



## PIRBRIGHT FLIES THE FLAG FOR OUR ARMED FORCES

### ARMED FORCES DAY

This month sees Armed Forces Week which begins on Monday 21st June when the Armed Forces Day flag is raised on buildings and landmarks around the country, culminating in Armed Forces Day on Saturday 26th June. This is a chance for us to show support for the men and women who make up the Armed Forces community, from currently serving troops to service families, veterans and cadets.

Our own Alexander Barracks in Pirbright delivers a 14 week training course, known as the Common Military Syllabus, to 6,000 recruits aged 17+ each year. Pirbright houses 600 permanent staff, whose families live and work in Pirbright and a further 350 civilian members of staff. ATC(P) paused training in March 2020 during the 1st national lockdown but resumed the following month, initially at 50% capacity, but have now returned to full intake. Training is being conducted in a Covid -19 secure environment with recruits required to stay on camp. Families have not been attending Pass Off Parade, however these have been live-streamed. Updates and photographs of the recruits' progress are posted throughout the course which has enabled them to stay in contact with the outside world.

Looking to the future, plans are being implemented to enable ATC(P) to expand and become the British Army Soldier Academy and ATC(P) will work with local councils and stakeholders to explore areas such as utilising joint facilities and supporting Community projects and events. Showing support for the Armed Forces provides a much valued morale boost for the troops and their families and with ATC Pirbright being part of the parish, Pirbright Parish Council are proud to recognise Armed Forces Week and will be raising the flag at Lord Pirbright's Hall to show support.



# ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH



## *Just a thought.....*

The Government has taken its single biggest step on the roadmap out of the Covid-19 pandemic with further easing of restrictions in England. This is very hopeful because we can see the light at the end of the tunnel.

The past year has been a time of great uncertainty and anxiety for all of us. Many people across the nation, and indeed the world, have lost their jobs as businesses ceased trading. Many have lost their lives and many families are grieving. It has not been an easy time for anyone, so just how do we emerge from lockdown, to recover and rebuild relationships, as well as our community and church life? Reflecting on this, I am reminded of a butterfly at various stages of emerging from its cocoon to freedom. For this to happen, the conditions must be right, and the butterfly needs enough space to spread its wings so that it does not damage itself and its chances of flying away to freedom.

Like the butterfly, we are at different stages of emerging from the restrictions. Some of us will be ready to go immediately into the brave new world of socialising indoors and outdoors in the numbers allowed. Others

may be a bit more cautious and will take a little longer to feel confident to break free after being 'cocooned' for so long.

At St Michaels and All Angels, we recognise these important differences and will ensure that we remain united in our difference. For example, one thing that has changed as we start to emerge from the pandemic is that worship services can now be accessed virtually via Zoom as well as by attendance in the church building. This will continue for the foreseeable future to protect those who are not yet ready for in-person worship.

Jesus has entrusted the church to us, and our task is to reach out and care for the local community with diligence and wisdom, and to seek to grow the church community. It is also fair to say that the church emerging from the pandemic may be different to that which entered it over a year ago. It is with this in mind that we take time to reflect on what has changed during lockdown, and how we might recover, reimagine, and rebuild the church in Pirbright, taking on board lessons learned from our collective experience of the Covid-19 pandemic.

We thank God for sustaining us whilst in lockdown and strengthening us for the journey ahead. As Julian of Norwich, Spiritual Writer, said in Revelations of Divine Love: Our Lord loves us intimately. 'He is everything that is good, and he supports us. He clothes us in his love, envelops us and embraces us. He wraps us round in his tender love and he will never abandon us'. Yes, God loves and cares for us all and nothing can or will ever change that.

*Rev Bev Hunt*



## **THE CIRCLE OF LIFE IN PIRBRIGHT**

Remembering Terry Hartney Senior and his family.



## OPEN GARDENS WALK 12th and 13th June

With Covid safe distancing, and limited numbers in each garden, this is a rare chance to see behind that wall, over that hedge and through that gate into the secret treasures of Pirbright's back gardens. To sustain you as you stroll around the gardens, you can enjoy afternoon tea or the traditional Pirbright sausage sizzle (or both!!) and buy a cake to take home.



Eight gardens are open to ticket holders from 11am to 5pm on Saturday 12th and 12 noon to 5 pm on Sunday 13th June.

Tickets cost £7 for all eight gardens, they include a map and joining instructions, and are valid for both days if you want to spread your explorations out. Get your ticket in advance from [helen-churchwarden@pirbrightchurch.org.uk](mailto:helen-churchwarden@pirbrightchurch.org.uk), or call Helen on 07777 659138, or buy them on either day in the churchyard.

## DELIVERING PIRBRIGHT'S NEWSLETTER

I was interested to read the article in the March PeriNews dedicated to the delivery team who, because of the Corona virus, currently fulfil Rev John' Cunningham's vision of delivering a community newsletter to every letterbox in Pirbright, set up in October 1970, and felt this was a good opportunity for me to say thank you to those who preceded them. It's a long list, but I have singled out Pauline Lepper, Carol Boylett, Jeff Hawkins and Heather Branston for special mention for their long and loyal service to the cause. I add grateful thanks to everyone who supported John Cunningham, my Mum and Dad, then me, in getting the newsletter out to the community, as they had done for close on 50 years. Thank you

*Fred Cobbett*

*Read more about Rev John Cunningham in Pirbright on page 5. Editor*

## CHURCH SERVICES IN JUNE

**6<sup>th</sup>** 10am Trinity 1 Family Service of the Word with Communion (in church and on Zoom)

**9<sup>th</sup>** 10:15am said Holy Communion (in church only)

**13<sup>th</sup>** 10am Trinity 2 Holy Communion (in church and on Zoom)

**20<sup>th</sup>** 10am Trinity 3 Holy Communion (in church and on Zoom)

**27<sup>th</sup>** 10am Trinity 4 Holy Communion (in church and on Zoom)

**Each Wednesday** 10.00am - 12.00pm Church open for Private Prayer



Social distancing allows max 25 in church, so please contact Caroline Bews on 01483 289123 or [services@pirbrightchurch.org.uk](mailto:services@pirbrightchurch.org.uk) if you would like to attend services in church or for the link to Zoom. For further information/help, go to our website: [www.pirbrightchurch.org.uk](http://www.pirbrightchurch.org.uk).

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## PIRBRIGHT PARISH COUNCIL

### YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU!

The Parish Council has thanked and bid a fond farewell to Lisa Swinney who has stepped down from her position on the Council to focus on other commitments. Lisa was appointed in 2017 and her legal background made her an invaluable member of the Council. Lisa has been a proactive Councillor throughout her tenure and will be greatly missed. The Parish Council would like to thank Lisa for giving up her time to carry out this role



As a result, there is an opportunity for someone to join the Parish Council and we would like to invite people of the Parish to come forward. Indeed, we can co-opt additional volunteers if you are interested in dipping your toe in the water. If you love Pirbright and want to do something to serve the community as a Parish Councillor, we would be keen to hear from you. The Clerk can give you more information about what is involved and you are warmly encouraged to apply.



### PIRBRIGHT FOODBANK

Life may be slowly getting back to normal, but many families still need the help of the Woking foodbank. Please add a few extra items to your weekly shop – essential items such as toothpaste, soup, pasta, cereal, washing up liquid, loo rolls and also little luxuries which can give pleasure such as longlife rice or sponge puds and drinking chocolate, anything can be used. Collection point is by the gate at Linnards on the Little Green or give Catherine Cobley a ring on 481234 for a collection. You can also make financial donations via [woking.foodbank.org.uk/give-help](http://woking.foodbank.org.uk/give-help).

### BRUCE ENGLEFIELD



Former Pirbright resident Bruce Englefield has been awarded The Order of Australia for services to conservation. Bruce and his family lived in Rowe Lane Farm in the 1970s – 80s where he was known as a sheep farmer and local character. In 1977 he was instrumental in the erection of the village sign, burying a time capsule in it. He and Maureen moved to Devon, and then, in 2001 they moved again, to Australia to run an animal sanctuary, where he has become known for his work to conserve Tasmanian Devils.

### DEFIBRILLATORS IN PIRBRIGHT

Peter Austin has installed a defibrillator at Wayback, between the Cricketers and Fulk's butchers. It is outside the property and kept in a heated box which means that it is accessible 24/7 in an emergency. Full instructions are included with it. A second defibrillator is installed in the Tennis Club in School Lane, also accessible.



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## PIRBRIGHT SUMMER ALL AT SEA FAIR: Saturday 4th September

Music, spectacle, fun and games, not to mention delicious food, all kinds of drinks and great stalls to browse - in fact everything we have been missing for the last 18 months - will be on the Village Green and in and around the church at the Pirbright Village Sea Fair on 4th September.

But the most important person there will be YOU and your family and friends. Whether to volunteer, to support the stallholders and performers, or just to have a good time, we need YOU to make it the truly memorable day we all need after a year of Covid. Make sure the date is in your diary, invite everyone you can think of, and start planning your sea themed contribution. To book your stall, or to volunteer on the day contact [pirbright-summer-event@hotmail.com](mailto:pirbright-summer-event@hotmail.com) or phone 476432.



## PIRBRIGHT COUNTRY MARKET

Good News – Once again we are able to sell our full range of craft items giving you the opportunity to find that unique gift for someone special. We have been part of the village for over 30 years offering our superb range of cakes, savouries, honey, preserves, plants and free range eggs. Why not come and see what we have to offer in Lord Pirbright's Hall every Thursday 10 to 11.15

**ROAD IMPROVEMENT:** Thank you to Pirbright Parish Council and everyone who



has supported the Safe Route Pirbright Brookwood Campaign for improvements at the Dawney Hill/Gole Road Tunnel junction, especially Max Godfree and Keith Witham who have helped achieve the first step of Highways agreeing that safety improvements are needed there. There is still a long way to go and we need keep this matter high on the agenda. Please show your support and sign the petition at <http://chnng.it/fgF6CWVbpP>. Feel free to contact us on or 01483 474024 or <https://saferoute.wixsite.com/pirbrightbrookwood/contact>.

## PIRBRIGHT HISTORIANS Rev John Cunningham

You may have read Fred Cobbett's article in this edition about the Reverend John Cunningham's role in resurrecting the parish newsletter, one of his first tasks after arriving here from Newdigate in April 1970, aged 47, with wife Sylvia. At that time the Vicarage was at Dr. Henderson's house, plenty large enough for them and their four children. John was a caring pastor, with barely concealed impatience for committees and paperwork and became much loved in the village. On his watch the church north gallery and the rood beam were taken down (though the three carved figures survive). In his time here he also became Rural Dean of Woking and Senior Chaplain of the Forces at Mytchett. His best remembered legacy, apart from the new vicarage is, of course, Cunningham House, a long-running project close to his and Sylvia's heart, but which wasn't to come to fruition until five years after his retirement in 1984. He died from cancer at Bosham in 1987 & Sylvia there 7 years later.

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## CUNNINGHAM HOUSE - have you orbisculated lately?

During many a conversation with the residents, we find ourselves having to 'ask Google\*' for an answer.....what is the name of a small vivid blue flower; who is standing for election; do turtles sit on their eggs? Quick as Google is, we do reminisce about the good old days of looking something up in an encyclopaedia or dictionary. Sometimes it is more satisfying to flick through a book to find an answer and become absorbed in side-tracking to other snippets of information or words. But then there are some things which only Google can answer. For example, when the word 'brexit' was first used, it wasn't in the dictionary. I came across another word in a blog post recently, which isn't yet in the dictionary - 'orbisculate'. So, resorting to technology to explain this word to the residents, Google informed us of both the meaning and the heart warming story behind it. So orbisculate is now mentioned frequently at Cunningham House, and we would love to fill you in on the meaning and story behind it if you don't have Google to find out for yourself! \*Other search engines are available!

Lucy 01483 488751

Go on, look it up - it's worth it! Editor



## PIRBRIGHT TENNIS CLUB

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

To enjoy tennis this summer visit our website for the latest newsletter, government advice and booking courts.

**Club Night:** Tuesdays from 7pm.

**Ladies Morning** Mondays 9am.

**Summer Tournaments begin June 1st:**

Men's and Ladies Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles.

Details: [pkelly\\_whiterabbits@sky.com](mailto:pkelly_whiterabbits@sky.com)

**Jean Seager Tournament** (players over 45) 24th July: one day tournament, to enter contact: Pip Bodilly:

[antoniabodilly@gmail.com](mailto:antoniabodilly@gmail.com)

**Cardio Tennis:** Thursdays (term time) 9.45 –10.45am.

**Senior and Junior Coaching,**

**Re-stringing:** Tim Seymour: 07887 723554 [tennisextremeuk@gmail.com](mailto:tennisextremeuk@gmail.com)  
website: [www.tennis-extreme.com](http://www.tennis-extreme.com)

**Please renew your membership now if you haven't done already., New**

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



## PIRBRIGHT CRICKET CLUB

**Men's** (Training Thursdays 6:30-8pm matches Sat & Sun pm) £100 subs

**Women's** Softball cricket (Training Tuesdays 6:45-8pm coaching every other week) 4 Festival days £25 subs

**Disability group** (Monday 6:30-7:30pm 10<sup>th</sup> May-12<sup>th</sup> July inc) £10 membership coaching free

**Youth Section** Sch Years R-7 £50 & £85

**Sch Yr R & 1:** Saturday 8:30-9:15am 1<sup>st</sup> May – 17<sup>th</sup> July Parents on field, learning the game & certificate scheme

**Sch Yr 2,3,4,5,6, (Girls):** Friday 7:15-8:15pm – Matches & festivals Sun am

**Sch Yr 2,3,4 (Boys):** Friday 5:15-6:15pm & Matches Sat / Sun am

**Sch Yr 5 (Boys):** Friday 7:15-8:15pm & Matches Sat/Sun am & some evenings

**Sch Yr 6 & 7 (Boys):** Friday 6:15-7:15pm & Matches mostly Sun am

We have experienced Surrey coaches leading Youth, Women's & Disability sessions.

**[Pycmembership@yahoo.com](mailto:Pycmembership@yahoo.com)**

Chris Smith , Development Officer



## CHURCHYARD CHRONICLES

I don't know about you but after a year and a half in lockdown, the churchyard animals are a little out of shape. So I called everyone together and told them we were going to start an exercise regime. After a week I asked how they had been getting on. Hedgehog said that he had been doing sit-ups, but after half a dozen he had rocked himself to sleep. The deer said he spent an hour every night on the treadmill in someone's garden. We were all very impressed until Squirrel asked how Deer had switched the treadmill on? "What do you mean, switched it on?" said Deer. Fox claimed that every night he ran three times around the block. I was incredulous "What, down Church Lane, along the Green, up School Lane and back down Blind Lane, *three times*!?" Fox looked shifty, as only a fox can, "No, three times round that block of wood over there" he admitted.

Secretive old Mole said he couldn't exercise because he was in hiding, in fact he was on the Fitness Protection Programme, and Mrs Badger explained that, as she is a little old fashioned and likes to do things properly, she had spent an hour twisting, stretching, jumping and pulling, but she still couldn't get that leotard over her tummy.

Then the animals all looked hard at me. "Well," I explained, "I tried but I got very hot and sweaty, my skin went red and I was terribly breathless, so unfortunately I think I must be allergic to exercise."

I won't tell you their response.

*Yellow Rabbit*



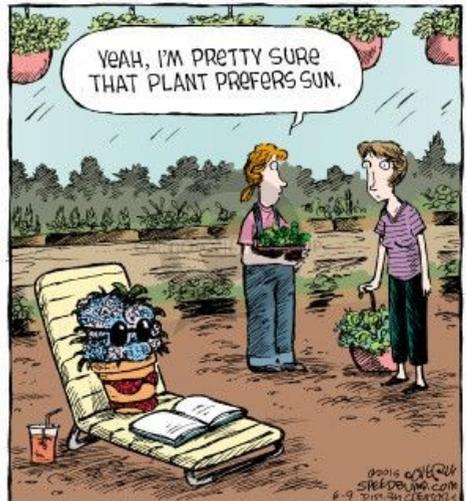
Everybody talks about the weather, but nobody does anything about it.

## JUNE GARDENING TIPS from Wellie

Cut lawns once a week, apply a lawn weed, feed and moss killer if not applied last month. Check 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.

Tie in new stems of climbing and rambling roses to supports. 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. Keep on top of weeds. 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.





## LOOKING FORWARD TO LIFE AFTER LOCKDOWN



### THINGS WE NEVER REALISED WE'D LOOK FORWARD TO SO MUCH

**A Pirbright Players Pantomime**, even the dreadful jokes. *Especially* the jokes!

**Competitive veg growing** and cake making - roll on the Horticultural Society show!

**Having a conversation** and being able to hear more than "Mff mmff ffmfff mf fm?"

**Jumble sales**, remember those? That sharp-elbowed scrum to find a hidden treasure that we'd take to The Antiques Road Show and be told it was worth a fortune?

**Concerts in the church** - who would have thought we'd feel nostalgic for an evening sitting on those rock hard pews? Ah, but an evening with the Welsh Choir and that bass note on the organ that you didn't so much hear as feel rumbling through your chest!

**Being able to see** without being constantly steamed up.

**Spontaneously** being able to do just about anything - pop into the pub; say 'Stuff cooking, let's eat out!' or pass a sign and decide on the spot to take a look.

**Singing in harmony** with others, even if the harmony wasn't always entirely harmonious.

**Hanging around** an airport, railway station or motorway service station and putting up with it because you are going somewhere exciting.

**Having a really good argument** with someone who doesn't live in the same house (admit it, there has been no shortage of arguments with the ones you do live with!).

**Cheering** on our team at the top of our voice.

**Live music** - listening to amazingly talented amateur local musicians, even if it's in a sticky floored pub, and possibly even *dancing*!

**Talking to strangers** on a bus or train - some of them may be a bit odd, but they made for a really interesting journey.

**Putting an arm around someone** you don't live with and saying 'It will be OK'

**A sip of wine** on a Sunday morning in church

**Having no good reason** for going somewhere, it's not an essential journey, not food related, not an appointment, you just fancy going there.



### THINGS WE NEVER THOUGHT WE'D ADOPT QUITE SO READILY

**Long hair**

**Having an excuse** not to hug

**Zoom committee meetings** because they are shorter, you can keep your slippers on, and you don't have to drive home!



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