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A VERY HAPPY EASTER TO ALL OUR READERS

PIRBRIGHT SPORTS PAVILION

The cricket and football clubs have already been training for some time and are looking forward to the new season with great enthusiasm. The funding process for the new pavilion is progressing with the Surrey County Council scheme and we are hoping to be included in the next stage, based on full submissions of applicants' plans. We have received very positive feedback for our project, including letters of support from the Army and local schools. However, we still need to generate more financial backing from the local community and would appreciate all donations, large or small. Although last summer was badly affected by the lockdown restrictions we introduced a programme of Youth Cricket, which was an outstanding success with more than 60 youngsters, including quite a few girls, between 6 and 13, most of whom have already signed up for 2021. We have also recruited a number of ladies during the lockdown and expect to form a team to play



PIRBRIGHT COUNTRY MARKET IS BACK!

We will reopen the Market on Thursday March 25th at 10am. You will find us in the Clubroom of Lord Pirbright's Hall with a range of fresh baked goods, free



range eggs and seasonal plants. We have prepared a Covid safe environment for you and look forward to welcoming you back.

Rosemary Richmond

GREEN PIRBRIGHT recycling for energy scheme

Recycling has become a high priority, as we all strive to save our planet. However problems have arisen during recent lockdowns with the accumulation of waste waiting to be recycled, and concerns about it being dumped rather than used. Green Pirbright is a plan to reduce the carbon footprint of our waste by using it locally instead of paying for it to be taken away, and at the same time to benefit the local community by using it to generate electricity. Power from recycled waste could be used to supply Lord Pirbright's Hall, the surgery, the cricket Pavilion and houses around the village green. Unsightly bins in the village hall car park will be replaced with a much larger capacity underground collection and processing plant where waste can be sorted and used to generate electricity. By the time the backlog in waste caused by the lockdown has been consumed, long term sustainable electricity generation will be in place using second hand fuel rods sourced on Amazon from Sellafield Parish Council.



ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH



Just a thought.....

The changing face of 'normality'

The recent government road-map out of lock-down has given us all cause to hope that by the summer we will be back on the road to normal. But do we really want to go back to so-called 'normality', or is it time for us to let go of the past and move on to the brave new post-pandemic world and all that it has to offer humanity.

Normality for us at St Michael and All Angels Church is doing what we can to keep our community and parishioners safe. This means when in church sitting in marked seats, wearing masks, not singing, and being physically distanced from each other. Easter and Christmas 2020 have been extremely different from anything we have ever experienced. Our church, which would have been filled with over a hundred people can now hold no more than 23. But we look forward to worshipping together in full fellowship, even if it is within the context of a new 'normal'. The old 'normal' has meaning for those who understand it, but not for those new to the church. What is shared together now is the new 'normal' of online worship via Zoom, and 'hybrid' services in which such online worship is linked to worship in the church building. Clearly then, what we view as 'normal'

changes over time. Nothing stays the same. This past year, the changes have been rapid, but like most churches, St Michaels has embraced Zoom technology in its worship, not out of choice, but out of the desire to remain a faithful worshipping community.

Ecclesiastes 3, 1, tells us that 'there is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven'. This is a comforting reminder that God is in control; and though we may have mastered some things, e.g., technological changes, some things are beyond us and we need to let go and let God guide us. I believe that the time has come for us to prayerfully reflect on what we have learned during the past year of this pandemic so that we can take forward those things that will enrich the future mission of St Michael And All Angels as a vibrant church at the heart of the community.

We are planning the Church's road-map out of lock-down and, all being well, we will gradually return to worship in the church building including on Easter Sunday (4th April). We will also continue with the 'hybrid' services of Zoom and in-church worship into the foreseeable future. Please be assured that anyone worshipping with us online via zoom is as much a part of the congregation as anyone in the church building. Until restrictions are lifted, our seating capacity is limited to a maximum of 23 people, so if you would like to attend on Easter day, please let us know by contacting Caroline Bews: T 01483 289123; or caroline_bews@hotmail.com. Please visit our website: purbrightchurch.org.uk for information about our weekly services. With every blessing. Rev Bev Hunt



CHURCH PLANT SALE CONFIRMED DATE Saturday 8th May

Under the current timeline for lifting Covid restrictions, the annual church plant sale can go ahead in the churchyard on Saturday 8th May, This is now one day only, the garden walks will happen later in the summer (see below) but it's a great opportunity to stock up on locally grown plants, tap into all the local knowledge you need to get your garden in tip top shape AND support our lovely old church at the same time. As well as plants, this year we will also sell garden treasures, home-made cakes and preserves and you can treat yourself to hot drinks and a delicious sizzling Fulk's sausage hot dog.

Wellie 07777 659138



Who had the first tablet that could connect to the cloud? Moses

OPEN GARDENS WALK - NEW DATE 12th and 13th June

One advantage of moving the garden walks to early June will be that the gardens will be showing all their summer glory. With Covid safe distancing, and limited numbers in each garden, this is a rare chance to see behind that wall, over that hedge, through that gate into the secret treasures of Pirbright's back gardens. Full information on booking and joining the walks in the May PeriNews

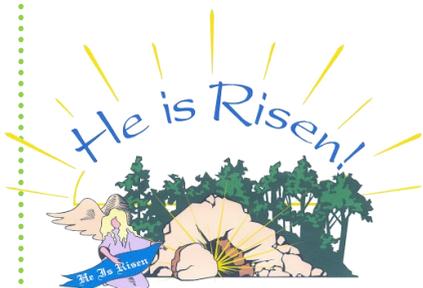
CELEBRATE EASTER WITH ST MICHAEL AND ALL AGNGELS

What happened on that first Easter a long time ago?

Easter is the most important celebration in the Christian year. Would you like to know more? Come and follow the 'Seriously Surprising Adventure Trail' around the churchyard to hear about the Easter story of Jesus. It runs from Saturday 27th March to Monday 5th April. Maps with answers will be available in the church porch, but they can also be downloaded from our website, www.pirbrightchurch.org.uk. There is a chocolate egg for

every child who has a go and details of how to claim your egg will be on the above website and displayed in the church porch.

An Easter garden will also be on display in the churchyard to celebrate Jesus rising to life again. We would love as many of you as possible to make a butterfly on a stick, or bring some flowers, such as daffodils, to decorate the garden. Help us to make it as beautiful as we can.



THE CIRCLE OF LIFE IN PIRBRIGHT

Remembering Pam Halesworth and Nadine Donkin.



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PIRBRIGHT PARISH COUNCIL



Gordon Jackson: For the last eleven years, Pirbright has had the good fortune to be represented by Gordon Jackson at Guildford Borough Council. Over this time, Gordon has been a strong advocate for the community and has represented our interests at all levels. He has pushed for action when we have needed support and has always been there with a wise word or two at Parish meetings. As a Parish Council we are united in our heartfelt thanks for his selfless commitment over the years and wish him well as he stands down from the Borough Council.

Guildford Dragon: Pirbright Parish has accepted an offer from the Guildford Dragon to take part in their spotlight on the role of parish councils. The online newspaper is set to run a series of articles on many of the parish councils in the borough and Pirbright PC feel it is a great opportunity to shed a little light on the positive role and responsibilities involved in serving the community at the local level.

Annual Parish Meeting: The Parish Council's Annual Parish Meeting will be held virtually on Monday 26th April at 7.30pm. This annual event is an opportunity

for the Council to report to its electorate on the varied work it has carried out throughout the previous year, with interesting presentations on some of the initiatives that are underway. It is also an important opportunity for the Council to show how your precept is spent, to listen to your views and answer your questions. We would warmly welcome as many villagers to attend as possible. Joining instructions and further details can be found on the Parish website. We look forward to seeing you!

Litter: The Parish Council were contacted during the latest lockdown by several residents keen to help out with the increase in litter around the village. The Council (and our Assistant Groundsman) were incredibly touched by these offers of help to keep on top of the extra rubbish and we have now purchased some extra litter picking equipment to help. Restrictions are slowly lifting and this equipment is now available to borrow so please do get in touch with the Clerk, Helen Myers .



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Parish website www.pirbright-pc.gov.uk

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PIRBRIGHT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Regrettably we will not stage our annual show in 2021, as we cannot be certain that we shall be rid of Covid restrictions. However, following the success of our 'virtual' show judged from photographs and open to all, we hope we can build on that success this year. We hope to resume monthly meetings on Tuesday 14th September at 8pm in the Clubroom of Lord Pirbright' Hall at 8pm, Geoff Peach (a respected judge for our shows) will host a Question and Answer session so do make an effort to join us on that evening! We are holding a Plant Sale on Saturday 22nd May in the grounds of Lord Pirbright's Hall 10am - 1pm. Please support the Society as we try to resume business as usual!



PIRBRIGHT SUMMER FAIR: CHANGE OF DATE to Saturday 4th September !

Let's face it, when all this is over we are going to need a celebration for the whole community, but that won't be by mid June, so cross out 12th June and put **Saturday 4th September** in your diary to be ready to join in Pirbright's famous and fabulous Village Fair. Just think about it as an extra few weeks to get your sea themed display, costume, display, stall ready for the big day. Watch this space for more details, and to book your stall, or to volunteer on the day contact Lindsay on 01483 476432 or at pirbright-summer-event@hotmail.com



PIRBRIGHT TWINNING ASSOCIATION

In view of the on going restrictions and the uncertain date of our liberation, the planned visit of our French friends, originally scheduled for early June, has been cancelled. Watch out for announcements here when we are able to reschedule Twinning activities. We hope our supporters have come through Covid unscathed and will keep supporting us!"



THE ARTS SOCIETY WOKING

If you love documentaries and lectures on 'Arts' subjects you should join The Arts Society Woking. With zoom meetings you can see and speak personally to each lecturer. All lectures are made by accredited experts in their field, who often appear on TV or radio. For your free lecture 'taster' and enquiries about joining contact the membership secretary 01276 685 293 memdfas@gmail.com

PIRBRIGHT HISTORIANS

This fine photo is of the Reverend Francis Owston, the 23rd recorded incumbent of Pirbright. Born in Yorkshire, he came here from Lancashire as a 31-year-old in 1851 with new wife Eliza. At this time, Vicars lived at the Manor House. Katherine Dobbs Halsey wrote of a visit there in 1865 – *'We made our way through a tangle of rank grass and weeds....and thought we had never seen a more overgrown and untidy little place. The inside was also very shabby and not clean & hardly furnished with chairs to go round.'*

In the mid-1870s, a new vicarage was built on the site of former Burrow Hill Farm (until recently Pirbright Surgery with parts of the old farmhouse still incorporated). The Owstons, after living at the Cemetery for a few years, dwelt at the new vicarage from 1878 until going to Essex in 1889, where he died 3 years later *'deeply regretted by all who had known him'*. A keen local historian, he left a volume of manuscript notes, sadly, from our point of view, now lost.

Mary Cawthorn, who came here in 1885, also had recollections – *The Vicar, Mr Owston, was a very handsome and venerable looking man. Occasionally he made us very nervous by pausing in the middle of his sermon and asking the Churchwarden to fetch a tumbler with some brown liquid from the vestry: or he would fix his eyes on some boys at the back of the church and say: "Boys, if you do not behave better I shall request Mr Churchwarden to remove you."*



Jonathan Foster: jonathan@pirbright.info

CUNNINGHAM HOUSE - what kind of home are we?

There are many options for older people's accommodation, so here's a quick guide to what they mean, and where Cunningham House sits in these options:

- Nursing Care offers 24 hour medical and personal care.
- Care/Residential homes offer 24 hour personal care. Some specialise in dementia care.
- Warden assisted housing offers individual flats where residents live independently in a self contained flatlet.
- Cunningham House is classed as supported housing. We don't provide care, but some residents employ a carer to help with basic bath/showering and laundry; residents have a 24 hour care line pendant to call for help in an emergency; home cooked meals are provided and bills and maintenance are taken care of, and most importantly, they are not alone. So if an older person isn't ready for a care or nursing home, but needs more support and companionship than living alone offers, we may be the perfect option!

Lucy 01483 488751



Love 'em or loathe 'em, the office of Prime Minister is 300 years old this month. Can you name the first holder of the office? How many Prime ministers have you lived through? Who was in No 10 when you were born? Who do you think will be the *next* PM?

THE CRICKETERS ON THE GREEN - you could name the new bar!

We are really looking forward to welcoming everyone back on 12th April in our AI Fresco and outside area, when the refurbishment and reconstruction works will be complete.

We have a beautiful outside bar that we would love the community to name themselves; submit name ideas by email thecricketers@grosvenorpubs.com . Only one condition; the name must have something to do with The Cricketers pub or the cricket insect .

There will be an official name reveal with a ribbon cutting ceremony on 12th April. The grand opening of the pub will take place on 17th May once we can welcome everyone inside.



PIRBRIGHT TENNIS CLUB

www.pirbrighttennisclub.com

Looking forward to playing tennis again! The tennis courts will be open from 29th March. Social Distancing to be maintained before, during and after play. Please visit our website's home page for the latest news. For advice from the LTA contact: lta.org.uk

Subscriptions due: 1st April

Booking courts on website: Sign in with your email, LTA or social account



Summer Tournaments: Sign up for Men's and Ladies Singles, and Doubles together with a Mixed Doubles category. Email your details to pkelly_whiterabbits@sky.com

Senior and Junior Coaching, stringing:

Tim Seymour: 07887 723554 or tennisextremeuk@gmail.com
www.tennis-extreme.com

Easter Holiday Junior Coaching Clinics:

6th–16th April

New membership: Monika Driscoll:
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CHURCHYARD CHRONICLES

Hoorah, at last we are allowed to play sports together outside, and the churchyard animals are making the most of it. The squirrels play a mean game of tennis, though they are inclined to cheat by using their tails as an extra racquet. With their jumping skills, the rabbits could be unbeatable at basketball, except that their front paws are not very good for holding slippery spherical objects. Owl mentioned that outdoor swimming was also permitted now but funnily enough, no-one was too keen on that idea, apart from the ducks. Someone suggested that, from 12th April, camping will be permitted and that reminded me of the time a bunch of teenagers camped in the garden right next door to the church. They had been to a party and, safe in the knowledge no-one had to drive home, they ate, drank and made merry. It was a warm night and after everyone else had left, they carried on until the early hours, working their way through a large bottle of their host's whiskey. So there were already a few sore heads next morning when, directly above them, the church bells started ringing at full volume. Ouch!

Yellow Rabbit



APRIL GARDENING TIPS from Wellie

Lawns – now is the time to start looking after your lawn. Every gardener knows trimmed edges can make all the difference! Apply a spring lawn feed now. Any bumps and hollows on lawns can be repaired by peeling back the turf and either adding or removing soil. Sowing new lawns, or reseeding patches, can be started this month, depending on the weather.

Flower garden – stake perennials before it's too late, why not create attractive willow or hazel structures. Feed and spray roses, why not try an organic garlic formula? Tackle weeds now before they start to get a hold in the garden. Feed borders with a general purpose fertiliser. Prune penstemons and other slightly tender plants such as Teucrium now. Finish cutting back any dead foliage on perennials and grasses to make way for new growth.

Fruit and Veg - April is ideal to sow a wide range of vegetables directly into prepared drills, including carrots, turnips, peas, broad beans, spinach and lettuce. Plant second early potatoes early in the month. Harvest asparagus spears when they are no more than 18cm tall. At the end of the month tender vegetables like French and runner beans, squashes and courgettes can be sown indoors. Spray emerging peach and nectarine leaves to prevent peach leaf curl. Feed raspberry canes, fruit bushes and fruit trees to encourage good crops.



Isn't it great Mum, Spring is finally here!

PIRBRIGHT PRANKSTERS APRIL 2021

It is the season for pranksters, and Pirbright appears to be blessed with many residents with a wicked sense of humour!

The Horticultural Society has never been quite the same since, one April 1st, a member carefully opened several packets of seeds, swapped the contents, and resealed the packets before giving them out to members. The Show that year was quite a sight, with prizes going to a hanging basket full of carrots and a delightful flower arrangement of leeks and cucumbers.

The bellringers fooled the congregation by ringing the bells in reverse order, the time honoured signal that an invasion is imminent. Unfortunately the joke backfired when the army took the alarm seriously and the ringers emerged from the tower to find themselves surrounded by tanks.



Primary School is unlikely to forget the un-named Y6 pupil who spread superglue on his teacher's chair. Unfortunately that was the day OFSTED came to call, and the teacher offered his chair to the Inspector observing the class. The horrified pupil, not wishing the school to fail the inspection, had no option but to rush and sit on the chair himself.

The Rawlins Club had a full house for the published talk 'The History of April Fool's Day' by the best known prankster of the day, Jeremy Beadle. Sadly Mr Beadle had assumed the invitation was an April Fool, and did not turn up. Fortunately Mrs Beasley saved the day with an impromptu lecture and several plates of scones with jam and shaving foam.

The Pirbright Cricket Club were stumped when, overnight, the entire square was covered in mole hills. It was assumed they were clever fakes, but in reality the culprit was a well trained mole belonging to the captain of the Brookwood team.



Pirbright Parish Council received complaints when the Village Hall clock was changed to a digital timepiece. It was not so much the red numerals people objected to, as the alarm setting which played 'Rock Around the Clock' at 6am every morning.

PeriNews when the Editor was asked if she ever played April fool jokes on the community of Pirbright, she just said 'Who, me?' and tried to look innocent.

LIZZIE IN LOCKDOWN

Seeing her boyfriend for the first time since lockdown began, Lizzie suddenly knew why, in his zoom calls, the camera was always slightly offset and out of focus.



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