the application was for consent to build about 250 new homes on Clouds Hill Farm, which is accessed via the Leatherhead Road in Oxshott.

The Elmbridge Planning Committee met on 25 March; there are strict rules on public participation at such meetings (often 2–3 minutes per speaker), but Ian Dilks was allowed to present the case against the development, on behalf of FEDORA and local residents including RACHFD (*see below*).

Two key objections were made in some detail, first that the land was Green Belt, indeed the site is wholly within the Metropolitan Green Belt. Second, despite some small proposals in the application, the site does not meet any of the sustainability requirements for permitting development.



### The Elmbridge Planning decision

The Committee voted to approve the application, although the formal notice of the decision is not now due to be issued until 25 June. The vote was by 8 votes to 5, with 1 abstention.

All local Elmbridge councillors present at the Committee meeting voted in favour of the application. Elmbridge councillor Alan Parker (who was not present at the meeting) and Surrey councillor David Lewis (a former Elmbridge councillor) have issued a statement to record their opposition to the planned development in its current form and to state that they believe that the Planning Committee has reached the wrong decision. This won't change the decision but is helpful support.

FEDORA is concerned about aspects of the conduct of the meeting and is considering what options are available. There are a number of detailed points that

are worth examining – so for the latest and detailed updates, we do suggest you look at our website [fedora.org.uk](http://fedora.org.uk) where various aspects of the issue are considered.

### Judicial Review?

You may also be interested to know that the RACHFD action group ('Residents Against Clouds Hill Farm Development') has said that it is "initiating a judicial review", which FEDORA has agreed to support, and is seeking to raise further funding – for details, do check their website: [www.protectoxshott.com](http://www.protectoxshott.com)

### Helping Oxshott

As you may guess, there are many concerns in the Village where a strong Voice for Oxshott is required.

If you care about Oxshott and want your voice to be heard, do please consider joining FEDORA - full details are on our website [fedora.org.uk](http://fedora.org.uk) in the Become a Member section, or you can also use the QR code to the right:



Ian Dilks

## What's On in Oxshott



### June

- Tue 2 10am **Ladies Friendship Group: My Favourite Meal**, a social gathering with coffee and chat: visitors welcome, in the Small Hall, Oxshott Village Centre
- Tue 9 7.30pm **Oxshott & Cobham Art & Crafts Society: Members Presentations Evening**, at Oxshott Village Centre
- Wed 10 2.15pm **The Arts Society Claremont & Oxshott: The History of American Art in 25 Iconic Works**, with Marie-Anne Mancio, at the Menuhin Hall, Stoke d'Abernon
- Fri 12 7pm **Oxshott Choral Society Summer Concert: Blue Skies**, at St Andrew's Church, Oxshott (*see page 17*)
- Tue 16 7.30pm **Oxshott Village WI: The Air Ambulance**, in the Small Hall, Oxshott, Village Centre.
- Wed 17 7pm for 7.30pm **Cercle français d'Esher: Grenoble-Dora et retour**, with Thierry Viennois, at West End Village Hall, Esher and on zoom for members
- Sat 20 10am-12.30pm **Oxshott Net Zero Repair Café**: at St Andrew's Church, Oxshott. Bring something from home in need of repair; last item accepted for repair at 12 noon.

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## Election results for Oxshott...

The recent election produced results for Oxshott that are not straightforward...

The results of the local elections on Thursday 7 May betray the anomaly that Oxshott is now, weirdly, split between North and South... and overlaying that is an election for a council that will not be in power until April 2027, when Elmbridge Council and Surrey County Council will be superseded by West Surrey and East Surrey Councils.

Oxshott will be within East Surrey, within which the Liberal Democrats won an overall majority. As regards Oxshott, we will have two councillors for each of the divisions that include part of Oxshott:

### Esher Claygate and Oxshott North:

Andy Burton		Liberal Democrat	Currently a Surrey County Councillor
Alex Coomes		Liberal Democrat	Currently an Elmbridge Councillor

### Cobham and Oxshott South:

David Lewis		Conservative	Currently a Surrey County Councillor
Alan Parker		Conservative	Currently an Elmbridge Councillor

Congratulations to the successful candidates – we look forward to seeing them in and around Oxshott!

## Towards Net Zero in Oxshott

This month, **Diana Thornton** updates us on two of the various projects from Oxshott Net Zero...

In the middle of June sunshine, it's hard to remember how hard the ice and frost were for a few days this winter and how treacherous the railway bridge at the end of Sheath Lane became with its coating of black ice. Despite valiant efforts of residents in Sheath Lane at scraping and applying a liberal layer of builders sand, it remained slippery and what was really needed was some proper salt and grit.

There's a lot of talk about promoting 'active travel' (a description for any kind of getting around which has human energy as the power-source!) as part of a sustainable future and here was a very local example of a disincentive for people walking to the train station. So Diana Thornton from Oxshott Net Zero met on site with Andy Burton, one of our county councillors, to make the case for a grit bin (having spoken with Ian Dilks from FEDORA and with the support of Corrinne Sterry, one of our Elmbridge councillors). We were delighted to hear back from him recently with the news that a new bin is due to be installed this summer. Hopefully it will encourage more people to keep walking over the bridge even when it gets icy.

*(continued on page 25)*



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## Take the JUMP

You may remember from this magazine that last year Oxshott Net Zero ran Take the JUMP ([takethejump.org](http://takethejump.org)) workshops for the Junior Citizens programme, introducing sustainable behaviour shifts to year 6 pupils from a wide range of schools in Elmbridge.

This June we are going a step further. Having run the programme again at Sandown racecourse this January, when nearly 1,000 pupils attended over a week, a team of volunteers will be taking the programme to Guildford as part of the Junior Citizens programme there. Another 1,300 children will take part there with some new local volunteers joining the team. We hope to spread our wings even further across Surrey next year with the same project. An initiative which started in Oxshott quietly spreading across Surrey!



Diana Thornton

## A touch of France in Oxshott

Come and try pétanque!



Summer in the South of France, a glass of wine in the village square, as you watch the locals playing boules on rough gravel in the hazy afternoon sunshine. The game they're playing is actually called pétanque.

It started near Marseille around 1910, but has now spread throughout the French-speaking world and beyond. Its attraction is that it can be played by all ages, and by men and women on an equal basis. Its name, pronounced 'pay tonk', derives from a Provençal dialect term for 'feet anchored'. The key rule is that your feet must be on the ground when you throw.

It can appeal to older players wanting a less energetic outdoor sport, but don't be fooled into thinking it is always gentle and slow. It also appeals to younger players looking for something different and at which they can excel. There is plenty of room for subtlety and precision, but there's also an aggressive element to the game. Some players, called *tireurs* or shooters, specialise in smashing their opponents' boules off the terrain. A 700gm hollow steel sphere being lobbed through the air straight into the back of another 8 metres away makes a loud and satisfying 'clack!'

Oxshott Village Sports Club has a very active pétanque section, with some of the best facilities in the south of England. There are two international-sized terrains, which are regularly used for major competitions, and all the amenities of OVSC itself: ample parking and an excellent clubhouse and bar. The setting amongst the trees and next to the cricket pitch, is delightful on a sunny day.



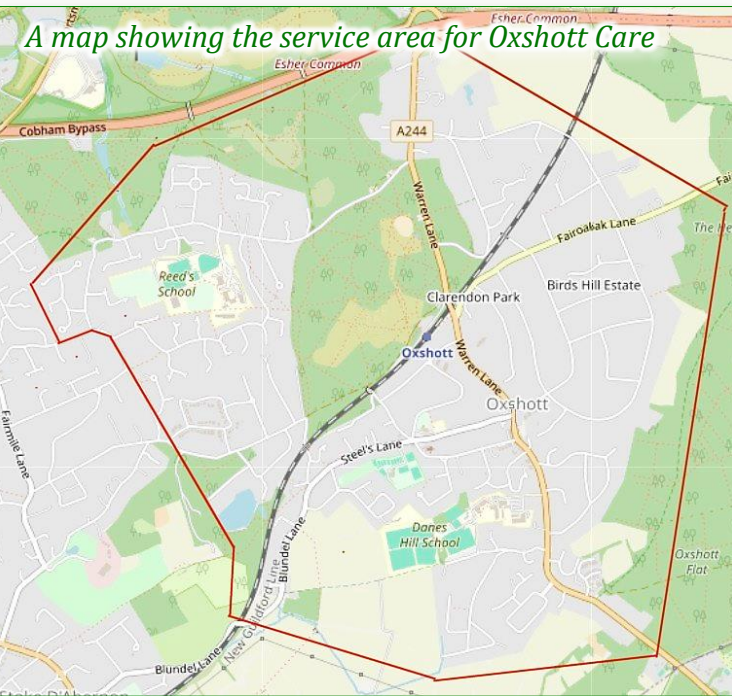
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We are having a  
**Pétanque Open Day**  
Saturday 11 July  
2pm-5pm

## What can Oxshott Care do for you?

This month, **Margaret North** explores what Oxshott Care can do for its clients – and its volunteers...

Over the years we have been most grateful to this Magazine for providing the space for an account of Oxshott Care: who we are, what we do, whilst always including an appeal for new volunteers! This time we would like to offer an insight into our clients, why they approach us, their unique needs and how much they value our help.

We all take for granted our good health, along with our precious independence and ability to 'cope', but that can so unexpectedly change. Oxshott Care will be there for you.



I am reminded of the experience of one of our regular clients, whose husband had sadly developed dementia. Each day he was attending a day centre, thereby receiving valuable support whilst affording his wife much needed respite from his ever-increasing care needs.

She described herself as a 'sociable and independent' person, but everything changed when she had to give up driving. We all know the

limitations of public transport in our area.

It is not always an answer to seek the help of friends, no matter how willing they are to help - the simple truth is that we have lost our independence.

*Oxshott Care "saved my sanity as I felt cut off from everything - they made my life so much easier."*

On the advice of her GP, she sought our help. Her comments about her contact with us gives a wonderful picture of that experience, describing how "reliable, kind

and helpful" our volunteer drivers had been - that "nothing was too much trouble". She also referred to enjoying meeting new people and having a 'lovely chat' with them and getting to know them; she described the experience as having 'saved my sanity as I felt completely cut off from everything - they made my life so much easier'.



### A personal experience

What stands out from our client's comments is how meaningful it is to have a highly personal experience, almost a friendship with the driver taking you for your appointment - you are not simply 'dropped off'.

*"Nothing was too much trouble for them"*

Most of our requests are for one-off appointments, but we have also entered into regular commitments as part of a treatment process. That 'personal' contact for twice weekly treatment sessions was hugely appreciated by one of our clients, whose health problems and sight loss had made driving an impossibility. With no near relatives living nearby and not wanting to make too many demands on friends, our help was invaluable. Think also of the taxi costs that would have been involved!

One of our volunteer drivers describes our service so well:

*"I've been volunteering for Oxshott Care over the last six months and it's been a genuinely rewarding way to support the local community. Elderly or infirm residents can face significant logistical challenges and associated costs just to get to and from medical appointments, especially if they aren't able to drive themselves and don't have relatives living nearby who can help. I can solve these problems with just my car and an hour or two of my time.*

*No special training is required and there's never any pressure to take on assignments that don't fit in with my other commitments. I've always been given plenty of notice and all the information I need to provide assistance. Everyone I've helped out has been good company and very appreciative of the service, and I'd recommend anyone with a driving licence and a bit of time to spare to get involved."* Craig Miles

Oxshott Care is a very special service to our community; it is hugely valued by those who know of it and use it. Newcomers to the village are not always aware of our existence, so do please 'spread the word' about us. We will always do whatever we can to help.

Look on our website for all the details of how to reach us or ask at the GP surgery... or simply phone us:

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Margaret North

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## After the fire

**Nicky Orlebar** tells how **Claremont & Oxshott Arts Society** members hear the story of the devastating fire that destroyed the magnificent **Clandon Park**...

In 1730 Venetian architect Giacomo Leoni built the handsome red brick, rectangular, four storey Palladian mansion near Guildford, for the Onslow family. Several family members went on to become Speaker of the House of Commons, including Arthur Onslow, who held the role of Speaker for 33 years.

Our lecturer, who was on duty in April 2015 when the fire was first detected, took us through the National Trust procedure of evacuating visitors and staff as the fire brigade arrived.

It is suspected that the flames spread from a faulty basement fuse board. Days later, an overhead drone photographing the damage revealed a smoky haze around the bare brick walls of the rooms, open to the sky.

Some treasures were saved, including a few china animals from Mrs Gubbay's 1920s bequest. Tragically the historic two storey white Marble Hall, where memorable Christmas concerts had taken place, was no more. Only the tall ornate chimneypieces by Rysbrack were relatively untouched, as were statues in niches. The wonderful plasterwork ceiling was lost for all time.

A decade on, the Clandon website reports that much has been done to repair and make safe the house. It stated that 'The 18th century house will be transformed into a new national attraction with a major redevelopment, including a roof terrace at the top of the building.' Meanwhile, Simon Jenkins, former chairman of the National Trust (2008-2014), movingly wrote in *The Times* of 7 April 2025, "I would rather Clandon was preserved as I first saw it in the aftermath of the fire, a building in all its agony and humiliation." Work progresses on the Clandon Park Project, with the National Trust hoping to reopen the restored shell in 2029/30.



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29 April 2015: Clandon Park blazes - 16 fire engines and over 80 personnel attended

Nicky Orlebar

## Sudoku

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4	2	1	7	3	5	6	9	8
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Last month's solution

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next month

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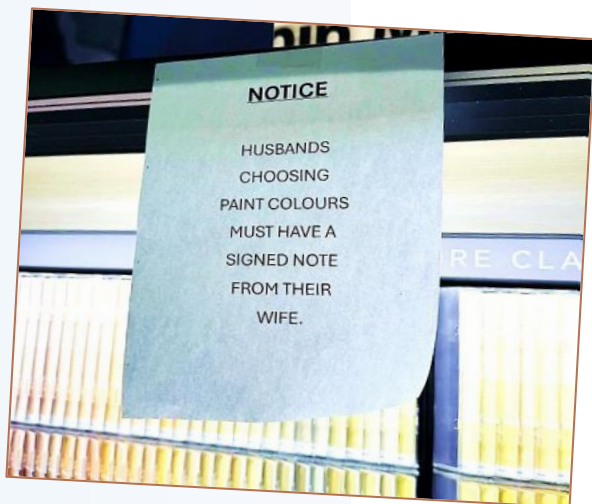
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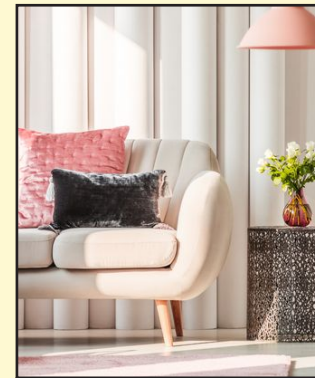
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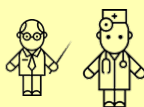
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- Children and Young People:** Younger children meet separately for their own activities during part of our Sunday service at 10am in term time.  
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Dr Hannah Coleman MBBS MRCGP DRCOG (available Wednesday, Thursday)

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

**Nurse:** Rosemary Tyler (available Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday)

**Social Prescriber:** Paul Chouls (available 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays at 10.30am-12.30pm in The Café at St Andrew's Church, or via the Medical Practice)

**Surgery hours:** Monday to Friday, 8am to 6.30pm

Pre-bookable early morning and late-night appointments also available

### Outside surgery hours:

- in non-Emergency cases: telephone **111**

- in an Emergency, such as chest pain or shortness of breath (or any other emergency), telephone **999**

**Centre for Sight:** Vision correction, laser eye surgery, lens implants and cataract surgery, at 48 High Street, Oxshott. Mon-Fri, 9am-4.30pm (0808 189 3966 or enquiries@centreforsight.com)

**Citizens Advice, Esher & District:** Elmbridge Civic Centre, High Street, Esher. Contact: by email (via website [www.eshercab.org.uk](http://www.eshercab.org.uk)), or in person or by phone (01372 464770) Mon-Tue, Thur-Fri 10.30am-3.30pm; Wed 1pm-3.30pm

### Councillors – Elmbridge Borough Council

#### Oxshott and Stoke D'Abernon Ward:

Andrew Burley (07503 830954 or [aburley@elmbridge.gov.uk](mailto:aburley@elmbridge.gov.uk))

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

#### Cobham Division:

(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](mailto:david.lewis1@surreycc.gov.uk))

#### Hinchley Wood, Claygate and Oxshott Division:

(includes Hinchley Wood, Claygate and Oxshott, east of the railway line)

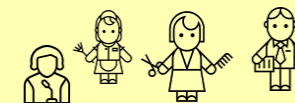
Andy Burton (07415 952432 or [andy.burton@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:andy.burton@surreycc.gov.uk))

**Dentist:** Dr Brian Cullen BDS (Shef), Oxshott Dental Practice, Winkfield, Steels Lane, Oxshott.

Mon-Thur 8am-5pm; Fri 8am-4.30pm (01372 843552 or [info@oxshottdental.com](mailto:info@oxshottdental.com) or visit [www.oxshottdental.com](http://www.oxshottdental.com))

Contact information for local services

## Services *(continued)*



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

**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) or visit [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@hrcaregroup.com](mailto:scfh.contact@hrcaregroup.com))

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

**Osteopath:** Anja Davidson M<sup>OST</sup>, 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 Trevor Crossman

**Cobham & Oxshott:** NSO (Neighbourhood Specialist Officer) PC Sanjar Najibi, PCSO (Police Community Support Officer) Joshua Segal

**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:** Hannah White. **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))

All the details you need to join in

## 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
- 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month, from October to June at 7.30pm, in West End Village Hall and online. Contact: Anne Bell (07796 698 097 or annell121@yahoo.co.uk) 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 Net Zero:** Oxshott residents working to reduce our carbon emissions. Full details and contact via the website (www.oxshottnetzero.org.uk)
- Oxshott Repair Café,** by Oxshott Net Zero: Meets 10am-12.30pm, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month (except August & December), at St Andrew's Church. Bring something from home in need of repair. Full details on our website (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)
- Political Parties: Cobham, Oxshott & Stoke d'Abernon Conservatives:** Chair: Katerina Lusk (07934 296302 or k.lusk2605@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)
- Women's Institute - Oxshott Village WI:** Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in month at 7.30pm, in Oxshott Village Centre. Contact: Maggie Day (01932 988501)

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