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Welcome

Remembering people...

Dear Friends,

With the warmth and sunshine of summer lingering even into October, now the clocks changing, the dark evenings drawing in and the cool and quiet of autumn seem to have arrived particularly suddenly!

On 8 November we will pause in silence during both our service at church (beginning at 10am, with a silence held at 11am) and at 12noon at the War Memorial on the Heath.

In those silences, we are not simply recalling major events of world history, but we are remembering people - real people - sons, daughters, husbands, wives, neighbours, friends. Each name recorded on the memorials, at St Andrew's and on the Heath, belonged to someone who laughed, and loved, and wrote letters home. We have some of their stories collected in a document at church, and reading this keeps me mindful that those names we read each year are those who walked the same streets and even lived in the same houses we occupy today.

Remembering is also an act of faith. Every week in church as we share bread and wine, we recall Jesus asking his disciples to "do this in remembrance of me". Communion reminds us that remembering is not just 'looking back' - but shapes how we live going forward. One of my greatest privileges as Vicar is to hear the eulogies given at funerals. I find no funeral passes without the inspiration to live a little more like those who are being remembered.

On 1 November, we keep 'All Saints and All Souls', a time to give thanks and remember all those we love and have lost, particularly over the last year. Perhaps there is someone you miss, and whether they were lost to you recently, or long ago - you are very welcome to attend our Memorial Service - a service of thanksgiving and remembering - at 4pm on 1 November.

This month, might all our 'rememberings' inspire us to live forward with greater love, courage and hope.

Patricia
Vicar



Church Services in November

- Sun 1 **All Saints' Day**
The Beatitudes
 10am St Andrew's at 10 All Age service
 4pm Memorial Service – A Service of Thanksgiving and Remembering
- Tue 3 9am Pray Together, via Teams
- Wed 4 11.30am Wednesdays at 11.30 (Holy Communion)
- Sat 7 9am Saturday Prayers in the Lady Chapel
- Sun 8 **The Third Sunday before Advent**
Remembrance Sunday
Remembrance: Justice & Righteousness
 10am St Andrew's at 10
 12noon Service at the War Memorial on Oxshott Heath
 4pm St Andrew's @4
- Tue 10 9am Pray Together, via Teams
- Wed 11 11.30am Wednesdays at 11.30 (Holy Communion)
- Sat 14 9am Saturday Prayers in the Lady Chapel
- Sun 15 **The Second Sunday before Advent**
The Parable of the Talents
 10am St Andrew's at 10
- Tue 17 9am Pray Together, via Teams
- Wed 18 11.30am Wednesdays at 11.30 (Holy Communion)
- Sat 21 9am Saturday Prayers in the Lady Chapel
- Sun 22 **The Sunday next before Advent**
"Just as you did to the least of these, you did it to me"
 10am St Andrew's at 10
 7pm St Andrew's at 7
- Tue 24 9am Pray Together, via Teams
- Wed 25 11.30am Wednesdays at 11.30 (Holy Communion)
- Sat 28 9am Saturday Prayers in the Lady Chapel
- Sun 29 **Advent Sunday**
Jesus calls Andrew
 10am St Andrew's at 10
- Mon 30 St Andrew's Day



Who was St Andrew?

St Andrew is the patron saint of Scotland and of many churches – including ours here in Oxshott. But who was he?

St Andrew's Day is celebrated on 30 November, especially by those churches who have been named after him, and in Scotland it is a bank holiday. But who was Andrew?

Well, he wasn't Scottish! Andrew and his brother Simon, also called Peter, were Jesus' first disciples in Galilee about 2,000 years ago; they were both fishermen, and were called as disciples, or followers, by Jesus as he was walking beside the Sea of Galilee.

Andrew's name is perhaps surprising, because although he was Jewish, the name is not Hebrew, as might have been expected, but Greek (ἀνδρέας); the Greek language and culture

were very much in evidence in Galilee at the time.

St Andrew's Cross

Andrew came to Patras in western Greece to preach Christianity during the reign of Emperor Nero, but was crucified by the Romans as a martyr in about AD 60 after he refused to renounce his Christian faith.

According to the Christian tradition, he died on a diagonally-transverse cross, which came to be known as St Andrew's Cross or saltire.

So he is traditionally portrayed with an X-shaped cross; here at St Andrew's Church, this can be seen in the

splendid carving on the reredos behind the altar, pictured on our cover this month, and in the north window of the chancel (right).

Andrew's connection to Scotland can be traced back to the 4th century, when his relics were brought to the ancient Pictish settlement, forming a strong religious association between the saint and the region.

But such is his importance from the earliest days of the Church that he has been adopted as patron saint of many countries (including Barbados, Romania, Russia and Ukraine), and by cathedrals and churches across the world.



Welcome

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

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From the Registers

Baptisms

We welcome into God's family:

- 20 September Art Charles Grosvenor Toland
 20 September Joshua Thomas Simpson Durham
 Thomas (Tom) Benjamin McKendrick Durham

Marriages

We offer our congratulations to:

- 12 September Esther Winklehner and Jonti James Luke Wade
 25 September Katherine Danielle Simpson and Martin Jack Durham

Funeral

We offer our condolences to the family and friends of:

- 15 September Arthur Mitchell (died 13 August 2026, aged 94)



Grilling at The Bear!

From Bass Guitar to the Vicarage: at the recent Men's Breakfast, our Vicar Patrick Davies volunteered to be grilled on his story and his role, as **Mike Newman** reports...

About 35 men descended on The Bear on 25 September for a hearty breakfast and a chance to grill – sorry, interview – our Vicar, Patrick Davies. Andrew Burns was our interrogator-in-chief, and Patrick gamely told his journey of how he went from Creative Writing student to Oxshott's vicar; he then answered questions from the floor.

Patrick's story

Patrick said he had originally imagined a future in advertising or journalism, but university life in Falmouth, the Christian Union there, and working on youth projects with the Falmouth Salvation Army Band as a bass guitarist, propelled him towards youth work. He worked for four years as a Youth Worker in the Godalming area in the team connected to St John the Baptist, Busbridge, where Jolyon Trickey was then vicar and where Patrick had earlier attended.

Patrick described how, the year after he and Belinda were married, they were moved by a trip they took to Kampala in Uganda, to visit the projects run by Compassion, the Christian charity for whom Belinda then worked, and witnessed first-hand the transformative work the charity did with children and families there.

Patrick spent eight years teaching – first at Gosden House in Bramley with special needs children – which was both a joyful and very testing and challenging time – with up to 12 children with complex issues; he got through each day with prayer – “Give us today our Daily Bread”. He then moved to mainstream primary school teaching at Holy Trinity, Pewley Down, before moving to train for ordination.

The call to the ministry, which began during his time as a youth-worker, continued to grow. Patrick did lots of thinking during the summer of 2015 and began a year and a half of ‘discernment’, culminating in 2017 with attendance at a residential selection panel (with Belinda's blessing!) when his son was just a week and a half old! He was selected by the Diocese of Guildford to train for ordination, and the family moved to Bristol for Patrick to study at theological college. His curacy was offered in Oxshott and the connection with Jolyon and Frances was reestablished when Patrick joined St Andrew's in 2020, during the Covid pandemic.

Patrick and Belinda had felt clearly called by God to come to Oxshott, and he became our vicar in September 2024. He said he felt very grateful to both Frances and Jolyon who had laid the foundations for his ministry here and guided him when he came to Oxshott as a curate.

1. What does a typical week involve?

In short, there is no typical week. Services, sermons, PCC meetings, Diocesan meetings, weddings, funerals, toddler groups, lunch clubs, pastoral visits, school assemblies and governorship, to name some of the many and varied tasks in the



vicar's diary. Patrick made the point that he never wants to be too busy for people and their pastoral needs.

2. What is the job description for a vicar?

Technically it is “the care of souls in the whole parish” – in other words, everyone in Oxshott! Patrick wants to build connections throughout the village and to meet people where they are. He stressed that the church is for all in our community. He mentioned the various ways where the church is reaching out to the different parts of the community – with ABC (for Adults, Babies, and pre-school aged Children), Open the Book in the Royal Kent, Lunch Club for the elderly and people on their own, Bereavement Support and Craft Club. The Café in the vestibule is a relaxed space where people can come in for a coffee and a chat.

3. What are the similarities between teaching and being a vicar?

Both involve caring for people, meeting their needs, communication and relationship. Teaching, he said, was in many ways an excellent preparation for becoming a vicar.

He concluded, “Children, young people, anyone won't care what you know, until they know that you care. Loving the class or the community is the fundamental thing.”

Final impressions

Patrick came across as warm, enthusiastic, full of boundless energy, and genuinely committed to serving God in Oxshott. His vision is for St Andrew's to be at heart of the village. – “building connections, deeper, wider and higher.”

Everyone left feeling uplifted, well fed and grateful to Patrick for the relaxed and open way he talked and answered questions, to Andrew for leading the conversation and to The Bear for providing us a very good breakfast.

Mike Newman



1999. C8.

Appropriately, our **Kneeler of the month** features The Bear, on the Leatherhead Road.

It shows the current building, which dates from 1925; despite several refurbishments, including one completed this spring, the core building is still very evident.

This building was built to the rear of the original Bear, which had opened in about 1776 and was actually a cottage that stood

end-on to the Leatherhead Road; the cottage also had a forge and a blacksmith's shop. In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, local hunts were based at the Bear.

This month's kneeler was made by the diligent Gwen Bullen in 1999, and shows the pub's appearance, and signage, at the time.

Every kneeler has its story.

'Never talk about politics, money or religion'

... or so the old adage goes, if you want to keep the peace, or your friends. Our Vicar Patrick Davies, breaks the rules...

The old adage 'Never talk about politics, money or religion...' is a bit of a challenge for a Vicar! This article won't cover all three topics – but, I hope it may shed some light on at least one or two... There are many misperceptions around money and the church – so, I thought it might be helpful to explain a little...

1. Why does my local church need money?

As part of the Church of England, it is often assumed that our church in Oxshott is funded centrally like a state school, or hospital – but, in fact, like every parish church in the Church of England, St Andrew's is funded almost entirely by voluntary donations from the local community.

Like every organisation we need to pay the salaries of the staff team, cover the costs of looking after the church buildings and grounds, the energy used for heating and lighting, and all the other running costs associated with the various activities and services offered from the church – everything from providing snacks for the toddler group, printing service sheets for baptisms, or tuning the piano for Christmas Carol concerts. In a typical year our total costs are around £250k.

2. Where does the money come from?

Most of our income comes from voluntary donations made by individuals and families from our local community. Some make regular (weekly, monthly or annual) gifts and others give one-off sums. Each year between two-thirds and three-quarters of our income comes through regular gifts, which is how we set our budget – but this means we enter each year with a significant deficit – which, for 2027 is around £50k.

We do make a small amount of income through the hire of our facilities for events. We also occasionally receive legacies left to us when people die, and these are set aside for more long-term strategic use, such as our upcoming project to improve external lighting, rather than being used for our day-to-day running costs.

We are also sometimes able to secure grants for specific capital projects: recently these include, repairs to the patio, improving the play area, and installing the solar lamp-post.

3. Where does the money go?

Each year a large portion of our income (around £110k) is assigned as 'Parish Share' – a proportional contribution every parish church makes to the central Church to help ensure that a church and Vicar can be provided in each parish. This aims to smooth over some of the financial inequalities between different parishes and is a core part of the vision of the Church of England, to provide a presence in every community, whether rich or poor. Our parish share is particularly large, as it is calculated according to the relative deprivation/privilege of each parish – and of the

12,134 parishes in the Church of England, Oxshott ranks at 12,038th meaning we are one of the very most privileged parishes. We also give 10% of our core income to other partner charities, both in the UK and overseas. The remainder of our money is used for all the costs associated with running the activities and services the church provides here in Oxshott.

4. Why might I support the church financially?

A recent piece of research calculated the 'return on investment' for giving to churches as each £1 given to a church becoming worth £16 in terms of social and community output.

St Andrew's is a church for the whole community of Oxshott, and last year around 3,000 people had connection with the church through the year. Whether you join with the community through our ABC Babies and Toddlers group, or Wednesday Lunch Club for the more elderly, find support through a bereavement, or as a parent of young children, connect through engagement with schools, or at other activities we provide for children and families, or if you attend services regularly, seasonally, or only occasionally – or even just drop by the café for coffee & cake, or a bowl of soup on a Wednesday – please know that we really are 'your church'...

Our aim is to create and deepen all kinds of connections within and across our community – and, in doing so, we hope to enrich the life of our village.

If just 250 people in our community were able to support St Andrew's with a gift of £20 a month, this would mean the church could enter 2027 with a balanced budget, (and a little spare) to further our community engagement and service.

Could you become a 'Friend of St Andrew's Oxshott', by making such a gift?

5. How can I support the church financially?

The best way to support St Andrew's financially is through a regular donation – this helps us to budget effectively and plan strategically. It is easy to set up and manage a regular donation through the Parish Giving Scheme, which administers donations on behalf of parishes in the Church of England, and can even reclaim Gift-Aid on our behalf (where eligible). One-off donations can also easily be made via the Parish Giving Scheme. Go to www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/oxshott-st-andrew-oxshott (or scan the QR code to go directly there).

We are a registered charity (1128379), so all gifts to St Andrew's can be offset against tax, and our accounts are independently examined and published on the Charity Commission website every year.

If you've any questions, or want to discuss any of the above, please be in touch with me (patrick.davies@standrewsoxshott.org.uk) or our Treasurer, Carl (treasurer@standrewsoxshott.org.uk).



Patrick Davies

Remembrance: Wilfred Owen

Rebecca Mayhew reflects on a visit to northern France, and the life and poetry of Wilfred Owen MC, who died a week before the Armistice, at the age of 25...

On a beautiful day in June, we visited the grave of Wilfred Owen MC, a poet who was killed in Ors, Northern France on 4 November 1918. His relative Elizabeth is a near neighbour in Cobham and had told me about the memorial and commemorations held there each November. As I still have his poems in a textbook from my own 'O' levels, it seemed the right thing to do.

Wilfred was shot at the side of the Canal de la Sambre Oise leading his men of the Manchester Regiment. Wilfred was 25 years old. He is now buried in the town's communal cemetery (*right*) along with 64 others. His poem *Strange Meeting* is printed on a noticeboard in the cemetery. The poem's message is that "Wars coercively eradicate our shared humanity". He stayed the night before in the Maison Forestière and there is a marked walking circuit following in the steps of Wilfred Owen.

There are military cemeteries all around Ors. As there was no café or restaurant open, we went on to Arras for lunch and then went to Vimy Ridge, an awesome memorial curated by the Canadian army.



Notre Dame de Lorette

Then we went to Notre Dame de Lorette. It was now after 6pm on a beautiful evening. The church (*left*) was shut, but there is a memorial wall paying tribute to the memory of soldiers who fell in the Nord and the Pas de Calais between 1914 and 1918. The 580,000 names are listed alphabetically without distinction between rank or nationality, former enemies and friends side by side. The list of the 294,000 soldiers from the British Empire buried or commemorated in the Nord and Pas de Calais was provided by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

It was a sobering day. If you are interested in joining the Wilfred Owen Association, look on the website www.wilfredowen.org.uk for instructions.



The gravestone

Rebecca Mayhew

Strange Meeting

It seemed that out of the battle I escaped
Down some profound dull tunnel, long since scooped
Through granites which titanic wars had groined.
Yet also there encumbered sleepers groaned,
Too fast in thought or death to be bestirred.
Then, as I probed them, one sprang up, and stared

With piteous recognition in fixed eyes,
Lifting distressful hands as if to bless.
And by his smile, I knew that sullen hall,
By his dead smile I knew we stood in Hell.
With a thousand pains that vision's face was grained;
Yet no blood reached there from the upper ground,
And no guns thumped, or down the flues made moan.
"Strange friend," I said, "here is no cause to mourn."
"None," said the other, "save the undone years,
The hopelessness. Whatever hope is yours,
Was my life also; I went hunting wild
After the wildest beauty in the world,
Which lies not calm in eyes, or braided hair,
But mocks the steady running of the hour,
And if it grieves, grieves richlier than here.
For by my glee might many men have laughed,
And of my weeping something had been left,
Which must die now. I mean the truth untold,
The pity of war, the pity war distilled.
Now men will go content with what we spoiled.
Or, discontent, boil bloody, and be spilled.
They will be swift with swiftness of the tigress,
None will break ranks, though nations trek from progress.
Courage was mine, and I had mystery,
Wisdom was mine, and I had mastery;
To miss the march of this retreating world
Into vain citadels that are not walled.
Then, when much blood had clogged their chariot-wheels
I would go up and wash them from sweet wells,
Even with truths that lie too deep for taint.
I would have poured my spirit without stint
But not through wounds; not on the cess of war.
Foreheads of men have bled where no wounds were.
I am the enemy you killed, my friend.
I knew you in this dark; for so you frowned
Yesterday through me as you jabbed and killed.
I parried; but my hands were loath and cold.
Let us sleep now..."



Wilfred Owen 1918

StAKs at home

Whatever your age, here are some ideas and activities themed around All Saints and All Souls' Day!...

Secret Saints Challenge



Many saints became saints through small acts of love and care. Can you challenge yourself to do at least 2 of these small acts of love and care each week in November? Perhaps you can even think of your own acts to do?

- Smile at someone.
- Let someone go first.
- Pick up litter.
- Say thank you.
- Help an adult.
- Pray for someone.
- Hold a door open for someone.



Transient Art Hearts:

Can you make hearts using natural resources? Lay out twigs, acorns, pinecones, and colourful leaves directly on the grass or soil to form a temporary natural heart.

Bible verse emoji quiz

Can you work out the Bible verse from these emojis?



(Matthew 5:9)

Craft Activity Ideas

Thankful Jars:

Decorate a clean glass jar with twine, ribbon, and autumn leaves, then fill it with small paper slips where family members write or draw what they are grateful for and read one out during dinner each evening.



What is StAKs?

St Andrew's is a church for people of all ages - and StAKs is short for **St Andrew's Kids**.

StAKs is the name of our Sunday morning children's groups. These take place during our 10am Sunday services each week, except on the First Sunday each month when we all stay together in church for our All Age Worship Service.

StAKs at church

What have the children been learning in StAKs recently?

In StAKs, we have been looking at what Paul has been teaching us in Acts. We have thought about how we can all work together to spread the Good News and the importance

of teamwork in achieving this. Our youngest members of StAKs worked together to make a paper chain, with pictures of themselves joined together.



Our older children were set the challenge of moving a bowl of water using only skipping ropes. They had to work out how to do it and work together to successfully complete the challenge. There was lots of laughter and spilt water along the way!

StAKs

October's All Age Worship Service

On the first Sunday in October, we enjoyed writing 'Potato Prayers', which were then 'harvested' by the children.

Through our prayers, we thought about all the things God has been growing in us and the ways we can 'harvest' these gifts by serving Him.

Our next All Age Worship service will be on **Sunday 1 November**. Please do come along and join us!

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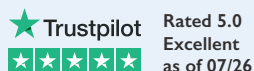
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before



after

After a long, hot summer...

There were some striking images this summer, which called to mind a poem from a while ago, on the feelings when gorse burns uncontrolled...

Gorse Fire

This year growth was late
and dead stuff stayed;
Then sparks took hold,
Fanned out, inflamed.

The fire infested furze
Flew on
And baby forests died

Young lives
So full of promise
Scythed
By tumbleweeds
Of flame
And charcoaled acres
All remains
Vandal
Wanton acts
Or

Carelessness
The loss remains
the same.

And all the nation pays
Where none can gain.

*By Ignatius Ahearn
submitted by his daughter,
Eraine Bishop*

Reflections



Bringing theory to life!

Vanessa Cooper shares how The Royal Kent School brings classroom theory to life, with outstanding results...

At The Royal Kent School, we aspire for greatness, believing that striving for excellence unlocks potential and helps children discover their talents and realise their capabilities.

Our comprehensive calendar of educational visits, workshops and residential bridges the gap between classroom theory and real-world experiences. These opportunities nurture curiosity, teamwork and confidence, helping children broaden their horizons and develop essential life skills.

We have welcomed an array of external experts during the autumn term. To really embed our Computing curriculum, Eduthing delivered its immersive Robots Unleashed workshop. Children learnt to control and manoeuvre robots, even programming them to sing songs created with the help of AI. Rabbi Zvi also brought Shabbat to life through a sensory exploration of traditional items from the Shabbat table, deepening pupils' **cognisance** of Jewish celebrations.

To help bring Victorian Day to life **creatively**, not only did children and staff dress up in authentic costume (*top right*), but our classroom underwent a full transformation; rigid rows of desks replaced our normal table configuration, lighting was banished and wall displays covered to emulate the austere environment of the Victorian era.

To prepare our eldest pupils for their next chapter, they embark on a week-long residential to Hindleap Warren. Away from home, they develop independence and confidence through group activities and obstacle courses that encourage communication, **courage**, trust and teamwork.

Our latest Year 6 SATs results (*left*) are outstanding and reflect the **commitment** and dedication of our pupils and teachers. We are incredibly proud of their phenomenal effort and achievements.

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Vanessa Cooper

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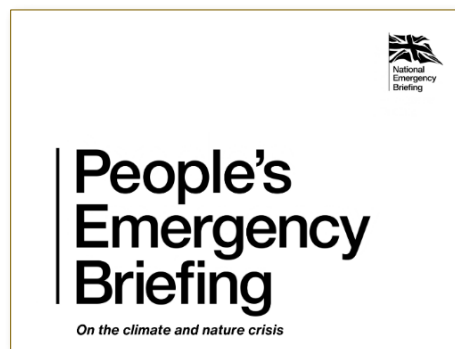
It's a film you won't see in the cinema or online – yet. But it was shown here in Oxshott, as **Diana Thornton** explains...

On the evening of 24 September, 47 residents from Oxshott and Cobham gathered around tables in the Village Centre to watch the People's Emergency Briefing. It is a sobering and eye-opening watch but it also includes important suggestions for the actions we could take to meet the climate and nature crisis.

If you haven't yet encountered this nationwide initiative, a People's Emergency Briefing involves the screening of a film, hosted by Chris Packham and guests, with reactions on-screen in the style of Gogglebox. The screening is then followed by discussion and reflection.

The film itself is an edited version of the National Emergency Briefing which was presented last November to MPs and leaders from business and the arts by leading experts in their field. The film covers the impact of the climate and nature crises on key areas of national life: Weather Extremes; Climate; Tipping Points; Nature; Food Security; Health; National Security; Economics and Energy Transition.

The film is not available to watch online or on social media because one of the key action-points after seeing the film is to write to your MP in support of a televised National Emergency Briefing, like the ones we had during Covid. Only at



this point would the campaign go online with these national briefings. The current stage of the briefing process is to inform the public about the size of the problems we are facing and to gather support for urgent national briefings.

The film is apolitical. As one of the experts in the film says, "The physics doesn't care about politics." It is endorsed by individuals such as Lord Deben (John Gummer), various national charities including WWF, the RSPB and CPRE; religious leaders and bodies including the Church of England and scientific bodies including the Royal Meteorological Society.

If you haven't yet seen the film and would like to do so, it is being screened at Cobham United Church on 13 November - you can book tickets using this QR code. Or you can find a summary of the expert briefings on the NEB website www.nebriefing.org/expert-briefings

Diana Thornton



What's On in Oxshott

November

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| Tue | 3 | 10am Ladies Friendship Group: <i>'Where or how did you meet your husband?'</i> , with coffee, biscuits and chat, in the Small Hall at Oxshott Village Centre |
| Sun | 8 | 10am Remembrance Sunday Service , at St Andrew's Church
12noon Remembrance Service , at the War Memorial, Oxshott Heath |
| Tue | 10 | 9am-1pm The Garden Route Children's Trust: <i>Coffee morning and Christmas Sale</i> , Oxshott Village Centre (see page 21)
7.30pm Oxshott Art & Crafts Society: <i>Riverside Scene in Oils</i> , with Paul Alcock, at Oxshott Village Centre |
| Wed | 11 | 2.15pm The Arts Society Claremont & Oxshott: Music Recital, then <i>The Astors</i> , with Andrew Hopkins, at Yehudi Menuhin School, Stoke d'Abernon |
| Fri | 13 | 7.30 for 8pm St Andrew's Church: <i>Men's Curry Night</i> , with Rick Woodward, at Oxshott Village Sports Club, Steels Lane (see page 17) |
| Sat | 14 | 10am-12.30pm Oxshott Net Zero Repair Café: at St Andrew's Church Hall. Bring something in need of repair; last item accepted at 12 noon |
| Tue | 17 | 8pm Oxshott Village Women's Institute: Annual Meeting, with refreshments, in the Small Hall at Oxshott Village Centre |
| Wed | 18 | 7.30pm Cercle français d'Esher: <i>Créer un théâtre bilingue: Langues, identités et création et créolisation sur scène</i> , with David Furlong, at West End Village Hall |
| Sun | 22 | From 4pm Oxshott Christmas Spectacular - lights on at 6pm (see page 24) |
| Wed | 25 | 3pm-7pm Combat Stress: Christmas Fayre: shopping, refreshments, raffle, at Tyrwhitt House, Oaklawn Road, Leatherhead, KT22 0BX (see page 33) |

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



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Sessions will be held on three evenings in late November (*see panel*), and tickets are £50 per person, with all proceeds going to support our Oxshott Scouts.

Book early...

Places are limited, so book early! To reserve your place, email claireblackwell@gmail.com or WhatsApp 07880 785541.

...and Christmas trees!

As usual the Scouts are also taking orders for Christmas trees (*right*), which are delivered free to Oxshott and Cobham residents by the elf-scouts.

Claire Blackwell

Join us!

Sessions will be held on:
Wednesday 25 November, 7-9pm
Thursday 26 November, 7-9pm
Sunday 29 November, 4-6pm



Order a tree!

Place your order at www.oxshott-scouts.org/christmas-trees before 22 November!

Round & About



Visit Oxshott are delighted to be hosting the Oxshott Christmas Spectacular once again, this year on Sunday 22 November – **see the full details opposite...**

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Stunning stitch-work on display

Craft members of OCACS (Oxshott & Cobham Art & Crafts Society) demonstrate their talents with a needle and thread, as described by **Miranda Fuller...**

OCACS have been enjoying the extraordinarily summery autumn, a delight for *en plein air* artists; others continue to enjoy our Wednesday socials at Bluehouse in Esher, now in considerably larger premises. Meanwhile, in September, some of our craftswomen's work of wonderfully colourful

and imaginative designs and superb stitch-work, formed part of an excellent exhibition at Polesden Lacey.

Shown here (left) are two striking pieces in orange by Charlotte Fletcher, and two in blue by Wendy Hale.

On 13 October, we welcomed back Frank Walters, to demonstrate two landscapes in watercolour, details of which will

be shown in the next issue. Sadly, the workshop to be given by Farida Khan-Evans, soon after, could not take place due to a shortage of members.

Looking ahead...

At our demonstration on 10 November, Paul Alcock will be demonstrating for us

A *Riverside Scene in Oils*, and several of our members, who also belong to Molesey Art Society, will be taking part in the MAS Autumn Exhibition on 14 and 15 November.

Closer to Christmas, on 8 December we will have our AGM and Christmas Social. Details of our upcoming programme for 2027 will be given in the December/January issue.

We are a friendly and informal group and our demonstrations 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





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Romans in Ashtead!

A fascinating discovery, by rabbits, revealed a local Roman villa; our correspondent **Nicky Orlebar** found out more at a Festival of Archaeology...

Only four miles east of Oxshott lies Ashtead Common where, in the 1920s, Roman remains were unearthed by burrowing rabbits. Archaeologists were informed, and soon excavated a rectangular corridor villa with a separate bathhouse thought to date from AD 70. Nearby was a circular room made of hollow bricks through which heat could rise.

Later digs from 2006 onwards proved significant. Archaeologists uncovered a Roman workshop where bricks and pots were made using London clay found in adjacent pits. Tiles were unearthed which had been decorated, when the clay was wet, by a roller producing a zig-zag pattern.

A trading post?...

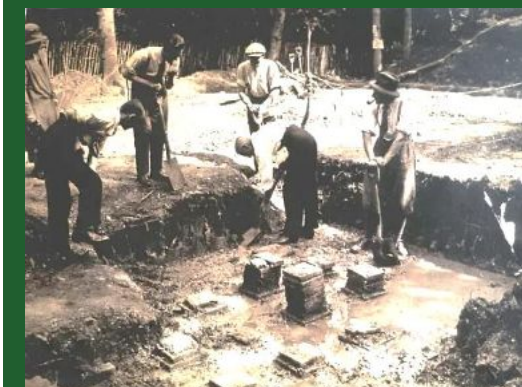
A further advantage was the area's proximity to Stane Street, the Anglo-Saxon name for the Roman road which linked *Londinium* with *Noviomagus Reginorum*, the ancient Roman city known as Chichester today.

The combination of nearby woods supplying timber for the kilns, alongside clay pits near a road, suggested a trading post selling these bricks, tiles and possibly pots.

The kiln presented a puzzle, as one large kiln appeared to have been built upon another. It was suggested this could be due to the lower kiln either sinking or becoming damp in the clay soil. Further finds included lamps, bottles, pipes for smoking, hairpins and shoes. One complete pot was even unearthed embedded in a wall. Further excavations found piles of tiles indicating a hypocaust, a system for under floor heating. The site is believed to have been abandoned, possibly when the clay ran out, by about AD 225 and today it has been filled in to preserve it. No human or animal bones were dug up nor any mosaics uncovered.

Bourne Hall Museum in West Ewell held a Festival of Archaeology in July, when one of the talks focused on this Ashtead Roman villa and nearby workings.

How intriguing to learn of a business set up not far away - two thousand years ago in Roman Britannia.



Ashtead Roman villa - first excavated in the 1920s

Nicky Orlebar

Sudoku

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

Last month's solution

Answers
next month

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4		8						3

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Think about it...

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My wife told me to stop impersonating a flamingo. I had to put my foot down.

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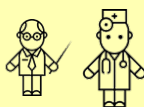
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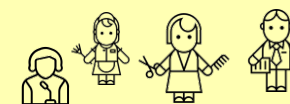
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Health Visitor: Surrey Child and Family Health visiting team, supporting you from the birth of your baby up until they go to school (0300 247 0025 or scfh.contact@hrcgcaregroup.com)

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

Osteopath: Anja Davidson MSt, Wellmead Osteopathy, Steels Lane (01372 897497 or 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 or visit www.oxshottvillagecentre.co.uk)

Physiotherapist: Leigh R. Hopper MCSP SRP, Oxshott Physiotherapy Practice, Sunridge, Fair Oak Lane, Oxshott (01372 844449 or 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)

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)

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)

Victim Support: Free confidential support after crime. Contact: Supportline (08 08 16 89 111 or visit 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)

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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