



St Michael & All Angels Church  
Pirbright Parish Council

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## HAPPY SCHOOL DAYS TO ALL OUR CHILDREN!

### GUILDFORD WALKFEST free guided walk

A number of organisations are joining together to provide free guided walks throughout September. Gordon Jackson, Chairman of the Surrey Hills Society, and members of the Parish Council will lead a walk from the Royal Oak exploring some of the lesser known areas around Cobbetts Hill Common and Leapingbar Copse as well as Henley Park Lake

and Stanford Common. The walk will start at 10:30 am on Friday 11 September. It is 3.5 miles and will take about 2 hours. Sensible footwear is essential. In order to comply with Government regulations pre-booking is essential and spaces will be limited to ensure appropriate social distancing.

For more information and to book go to [www.surreyhillssociety.org/events/](http://www.surreyhillssociety.org/events/) You can also learn more about Walkfest at [www.guildfordwalkfest.co.uk](http://www.guildfordwalkfest.co.uk)



### BURNHAM CLINTON BENCH

Next time you walk through the village green near the pond, look out for the new picnic bench. It has been placed there in memory of former Chair of the Parish



Council, Burnham Clinton. Burnham worked tirelessly for our community, and a place where families can enjoy our beautiful open space is a perfect memorial for him.

### WASHABLE AND REUSABLE FACEMASKS

We are all having to get used to the idea of wearing facemasks in indoor public places, to help keep ourselves and others safe during the corona virus crisis. But the sheer number of masks needed is creating two new problems - diverting resources away from front line services who need them, and generating mountains of plastic waste from disposable masks being used and thrown away.

So we are making and selling washable, reusable cotton face masks, in a wide range of attractive colours and prints so even in a busy household, you will always know which masks are yours. Buy a few so that you always have a clean one to wear, and just pop them in your ordinary wash. There are two styles, the letterbox style at £3 and the fitted cup style at £5 each.

For more information and selection of fabrics go to

<https://www.pirbrightchurch.org.uk/masks.htm>

or phone Helen on 07777 659 138

All proceeds will help to maintain our lovely old Church.



## ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH

*Just a thought.....*



### SOMEWHERE OVER THE RAINBOW

Rainbows tend to appear at the end of a period of rain, or a storm when the sun emerges to spread its warmth and light over the fields, meadows and gardens. Over the past months, the rainbow has become a special symbol of thanks and hope that is universally recognised. It's a symbol of gratitude for the amazing work that so many people have done and are continuing to do for their own and the wider community.

Although they're hard to pick out individually, a rainbow is often regarded as incorporating just seven colours, but depending on their intensity they might actually include more than the 100 or so colours that a human eye can actually see. There are all sorts of definitions of what actually constitutes a 'colour', but some tell us that black and white are not colours (I remember being told at school that black and white were 'shades'); black being the absence of light and white the absence of colour. It's a fascinating question, but that's not really my point...

Which is, what 'colour' is light? It's not a question that I have an answer to, or at least not one that I understand! Although light is all around us in some form or another, we can't actually see it. But when we look at it through an object that splits it up, that's when all those wonderful colours become 'visible'. So my answer would be that light is all the colours...of a rainbow.

Jesus tells us in John's Gospel that he is 'the light of the world'; his light, too, is one that embraces *all* colours. In the story of the Flood, in Genesis, the rainbow appears at the end of the rains as a symbol of God's mercy and peace. For some folk now, it's a symbol of hope that when we finally emerge from this strange and challenging time we will find a world that is more compassionate, less self-centred; we might have learned new things, experienced new things. We might have found our own pot of gold.

*Revd Gary Williamson*



### THE CIRCLE OF LIFE IN PIRBRIGHT

Warmest wishes to Andrew and Jenny Hollom on their marriage



### A LETTER TO THE EDITOR: A Little Bird Song:

In the July PeriNews, Rev Williamson asked "If you were a bird, what bird would you like to be?" The one freedom I would hope for as a bird would be the freedom to fly, to travel, to seek a peaceful existence, to escape the noise and stress of the cities. Freedom to enjoy peace of mind and a quiet heart. Now I could be content as a sparrow, a bluetit or even a cheeky robin, but I would not presume to aspire to be a Dove for my many imperfections might weigh heavy on my wings. Maybe, just maybe, a Nightingale would be more fun, given the freedom to sing songs, to give pleasure to those who would listen and to be remembered

*Jackie Hodge*

## BACK TO CHURCH AT ST MICHAEL'S

We have been experimenting! Introducing WiFi, we have been working to combine the successful Zoom services of lockdown in everyone's homes with a return to the church building. We are hoping that by September, subject to national/local changes, we will have devised a joint communion service

(church and home) to please most to overcome the 2m distancing requirements of only 23 in church.



One thing we can't avoid, though, is the necessity to make a booking by each Friday for the following Sunday. Please contact Catherine on 481234 or Pauline on 01252 326534.

## A PIRBRIGHT YEAR IN ART

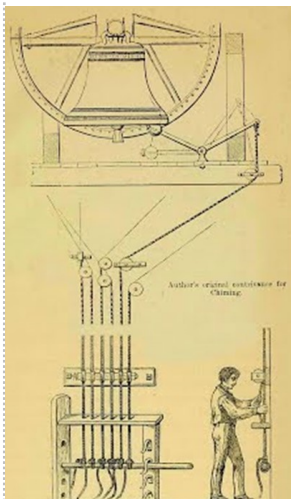
We are inviting local artists to celebrate a year in the life of Pirbright in art. The aim is to compile a book celebrating the life of our community, the people, places and events that make Pirbright special. If you are interested please contact Helen Whitworth 07777659138

[helenwelliewhitworth@btinternet.com](mailto:helenwelliewhitworth@btinternet.com)



## ELLACOMBE CHIMES

When the church closed in March, so did the bells, with no ringers allowed in the tower. It has been the bells' longest silence since World War 2. At the end of July, the first post-lockdown wedding was allowed to take place, but what is a wedding without bells? And you can't have bells without ringers.



Then someone remembered the old Ellacombe chimes, which fell out of use in the 1950s or 60s, but which allow one person to chime all six bells. The chimes were in a mess, the ropes were missing or broken, the hammers had seized up and one was missing completely. But perhaps they could be rescued? Over the next three weeks a small team set to work, freeing and securing the hammers; locating and replacing the missing one; replacing around 78 metres of rope; and cleaning and repairing the 'business end' in the ringing chamber. But would they work?

The sound doesn't carry like the full bells, so you will have to listen hard for them, but the chimes sounded lovely for the wedding, and will help to keep the sound of our church bells alive until the ringers are allowed back into the ringing chamber. Then, what a glorious sound there will be!

## OPERATION CHURCHYARD – Volunteers needed!

Might you want some outdoor exercise, like working in a small team, have a little time to spare once a month, want to put something back into your community? Then how about joining Operation Churchyard where you will get a very warm welcome and coffee and cake (Covid19 restrictions permitting!). We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday each month from 10-12 and do what we can to keep the churchyard looking cared for and beautiful. Please give Catherine Copley a ring on 481234/07947 032210 to find out more.

## PIRBRIGHT PARISH COUNCIL

Groundwork continued throughout August with additional wooden security posts installed around the Little Green to match those installed in July. The new, more substantial posts have been funded by the Parish Council with some grant support from GBC. More posts will be installed around the triangle opposite the Cricketers to discourage some of the inconsiderate parking we have all witnessed recently and this will bring the works to completion.



Across the Green in the Playground, another grant aid project has come to fruition with 3 new soft-close, brightly coloured gates.

These are designed

to increase safety, protecting children from knocks and bangs. A wonderful group of volunteers from the village have begun repainting the playground Horse – he will be refurbished and given a much needed touch of sparkle. The larger swing seats have also been replaced and several other items in the playground will be smartened up and brought back to life.

### Parish Council Vacancies

#### Caretaker to Lord Pirbright's Hall / Groundsman (part time)

We are looking for an enthusiastic and hardworking individual, ideally coming

from a groundsman/maintenance background to join our small and friendly team at Pirbright Parish Council. Reporting to the Clerk and Secretary of Lord Pirbright's Hall, you will be working up to 10 hours per week, generally from 7.30am – 9am, 6 days a week but with some occasional late evening work by prior arrangement, meaning we are looking for someone who is adaptable and flexible with a positive "can do" attitude. You will carry out a range of Hall and ground maintenance duties and inspections.

Training provided. We can offer you:

- £10.00 per hour
- Enrolment into a pension scheme
- 25 days holiday per year + bank holidays
- Training development opportunities

Please email a CV and covering letter to the Clerk at [clerk@pirbright-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@pirbright-pc.gov.uk) or contact the Clerk with any questions on 01483 797840. A copy of the full job description can be found on the Parish Council's website at: <https://pirbright-pc.gov.uk/news>

#### Cleaner for Lord Pirbright's Hall

10 hours to be spread across the week. £12 per hour. For details please contact Lindsay Graham on 01483 476432 or [LPH@pirbright-pc.gov.uk](mailto:LPH@pirbright-pc.gov.uk).



### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Please may I use PeriNews to express my thanks to Guildford Borough Council for their care and attention, including regular phone calls, for me and others like me shielding during the lockdown.

*Philip Barralet*

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## TWINNING ASSOCIATION

It was such a disappointment cancelling our planned visit from our Cagny friends and other activities. We hope you are all in good health. We plan to replace this year's AGM with an email of information to all our supporters. In view of the uncertainties regarding social distancing we are delaying fund raising activities until the Quiz Night in January 2021, further details nearer the time. Lucy Baker, Chairman, [lucyb2477@gmail.com](mailto:lucyb2477@gmail.com)

## PIRBRIGHT WI

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> Sept at 7.45 in Lord Pirbright's Hall Club Room. Due to COVID19 we are only having a social evening, visitors are welcome but if you would like to come please give me a ring as we have to social distance. Irene Dredge 233279.

## PIRBRIGHT COUNTRY MARKET



A big thank you to everyone who joined us in the August sunshine for the reopening of our Market. Your support made all the hard work of the past 4 months worthwhile. We have had to make one or two changes for social distancing but you will still find our wonderful range of cakes and savouries, garden produce, plants and eggs, plus craft items and greetings cards for every occasion. Come and see what we have to offer in Lord Pirbright's Hall each Thursday between 10.00 and 11.15am.

*Rosemary Richmond*

## PIRBRIGHT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY 'Virtual Annual Show' 2020

As we were unable to stage our normal Annual Show in Lord Pirbright's Hall we held a competition of 15 classes to be judged from photographs. I received entry forms from 25 individuals, with 56 entries. Thank you to all who entered into the spirit of the event which was staged to be a bit of fun and to give something to focus on during the lockdown period. Thank you to our two independent judges who judged the anonymous photographs. Certificates will be presented in due course and all photographs on display at our first meeting. The results are as follows:

### **Class A1 Bowl of Roses**

First prize Anna- Lena Kleinert;  
Highly Commended. Anne Bowles

### **Class A2 Bowl of Sweet Peas**

First prize Mary Straker,  
Highly Commended. Richard Mills

### **Class B3 Collection of 5 vegetables in tray or trug**

First Prize Steve Hull;  
Highly Commended Richard Mills

### **Class B4 Longest Carrot**

First Prize: Steve Hull

### **Class B5 Longest Runner Bean**

First Prize Denise Granger,  
Highly Commended Lucy Baker

### **Class C6 Standard Fuchsia**

First Prize Richard Mills;  
Highly Commended Denise Granger

### **Class C7 Hanging Basket**

First Prize Mary Pearce;  
Highly Commended Steve Hull

### **Class C8 Patio Planter**

First Prize Mary Straker;  
Highly Commended Mary Stanley

### **Class D9 Floral Art: Summer of 2020**

First Prize Linda Wynne;  
Highly Commended Anne Bowles

### **Class E10 'Thank you' to NHS**

First Prize Jadwiga Grimshaw

### **Class E11 Wildlife Photo**

First Prize Rosemary Read;  
Highly Commended Peter Bowles

### **Class F13 Cookery 'Strawberry' biscuits**

First Prize Gary Williamson

Thanks again for your continued support.

*Philip Barralet*



## CUNNINGHAM HOUSE

Our 98 year old resident said she thought the pandemic was worse than World War 2, even though she had served in the army during the war. "At least during the war you could see the enemy and hear them. We were at least allowed out during wartime and were warned by air raid sirens to take cover. With this virus, you can't see it; it's an invisible enemy that we have to give up our freedom to stay safe from". Luckily, as lockdown measures have eased, we have managed to find ways to enable the residents to get out and about with precautions in place. With the help of our House Committee, the residents have enjoyed a few hours of freedom down on the Village Green, watching the world go by with an ice cream! Roll on VoC Day when freedom can once again be taken for granted by all.

*Lucy Beasley*

\*VoC: Victory over Covid



## THE CRICKETERS ON THE GREEN

On behalf of the whole community, we send support and best wishes to the team at The Cricketers following the fire. Let's all rally round and support them.

*Editor*

## FOOTBALL, CRICKET AND SPORTS PAVILION

There has been a lot of activity on the village green on Friday evenings during the summer with the new youth cricket programme. Most Fridays have seen over 50 aspiring cricketers from as young as six, up to early teens, being introduced to the game by a team of experienced coaches led by Chris Smith. A team of 8 year olds played their first competitive game during August, defeating their Milford opponents. Another ten matches played in August, and the programme ended with a three day cricket camp. 85% of the children are from Pirbright Primary School, which augers well for the future.

The club has also enjoyed its best start to the shortened season, the opening game against Witley saw Pirbright plunder over 350 runs in 45 overs and bowl the visitors out for 72. Come to support the club in the next games on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> September. It has also been good to see adult and junior football teams training hard in anticipation of the lockdown being relaxed and local football being allowed again. The one blot on the horizon is the state of the present

pavilion which is rapidly becoming unfit to use. It has no disabled access, only one female wc and no changing area for match officials. Sanitary ware is ancient and in poor condition and reflects badly on the club and the village. Raising the finance to replace the old pavilion is becoming imperative, otherwise cricket and football could disappear from the village. To make a financial contribution to this project contact Graeme Marks on 474915 or me on 488044.

*Derek Bytheway*

## PIRBRIGHT TENNIS CLUB

[www.pirbrighttennisclub.com](http://www.pirbrighttennisclub.com)

We are hoping to restart our regular events in September. All members will be notified.

Book courts on our website. Play with social distancing and hygiene following government and LTA's guidelines. See the LTA's advice: [www.lta.org.uk](http://www.lta.org.uk)

**Coaching and Re-stringing:** Tim

Seymour: Tel: 07887 723554 or e mail [tennisextremeuk@gmail.com](mailto:tennisextremeuk@gmail.com) website: [www.tennis-extreme.com](http://www.tennis-extreme.com)

**New membership:** Monika Driscoll: e-mail: [driscollmonika@gmail.com](mailto:driscollmonika@gmail.com)





## CHURCHYARD CHRONICLES

It's wonderful to have people back in the church, although we were a bit concerned about the funny things everyone has on their faces. Fox said it was a fashion thing (Fox is a keen follower of fashion, he's really quite vain) but the voles were worried that Pirbright had been invaded by bandits and we would all be forced at gunpoint to hand over our blackberries (voles do worry a lot, it comes with being at the bottom of the food chain). The squirrels decided it was because everyone was playing poker, and they didn't want to give away their hand of cards. We asked Dog, who understands the ways of Humans, and he thought it must be to stop them all biting each other. Cat was no more help, she suggested it was to stop you all licking yourselves. So we went to ask Rev Bev who knows What's What. She told us that there is a nasty virus around and the facemasks are to stop everyone breathing germs all over each other. Oh well, what's good enough for humans...!

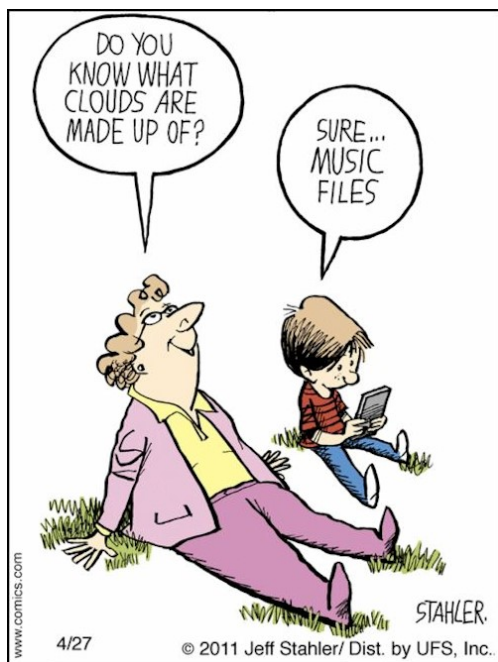
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*Phellow Phaphphit*



## SEPTEMBER GARDENING TIPS from Wellie

Overgrown clumps of herbaceous perennials can be divided now. This will invigorate them and improve flowering and overall shape. Lift the clump and split the outer area of the clump, discarding the centre which will be the oldest part of the clump. Don't worry if you are not able to do this now, some can wait until next Spring, just make a note of which ones need attention. Continue to deadhead plants to prolong the display. Why not treat yourself to some Spring bulbs that you can scatter around the garden or put into pots to give some brightness at the beginning of next year. Net ponds before the leaves start to fall. Lift the height on the mower and mow less frequently now. An autumn lawn feed can be applied now which will harden up your lawn. This is best done after the lawn has been scarified and aerated. If you want to lay a new lawn or reseed an area, this is a good time of year to do it. Cut or strim summer flowering meadows now after they have gone to seed. As you carry on harvesting your crop of vegetables from this year, you can get ahead by sowing some crops for next year. Some broad beans and peas can be sown now for an earlier crop next year, along with spring cabbages and spinach (this might need to be covered from frosts). Onions and garlic can also be planted now for harvesting next year.



## CLUBS AND SOCIETIES NEWS, SEPTEMBER 2020



**HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY:** The society challenge to grow some mystery seeds was won by Mr Hull, who correctly identified the plants as truffids. So far Mr Hull has not been to collect his trophy, in fact has anyone seen Mr Hull lately?

**PIRBRIGHT PLAYERS:** Rehearsals for the latest play 'Little Shop of Horrors' ground to a halt when several cast members failed to turn up to rehearsals. They first noticed when the props team disappeared one evening during rehearsal, so the actors took props home to look after, and several of them simply haven't been back. The Director commented 'It's such a shame, the Horticultural Society were so generous lending us those weird plants, which looked perfect on set.'

**RAWLINS CLUB:** Members were inspired by last week's talk on Extreme Ironing, though the bid to try it out on the roof of the Village Hall during a thunderstorm may have been misguided. Mrs Beasley has recovered from the lightning strike, but would quite like her ironing board back.



**PIRBRIGHT BUNGEE CLUB** are planning an inaugural jump from the church tower, when Kevin has knotted together enough rubber bands.

**CUNNINGHAM HOUSE:** The residents' over 80s pole vaulting group has been a huge success. "It's a great way of bypassing the social distancing queue into the White Hart Garden" reports one member.

**PIRBRIGHT CAVE RESCUE** has been disbanded since the Council repaired the pothole at the bottom of Church Lane. The club canary has been returned to its owner, along with the knotted string and candles.

**PIRBRIGHT TENNIS CLUB:** Sadly Andy Murray has withdrawn his membership, he said he could handle the tennis here, but the other members were just too cheerful.

**PIRBRIGHT TWINNING ASSOCIATION** the *crepe* supper was excellent, though attendance was disappointing following an unfortunate spelling mistake on the posters.

**PIRBRIGHT ESCAPOLOGISTS** meeting had to be cancelled when the Chairman accidentally locked himself in his car.

**PIRBRIGHT ANGLING CLUB** held a very successful competition on the village pond, though concerns about cheating arose when 1st prize was won by a 28lb haddock. Tempers calmed when an impromptu fish supper was announced.



### LIZZIE IN LOCKDOWN

There was something odd about the holiday photos this year, if Lizzie could just put her finger on it....?

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