



WE MAY BE ISOLATED BUT WE ARE NOT ALONE

PERI-AID, NEIGHBOURS NOT STRANGERS

The response to the idea of community support for our most vulnerable neighbours during this lockdown has been amazing, thank you. Many of our clubs and societies have arranged to keep in touch with their members, regularly contacting them to make sure everyone has some human contact, and knows someone they can call on if they need help. Lots of individuals have volunteered, and we have been able to match people who need a little extra support with a neighbour who can check in with them regularly, maybe just to make sure they are OK, or to help with shopping, prescriptions etc.

Our local shops are all going the extra mile to make sure everyone has the basic essentials they need, (see page 5) and there are local charities available to help (page3).

If you would welcome a extra little support, or just a little human contact there are people willing to help, so please don't hesitate to contact PeriAid.

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or www.pirbrightchurch.org.uk/aboutus.htm.



ANGEL TOT ARTISTS



Even the youngest members of our community are doing their bit to help us all through this crisis. The Angels Tots parent and toddler group have been busy making beautiful drawings and paintings and delivering them to those who are isolated, especially the elderly, to cheer them up. If you, or someone you know, would like to receive a painting from a local child, contact rebecca.lallin@gmail.com or 07432473706

A SPECIAL PIRBRIGHT WELCOME

In this edition we are delighted to introduce two people who each will have a big impact on Pirbright as they take up new posts in our community.

Meet our new interim Priest, Reverend Beverley Hunt, on page 3 and our new

Clerk to the Parish Council Helen Myers, on page 4. We welcome them both to these important roles and look forward to working with them in the not too distant future!



ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH

Just a thought.....



Rev Bev Hunt writes... 'Where is the church in our generation?'

The Church in every generation has faced a number of challenges as it has proclaimed the Good News of Jesus Christ, Our Lord and reflected the issues of the day. What could be more significant than the Covid 19 pandemic as a backdrop to our chain of witness?!

I have not been to Barbados for a while but I am reminded of St George's Parish Church, an Anglican church, which has a significant ancestral connection for me.



There is the font where I and several of my ancestors were baptised. There is the nave which many have walked up to be married. Memorial marble sculptures and stained glass windows adorn the walls, but the beautiful high altar painting of 'The Resurrection' by Benjamin West is its most striking feature. Ancestors of opposing American civil war, General Meade and General Lee, are laid to rest at this church as are my parents, grandparents and great grandparents. There is no doubt that this church would have seen many changes as they adapted to new ways of 'being church'.

Christianity is relational and perhaps many of us would not have become Christians

without the help of someone else: our families, our schools, teachers at church or just someone who cared about us and set us on our journey of faith. I am often wonderfully reminded of the impact of my ancestors and all those who told me about the gospel of Christ and helped to make me who I am today. I'm sure the same is true for you and for anything handed on – including our Christian faith.

How amazing that our Christian ancestry goes back through a multitude of people, all of whom responded to God's call to serve and to proclaim the gospel to his people. Now, looking forwards, despite the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic, I can see that there is much to do as we explore new ways of 'being church' and working together to pass on the baton of faith in God's redeeming love and forgiveness to others and treasure this as a divine gift of God. My task and yours, I hope, is to play our part in this chain and cloud of witness for our generation, to find out what God is doing in the world and in our local community and to join in with it.

I am humbled to be called to serve in Pirbright. I pray that our worshipping community and the wider community will take this opportunity to participate in shaping the vision for the future of St Michael and All Angels Church and its possible relationship with St Mark's Church, Wyke. This requires that we prayerfully explore new possibilities, build new relationships and, to use a gardening phrase, prepare the ground for planting and new growth wherever we can. What we are seeking to do may be challenging but with God, nothing is impossible (*Matthew 19.26*).

Rev Beverley Hunt

NEW INTERIM PRIEST ANNOUNCED FOR PIRBRIGHT

We are delighted to welcome Reverend Beverley Hunt as Interim Priest for St Michael and All Angels Pirbright. Her appointment is for 12 months from 1st May and during the year ahead Rev Bev will provide leadership and care for St Michael's, helping us to start on our aspirations for the future and to actively explore the possibility of a closer working relationship with St Mark's, Wyke. Many of us already know Rev Beverley, as she has supported the church at many services over the past few months, especially Messy Church, and we look forward to working with her in the year ahead.

'Rev Bev' as she likes to be called has been a long term resident in the UK having left her native Barbados when she was 18. She qualified as a State Registered Nurse in 1981 and had a distinguished career as a Sister, a senior lecturer and head of department in Nursing Education and as a Fellow at the Kings Fund specialising in leadership development.



She was called to serve God through her ordination as a priest in 2009. Her varied ministry has mostly been in the Guildford Diocese and in joint benefices where she has been able to use her people and facilitation skills working in and alongside parish teams and enabling people/organisations to flourish and grow.

Rev Bev lives in Woking with her husband Geoff, a retired Professor of Philosophy. They have three children and eight grandchildren.

Contact Rev Bev on 07495 395225
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LOOKING FOR SUPPORT DURING THE CURRENT CRISIS?

Some useful contact details

Surrey County Council has a lot of advice on its website, www.surreycc.gov.uk including information about the Surrey Crisis Fund and how to apply. It also runs a **Community Helpline** 0300 200 1008 (Mon—Fri 8am—6pm, Sat Sun 10am—2pm)

Guildford Borough Council also has advice and support including help with Council tax www.Guildford.gov.uk

Citizens Advice Bureau can help with advice including help to apply for appropriate support www.citizensadvice.org.uk to find your nearest branch or contact the Woking Branch www.wokingcab.org/ bureau@wokingcab.org 0300 330 1198

Samaritans www.samaritans.org jo@samaritans.org tel 116123

Pirbright Relief in Need Charity This local charity can provide small one-off grants, for information, or to make a confidential enquiry about help, contact

St Michael and All Angels Church administrator Chris Phillips
admin@pirbrightchurch.org.uk



PIRBRIGHT PARISH COUNCIL

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF OUR PARISH COUNCIL

At times of adversity we always seem to find rays of light and a kindred spirit that help bind people together. So it is with the current Coronavirus crisis. The human stories relayed though the news reinforce our sense of gratitude to those people in our community who selflessly go about their work and, in so doing, help us to get through the challenges it presents.

In such times and afterwards, we must all look to help in whatever way we can, whether it's staying home and safe, making a regular phone call to someone we know who may be on their own, vulnerable or just in need of a friendly chat, or whether it's those who can help with prescriptions, food deliveries, the food bank or other essentials. That's what communities do.

Supporting each other: PeriAid is one way for neighbours to get in touch, but whether you are alone, or worried, need some provisions or just want to find out what is happening locally, don't feel afraid to pick up the phone. There is a community of people here to help. There are useful telephone numbers in this newsletter.

Annual Parish meeting: We have been unable to hold our Annual Parish Meeting this year, to outline what the Parish Council has been doing over the course of the last year and to hear from residents or our representatives in Parliament, Guildford or Surrey Councils. We will post a resume of the year's activities online in due course. In the meantime, we are holding Parish meetings online to ensure essential

business continues. It has been a busy year and now is an exciting period of change for the Parish.

Parish Clerk After 18 years of unstinting service to the Parish, Lindsay Graham has announced her retirement as Clerk to Pirbright Parish Council. Over this period Lindsay has selflessly given her time and energy to supporting the community through her work with the Parish, Lord Pirbright's Hall and the many events and activities which make village life such a colourful and wonderful experience. We are indebted to Lindsay and extend our sincere thanks for all her help and guidance over the years.

We are also delighted to announce the appointment of Helen Myers as the new Clerk to the Parish Council. Helen started in April and will work with Lindsay over the next couple of months as part of a handover and will take up her responsibilities in May. Helen lives in Fox Corner and has a long history in the village and we are confident that with her help, the Parish Council's work will go from strength to strength.

Lord Pirbright's Hall Lindsay will still be involved in village life, as the Parish Council have split the role of Parish Clerk from that of Secretary to Lord Pirbright's Hall Charity and Lindsay will for the next few months continue to support the Hall Charity until a successor for that role is appointed later in the year.

Wishing you all good health and happiness in these troubled times.

Steve Fidgett



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PIRBRIGHT HISTORIANS

The Daily Telegraph of March 24th had an obituary of 102-year-old David Briggs, once a treble in Kings College Chapel Choir for the first Nine Lessons broadcast in 1928. It also mentioned that his godfather was Randall Davidson, Archbishop of Canterbury, and thereby hangs a Pirbright tale..... In October 1895 our Vicar, Rev. J W Dunn, attended the enthronement of Davidson as Bishop of Winchester. In June 1896, on his first episcopal



visit, the Bishop attended the dedication of a new organ by Vowles of Bristol and a new peal of bells by the Whitechapel Foundry, weighing about 2^{1/2} tons, generously donated by Lord Pirbright, who later entertained the Bishop & many guests for lunch at Henley Park. The church choir were fed & watered at the White Hart and later parish children & their mothers were provided with tea in the schoolroom, followed by the arrival of Lord & Lady Pirbright, to be given 3 hearty cheers, led by Headmaster A W Hill. Randall Davidson became Archbishop of Canterbury from 1903 until 1928, the longest-serving holder since the Reformation.

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WHO DO YOU THINK THEY WERE? Rich man, Poor man, Beggarman,...?

Let the Pirbright Historians research **your** family history, no charge
Just e-mail me, Jonathan at basil.foster@hotmail.co.uk or phone 472253

LOCAL BUSINESSES HELPING TO GET ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES OUT

Trying to stay safe indoors has made shopping for basic essentials rather challenging but many of our local businesses are going the extra mile to help.

Fulk's Butchers working with **Baker's Dozen** in Brookwood, are providing free home delivery on a range of boxes, including meats, fruit & veg, bread, eggs and cheese, They are happy to take more orders, go to www.fulkbros.co.uk or call 472175

The Cricketers on the Green are also offering grocery boxes to collect at the pub, again with all the basics, bread, butter milk and cheese fruit and veg, and you can add little luxuries to help you through the isolation, like wine and chocolate. Call them on 473198 <https://www.thecricketersonthegreen.co.uk/groceries.html>

Sainsbury's are supporting PeriAid by providing a letter enabling those who are shopping for neighbours who cannot leave the home, to purchase the number of restricted goods for each household. Contact the Editor, at julia.douetil@gmail.com for details.

Christmas Bakers are open, but also offer home deliveries of bread and baked good, eggs and milk and can supply baking flour and yeast.

Tudor News, Brookwood, as well as papers & magazines offer selection of groceries, dairy products and all the basics.

On behalf of the whole community, we want to say a HUGE Thank You to all those who are working to keep everyone supplied with food and essentials throughout the lockdown.



LIZZIE IN LOCK DOWN

Lizzie found the perfect fashion solution to social distancing.



CUNNINGHAM HOUSE

We remain under very tight lockdown, but we are keeping our spirits up. Please could we say a huge thank you to everyone who has helped and supported us with getting supplies and cheering us up through the early days of self isolation at Cunningham House.

With best wishes from the Residents and Lucy

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Sadly we cancelled our annual show at the end of July. However if we can, we do need to support our local nurseries if we can. David Smith at Briarwood Nurseries (briarwoodnry@gmail.com) has been busy and may have bedding and vegetable plants available in May. Another local source, which also offers a delivery service, is perfectchoiceplants@gmail.com. Woking garden Centre, formally Wyevale, also deliver. If you have not yet listened to the Digit programme on BBC Radio Surrey on a Sunday morning, I highly recommend it to you. (104.6)

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Philip Barralet

PIRBRIGHT TENNIS CLUB

www.pirbrighttennisclub.com

Due to the current situation the courts are closed and all activities cancelled until further notice. A link to the updated LTA and government advice and a link to the latest newsletter is on our home page on the website. If the situation changes members will be notified. Thank you.

PIRBRIGHT CRICKET CLUB

Well I never!! Chairman has decided to imitate Alistair Cook and his famous "Letter from America" and so this is a "letter from Wayback." Chairman is 63 hence his memory goes back to original radio broadcast of the same. "My view on the village is now reduced to glimpses of the Green

(except of course for the prescribed walk)!! I see a deserted Cricketers on the Green, a busy Fulk's Butchers (my neighbours) still serving and helping the village in its hour of need and the Cricket Ground sadly unavailable for how long?"

The committee is of course in regular touch and working on the future for the club... especially the Junior Cricket..... we are staying positive and making the best of the situation.....

All I ask is that all future and current members pay their subscriptions as per usual as this is the way to invest in a future club.

Peter Austin, Chairman

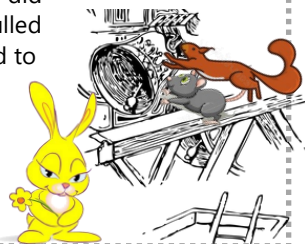


CHURCHYARD CHRONICLES

We heard that lots of people have been working very hard to keep us all safe, and that on Thursday nights everyone was giving them a big clap to say thank you. We thought we would like to show our appreciation too, so at 8 o'clock we all gathered in the churchyard, keeping a safe distance. I clapped, the rabbits clapped, the mice and squirrels clapped, even old badger clapped. The deer tried to clap too but he was a bit wobbly and kept falling over. We all clapped and clapped and the sound was
... pathetic. Have you ever heard a mouse clap?!

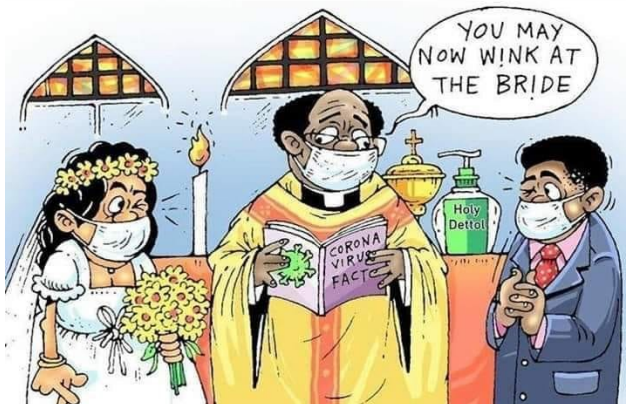
Then I had an idea, I called the others and we shimmied up the bell tower (apart from the deer - that was never going to work). Everyone did their bit, the squirrels pushed, the badger heaved, the mice pulled and I well I told everyone what to do. At last the bell started to ring, loud enough for the whole village to hear. We hoped all the wonderful care workers, and emergency teams, police and shopkeepers and everyone else working so hard could hear us saying thank you.

Stay safe everyone *Yellow Rabbit*






MAY GARDENING TIPS from Wellie

It is a bit strange writing this column while we are all stuck at home keeping social distance, but I have noticed that more people are taking an interest in their gardens. Summer bedding can be planted out in the garden and pots once the risk of frost has passed. Dahlias can be planted out at the end of the month. Any herbaceous plants that will flop over or be damaged by high winds need to be staked. Keep up with the weeding, either by hand or hoeing. Evergreen hedges can be cut from this month, but check for nesting birds before getting the hedgecutter out. Regularly tie in climbers to their supports as new growth extends. Cut lawns weekly, and apply a high nitrogen lawn feed unless drought conditions persist. Treat broad leaved lawn weeds with a selective herbicide. Lightly trim box hedges and topiary towards the end of the month. Hang pheromone traps in apple trees to check for codling moths. Watch out for viburnum beetle and lily beetle grubs. Keep earthing up your potatoes, and plant any that are still remaining. Put straw around your strawberry plants before the fruit trusses begin to bend with the weight of fruit, then net to protect fruit from hungry birds. French and runner beans, and sweetcorn, can be sown outside now. Start removing side shoots from the leaf axils of cordon tomatoes.



HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW PIRBRIGHT?

At the time of writing social gatherings are still banned, which makes the usual calendar pretty pointless. So here instead is a quiz, how well do you know the place we call home?

- When was the first evidence of human occupation in the area we now know as Pirbright?
 - Stone Age
 - Bronze Age
 - Medieval
- The ancient name of Pirbright, Perifrith, means
 - fluttering ferns
 - sparkling stream
 - clearing by pear trees
- Lord Pirbright was also titled
 - The Red Baron
 - Baron de Henley
 - Baron de Worms
- The first known record of a church in Pirbright dates from
 - 1214
 - 1414
 - 1614
- Pirbright was on the pilgrim route to
 - Guildford
 - Shaftesbury
 - Canterbury
- How many bells for change ringing are there in the tower of St Michael and All Angels Church Pirbright?
 - 4
 - 5
 - 6
- How many people have represented Pirbright as our MP since 1950?
 - 4
 - 8
 - 12
- In what year was Lord Pirbright's Hall opened?
 - 1899
 - 1919
 - 1932
- Henry Moreton Stanley is buried in Pirbright churchyard. Did he
 - fight in the American Civil War
 - report on Spain's Glorious Revolution
 - find the long lost missionary Dr David Livingstone?
- Pirbright once provided The Queen with
 - pears
 - lace
 - corgi dogs
- On an OS map which symbol represents the church in Pirbright?
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- Who is in charge of St Michael's churchyard?
 - Pink Rabbit
 - Yellow Rabbit
 - Brown Rabbit

Answers: 1 b); 2 b); 3 c); 4 a); 5 b); 6 c); 7 a); 8 a); 9 all of them; 10 c); 11 a); 12 b)



Give a man a fish and you'll feed him for a day. Teach him how to fish and he's going to spend a fortune on gear which he'll only use twice a year.

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