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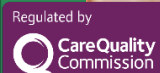


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Welcome

Some space this summer...

Dear Friends,

As the Summer arrives and we enjoy the longer days, which bring a new pattern to the shape of our lives, many will be preparing for holidays, at home or further afield.

The word 'holiday' has its origin in 'holy days' – so it is good to remember that our times of recreation and rest have a spiritual root. In our busy world, we can sometimes feel guilty for slowing down and resting, yet from the very beginning, even God rested! In the Genesis story of Creation – on the Seventh day God rested, and enjoyed what he had made. Rest and enjoyment are not an afterthought or an extra; they are fundamentally woven into creation from the start.

Jesus understood the need for rest too – and in Mark's gospel, after a busy time, he invites his friends and followers: "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest." (Mark 6:31)

Summer holidays offer a wonderful opportunity — not only to adjust our usual routines for a time, but through doing so, to connect with and enjoy what really matters: time with those around us, time in nature, time with God in prayer. When we take time to rest, we most often find we are restored, and we return to our regular routines of life – which will inevitably return – with renewed energy and perspective.

So, whether your summer takes you abroad, to the beach, or into the woods or garden, receive the season as a gift. It is my prayer that each of us might find within this summer some space away from the striving and struggle to be refreshed, restored and renewed, and that in the 'quiet places' of our rest and enjoyment, we will know God with us.



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- Wed 1 11.30am Wednesdays at 11.30 (Holy Communion)
 Thu 2 *Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
 Fri 3 *Thomas the Apostle*
 Sat 4 9am Saturday Prayers, in the Lady Chapel
 Sun 5 **The Fifth Sunday after Trinity**
Come to me, and I will give you rest
 10am All age service
- Tue 7 9am Pray Together, via zoom
 Wed 8 11.30am Wednesdays at 11.30 (Holy Communion)
 Sat 11 9am Saturday Prayers, in the Lady Chapel
 Sun 12 **The Sixth Sunday after Trinity**
The Parable of the Sower
 10am St Andrew's at 10
 4pm St Andrew's @4
- Tue 14 9am Pray Together, via zoom
 Wed 15 11.30am Wednesdays at 11.30 (Holy Communion)
 Sat 18 9am Saturday Prayers, in the Lady Chapel
 Sun 19 **The Seventh Sunday after Trinity**
The Parable of Wheat and Weeds
 10am St Andrew's at 10
- Tue 21 9am Pray Together, via zoom
 Wed 22 11.30am Wednesdays at 11.30 (Holy Communion)
 Sat 25 9am Saturday Prayers, in the Lady Chapel
 Sun 26 **The Eighth Sunday after Trinity**
Parables of the Kingdom
 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)



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to join us for our
services and prayers

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details of everything
we do at St Andrew's

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Church Services in August

- Sat 1 9am Saturday Prayers, in the Lady Chapel
 Sun 2 **The Ninth Sunday after Trinity**
The Feeding of the 5000
 10am St Andrew's at 10
- Tue 4 9am Pray Together, via zoom
 Wed 5 11.30am Wednesdays at 11.30 (Holy Communion)
 Thu 6 *The Transfiguration of our Lord*
 Sat 8 9am Saturday Prayers, in the Lady Chapel

- Sun 9 **The Tenth Sunday after Trinity**
Peter walks on Water
 10am St Andrew's at 10
- Tue 11 9am Pray Together, via zoom
 Wed 12 11.30am Wednesdays at 11.30 (Holy Communion)
 Sat 15 *The Blessed Virgin Mary*
 9am Saturday Prayers, in the Lady Chapel
- Sun 16 **The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity**
Jesus heals the Canaanite Woman's Daughter
 10am St Andrew's at 10
- Tue 18 9am Pray Together, via zoom
 Wed 19 11.30am Wednesdays at 11.30 (Holy Communion)
 Sat 22 9am Saturday Prayers, in the Lady Chapel
 Sun 23 **The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**
Who do you say I am?
 10am St Andrew's at 10
- Mon 24 *Bartholomew the Apostle*
 Tue 25 9am Pray Together, via zoom
 Wed 26 11.30am Wednesdays at 11.30 (Holy Communion)
 Sat 29 9am Saturday Prayers, in the Lady Chapel
 Sun 30 **The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**
The Cost of Discipleship
 10am St Andrew's at 10



In keeping with our floral theme this month, our **Kneeler of the month** is entitled *The Four Seasons*, and shows (clockwise from the top) flowers representing Summer, Autumn, Winter and Spring.

It was commissioned, by her husband, in memory of Madeline Wood, whose lifespan and initials are recorded on one side: MW 1904-1986.

Madeline's funeral was held on 18 December 1986 here in St Andrew's.

The kneeler was made by Joy Baker, and her initials appear on one side: J.B. 1998. Every kneeler has its story.

1904
MW
1986

J.B. 1998

News & Notes

The Second Half

A big 'Thank You' to everyone who participated so fully in the inaugural *The Second Half* course, run here at St Andrew's.

The course had the full number of 20 participants, everyone got fully involved, and it was very well received.

Thank you also to those who supported the course with their administration, preparation and catering skills!

Our June appeal... It's not too late!

Throughout June, for the third year running, St Andrew's is having a special community collection to help fill the empty shelves at the Foodbank warehouse.



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



What is a Licenced Lay Minister?

A Licenced Lay Minister (LLM) is voluntary unpaid minister who supports an ordained Minister (such as a Vicar) in the Church - 'Lay' in this context means they are not ordained, but are formally 'Licenced' by a Bishop, after rigorous training, to carry out a wide variety of roles, usually in their local parish.

Phillip Herbert has been an LLM (formerly known as a Reader) for many years here at St Andrew's, and we are delighted that Jane Berridge has now embarked on the two years training for Lay Ministry – they deserve our full support!



A Lay Minister's traditional attire

Book Review

Fantastically Faithful Leaders Who Gave Their All for God

by Paul Kerensa

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Here is a page-turning biography series for children 7 and up, to meet Christians whose courage and leadership changed the world. Author Paul Kerensa brings to life eight extraordinary people from history who answered God's call to lead – and changed the world.

They include Evangeline Booth, Billy Graham, Elizabeth II and Demond Tutu.

Whether used as a family read-aloud, for independent reading, or a Sunday school supplement, this book gives children real-life role models who show what ordinary people can achieve when they trust an extraordinary God.

Breakfast for Breakfasts!

A successful 'Breakfast for Breakfasts' event, was held on Sunday 7 June, immediately before the 10am service, which raised money for our Mission Partners, the **Garden Route Children's Trust**... Ruth Burns reports:

"Patrick Fleming and I thought the atmosphere was wonderful – thank you to everyone who joined us and to all those who donated despite not being able to be there to enjoy the food. Ben from **Munch & Wiggles** helped enormously by delivery the fresh pastries, on the morning, straight from the café.

"As we go to press, the figure raised will be in the region of £900! – a fantastic total, which will feed 45 children e'Pap for a whole school year."

Ruth Burns



The Garden Route Children's Trust
Helping to educate and feed South African children in need

Sunday Services – 28 June Our church services on 28 June will be slightly different...

...because on that morning David Boothby is to be ordained at Guildford Cathedral as a Deacon, and both he and Patrick Davies will be attending this important service.

Here at St Andrew's, as previously announced, we will have a said Communion Service at 8am, and a 'Service of the Word' at 10am, lead by Phillip Herbert and Patrick Fleming.

Wherever you are that morning, do please pray for David on this life-changing day for him.



From the Registers

Baptism

We welcomed into God's family:

31 May Flora Elizabeth Berry

Confirmation

We celebrate the confirmation, at the Cathedral Church of the Holy Spirit, Guildford by the Bishop of Dorking & Acting Bishop of Guildford, of:

23 May Anna Jarrett

Received into the Church of England

We received and welcomed into the Church of England, at the Cathedral Church of the Holy Spirit, Guildford by the Bishop of Dorking & Acting Bishop of Guildford:

23 May Headley Thomas Beeson

Christian Aid Week 2026

After a busy week in the St Andrew's community, Mark Currie reports and reflects on this year's excitements ...



Christian Aid Week took place between 10 and 16 May and has been running for many years. It is a time when people throughout the country go out of their way to do things that bring communities together locally to generate funds to support some of the world's poorest and most vulnerable people.

This year we were reminded of the challenges faced by people like Fridah Morea, who lives in the bustling informal settlement of Dagoretti, Nairobi; homes made of steel sheets and concrete blocks are packed closely together. Access to clean water, sanitation and electricity is limited. With jobs hard to find, and most people earning less than a dollar a day, buying food is a constant struggle. Drawing on her unstoppable resolve, her deep faith in God and training in vital new skills, Fridah is taking action to ensure her family has enough to eat. She has joined a project run by Christian Aid's partner, Beacon of Hope, which trains people in Dagoretti to become urban farmers.



Fridah and her grandson Quillan

The Bike Ride – follow the map!

As a Church Community we did our bit to help people like Fridah. Mark Currie got back on his bike to continue his cycle ride around the 42 English cathedrals. Mark

has already visited 26 cathedrals on his previous three Christian Aid Week cycles.

He set off from Carlisle cathedral early Monday morning to ride to Blackburn cathedral that day; over the next two days he rode from Blackburn to



Coventry cathedral, via Manchester, Liverpool, Chester, Lichfield and Birmingham cathedrals. He covered just over 500km/300 miles and climbed another 4,500 metres/15,500 feet and leaving just 8 more cathedrals to visit which he plans to do during Christian Aid Week 2027!



Mark said, "It seems hard to believe after the heatwave at the end of May, but the week of the ride was pretty chilly, with a fair few hailstorms and quite high winds, which made a couple of the days quite hard. However, it was a privilege to ride through a small part of the beautiful Lake District, contrasting with the metropolitan feeling around Manchester, Liverpool and Birmingham – although I did get to ride down Penny Lane! Whilst my Achilles tendon was a little sore at the end, I was well fed and had a comfortable bed to sleep in each night and was reminded of the things we take for granted that others in this world are deprived of due to the injustice of poverty.

"A big thank you to everyone that sponsored me on the ride. Thanks to their generosity, we have been able to send over £2,250 to Christian Aid to help with their work."

The Quiz Night

But that wasn't the end of the week's activities: on Friday evening, it was wonderful to welcome almost 80 people into St Andrew's Church for the Christian Aid Week Quiz Night. Eight teams battled it out for the St Andrew's Oxshott Quiz trophy. It felt like a good night was had by all, with many tables enjoying the plentiful supplies of food and drink that they brought along whilst testing their quiz powers with dingbats, picture and music quizzes and subject-specific rounds.

After 10 rounds of closely fought competition, the team built around the Soul Space group, the Hopefuls, secured the trophy, meaning it will be proudly displayed outside the Parish for the next 12 months. Last year's winners, a team from St Andrew's Cobham, were runners-up by only a small margin with only five members on their team – a very creditable performance.

Yet again, the generosity of those involved in the quiz night was humbling and, along with the generosity of those attending the Sunday service, we have been able to contribute a further £1,800 to Christian Aid's work.



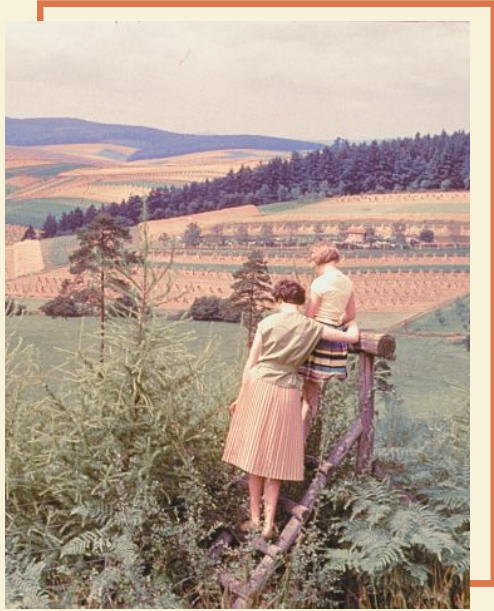
The victors with the Quizmaster!

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Mark Currie

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Musings of a gardener...

This month, **Rebecca Mayhew** takes time to describe the trials, tribulations and joys of her gardening...

I love roses. I have over 20 different roses in my garden. My favourite stage is when the buds are just opening and you have to bend towards it to smell the emerging scent. There are those in my family who prefer the full-blown rose, when you can sense the aroma all around the bush.

I do not love dead-heading, but doing that assiduously means I get more buds – and that makes it all worthwhile.

So on Sunday I was very disappointed to see that one of my pale pink buds looked like tea had been spilled on it and then chewed up. On further inspection, I noticed a green caterpillar in it. A caterpillar was devouring my rose bud.

Now, I loved *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* book. I also love butterflies, have a butterfly-identifying book and have been looking for unusual species on Bookham Common including the Purple Emperor. And I know that to become a butterfly they must go through the grub stage. They must eat a lot to have the energy to make that metamorphosis.

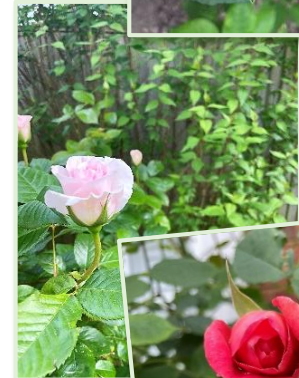
However, not in my garden whilst eating my roses (NIMBY). I chose to dead-head the bud and put it in the compost heap. Thus, I did not destroy the caterpillar, and saved the rose plant from more loss.

I then moved on to my vegetable patch, which needed saving from the weeds threatening to engulf my runner bean seedlings, my broad beans and my onion plants. As the someone very close to me remarked, it looked like I had scattered a packet of cress seeds over the garden(!). I hoed over the area and then picked up as many weeds as I could. It looks better now, and I don't want my seedlings choked. There's a parable in here....

Then I raked and watered.

It is a lovely time of year. I have been wondering what life could have been like if we didn't have weeds, but that's not where we are, so on to putting up the maggot traps on the apple tree and plum tree.

Reflections



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Rebecca Mayhew



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Ian Dilks, Chair of FEDORA, asks the question...



Hopefully we all do - but there are increasing challenges facing our village. National Government policy is creating enormous pressure for more housing development not matched by investment in infrastructure. At the same time, the Local Government Reorganisation will create a structural 'democratic deficit' and, in the short term, additional uncertainty as new organisational structures are developed. So, did you know:

- **FEDORA-The Voice for Oxshott is a non-political organisation** and the only body that represents all of Oxshott. Our vision is a thriving Oxshott with a sense of community that retains its distinctive character, green spaces and quality of life, with residents' having a mechanism for their voices to be heard in decisions that affect the village.
- **FEDORA exists to maintain and improve the quality of life for Oxshott residents**, old and new. We do this by working with our local councillors (in future from Oxshott North and South) and building relationships with relevant officials and other bodies important to the future of Oxshott. There may be limits on what we can achieve, but we will always achieve more by trying.
- **FEDORA is run by a small group of volunteers** who willingly give of their spare time for the benefit of the community. The A244 petition we have just launched (*see opposite*) is an example of what we do, and initiatives like this take much more time and effort than is obvious. We are funded by an annual membership fee of a mere £10.
- **FEDORA is increasingly recognised and respected** by those we need to work with. But here's the rub. Only 5% of Oxshott residents are FEDORA members. All we ask is that residents take two minutes to sign up and pay an annual fee of £10. Member numbers do matter to give us credibility when working with others, often in competition with other bodies when seeking to secure funding, and as we have become more professional and secured the services of expert advisers our costs are now higher than our income. This isn't sustainable.

So if you care about Oxshott, please support FEDORA as below.

Ian Dilks

ACTION 1

If you aren't already a member, spend two minutes and £10 to join - and persuade your friends and neighbours to do the same. Join via the QR code or go to our website fedora.org.uk/membership



ACTION 2

Do sign the **Protect Oxshott from the A244** e-petition – see opposite!

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We were absolutely thrilled to receive the results of our recent SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) inspection. More than a formal assessment, this report captures the shared spirit, kindness, and dedication that our pupils, families and staff bring to Royal Kent every single day.



The inspector highlighted many significant strengths that enable our community to flourish. In particular, our vision, Building Firm Foundations Together, was recognized as the ‘bedrock’ of daily school life, lived out through our core values of commitment, cognisance, courage, compassion and creativity:



Furthermore, the school was praised for cultivating an exceptional culture where every individual is known, genuinely valued, and treated with utmost dignity.

Strong links with St Andrew’s Church, and initiatives like our Reception and Year 6 buddy scheme, help foster a close-knit community where everyone is treated with respect. We encourage children to develop their spirituality through connections with nature, inspiring curiosity and wonder about the world around them.

Inspired by Sir David Attenborough, we recently embraced the opportunity to reflect on his immense contribution to the natural world on his 100th birthday. Our student Eco Champions have delighted in identifying locations for ten new birdboxes, donated through the Surrey Primary Schools Birdbox Project, and are closely monitoring the wildlife activity they are attracting this summer.

We provide an exceptional education from Nursery to Year 6. We currently have a limited number of vacancies in select year groups and we would relish the opportunity to show you around our school in the heart of Oxshott, introduce you to our community, and discuss how we can support your child’s needs. Or join us for a highlight of our summer calendar, our annual Summer Fête! (*see opposite*) - we are again extremely grateful for the support of our sponsors, Hawksman Real Estate.

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Your local Probus...

This month, **Adrian Scheele** tells us of a busy local club...

Cobham Probus is a club formed in 1990 for retired or semi-retired Professional and Business Gentlemen. Initially, membership was limited to people living in Elmbridge, but over the years this has widened, mainly because members have moved to nearby towns and villages. So our members, new and old, come from those who associate themselves with Elmbridge but may be living greater distances away than the founders envisaged.



We meet on the first Tuesday of each month, except December, for coffee and a talk by a guest speaker. After the meeting, a number of us gather at the Running Mare for lunch. We meet at Churchgate House, the hall of St Andrew's Church, Cobham, at about 9.30am so that we can commence proceedings at 10am.

We also hold two in-house lunches annually and a Summer evening party and a Christmas lunch. Additionally, there is a group which meet at The Oxshott Club on the second Tuesday of each month at 12.30pm to play snooker. A number of members attend the Leatherhead Theatre to watch live streamings of opera and ballet, and normally we have a meal together beforehand.

Anyone interested in joining should, in the first instance, contact the secretary, Adrian Scheele by e-mail (adrianscheele@me.com) or by telephone (01372 436091 or 07759 892054).

Adrian Scheele

What's On in Oxshott

July

- Tue 7 10am **Ladies Friendship Group:** Coffee, biscuits and chat, in the Small Hall, Oxshott Village Centre
- Sat 11 2-5pm **Oxshott Village Sports Club:** *Pétanque Open Day*
- Tue 14 7.30pm **Oxshott & Cobham Art & Crafts Society:** *Landscape in Acrylic*, with Brendan Smith, in Oxshott Village Centre
- Sat 18 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 at 12 noon
- Tue 21 8pm **Oxshott Village Women's Institute:** *The Air Ambulance*, in the Small Hall, Oxshott Village Centre



Most local organisations take a break over the summer...
If you would like to have details of your event listed here, let us know at
oxshottmagazine@yahoo.co.uk



Keeping busy!

The members of Oxshott & Cobham Art & Crafts Society (OCACS) have found a good deal to occupy themselves and enjoy since the Spring, as **Miranda Fuller** reports...

In April and May we had demonstrations of two kinds of monoprinting:

The first, Ella Hayward's on 14 April (see right), was *A Still Life, with Creative Collage and Gelli Printing*.

prepared open mesh screen and, using a brush, sponge, squeegee or plastic spatula, pushed through onto paper, with or without stencils.



Both of these techniques produced vibrant, unique designs, as shown here.

Meetings & exhibitions

Our 9 June meeting – members' presentations – provided us with a very interesting

demonstration of pyrography by Sue Lane and an entertaining short talk by Roger Marsden on a recent exhibition of the artist Beryl Cook's work, at The Box in Plymouth. Looking forwards to our next meeting, which is on 14 July, we will be pleased to welcome Brendan Smith again for his demonstration of *Landscape in Acrylic*.

Meanwhile, a number of events have been keeping our members busy. On 8-12 April, several took part in Molesey Art Society's Spring Exhibition. And

For those of us unfamiliar with gelli printing, it is a popular form of monoprinting, in which the artist applies small dabs of acrylic paint to a flexible, durable gelatin-like plate, adding texture of various kinds and pressing paper on top by rolling, to create a unique design.

The second, Jeysie and Jule Mallett's on 12 May (above), was *Monoprinting with a Silkscreen*. With this technique, ink or print is applied directly to a

15-17 May saw those of our members who also belong to The Colourists group of artists, take part in the Landmark Spring Exhibition in Teddington.



OCACS had our own Spring Exhibition on 22-25th May, at Bluehouse Art Space in Esher (pictured above) in temperatures up in the 30s! Members of The Colourists also exhibited again on 13 June at the Shepperton Village

Fair. Some of our members were also participating in the Surrey Artists Open Studios through June.

Our monthly socials at Bluehouse remain popular and the next takes place on 22 July and, in case some of our readers are interested, members will also be taking part in Molesey Art Society's popular towpath exhibition at Molesey Lock on the Bank Holiday weekend, 30-31 August.

Our demonstrations are friendly and informal and take place at the Oxshott Village Centre on the second Tuesday of the month, from 7.30-9.30pm.

Details are on our website (oxshottartandcrafts.org). Non-members are always welcome to attend, regardless of experience or expertise, for a fee of £5.

Miranda Fuller

Free physical activity course!

Calling all Oxshott residents wishing to get active, feel healthier and develop sustainable habits to live and age well...

Better Health Mind & Body CIC, a community interest company founded in 2023, is offering a FREE 12-week physical activity course, held in a relaxed and inclusive local community environment designed to make fitness and wellbeing more accessible for people.

All participants will begin the course together, forming a supportive group that progresses through the programme side by side. The aim is not simply exercise but education and motivation around staying active - particularly important as people move into their 40s and beyond. All equipment (weights, resistance bands and boxing gloves) is provided, helping remove barriers that might otherwise prevent people from getting started.



In just two years, **more than 400 from Oxshott, Cobham, Leatherhead, Ashted and beyond** have taken part in the courses. Many participants continue their fitness journey afterwards through follow-on sessions offered by the same team of Phoenix Rising Fitness trainers- such as Phoenix Pulse, a cardio-based class, or Phoenix Forge, a small-group strength programme.

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Play pétanque in Oxshott

Oxshott Village Sports Club (OVSC) has some of the best pétanque facilities in the south of England. And this month you can give them a try!

As previewed in last month's magazine, the South of France arrives in Oxshott this July! So do come along to play pétanque (you may know it as 'boules') in the afternoon sunshine...

OVSC has a very active pétanque section, with 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.

So do join us on our Open Day on 11 July! Just come along in some flat shoes (e.g. trainers), and we can provide the boules and initial instruction to get you going.

One of pétanque's strengths is that it is easy to learn the basics - though the full range of shots, techniques and tactics may take a little while longer. We are a friendly bunch, so come and join us and see what fun it is.

There's obviously no obligation, but if you do get hooked like us, we would love to welcome you to join Oxshott Pétanque Club. We play all year round - in all weather - and our club sessions are on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoons at 1.30pm and last for 2+ hours. Our members are a mixture of social players and those who are looking for the edge of competition. The more competitive members are encouraged to join one of our league teams. We have several sets of club boules for you to borrow, but members eventually tend to buy their own.

For further details, please email the OVSC Office (office@oxshottsports.com).



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Historic house to modern office space

Nicky Orlebar tells us the fascinating history of another local historic gem, now housing modern offices, tucked away down a leafy road in Fetcham...

A Heritage Open Day place of interest to look out for is Fetcham Park House and the nearby St Mary's Church. Fetcham is first mentioned in the Domesday Book as *Fecca's ham* then later *Feceham*.

The house itself was built in 1705 by English architect William Talman. Over the years, successive owners have remodelled both the exterior and interior, with work undertaken in the 1830s by Thomas Cubitt of nearby Denbies. In 1875, the House was further altered to resemble a French château, complete with windows in the roof. It is now a Grade II listed building.

After being home to the Hankey family, a dynasty of wealthy financiers, who owned the estate for 132 years from 1792-1924, the building became a boys' school before being occupied by London University during World War II. Following refurbishment in the 1980s, the house now offers rentable office space.

On entering the attractive red brick building, the hall is enhanced by an extremely elegant wooden staircase. Here on the walls and ceiling, famous French artist Louis Laguerre (1663-1721) painted colourful scenes depicting classical mythology. Further tasteful rooms include the Salon, where cream and gilt walls with large windows overlook the gardens. The Shell Room is so-called because of large plasterwork shells in the ceiling corners. Outside, former parterres in the park have been replaced by lawn, with paths leading around fountains.

Nearby, the eleventh century St Mary's Church dating from Anglo-Saxon times has Roman tiles embedded in the outside flint walls. The tower was added around 1180 with round headed windows, while inside the compact chancel appears longer than the nave. On a south aisle wall, is a recently restored painting on wood of the Royal Coat of Arms dated 1660, recognising the year Charles II returned from abroad to become King.

This local House and Church certainly merit a visit.

Nicky Orlebar


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

Answers
next month

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Think about it...

What did the drummer call his two daughters?
Anna One, Anna Two!

I know several jokes in sign language that I don't think
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What do you call someone who tells dad jokes but isn't a dad?
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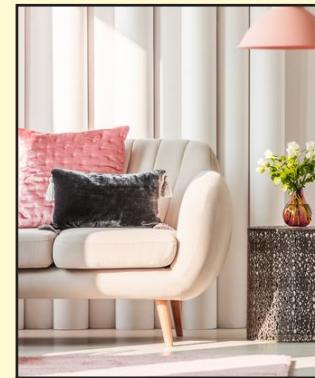
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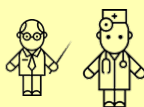
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- ABC:** Adults, Babies and young Children - group for babies, young children, and their parents or carers. Contact: Patrick & Belinda Davies (abc@standrewsoxshott.org.uk)
- Children and Young People:** Younger children meet separately for their own activities during part of our Sunday service at 10am in term time. See also **St Andrew's @4** (below). Contact: Revd Patrick Davies (patrick.davies@standrewsoxshott.org.uk)
- Church Flowers:** Jill Levitton (01932 862532)
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- Church Office:** Church Administrator: Claire Costard; Assistant: Rowena Osman-Robertson Monday-Friday, 9am-1pm (01372 842071 or office@standrewsoxshott.org.uk)
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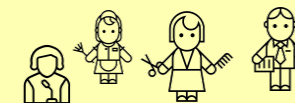
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All the details you need to join in

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
- Cobham Probus:** club for retired or semi-retired gentlemen. Meets 1st Tuesday in month at 9.30 for 10am at Churchgate House, Cobham. Contact: Adrian Scheele (01372 436091 or 07759 892054 or adrianscheele@me.com)
- 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 1st 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: 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. Contact 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, 3rd 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, netball, padel, pétanque, squash and 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 2nd 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 3rd Tuesday in month at 7.30pm, in Oxshott Village Centre. Contact: Maggie Day (01932 988501)

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