



SMILE, HERE COMES THE SUN!

PIRBRIGHT SURGERY

In response to the Covid pandemic we have had to make several substantial changes to the way we work at the surgery. However, our opening hours remain the same and we continue to provide medical and nursing care.

- all requests for a consultation with a doctor are now telephone appointments. If the doctor needs to see you in person they will arrange this for you. You may be offered a video consultation.

- our nurses have appointments for blood tests, ECGs, wound dressings, smears and immunisations/ injections.

- Monday and Thursday morning appointments at the surgery are reserved for patients who are shielding or who are vulnerable.

- medication/ letters can be collected from the window. Please follow social distancing

guidelines if there is a queue.

- we have had to change our website in line with NHS guidance. You can use it to contact the surgery for reception, administration and health queries.

- please wear a face covering when coming into the surgery if you have one.

How to contact us:

Phone: 01483 474743 ;

e mail: pirbright.surgery@nhs.net

web: <http://www.pirbrightsurgery.co.uk>

Medication requests:

- via Patient Access. If you have difficulties with this service please contact the admin team at the surgery.

- via our website

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Before they invented drawing boards, what did they go back to?



PERIBOOKS

The popular book swap is back, and it hasn't moved far, just past the church tower and outside Church Cottage. Look out for the smart new sentry box style bookshed. PeriBooks is a free to use community bookshare, simply borrow the books you would like to read, and return them in good condition after you have read them. During the Corona Virus, take your books home and put them straight into quarantine then wash your hands. Leave the books for 24-72 hours to be sure any virus is dead before you read them, and it's probably not a good idea to eat whilst you read them. We have a good stock of fiction and non-fiction for adults and young readers, but we'd welcome any books in good condition suitable for younger children.

Thank you



ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH

Just a thought.....



for extraordinary days

The easing of lockdown is an exciting and hopeful time and especially for St Michael's sitting at the heart of this community. When lockdown descended, it felt like an awe-inspiring moment, a time of feeling stripped of everything familiar – no church, no Holy Communion, no gatherings, no village fair. But laid bare as we were, we have experienced the loving and inspiring presence of Jesus Christ alongside us all so we have never lost hope. Quite the contrary! We have grasped opportunities to worship differently via Zoom and found many heart-warming benefits; we have communicated by email and our expanded weekly bulletin with over 120 of our church family and then gradually increased that number; we have used our pastoral heart to support the isolated.

As Pirbright's new interim Priest in Charge, I am feeling a strong hand of God in all this. And we will continue to need his strength and guidance as we move into this latest phase of apparent 'normal'. Despite our hopes and expectations of reopening our church building, we are realising that we will probably be a long way short of 'normal' for the foreseeable future - two metre distancing means only a maximum of 25 worshippers, no joyful hymn singing, and sharing bread without the wine at Holy Communion.

But you can be sure that we will be working alongside you all to make the most of this new set of opportunities. Our first service since lockdown will be a joyful wedding, which can now take place with up to 30 people in total, and we hope to return to public worship early in August.

Bishop Andrew had words of wisdom and encouragement in one of the recent

diocesan bulletins: "In all this I'm reminded of a kite: an object designed to catch the wind, wherever its gusts would take it; but an object too that needs to be firmly grasped in a human hand if it's properly to fulfil its purpose.

The kite is the church in the metaphor, ducking and diving in quite such tempestuous times. But however expertly we negotiate the challenges and opportunities of this season, our true security lies in the knowledge that we're held in the hand of Almighty God, 'rooted and grounded in love' in the words of the great apostle (Ephesians 3:17)."

With every blessing from Rev Bev, Catherine and Pauline



THE CIRCLE OF LIFE IN PIRBRIGHT

Remembering with gratitude the life of Mary Campbell



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CHARLES STEWART

June, Alex and David Stewart would like to thank all their friends and neighbours for the kindness and support showed to them following Charles' death on April 27th. The sympathy cards, flowers and phone messages were greatly appreciated.

A memorial service for Charles will be arranged when times allow.



CUNNINGHAM HOUSE

Week 19 in the Cunningham House lockdown....and the words of our country's PM are ringing in our ears. So instead let's have a few words of support and appreciation for all care workers, and particularly for 'Our Pauline' (the 'our' being essential to differentiate between the many other Paulines involved in Cunningham House). Pauline is a self-employed carer who has worked for many residents here for over 20 years. Even when we're not in the middle of a pandemic, her care and support is invaluable to the residents. During lockdown, the responsibility on her and all care workers to keep their

clients safe has been huge, and the value of their care to their clients and families is worth more than their weight in gold. They are often on low pay and zero hours contracts, but they don't do it for the pay, they do it for the rewarding feeling of being able to help people and make a difference.

This pandemic has highlighted the need for investment and support for the whole structure of the health and social care sector, whatever certain people may say.

Lucy Beasley



Noah opened up the ark and let all the animals out, telling them to "Go forth and multiply!" He began to close the great doors of the ark when he noticed that there were two snakes still sitting in a dark corner. Concerned, he said to them: "Didn't

you hear me? You can go now. Go forth and multiply."



"We can't," said the snakes sadly. "We're adders."

A HUGE THANK YOU TO FRED COBBETT

It is impossible to think of anyone who has given so much to their church and community as Fred! And what's more, he has given this special service quietly and without fanfare for as long as anyone can remember. His retirement from his church duties will leave a huge gap and will need several Freds to replace him...

For your devotion to the detail of the role of Assistant Treasurer, for your energy in organising the delivery of Perinews throughout the parish, for your horticultural skills in the organisation of Operation Churchyard, for your daily opening and care of the church building, for faithfully putting out the Church Lane bollards, we give you a resounding cheer and our huge thanks dear Fred!



PIRBRIGHT PARISH COUNCIL



Visitors to the Village Green

The good weather and easing of lockdown restrictions has led to a surge in visitors to the village green. This has been welcomed by many and there is no doubt that it performs a vital role in helping people stay active, get outdoors and meet others in a safe and welcoming environment. We would encourage everyone who visits the green, whether local or just visiting, to help us protect the environment so that this can be enjoyed by all. Please:



- Maintain social distancing
- Wash or sanitise your hands regularly
- Respect others and the quiet enjoyment of the Green
- Take your litter home
- Park considerately – don't obstruct junctions, crossings or driveways
- Drive safely – watch your speed and be aware of children, pedestrians, cyclists, horse riders and local wildlife. Report any incident of anti-social behaviour or dangerous parking to the police on 101 or the web form, they do respond.

Parking: Parking has been a key concern, exacerbated in recent months by extra visitors. PPC has sought to work with Surrey and Guildford Councils to try and explore options to address the issues this has presented and have in the past also made additional parking available. There are still pressure points and at peak times careless parking can cause problems for the safe movement of pedestrians and other users of the village green. We have not sought formal parking restrictions previously, as this would impact on local people as much as visitors. However, we are working hard to try and improve the situation. We ask all visitors to park considerately and safely. Please report dangerous parking to Guildford Borough Council online, where this is a breach of the highway code, as we have no power to intervene.

Waste: The increased use of the village green has brought with it increased litter and rubbish, and the bins have struggled to cope with increased use. The Parish Council has worked well with the Cricketers and Guildford Borough Council to agree increased collection regimes for bins and regular litter picking around the Village Green and this has largely addressed the problem. There has been a consistent issue around the recycling bins with large volumes of clothes and other waste being dumped and these have been regularly cleared. The clothes recycling bin is being removed to end the problem. *All visitors to the Village Green are encouraged to take their litter and rubbish home with them to help manage the pressure over the summer months.*

Antisocial Behaviour: Although the majority of visitors to the Village Green respect the environment and other users, there have been a minority that have given rise to concerns of anti-social behaviour. This has been reported to Surrey Police and additional routine patrols have been requested at key times. PPC will continue to liaise with those affected where this arises, but if you are the victim of anti-social behaviour this should, in the first instance, be addressed by contacting the Police on 101 or if the matter is serious and ongoing, by dialling 999.

Steve Fidgett, Chair of Pirbright Parish Council

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Surrey Care Record

The Surrey Care Record is a local, digital shared care record for health and care professionals across Surrey Heartlands. It allows the secure sharing of your health and care data between authorised health and care professionals for the purposes of delivering safer, quicker, more personalised and more coordinated local health and care services. In practice this means improved sharing of information such as tests and results (preventing duplicate tests and unnecessary appointments), improved knowledge of your allergies and medications by care providers, and reduced risk of errors or misinformation. If you would like to opt out please contact our Practice Manager.



PIRBRIGHT WI

We do not have a meeting in August, but we are hoping to have a BBQ weather and COVID19 permitting for our members at a member's house. We are hoping near normal meetings to resume in September or soon as possible. *Irene Dredge 233279*

PERIWHEELS

Periwheels is still sadly suspended in compliance with current Local & National guidelines, but we will be back helping our friends & neighbours as soon as it is safe to do so.



PIRBRIGHT HISTORIANS

Another of Victor Willcocks' photos from around 1920, this one of the old cricket pitch between Lord Pirbright's Hall and the White Hart. In spite of years of frequent mowing, the munching of cows & nibbling of unnumbered geese, it's still possible to see the outline of the square. A clubroom was added to the Hall in 1928 and the boxy stage extension after WW2, by which time cricket had moved to its present pitch.

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LIZZIE IN LOCKDOWN

In the facemask or no facemask debate, Lizzie wasn't taking any chances.



PIRBRIGHT FOOTBALL CLUB

As you may have seen the Pirbright FC have returned to social distanced training on the Village Green on a Wednesday evening. The clubs season came to a sudden end in March after the club reached the Surrey Lower Junior County Cup final, some achievement with over 100 clubs in Surrey entering. When the season is given the green light the side will be using the pitch on the Green for its home games and it would be great to see locals watching again we hope to publish the fixtures in PeriNews. Any new players wanting to play please drop us a line at pirbrightfcsecretary@gmail.com.



Richard Garland (Chairman)

PIRBRIGHT TENNIS CLUB

www.pirbrighttennisclub.com

We're still seeing more members joining which is great news. Welcome to all! Book courts on our website. Play singles and doubles with social distancing and hygiene following government and LTA's guidelines. See the LTA's advice: www.lta.org.uk

The Box League tournaments for Ladies' and Mens' singles and doubles are well under way. Please book your matches now.

Coaching and Re-stringing:

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www.tennis-extreme.com

New membership: Monika Driscoll: driscollmonika@gmail.com

All social activities are cancelled or postponed until further notice. If the situation changes members will be notified.

Thank you.



PIRBRIGHT CRICKET CLUB

A sudden piece of news and, in a flash, at least some of the frustrations of PCC have evaporated. Cricket is back!!!! All the things we do... the joy, the fun the whole essence of playing of THE Game... Chairman has been told by the BBC that we are in business again. All the dropped catches, flippant remarks, heated discussions, the camaradery of it, the social side (Who can ever forget the Battle of Shamley Green when batsman said to the Umpire "Was I out Dad?"). So by the time you read this, weather permitting, you should have seen us out there!!

"Letter from Wayback"

Alastair Cook aka Peter Austin
Chairman.

PS anyone wanting to play only has to come to the ground on a Match Day or email peter.austin.lettings@gmail.com



CHURCHYARD CHRONICLES

We were all feeling a bit glum when we heard that Fred was retiring, we're all rather fond of Fred. The squirrels talked about how Fred came every day to check the church and the churchyard, to make sure it was all right, and that made us all sigh. Then the rabbits remembered how Fred used to clear up all the dog poo bags from the bins, and we all went 'Yuk!' until Deer pointed out that it meant we didn't get it all over our paws, and that made us all thoughtful. Then old Badger reminded us of the time Fred was in charge of Operation Churchyard, and they were going to get rid of the big old tree stump by the lych gate, but Fred suggested keeping it for the stag beetles. That made us all smile, especially the stag beetles. Then I remembered the Church's 800th birthday, and the Medieval Banquet, when everyone came dressed as Lords and Ladies. Except Fred, who came as a villein. The look was... startling. All was well until they ran short of wine and Fred had to make a dash to Sainsbury's, still in costume, to top up. That made us all laugh.

Thank you Fred, from all the Churchyard animals. You will still come and see us won't you?

Yellow Rabbit



AUGUST GARDENING TIPS from Wellie

This is a perfect time to be thinking about taking cuttings of some short lived or tender plants that might not over-winter such as some penstemons and salvias. Select a vigorous shoot, preferably one that hasn't flowered, otherwise make sure all buds have been taken off, cut a 5cm length as near to a leaf joint as possible, strip off the lowest leaves and insert into compost. Keep in a cool, moist environment out of full sunlight. Keep Camellias and Rhododendrons well watered to ensure good flower bud formation next spring. Blackspot is very common on roses at this time of year, and spraying will no longer be effective. Clear fallen leaves from around roses, and burn them to prevent spread. Prune wisterias now by cutting the wispy growth back to five or six buds from the main stem. Now is the time to give lavenders a good hair cut to get them back into shape by reducing the section of green growth that exists between the wood and the bottom of the flower stem. They cannot regenerate if pruned below the point where there aren't any leaves, so if you have a 'leggy' lavender plant, in the Spring, you could lift and then replant it in to a deeper hole, feeding the soil back around the stems. These stems then root and give a cluster of new lavender plants.

Raise ripening pumpkins and squashes off the soil to prevent rotting. Plant new strawberries now, either as bought plants or detached runners. Cut down fruited canes of summer raspberries after they have fruited. Finish summer pruning of trained apple and pear trees. Shorten lateral stems to three leaves above the basal cluster.



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CHARLES STADIUM

SKIN



STAYCATIONING IN PRIBRIGHT AUGUST 2020



With restrictions still in place and many concerns about travelling, a holiday may seem a distant dream. But have no fear, throughout the month of August the clubs and societies of Pirbright will recreate all your favourite holiday destinations so that you can enjoy the thrill of travel without leaving home.

Week 1 - Scotland: the spectacular Edinburgh Royal Military Tattoo will be recreated on the village green, led by the Pirbright Scouts marching in formation up and down Lord Pirbright's Hall carpark. The effect of massed bagpipes will be provided by the Cadence Marching Band carrying specially trained cats. Members of Pirbright Vintage Cycle Club will compete to be the first to dismantle and reassemble a Royal Enfield whilst the cricket club are preparing a dazzling display of highland dancing, culminating in the thrilling dance of the crossed bats - every step risking a stubbed toe. On Burrow Hill the Horticultural Society have been busy recreating a Highland scene. Turning it into an actual Munro (height 3000 feet) takes a lot of compost, but the stunning waterfall, herd of Red Deer and flocks of grouse make it all worthwhile.



Week 2 - Spain: Pirbright residents dreaming of topping up their tan in Catalonia need not be downhearted, the ladies of the Pirbright Royal British Legion are on hand with their wartime recipe for fake tan made from gravy browning. Best to stay clear of any dogs though, as they have a bit of a tendency to lick it off.

Meanwhile Pirbright Church, painted white and filled with palm trees made of rolled cardboard, is almost indistinguishable from the Sagrada Familia in Barcelona and Canada Geese have proved to be as fierce an adversary as any bull although the surgery drew the line at the proposed Pamplona style 'running of the geese' down Church Lane.



Week 3 - France: the iconic Louvre Museum in Paris will be open to us all, as Pirbright Art Club recreate the worlds greatest Masterpieces in the village hall. True, the paintings look a little different, as the only people they could find to sit still long enough to be painted were the Cunningham House residents. Meanwhile Pirbright Country Market are building a replica Eiffel tower from knitted coat-hangers and jam jars, and who needs a romantic moonlit boat trip on the Seine when you can take a canoe across the village pond with a torch?



Week 4 - Skegness: we can all enjoy the great British seaside holiday, with Pirbright Players' wind machine going full blast, and the gentle patter of continuous rain from the Rawlins Club extensive collection of garden sprinklers. The Church tower is being turned into a helter-skelter and fish and chips will be served. Bring your own seagull.

Week 5 - Barbados: dream on

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