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Who are (or what is) FoX?

by Ian Dilks

Friends of Oxshott (FoX) is a local organisation formed in 2017 for the purpose of improving the relationship between the community and Danes Hill School.

Danes Hill has, across its two sites, grown to become the largest school of its type in England, which puts increasing pressure on the village infrastructure. This has contributed to tensions between the school and local residents, particularly those who live closest to the two sites. These tensions have come to a head over recent years. This situation is not in the interests of either party and therefore FoX was formed to establish a position of mutual respect so that the school and its neighbours can live more harmoniously together. FoX membership now numbers about 85 households, drawn from across the village but particularly from those areas closest to the school's sites.

We are pleased that the school has accepted that change is needed and is keen to respond. In particular, there was an urgent need for much better communication, and Danes Hill therefore appointed a new Local Community Liaison Officer, Sarah Colenso, to deal with any specific or urgent concerns of Oxshott residents.

The school also approached representatives of FoX to discuss how the school and the community might better work together. There have now been some very constructive meetings, and regular future meetings are planned, to discuss the concerns that have been shared with FoX and the school's responses. In particular, the school has undertaken to keep FoX supporters and others regularly updated with details of the construction of the major new sports hall at its main site. Sarah regularly emails FoX with information about planned events at the School which will impact the local community, for example those which will cause a temporary increase in traffic flow or a temporary noise nuisance, which FoX in turn passes on to its supporters. Problems or issues of concern will not stop overnight but progress is being made and the school has shown a willingness to respond to the issues that have been raised with it, including those relating to the conduct of parents.

We keep our supporters regularly updated with developments by email. If you wish to know more or receive information provided by the school, contact us on oxshottfriends@outlook.com. If you have any specific issues concerning the school, including those relating to the conduct of parents, please contact Sarah Colenso directly on localcommunity@daneshill.surrey.sch.uk but FoX is interested to know how and when issues are resolved.

FoX is now working closely with the rejuvenated FEDORA and plans to integrate fully with it over the next few months.



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Chairman's Comments

by Carmen Robinson - FEDORA Co-Chair

FEDORA has had a great year with the two new Chairs who were elected at the AGM last May and an active management team. The Chair is now shared by Anthony Wolfe and Carmen Robinson who also act as Treasurer and Secretary.

We are delighted to tell you that FEDORA has also joined forces with Voice of Oxshott and Friends of Oxshott and together we are creating one big voice to have an influence on the problems which are harming our village. We are also communicating with residents much more frequently by sending emails to advise you about matters of interest; if you are not receiving our emails then we encourage you to contact chairman@fedora.org.uk and ask to be put on our email distribution list. Our magazine is distributed just twice a year; the email communications enable us to be more immediately responsive to matters in-between magazine issues. FEDORA is also building a new, more dynamic website and plans to start using social media to communicate with residents.

Over the past three months our team has spent a lot of time making sure that residents were aware of the Elmbridge Local Plan consultation and advising them on how to respond. Remember that this is only the first step of the journey in formulating the Local Plan for Elmbridge. The next step will be in January/February when the draft Local Plan will be made available for the public to comment on, before it is sent to the Planning Inspector in March. FEDORA will be involved in this process and, once again, will keep residents informed by email. If you are not sure that you are on our email list, please check with us.

There is continuous pressure to provide additional housing in Oxshott, leading to increased density of development. The FEDORA team is continually working on planning matters and is following critical planning applications which threaten to damage our neighbourhoods. Our emails try to keep the public informed on what is going on so that they can, if they wish, comment on new planning applications and have an influence on new housing development. Of course, we cannot be watching for every planning application in Oxshott and we rely on residents to advise us of potential developments that are of concern. Please see the article on Planning Matters in this magazine, for more information on current planning issues.

With regards to traffic and roads, our team is in close contact with Surrey County Council with the hope eventually to reduce traffic on the A244, to slow the traffic down, reduce the HGV traffic, and to improve parking. During early October, FEDORA arranged a meeting that included Councillor Tim Oliver (Leader of Surrey CC), Nick Healey (Surrey CC Head of Highways)

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and Elmbridge Councillor Andrew Burley to talk about the traffic problems in Oxshott. After a previous meeting in June our MP, Dominic Raab, wrote to Elmbridge Council and Surrey CC raising FEDORA's concerns about the A244.

Surrey CC have indicated that they will consider feasibility studies on a HGV ban at night in Oxshott (and Cobham) and on the installation of average-speed check cameras on the Oxshott stretch of the A244.

To have a stronger voice and more chance of success in getting changes made, we need to have input from all the residents of Oxshott. If you have specific examples of problems with traffic and roads, please let FEDORA know. Our biggest opportunity is to demonstrate a united front as we work with Surrey CC on these matters. We have an extensive Roads Report in this magazine that provides more-detailed information on the traffic issues and what FEDORA is trying to achieve.

We are continuing our efforts to "beautify" the Village. Funds remaining from Oxshott Village Day have been used to purchase daffodils and tulips for the brick planter in the village and the triangle of land at the top of Station Approach. These will be planted during the next few weeks and will provide welcome spring colour.

If you have any concerns about matters that affect our Village, please let us know and we will do as much as we can to help.



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From the Designer of the Oxshott Village Sign

Robert C Jones

On behalf of my family and I, I would like to send a big thank you to all who voted for my design in the Oxshott Village Sign Design Competition

Also I'd like to thank John Early Cook for hiring my Great Grandfather and Grandfather in the 1800's as Brickmakers in the Oxshott Brickworks, Sir Robert McAlpine or (Concrete Bob) who used to live in Knott Park for hiring Reg Jones and Mabel Conway (from Darlington) in the mid 1930's (hence me), The Royal Kent School for 6 years of school dinners from 1944 to 1950, I can remember every one of them! Thanks also to The Oxshott (Men's) Club for a misspent youth around the Snooker Table - not really!

And finally many thanks to Felicity Bond and Graham Tillotson of The Oxshott Village Sign Society and all who contributed to the project and not least Rod Fender and his team from Black Forge Art for making The Sign happen.

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A Lively Life!

by Martin Rumbelow



Bumping in our coach over the tidal causeway to Lindisfarne Holy Island and then at the Abbey pondering on the life of those early monks living in dread of the Viking ships appearing over the horizon (see photo). Next day Newcastle and Gateshead and a performance of Les Miserables and the following day back many centuries for Chesters Fort on the wall that Emperor Hadrian ordered to be built to defend Roman Britain. Not to mention Alnwick Castle, Bamburgh Castle and Seahouses, and Cragside the first house ever to be lit by hydroelectric power.

As you may have guessed we were in Northumberland this September on one of the major trips our Moleside Probus Club run every year. Usually we go overseas, last three years Provence, Denmark and Berlin and next year two tempting trips in prospect Georgia (the ex-USSR one not USA!) and the Amalfi Coast of Italy.

These major trips are only one of the many varied and stimulating activities on offer. Last month a day out at two lovely gardens at Bramdean House and Weir House in Hampshire (with a good pub lunch in between) and next in October a concert trip to the Cadogan Hall in London is in prospect.

There are Probus Clubs throughout the country (and overseas) and the name comes from the idea of gathering together locally retired or near-retired professional and business men to make new friends and enjoy being together for agreeable activities. We are about 70 strong and meet regularly once a month in Cobham for a couple of hours, the core of which is a lecture on a wide variety of topics ranging from recently, "A historian's view of why Germany is as it is" to building a craft to smash the world water speed

record! We also have a cup of coffee and a chat and catch up with all the various activities and trips on offer and sign up for them. Although we meet in Cobham many Members come from the nearby villages and towns such as Fetcham, Horsley and of course Oxshott and Stoke d'Abernon.

Although the monthly meetings are for just the male Members, all the trips and clubs and activities include the ladies, so we get to know the wives and partners well. As well as the trips and expeditions, there is a wide variety of groups from the Hackers at golf to wine tasting and the computer club and regular monthly walks. Far from wondering what to do, it is sometimes difficult to fit it all in!

If any retired or near-retired professional or business men feel they might be interested in joining, there are vacancies from time to time. Have a look at our web site at www.molesideprobus.org and you will see our slogan "Retirement is Only the Beginning"! And so it is! You will find there lots of information about our activities with videos and pictures as well as how to go about applying to join if you are tempted.

OXSHOTT TRUST FUND

The Annual General Meeting of the Oxshott Trust Fund will be held on

Monday 11th November 2019 at 7.45 pm at the Oxshott Village Centre.

All Oxshott Residents are invited to attend and participate in this meeting.

Notice of any matter you wish to be discussed at the A.G.M should be sent in writing to:

The Chairman,
Oxshott Trust Fund,
e-mail geoffdot@ntlworld.com
by 4th November
at the latest.

Planning Matters

by Alec Robinson

At midnight on 30th September, the Elmbridge Local Plan Consultation closed; we have heard that there have been approximately 6,500 responses to the Consultation across Elmbridge, about double the number that responded to the 2016/2017 consultation. The results will be studied by Elmbridge Council Planning Department and used to prepare a draft Local Plan. This will be presented to Elmbridge residents during January/February 2020 for a period of 6 weeks, during which period residents can make representations about matters of concern. There will also be a public meeting where residents can have their say.

However, the creeping urbanization of Oxshott is not on hold while we wait for the new Local Plan. There are several ongoing developments to comment on, all of which result in a serious increase in density of housing and a dramatic change in the character of Oxshott.

1, 3, 5 Goldrings Road

Status: Pre-Planning

Notice has been provided that Blundell Property are applying for planning permission to construct two blocks of flats containing 32 assisted-care apartments and a ca. 75-bed care home on the sites of numbers 1, 3 and 5 Goldrings Road. This project has been in pre-planning discussions with Elmbridge Planning department. A planning application has not yet been submitted but is understood to be imminent.

A massive, high-density commercial development of this type is totally out of character with the area, which consists of single-family detached residences. The development would generate a large amount of traffic on Goldrings Road including heavy delivery vehicles operating at anti-social hours and the development would be located at the intersection of Goldrings Road with the A244 near the traffic lights for Fairoak Lane.

A local action group has been formed to coordinate opposition and appoint professional advisers. FEDORA has offered support. A public meeting will be arranged in Bevendean once further details are available.

Further information will be provided as it becomes available to those on our email list. In the meantime, updated information can be requested by emailing voice. of.oxshott@gmail.com.

8 Holtwood Road

Status: Registered

The proposal is for two, detached, two-storey blocks, one with rooms in the roof space, containing a total of 9 flats with bin stores, 2 new accesses with gates and associated parking and landscaping, following demolition of the existing house.

After refusal of the initial planning application, the developer modified it and submitted a new application, but at the same time went to appeal over the refusal of the initial planning applications.

Holtwood Road gets very congested at certain times of the day because of parking for Danes Hill pre-school, traffic for the Village Hall and Medical Centre, and traffic seeking a short-cut from Steels Lane to the A244. This development would cause yet more traffic on a blind corner. In addition, it is totally out of character in this area of single-family detached residences.

Merrileas

Status: Pre-Planning

As you leave Oxshott on the A244 towards Leatherhead, the Merrileas site is on the left (the east) just after the road bends to the left and immediately before the car park for Princes Coverts. It is a 2-hectare site currently occupied by a detached house. There are now plans to develop the site with a very dense development consisting of 73 "dwellings". At a meeting with the developer, we were told that the density of development is a consequence of Elmbridge planners insisting on a housing density of at least 30 dwellings per hectare and no dwellings of 4 bedrooms or more. In consequence the plans are for a mix of small 1-bedroom and 2-bedroom apartments, small terraced houses, and a few semi-detached houses.

This type of development is totally out-of-character with the area, a semi-rural setting on the edge of Princes Coverts. It might be appropriate for a town centre, but not for this location.

The dwellings will supposedly be "affordable" and therefore occupied by young families with school-age children. However, there is no pedestrian access to the site because there are no pavements on that side of the road and no continuous pavement into Oxshott village on either side of the road; the exit will be on a dangerous corner on a very busy road; school children will need to travel by car to get to a school; commuters will need to travel by car to get to the station; and there are no retail facilities within walking distance. It is difficult to conceive of a worse location for such a development.

In the maps for the Elmbridge Local Plan, this plot of land had been labelled as GB61 with capacity for 30 dwellings, but has now been removed from those maps.

The developer is planning a public exhibition which we understand will be on 5th November in St Andrews' Church hall. Those on our email distribution list will be alerted to further information and to any changes in the arrangements for this exhibition.

Willow Cottage, Ridgeway Close

Status: Registered

The proposal is for five, detached, two-storey, 3-bedroom houses, after demolition of the existing single residence. A previous application in 2018 for three 5-bedroom houses was rejected in part because "by reason of its unit mix (it) fails to make effective use of land within the urban area in order to meet the Borough's identified housing need". The new application, therefore, is for 5 houses instead of 3. Residents are deeply concerned about the increased traffic on what is already a difficult road constricted by on-street parking. This is another example of increased density of urbanization in Oxshott.

Plans to Celebrate the Bicentenary of a Very Royal School

The Royal Kent School (RKS), Oxshott is planning several community events over the next year in the run up to the school's official bicentenary on 16 October 2020.

As the nation gets ready to mark the 200-year anniversary of the birth of Queen Victoria on Friday 24 May, The Royal Kent School in Oxshott is busy making plans for a very royal celebration of their own. In 2020, the school will commemorate the founding of the school over 200 years ago.

Built in 1820, the school was named 'Royal Kent' as it was set up under the Patronage of Prince Leopold of Saxe-Coburg, who lived in nearby Claremont and his sister, the Duchess of Kent and mother to the future Queen Victoria.

Until the building of the current school in Oakshade Road in 1958, the school was located on Oxshott High Street, on the site of the present petrol station. The 1820 building continued to be used until long after World War II, but it became more and more difficult to maintain the building and ensure it was fit for purpose.



The Royal Kent School, Oxshott, 1920

The present-day RKS has visible reminders of the original building in the shape of a plaque which reads 'Royal Kent School Founded 1820' and the bell from the turret on its roof. In keeping with tradition, the school still rings this bell each morning to start the school day!

An Oxshott Sunday school started in a barn of Birds Hill Farm in June 1818 and was perhaps the school's true predecessor. Early in 1818, Reverend. T. Lewis, a minister at the Islington Congregational Union Chapel, received a letter deploring the ignorant and depraved state of the people of Oxshott, saying they were greatly in need of religious education. A far cry from the more recent labelling of Oxshott as the most expensive village in England and the premier address for top footballers!

For nearly 200 years, RKS has stayed true to its roots and provides a supportive and caring environment, where children are empowered to become confident, happy learners who achieve their very best – academically, socially and in readiness for later life. The school's core virtues of Wisdom, Dignity, Hope and Community serve as a framework for the school which was proud to be featured so prominently on the new village sign erected earlier this month

following a community funded project.

A more recent development in the school's community curriculum is RKS's Raising Aspiration programme where the local Community, Governors, Parents and Alumni are invited into the school to share their life experience with the children.



The Barn which was used as a School and a Meeting House

Miss Katie Hancock, Headmistress of RKS said

'In readiness for the bicentenary preparations, the school would love to hear from more RKS Alumni willing to share their favourite memories of the school and other experiences. Any donations of Royal Kent School memorabilia and historical documents to add to the school's existing collection would also be

gratefully received and help make this royal celebration even more memorable for the school and the community'.

For more information, please visit www.royal-kent.surrey.sch.uk/our-school/our-history-and-alumni.

The Royal Kent Church of England School is a happy and high achieving one-form entry school in the heart of Oxshott, Surrey; the school has had a presence in the village, albeit in a different building, since 1820. We are an inclusive Christian school for local children and we welcome families of different faiths and cultures. All children benefit from our strong links with our parish church St Andrews. Staff, pupils and parents are very proud of our school, its heritage and values. Our school motto is 'Learning for Life' and we aim to equip our pupils with the skills and attitude to continue learning throughout life and develop them, in partnership with parents and the community, into independent, caring and creative adults.



The Oxshott Village sign, featuring the Royal Kent School. May 2019

Calling all Treasure Hunters and Alumni to help locate lost treasure and join royal bicentenary celebrations



The Royal Kent School (RKS), Oxshott is appealing to the local community to help find alumni and locate a missing time capsule in preparation for the school's official bicentenary on 16th October 2020.

Unfortunately, there are no crown jewels buried in the school grounds, but RKS staff and pupils are searching for treasure of another sort. A lost Time Capsule, buried 50

years ago to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the school, has yet to be found. The school is appealing to the local community and businesses who may be able to provide information or even equipment to locate the time capsule and help with the search for alumni.

The original school was located on Oxshott High Street before moving to its current home in 1958. The 1958 school hall remained untouched until Summer 2019 when it received a much-needed makeover thanks to a successful bid for Elmbridge Borough Council's CIL funding and the school PTA.

As of the bicentenary festivities, RKS plans to create a mural for the hall and a 'school museum' so that pupils and visitors are transported back in time to get a glimpse of the school's Historical artefacts include a copy of the rules for teachers from 1872 and 1915, school photos and a punishment book from the early 1900s (see the next page). Any



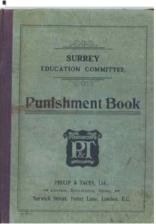
Original School Bell

prospective teachers will be relieved to know that filling lamps, cleaning chimneys and bringing a bucket of water and a scuttle of coal are no longer part of everyday class duties!

RKS shares its bicentenary year with several famous Britons including Florence Nightingale, Anne Bronte, Herbert Spencer (Philosopher) and Anna Sewell (Author of Black Beauty). Anyone in the local community connected with these national treasures or celebrating their centenary in 2020, should contact the school to see how they can be part of the celebrations.

"This is an exciting milestone for the community to celebrate," said Miss Katie Hancock, Headteacher. "The school would love to hear from Alumni and members of the public who can help with the search for the lost Time Capsule or even support our Raising Aspiration programme. This is an initiative where the local community are invited into the school to share their life experience with the children in readiness for life after RKS. For more information, please visit royal-kent.surrey.sch.uk or contact the school office."





School Photo, 1895

School Punishment Book, 1909

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Roads Report

Following changes in FEDORA's governance earlier in the year and a renewed focus on the issues that really matter to Oxshott residents, there has been some substantive correspondence with Surrey County Council on the traffic issues that blight Oxshott, which can be loosely put under three headings: Speeding, Type (HGV's) and Congestion (pollution).

FEDORA is now actively engaged with Surrey County Council ("SCC") and Surrey Police and since May 2019 the aim has been to firmly establish Oxshott's overall traffic situation on Surrey County Council's agenda, which now does seem to be happening. In early October, Councillor Tim Oliver – Leader of Surrey County Council - attended a meeting with FEDORA and Councillor Andrew Burley (Elmbridge Borough Councillor for Oxshott) in the village, which followed up on a previous meeting held in June between FEDORA, Surrey Highways and Surrey Councillors when a walk through the village was undertaken. In the intervening period our MP, Dominic Raab, had written to both Elmbridge Borough Council and Surrey County Council to raise FEDORA's concerns about the lack of a clear strategic plan for the A244 and raising the three principle issues of concern. Surrey Police also undertook a traffic survey in early May which has resulted in increased attendance of the mobile speeding vehicle on the A244 opposite Wren's Hill.

SCC have indicated that they will consider a feasibility study on a night-time ban on HGVs in Oxshott (and Cobham) and the installation of average speed check cameras on the Oxshott stretch of the A244.

Of course, it may take several years to get the desired outcomes but FEDORA is committed to continue to actively monitor progress and engage with all key stakeholders to ensure it remains on the agenda.

Please find set out below a summary of more detailed issues, some longstanding, raised with SCC at the May 2019 meeting:

- 1. **The A244 railway bridge.** The concern here is that the footway is very narrow and it can be very intimidating when large northbound vehicles pass even at low speeds. It was discussed how it would be very expensive either to modify the structure or install a parallel pedestrian bridge either of these may also require the acquisition of land. FEDORA has requested red tarmac to be renewed on the bridge and edge protection for pedestrians.
- 2. **The Junction with Fairoak Lane.** There are two concerns. (1) Whether the junction is operating efficiently from a traffic point of view and (2) related to this, whether vehicles turning left from Fairoak Lane over the Give Way onto the A244 are triggering the lights to stop traffic on the A244. SCC's Traffic Signals Team are aware that this junction is not operating quite as it should and have agreed to investigate.
- 3. Fairoak Lane to Steels Lane car park. There are two concerns in this section. The first is that the footway is very narrow. For the vast majority of this section the back of the footway coincides with the Highway boundary. This means it would be impossible to widen the footway without acquiring land from the adjacent landowners. The second concern is that the existing 300mm diameter Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS), which is intended to encourage southbound drivers to

abide by the speed limit, is very small. It was felt by FEDORA that a large sign may have a greater impact on driver behaviour.

- 4. **Birds Hill Rise to Danes Hill speed management.** The area is quite busy with pedestrian activity and there is a controlled pedestrian crossing. It was suggested that new gateway features at the edge of the centre of the village may encourage drivers to slow down in the centre of the village. It was requested that the Area Highway Manager consider adding a new speed management scheme for the centre of Oxshott Village to the Local Committee's prioritisation list of possible future schemes.
- 5. **High Street pedestrian crossing.** It was suggested that the existing traffic signal controlled pedestrian crossing takes a long time to show a green man for pedestrians following a push button demand.
- 6. **High Street outside Surrey Hills Butchers.** The footway outside the butchers is interrupted by steps that are on private land. These steps are a barrier to accessibility for less able pedestrians, or family groups with pushchairs. Also there is no kerb line defining the boundary between the footway and carriageway. This means that pedestrians are not confident to walk past the steps.
- 7. High Street outside The Victoria. The area outside The Victoria, between the edge of the carriageway and the building, is entirely private forecourt. This makes it impossible to formalise a footway along this section. The current land owner has positioned their planters a distance from the edge of the carriageway, to enable pedestrians to walk past without having to enter the carriageway, although there is no obligation to do so. Also there is a concern that this creates a parking / stopping opportunity for drivers, which conflicts with the pedestrian route. A formal footway along this section would be by agreement with the land owner
- 8. **Broom Hall to Danes Hill.** The footways on the west side of Oxshott are not continuous. The footway on the east side of the road is continuous, with the exception of a gap by The Victoria and an obstruction by the butchers, as mentioned above. However the footway on the east side of the road only extends from Birds Hill Rise to Old Farmhouse Drive. There is no footway between Broom Hall and Danes Hill.
- 9. **Leatherhead Road outside The Bear.** The footway outside The Bear is uneven and very narrow. It is effectively a barrier to less able pedestrians and family groups with pushchairs. The Area Highway Manager reported that an approach had already been made to the management at The Bear, who had responded positively to the suggestion for an improved footway using a narrow strip of their land, so long as their car parking capacity was not detrimentally affected.
- 10. **Leatherhead Road by Wrens Hill.** The footway at the junction of Wrens Hill is in poor condition, and there is a redundant Vehicle Crossover left behind by the recent development at Willow Croft. The footway to the south of Wrens Hill is very narrow and overgrown. During the meeting the Area Highway Manager was put in contact with the developer of Willow Croft to explore whether there was any scope to improve this footway, which would rely on the acquisition of a narrow strip of private land.

- 11. Leatherhead Road bend between Old Farmhouse Drive and Charlwood Drive. The footway on the east side of the road finishes at Old Farmhouse Drive, but there is no facility for pedestrians to cross the road. It was suggested that a new traffic island would be beneficial to the south of Old Farmhouse Drive, to give pedestrians an opportunity to cross the road at the end of the footway. A new traffic island would also tend to encourage lower traffic speeds in this section.
- 12. **Leatherhead Road near Charlwood Drive.** There was a concern whether the existing Vehicle Activated Sign was in the best location or needed better sight lines to detect speeding vehicles.
- 13. **Blundel Lane Railway Bridge.** Surveys to understand traffic movement along Blundel Lane have just been completed and there is a long standing ambition of some in the local community on both the Stoke D'Abernon and Oxshott side to provide a pedestrian / cycle / equestrian route along Blundel Lane. This section of the road has a twisting alignment and so it can be quite hostile for pedestrians / equestrians / cyclists.

It would be prohibitively expensive to replace the railway bridge or to install a parallel structure but the Local SCC Committee has asked Surrey Highways to investigate how Blundel Lane is currently used, and whether there might be a traffic management solution. It is understood that the landowner has been contacted directly by local individuals to see whether some land could be gifted to create an alternative footpath.

Surrey Police - Speeding

A week long traffic survey was undertaken in May 2019 – on the South Side of Danes Hill for vehicles travelling both North and South. In broad summary:

- o Friday 10th May 2019 15,479 vehicles passed through Oxshott, an increase of 54% over May 2010 when it had averaged 10,049 vehicles a day.
- o Saturday 18th May 1,615 vehicles broke the speed limit at speeds between 31-40 mph. A further 28 vehicles exceeded speeds of 41 mph, with a one vehicle recorded at 75 mph.
- o Sunday 19th May 1,497 vehicles broke the speed limit at speeds between 31-40mph. A further 40 vehicles exceeded speeds of 41mph.

This stretch of the A244 receives the highest number of visits by the mobile speed unit as it is recognised as one of the worst hot spots in Surrey, in what is a highly residential area and in the locality of a school. The traffic island crossing points outside Danes Hill are frequently damaged and this area remains an area of significant concern for FEDORA as stopping distances and visibility are worrying on the brow on the hill if vehicles are travelling at more than 30mph.

How Can You Help?

1. Volunteers needed for a Community Speed Watch

One initiative that may well help ameliorate the speeding on Steel's Lane and the Leatherhead Road would be to establish a Community Speed Watch in

partnership with Surrey Police. There has been a Community Speed Watch on the A245 in Stoke D'Abernon for some time now, which provides an opportunity for residents to contribute directly to the solution to excessive speeding. Someone is needed to co-ordinate this and as many volunteers as possible to offer an hour of their time now and again – this is a great chance to get better buy-in from Surrey Police and also take local action. Please get in touch (roads@fedora.org. uk) if you would like to be involved.

2. Report all accidents so there are better data held on www.crashmap.co.uk

This website tracks accidents on UK roads but only those that are reported to the Police. There is a not a week that goes by when a vehicle isn't rear ended when slowing to turn off the Leatherhead Road. If you should be unfortunate to experience such an accident we would request that you take the time to report this as a non-emergency matter to the Police so that this is logged to provide a better crash-map of the number of incidents in and around Oxshott.

3. Engage locally

Surrey CC does not carry out routine surveys to look for problems so relies on the community to report things that need to be dealt with (roads, drains, overgrown footpaths etc.). FEDORA will continue to engage with Surrey CC, Surrey Police and our local councillors but encourages all residents to report specific problems directly to the authorities responsible using the on-line reporting systems.

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Parking Update

by Lindy Wheeler

After considerable consultation within the community, Elmbridge have released details of some minor parking changes in Oxshott following their 2018/19 review. What is being proposed is as follows:

- On Oakshade Road opposite the junction with Silverdale Avenue:
 - o No waiting Monday to Friday between 8am and 6 pm
- At the entrance to Broom Hall in front of the white gates:
 - o No waiting at any time (access for emergency vehicles is required)
- Along the High Street:
 - o All current restrictions plus:
 - No waiting at any time on the east side of the main road from opposite the entrance to Birds Hill Farmhouse to High Drive (the first entrance into Danes Way estate)
 - 2. No waiting at any time on the west side of the main road from the end of the parking layby opposite the Victoria by Highwayman's Cottage to past High Drive.

These changes were approved by Surrey CC on 26th November 2018, and there was a period of public consultation in June/July 2019. Comments and objections made were taken into consideration and the plans were revised as necessary and finalised in September 2019. Maps of the final parking changes and details of the onsultation and the comments and objections received are on Surrey CC's website (www.surreycc.gov.uk),

the 2019/2020 Parking Review is underway and recommendations will be presented to Committee on 5th December 2019. You can have your say on this. To learn more, go to the Surrey CC website and search for "Parking Review".

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Oxshott Patient Participation Group

by Elizabeth Chovil, Chairman of Oxshott PPG

This newsletter starts with very sad news. Our Secretary Liz Reilly passed-away unexpectedly. She will be missed very much indeed, both as a very good friend and as an efficient secretary. Our thoughts are with her family at this difficult time.

The key objectives of the PPG are to:

- Create a "voice" for patients to feed back to the GPs and agree priorities and raise issues on behalf of all patients
- Ensure patients are involved in decisions about the range and quality of services provided

The Group's activities are undertaken mainly on-line with a quarterly meeting to review progress and to set strategy. There are also occasional relevant talks for the benefit of members. For our next talk, Dr. Jenkins has agreed to talk about prevention of cancer. The date for this has not yet been fixed, and you will be notified as soon as it is. We are always on the lookout for interesting discussion/talk ideas, so please be in touch with ideas for us.

Practice News:

- Dr. Hannah Coleman, who was a Registrar until she went on maternity leave, has had twins, a boy and a girl.
- We are pleased to welcome Thulasi Kurubaran as the new Registrar, who will be at the practice until August 2020.
- Dr. Adicia Selvanayagam went on maternity leave at the end of September.
- Flu jabs are now available; please ring the surgery to schedule an appointment.
- Pneumonia vaccinations are available for those over 65 and Shingles for those between 70 and 80

If you are a patient of the practice and would like to become involved in the work of the PPG, influencing how the Practice is run, you could become a member of the PPG Committee. Please contact me, Liz Chovil at our temporary contact email address, ppgsecretary@gmail.com.

There is more information about the PPG available on the Practice's website, at https://www.oxshottmedicalpractice.co.uk/ppg.aspx.

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A huge welcome to Dr Claire Morrice and her team at Cobham Dental. Shop keepers in the parade have reported an increased footfall since the practice opened. Win, win on all counts!



Claire Morrice practised in East Horsley for 20 years and opened Cobham Dental on December 14th, 2018. I felt the best way for you to learn more about Claire and her practice was to interview her...

Q. Claire why did you decide to set up here in Stoke D'Abernon and leave your practice of 20 years?

A. Stoke D'Abernon, Oxshott & Cobham play a huge part in my life. My family and I have lived here for the past 30 years, my children have been to the local schools, our girls have played netball for Oxshott Netball Club and we feel a real part of the local community. I felt it would be a great location to open my own practice.

Moving from my old practice was probably one of the hardest decisions I have made and one of the best decisions. I had always wanted to design my own practice from the building, interior and most importantly the ethos in which we work from.

Q. How did you find the team that work alongside you?

A. I am real believer in teamwork and for patients to feel confident and comfortable, the right team need to be onboard. I have worked previously with my Practice Manager, Nurses and Hygienists and I had always been impressed with their professional and caring approach. I feel very lucky that they chose to join me. My associate was highly recommended to me and after reading her exceptional references from colleagues and patients, I felt she would be a great addition to Cobham Dental. I believe we have an outstanding team who focus on the patient first.

Q. How have the first six months been for you?

A. Incredible! The welcoming support from the local community made us feel at home straight away. Very quickly the phone started ringing and the doorbell buzzing, with not only new patients from the local areas yet also patients from our old practice who had tracked us down. I was so touched by the number of patients that followed me. Over the months we have received such heart-warming reviews from patients, these have been so lovely to read.

Q. What can patients expect from Cobham Dental?

A. We take time to listen, examine, explain and treat. We are focused on providing the best possible dental care to all our patients. Our ethos is to help patients feel as comfortable and at home as possible, establishing a relaxed and friendly atmosphere which delivers an outstanding dental experience.

Q. I understand you do not have an NHS contract, what is the most cost-effective way of being a patient at Cobham Dental?

A. You are right we do not have an NHS contract and therefore we treat patients on a private basis. However, we do offer a patient maintenance plan; patients pay a monthly fee and it covers them for 2 check-ups and 2 hygienist visits per year, all x-rays and 10% off all other treatment (except tooth whitening and Botox). Alternatively, patients can attend on a 'pay as you go' basis. To answer your question though, the plan is the most cost-effective option. Our website has information about our payment options or patients can call or pop into the practice to find out more.

Q. What do you most enjoy about being a Dentist?

A. I have always enjoyed building long term relationships with patients and their families. I have treated some patients since their first ever dental visit and now I see them return with their own children!

Q. So what would be your 3 top tips on how to maintain a healthy mouth?

- A. 1. Brush twice daily with fluoride toothpaste
 - 2. If you eat sugary foods or drinks, restrict them to mealtimes
 - 3. Acid erosion is a huge problem; be aware of the acid you have in your diet e.g.: Sports drinks, citrus fruit drinks. Plain still water is the best drink for your teeth.

Q. So let's find out more about you, what do you do when you are not treating patients?

A. I love cycling and in March I went to Majorca with a group of friends cycling in the mountains, it was incredible and tiring! Also, even though my 3 children are at university I am often found on facetime catching up with them and listening to all their trials and tribulations!

- Q. Everyone has a guilty pleasure, what is yours?
- A. Rick Astley! I went to see him at Hampton Court in June this year and he was amazing!
- Q. I thought we would end with a couple of 'Desert Island Discs' questions:

If you were on a desert island...

- ... and could take only 1 book, which one would it be?
- A. So many choices here yet probably, Do No Harm by Dr Henry Marsh, I love this book!
 - ...and could take only 1 luxury item what would it be?
- A. It would have to be my Oral B Genius Electric Toothbrush with my solar powered charger!

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Oxshott Village Sports Club Celebrates 100 Years!

In its Centenary Year, Oxshott Village Sports Club has had much to celebrate.

2019 started with the news that the club had received planning permission to build two brand new state of the art cricket nets. For most clubs such a project in one year would be quite an achievement. However, hot on the heels of this, was news that the club had also received planning permission to develop an area of boggy grassland and build a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) alongside a new car parking area.

Both projects were made possible after the club received some money from local grants in 2018. It was also thanks to a few dedicated and committed members who worked tirelessly to ensure the projects came to fruition.

Work on the new "Nicolle Nets" commenced in early March and a few weeks later in April the nets were officially opened by ex-England and Surrey player and MOCC Patron, Mickey Stewart OBE. The evening heralded the start of the new Colts cricket season and over 100 juniors, family and friends turned up for the opening.

Within a few weeks of the completion of the nets project and before we could catch our breath, work started on the new MUGA and car parking project.



Mickey Steward OBE opening the Nicolle cricket nets



MUGA and Car Parking completed – pristine before any cars were allowed on it!

This was a huge project for the club to undertake. But for once the British weather was kind for much of the work and following a number of weeks of juggling and patience the project was finally completed ahead of schedule in mid-July! It is a fantastic new space which will be beneficial to our members and the wider local community.

Both projects leave a lasting legacy for the club as it moves into the next 100 years and it is a great achievement that these two significant projects were completed in this the Centenary Year.

But it's not all been hard work! In May the Netball Section held a Centenary Netball Tournament with mixed teams of all abilities competing throughout the day and finishing with a BBQ and Pimms!

Cricket continued the celebrations with a weekend at the end of August with prize giving and a cricket match between a 1st

XI Captain's team and 2nd
XI Captain's team. And in
September the Tennis
Section ran a 100 Years
Celebration tennis
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by Keith Chapman

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If you are wondering whether Surrey Police are resolving local crimes check out www.police.uk/Surrey/ELCO - it provides a Crime Map of Cobham and Oxshott and informs you whether the crimes have been resolved.

With significant rain falling in June when writing this report it reminds me that Surrey Highways will clear blocked road drains - they do have a Drain Clearance Schedule but if you notice a blocked drain near you go on line and go to Surrey Highways and search for Blocked Gulleys - you will be asked to identify the Street on which the blocked drain is located and then you just mark the drain on the map as provided

Gin and Beer

If wondering what to do at the weekend I can recommend two local spots for a decent drink

In Dorking go to the Gin Kitchen - it's off Punchbowl Lane and is open in the week and at weekends - they produce small Batches of Gin - take a friend as your nominated driver!

Also in Esher discover the Big Smoke Brewery - Big Smoke were previously based at the Antelope in Surbiton - however they outgrew the premises and have moved to an industrial site in Esher close to Sandown Racecourse - they are open Friday/Saturday and Sundays - try the 'Electric Eye ' - as my daughter said ' Shoreditch has come to Esher '

What's In a Name

by David Cooke

Have you ever wondered why our local café has the rather unusual name Munch and Wiggles?

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FEDORA Ensures Improvements are Made at Oxshott Station

by Keith Chapman

Over the last few years we have seen a number of capital programmes being undertaken at Oxshott Station. These have included enhancements to the Waiting Room and of course the platform extensions. Recently FEDORA based on resident feedback has been working with South West Railways and Network Rail to ensure the environment around the Station is maintained to an acceptable standard. So in summary these are some of the improvements that have been actioned:

- clearance of leaves from the path that leads to the Station
- clearance of the drains to ensure better flow of water during heavy downpours
- cutting back of trees that overhang the car park spaces on Station Approach
- clearance of litter on both footpaths leading to and from the Station
- clearance of the undergrowth and cutting back of the tree on the vehicle exit from Station Approach on to the A244
- instalment of new handrails on the footbridge between the Heath and Sheath Lane (incidentally this Bridge built in 1908 is the oldest surviving reinforced concrete bridge over a railway in the UK).

FEDORA is active in ensuring South West Railways responds to customers' concerns about Oxshott Station - if you have any issues you need addressing (other than Rail Fares and Car Park charges) do not hesitate to contact Keith Chapman via email (keith_chapman@btinternet.com)

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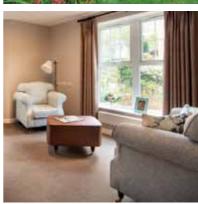
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FEDORA Helps Clean up the Village

by Keith Chapman

Over the last couple of years an active group of FEDORA members has been cleaning up the Village supplementing the work undertaken by Elmbridge Council's Waste team. Routine quarterly litter picks have been held with a small group of residents addressing key areas of the Village. Areas of particular focus have been along Warren Lane, High Street and Leatherhead Road, essentially addressing litter thrown from cars on the A244 - hence you will see brown bags full of litter left on the roadside for collection by the Elmbridge Waste team.

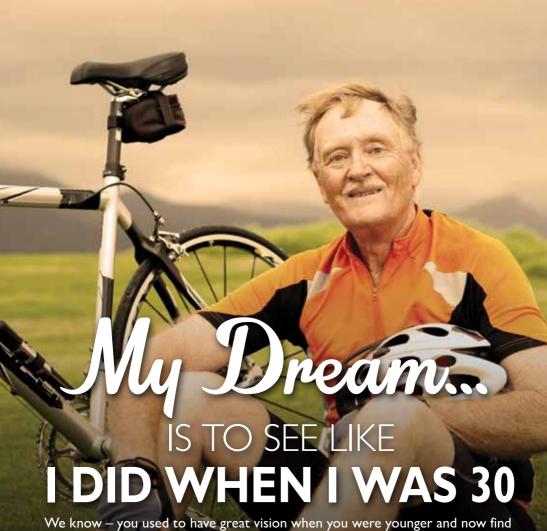
In addition FEDORA has worked in close cooperation with Andrew Burley, the local Conservative Councillor to ensure litter bins are installed at critical points where high levels of litter have been noted - hence the installation of a new bin at the bus stop next to Oxshott railway bridge.

Ideally we can all make a difference to ensure litter is either taken home or deposited in the various waste bins in the Village - a special request is made to dog owners on Oxshott Heath who collect their dog poo but then decide not to dispose of the bags in the allocated bins - likewise the vodka drinker who buys their vodka in the Village and then drinks it whilst walking down Steels Lane before leaving the bottle in the undergrowth - can you just leave it in the bin on the corner of Holtwood Road and Steels Lane?

A special request to all the Costa Coffee and McDonald consumers - just take it home with you and finally to the Strongbow drinkers who park next to the footbridge on Sheath Lane - if you are going to leave your cans behind just place them in a neat pile so our litter pickers do not have to go into the undergrowth - rant over and thanks to 99.9% of Society who do take their litter home.

If you wish to join FEDORA's Litter Picking team contact Keith Chapman at keith_chapman@btinternet.com - a free coffee at Munch and Wiggles is provided by FEDORA for all those involved.





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