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HAPPY FATHERS' DAY TO DADS EVERYWHERE

PIRBRIGHT VILLAGE PRIMARY SCHOOL BEGINS TO RE-OPEN

In fact it has never been closed! Throughout the lockdown, our village primary school remained open for 20-30 children. It even remained open through the Easter holidays, with staff volunteering so that critical worker parents could continue working. Meanwhile staff have been in constant touch with those children staying at home via the internet, sending regular learning activities, setting challenges and giving feedback on children's efforts.

As you take your daily exercise, you may have noticed strange sounds coming from the new Therapy Farm area of the school - yes, the pigmy goats have arrived and in are full voice. The lockdown may mean the children have not yet had chance to explore it, but work has continued apace to create an area where children can have hands-on experience of caring for animals and plants. The Therapy Farm will be a resource for the whole community, and for other schools and organisations for vulnerable young people. In these difficult and challenging times, our school has pulled out all the stops to support our community's children, not just academically but emotionally and socially too, so to all the staff, whatever their contribution to school life, we say a huge THANK YOU from the whole community



PIRBRIGHT TENNIS CLUB

Good news at last! The courts are now open, although with restrictions. Two people per court (single play only) and can be from different households. Doubles can only be played with all 4 players from the same household. Book courts on our website. Play with social distancing and hygiene following government guidelines. One toilet is open but not the clubhouse itself.

Coaching and Re-stringing: Tim Seymour is coaching on a one to one basis only. Tel: 07887 723554 or email tremex-tremeuk@gmail.com
website: www.tennis-extreme.com

Please see the link to the updated LTA and government advice and a link to the latest tennis club newsletter on our home page on the website. All special activities are cancelled until further notice. If the situation changes members will be notified. Thank you.

www.pirbrighttennisclub.com



ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH

Just a thought.....



Our world today is changing rapidly due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Observing physical distancing, lockdown and isolation have meant shedding taken-for-granted norms of touch, togetherness and what it means to be free. As many people have become seriously ill, with thousands dying daily, our response has been to find creative ways of managing,

In such a time as this, we may fear that God is absent. But there were times, recorded in the Bible, when God was present even in the midst of war, famine, flood, and even storms. God is with us always and promises to never leave us nor forsake us. God knows our pain of loss, isolation and separation, not only from society, but also from our families and friends; and the hobbies that are so much a part of our lives. Jesus' death on the cross was one of great suffering. Thus God understands our suffering when we lose a loved one. He understands the pain of suffering, which is doubly amplified by physical distancing.

I am reminded of Job in the Bible. Job experienced intense suffering, yet emerged a stronger and wiser person for it. We too can emerge stronger and wiser if we dig

deeply for the treasures within us to find the opportunities hidden there. God is the God of surprises, and his transforming grace is not silent. Family homes have become schools for teaching children, offices for work, and places of worship. Technology such as Zoom and Youtube have become the main channels of communication, e.g. the good news of Jesus' saving grace to people far and near and people in communities have stepped forward to help each other. May it continue even after the lockdown ends.

The virus continues to spread, but the power of God's transforming love spreads even greater, and in the most unlikely places, bringing more and more people to hear the message of Christ for themselves on their laptops, mobile phones and iPads. With God, nothing is impossible and nothing is wasted. What does the future hold for us after lockdown?

God knows

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:

"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."

And he replied: "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way."

So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night.

And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the East.

Minnie Louise Haskins (1875-1957)

Rev Beverley Hunt



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CUNNINGHAM HOUSE

As lockdown continues and residents continue to shield as a household, their anxieties and stress levels are on a roller coaster (whose aren't?!). It feels like a ball game where we try to bat away (i.e. deal with!) each issue as it comes up, but it has recently felt like a volley of issues are flying at us and we haven't got enough bats to keep up with batting them away. But at the end of the day, when we 'put the world to rights' over supper, the residents all agree they are glad that they live here, with company and support and not, like many elderly people they know, self isolating on their own.

The amount of community support for the elderly and vulnerable has been amazing. Our residents hate asking for help and hate owing money, but have the support here which means they don't have to ask. If you are in the older/vulnerable category and haven't got support so are risking going to the shops instead of asking for help from the community, please be reassured that people want to help and are glad to have a purpose during lockdown so please don't feel bad about asking for support.

Stay safe everyone

Lucy Beasley



The second day of a diet is always easier than the first.
By the second day you're off it.



PIRBRIGHT HISTORIANS ARE NOW ON FACEBOOK!

When we received this lovely photo from France recently, it set me thinking about setting up a Pibrigh Historians Facebook group so that we can share our photographs and hopefully find some more. It is of blacksmith William Willcocks and wife Eliza. He took over the old forge next to the White Hart from the Baileys in 1897 & his son William George Willcocks carried on until about 1926, when the site passed to Fred Henden, who had a haulage business there for 27 years.



Ten years ago, I had an email from another descendant of William Willcocks, but the email address was defunct, so I turned to Facebook. Luckily for me she had put her maiden name so I sent a message and a couple of the photographs. On our Facebook page there are two more photos, of the Forge and the Green, taken by one of William Willcocks' sons. To access it, there is a link to the group from our web site

www.pibrigh.info or you can search for

Pibrigh Historians on Facebook.

Shirley Forster

THE CIRCLE OF LIFE IN PIRBRIGHT

We give grateful thanks for the lives of Charles Stuart and Lindy Henry



PIRBRIGHT PARISH COUNCIL

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

We are already half way through the year. The Parish has basked in the sunshine of a beautiful spring and belies the many difficulties the pandemic has wrought on our society. But with luck and a good deal of community effort, we will emerge stronger and more connected. Please remember to stay in touch with your neighbours and friends, especially those who may still be feeling isolated as we hopefully begin the process of recovering some semblance of normality and support our local services and businesses as they continue to serve our community through these times.

While we were not able to hold formal gatherings, in May we joined the Nation commemorating VE Day, raising the Union Flag at Lord Pirbright's Hall and falling silent in our homes as we remembered those that had fallen in this endeavour. We will always owe a debt to those from this Parish and from Pirbright Camp who gave the ultimate sacrifice so that we can enjoy a free, tolerant and safe society.

Although we were not able to hold the Annual Parish Meeting this spring, we hope at some stage to do so, but in the meantime and following new regulations made by Government, we have now held two virtual meetings of the Parish Council and will continue in this way each month as long as is necessary. Anyone with a web browser can attend the meetings and can get details of how to do so from the Parish Clerk. We are also preparing the Annual Parish Return setting out our administration and accounts for the last year and our auditors are undertaking the audit in June.

Helen Myers, our new Parish Clerk, has hit the ground running and is working with Lindsay to progress an orderly transition. We have registered the Parish with a new Government web domain (pirbright-pc.gov.uk) which makes data and communication more secure and are aiming to refresh and relaunch the Parish Council's website as a key part of improving communication of essential information, issues and events. We will be launching new email details in due course, but all contact details will remain as they are for now.

We have also taken the opportunity at Lord Pirbright's Hall to replace the roof of the Clubroom and undertake some repainting in the kitchen and elsewhere so that it's in good condition when we can resume hosting activities. Please do contact us if you have any matters you want to discuss. In the meantime, stay safe and stay in touch. *Steve Fidgett*



I'm entering the worlds tightest hat competition. Just hope I can pull it off.



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JUNE 1940 – a month to remember

June 1940, 80 years ago, was a dramatic month in the Second World War. As the evacuation of Allied Forces from Dunkirk was completed, recently appointed Prime Minister Winston Churchill told the House of Commons on 4th June: "We shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills; we shall never surrender."

When he spoke, the French had not surrendered, and the idea that "in God's good time" the USA might conceivably have to ride to the aid of a 'subjugated' England, an idea that depressed as many people as it invigorated. Two weeks later, on the 18th June, with the battle in France lost, Churchill addressed the country with a rallying call in what must indeed have seemed a very dark hour. "The Battle of Britain," he said, "is about to begin. Upon this battle depends the survival of Christian civilisation." He concluded by saying that if Britain were to last a thousand years, people would still say, "This was their finest hour."



PIRBRIGHT COUNTRY MARKET

"Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under trees on a summer's day, listening to the murmur of the water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is by no means a waste of time. (John Lubbock)"

As we enjoy the rest; we would like to say a big thank you to everyone for their messages letting us know how much you miss your Market. Rest assured we will be back just as soon as we win the battle of Covid-19.

Rosemary Richmond

PIRBRIGHT TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Owing to the on going restrictions we have cancelled the Twinning Association BBQ planned for Sunday 12th July.

Please note that we are seeking a new Secretary to join our committee. Preferably someone computer savvy!"

Lucy Baker



PIRBRIGHT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

As you are aware we have suspended all our meetings for the time being. As a gesture to thank all our members for their continuing loyal support, any membership subscriptions paid for 2020, and any subscriptions paid from now on, will be valid until the end of 2021. If you are members and have not yet paid your subscriptions, or if you would like to join now I urge you to do so now and take advantage of this offer. Subscriptions are £15 per individual or £20 family membership. Payments to Julian Didyk - 07799207059 or juliandidyk@sky.com. BACS payments can be made and Julian will give the details. We hope to resume business as usual as soon as we are able.

Enter Our Virtual Annual Show!

As we cannot hold our usual annual show, we are going to stage a 'virtual' show this year. There will be several classes which will be judged from photographs on Show day at the end of July. There will be no entry fee and it will be open to all, members or not. The mini schedule will be forwarded to all PHS members and can be forwarded to anyone registering an interest to me on Philipbarraletcardiff19@gmail.com

LIZZIE IN LOCK DOWN

After three months in lockdown scruffs, Lizzie was desperate to dress up a bit, she just needed a reason to go out.



READ THE SIGN

At a towing company: "We don't charge an arm and a leg. We want your tows instead."

On a maternity room door: "Push. Push. Push."

At an optician's: "If you can't see what you're looking for, you've come to the right place."

At a chiropodist's: "Time wounds all heels."

On a house's fence: "Salespeople welcome! Dog food is expensive."

At a car dealership: "The best way to get back on your feet - miss a car payment."

Outside a muffler shop: "No appointment necessary. We hear you coming."

In a vet's waiting room: "Be back in five minutes. Sit! Stay!"

At the electricity company: "We will be de-lighted if you pay your bill. However, if you don't, you will be."

In a restaurant window: "Don't stand there and be hungry. Come on in and be fed up."

In the window of a funeral director: "Drive carefully. We're happy to wait."

OPEN

PIRBRIGHT CRICKET CLUB

Sadly the cricket season is still on hold, so Chairman is still sending A Letter From Wayback, in homage to American Broadcaster Alistair Cook.

"I am taking solace in the knowledge the Cricket Square is being maintained by PCC and their contractor and the ground itself by Parish Council. PCC is grateful to the Parish Council for this.

We must all remember that the joy we have from cricket must be passed onto future generations, it is not ours to squander or allow to fade away. Perhaps like Alastair Cook's wonderful broadcasts we must respect it as a treasure for future generations."

Please stay safe and secure in this crisis.

Alastair Cook aka Peter Austin Chairman

PS currently there is no news on a return of cricket .



"DON'T WAKE HIM, HE'S LISTENING TO THE CRICKET"

CHURCHYARD CHRONICLES

It has been very quiet here in the churchyard, we animals are missing all our visitors. But luckily the book swap has kept us all busy, and there has been something for everyone. The birds grabbed 'Jane Air', 'Beak House' and 'Lord of the Flyers', except the ducks who went for 'Far From the Paddling Crowd'. Old Brock enjoyed 'The Badger in the Rye' and Doris the Donkey loved 'Donkey Oaty'. Even the molluscs found something to read, with 'Slime and Punishment' and 'The Shell Seekers'. The rabbits worked their way through 'The Burrowers' and Tolstoy's epic 'Warren Peace'.

Unfortunately they and the deer fought over anything by Deertrix Potter. The Squirrels were very cagy about their book choice, and there were a few blushes when we found out what it was 'Fifty Shades of Drey'!

Stay safe everyone,

Yellow Rabbit

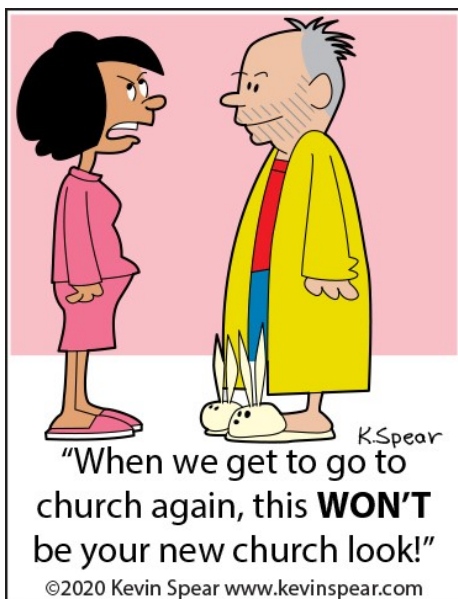


Every morning, Lara loved to go into the bathroom to watch her Mum as she was putting on her makeup to go to work. But during coronavirus, the mother stopped bothering with makeup, much to her daughter's confusion. "Mummy," she cried early on in the lockdown: "Come back! You forgot to kiss the toilet paper goodbye!"

JUNE GARDENING TIPS from Wellie

So, after all those weeks that we have had in lock down, and the sunshine and showers our gardens have received we should all be starting to notice a difference when we look outside. Hopefully, as businesses start to reopen, garden centres will as well, and any gaps in the garden can then be instantly filled, adding more colour to the garden. Make sure that herbaceous perennials that need staking have some support otherwise they can flop over and the stems can then be damaged trying to bring them upright again. Check roses for signs of blackspot, aphids and leaf rolling sawfly damage. Cut down daffodil bulbs now as it has been at least 6 weeks since they flowered. Dead-head and cut back oriental poppies after flowering to stimulate new foliage. Pinch out any side shoots from your tomato plants, these can then be potted up to create new tomato plants. Start to feed tomato plants once the first truss is setting fruit. Keep an eye on your onion and garlic. When the leaves start to

yellow and die back, they're ready to harvest. Harvest early potatoes - these are normally ready about 10 weeks after planting.





PIRBRIGHT COMMUNITY CALENDAR JUNE 2020 (we wish...)

	Monday	WHO declares Corona virus pandemic over
2	Tuesday	Pirbright Rugby Club pub crawl, starting at White Hart,
4	Thursday	Pirbright Country Market open daily as village supermarket
6	Saturday	Red Arrows display over Pirbright Village Green
7	Sunday	Church service, guest preacher Archbishop of Canterbury (NB he may Welby busy)
8	Monday	Royal visit to Pirbright as Queen opens new Cricket pavilion. Lunch join HM for pie & a pint at The Cricketers on The Green.
10	Wednesday	Cunningham House film night, Butch Cassidy and The Sundance Kid, special guest Mr Robert Redford
11	Thursday	Pirbright bellringers invited to ring at Westminster Abbey
12	Friday	Rawlins Club talk, miracle cures for aging
13	Saturday	Pirbright Sea Fair, village green to be flooded for Armada sea-battle reconstruction, with real cannon. And sharks.
14	Sunday	Church service, guest preacher The Archangel Michael (NB he's bringing his Angels to get there early to be sure of a seat)
15	Monday	Cunningham House, Mr Robert Redford enjoyed visit so much last week, he is moving in.
17	Wednesday	Pirbright Singers to perform at Royal Albert Hall
18	Thursday	Cunningham House, planning consent approved for extension to accommodate influx of new lady residents.
19	Friday	Rawlins Club, following the success of last week's talk, this week is trampolining for the over 70s
20	Saturday	Pirbright Dog show, opened by special guest Scooby Doo
21	Sunday	Church Service, guest preacher Rev Martin Luther King (NB, he may be late)
22	Monday	Horticultural Society visit to Amazonian Rain Forest (bring rain-coat and insect repellent)
23	Tuesday	HMS aircraft carrier Prince of Wales stopping at Brookwood during top secret tour of duty along Basingstoke Canal.
26	Friday	Twinning Association meeting to discuss twinning with Bermuda. Coffee and triangular biscuits will be served
27	Saturday	Glastonbury Festival relocated to Pirbright, headline acts Queen, Arctic Monkeys, Metallica, Bob Dylan, Pirbright Gospel Choir
28	Sunday	Church service, guest preacher Jesus of Nazareth (NB don't worry if you miss it, he's there every week)
29	Monday	Pirbright Rugby Club pub crawl finishes at The Fox
30	Tuesday	Back to the real world, but it was fun to dream....



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