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HOME OR AWAY– HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS ARE ALMOST HERE!!

After a second year of disruption in education, children, students and all who work in our local schools and colleges will be looking forward to a well earned break later this month. Here in Pirbright our children and their teachers have been working so hard for the past few months to make up lost ground. In spite of all the doom mongering, our children are incredibly resilient and we are fortunate in having a primary school in our community that lays great store on children developing the skills, attitudes and tools for learning that will see them through not just the turbulence of the past year and a half, but throughout their lives. Thank you, to all those who work with and for our young people, in whatever capacity.

Here's wishing all Pirbright's children, students and parents a wonderful summer and to all our school staff and all those who work in schools, a chance to relax and refresh. And we hope that the next school year will bring them all the success in the world.



THE FOX IS OPEN!

Pirbright welcomes the reopening at long last of one of our much loved pubs, The Fox Inn at Fox Corner, with new manager Nigel Mort at the helm. The Fox has always been a at the heart of the local community in Fox Corner and Pirbright, and when it was faced with closure in 2014 it was bought by a local man to ensure its future. Nigel Mort has been granted the lease and plans to continue to build on the success of this Freehouse, independent pub and community venue.

Many of the regular staff will be back and, since most of them live locally, we'll all feel very much at home when we visit. As always at the Fox, local Associations and Clubs will be welcome, and there will be regular music and quiz nights to keep everyone entertained. Nigel is planning to make more use of the Fox's large garden, with BBQs and community events and, as a Freehouse, he has been able to increase the choice of draught ales, lagers and ciders, and broadened the wine selection, perhaps not surprising



since Nigel had previously been the owner of the 'Surrey Wine Bar of The Year'. For new opening hours and for regular updates in these unpredictable times see the new website www.thefoxinnfoxcorner.com or contact nigel@thefoxinnfoxcorner.com 01483 234024. We've all missed the Fox, so let's support it now (as if you needed an excuse!)

ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH

Just a thought.....



WATER OF LIFE

There are several places – all of them in the UK – that I would call my favourites. Two of them are in Scotland: Skye and Iona. I can so easily recall them to mind, looking out over Loch Sligachan towards the Isle of Raasay or across the Sound of Iona towards Mull: over water that is very much a feature of Scotland. There is a notice at one of our favourite stops on the long journey: 'In Scotland there is no such thing as bad weather, only the wrong clothing'. Parts of this wonderful country we live in offer unequivocal evidence of God's creation. But yes, it does rain a lot in Scotland! So I suppose it should be no surprise that



Scotland is, and has long been, the world's biggest producer of whisky – and I must admit do enjoy the occasional dram. There is another traditional Scottish proverb, that

'today's rain is tomorrow's whisky', which after the awful weather we had in May might come as a reassuring thought for whisky lovers. The word 'whisky' comes from the Gaelic '*uisge beatha*', which translates literally as 'water of life' – another comforting thought!

It is a thought that is in fact doubly comforting. John's Gospel tells us of Jesus' encounter with a Samaritan woman at Jacob's well: 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life' (John 4:13-14). The last book of the Bible, Revelation, confirms this: '...the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb...' (Revelation 22:1).

I remember reading many years ago that a future global conflict will be fought over water, and in many countries water is even now a frighteningly scarce commodity. We are fortunate to have a reasonably stable water supply; but if that should ever be threatened we should not forget that we only have to reach out to Jesus to enjoy the water of life.

Best drunk neat - and not just in Scotland!
Revd Gary Williamson

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THE CIRCLE OF LIFE IN PIRBRIGHT

Remembering in our prayers Anderson, and all of Bev's family, and Rozelle and all the Barry family.



ST MICHAEL'S OPEN GARDENS TRAIL

Over a glorious weekend in June eight equally glorious gardens opened their gates to the public, to raise funds for St Michael and All Angels Church. During the weekend 245 visitors came to enjoy the gardens, and to sample the sausage sizzle, a cream tea or home made cake in the churchyard. Together they raised just under £2,500.

Huge thanks to all involved - the gardeners who let us share their mini-paradises, the volunteers on the day and especially you for supporting this event, which will go a long way to helping our lovely old church keep going through exceptionally difficult times. Thank you.



CUNNINGHAM HOUSE

People are often surprised at how reasonable our fees are to live at Cunningham House; our cost per month is less than a care home's cost per week. As we don't provide care and are a not for profit organisation, this reduces the cost somewhat. But the other reason our fees remain low is the savings we make on staff costs, because the

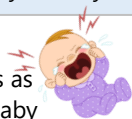
Abbeyfield membership model is volunteer led. Our House Committee is made up of volunteers who take on various roles to ensure the smooth running of the house. The commitment and support our committee members give to the house is outstanding, particularly throughout these challenging months of Covid. We are looking to recruit some new volunteers to join our House Committee, to take responsibility for new resident applications and social events. Please do get in touch if you would like to know more.

Email cunninghamhousepirbright@gmail.com Lucy Beasley



HEAVENLY PEACE

Alice took her new baby to visit her neighbour, but the baby began to fuss as soon as they arrived. The neighbour's five-year-old son asked where the baby had come from. "He was sent down from Heaven," Alice replied, above the screams. The little boy watched the baby crying for a few more minutes, and then turned to his mother. "I bet I know why he was sent from Heaven. God wanted some quiet up there!"



CHURCH SERVICES IN JULY

Sun 4th 10am Family Service of the Word with Communion (in church and on Zoom)

Wed 7th 10:15am said Holy Communion (in church only)

Sun 11th 10am Holy Communion (in church and on Zoom)

Sun 18th 10am Holy Communion (in church and on Zoom)

Sun 25th 10am 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 if you would like to attend services in church or for the link to Zoom. For further information or help, please go to our website: www.pirbrightchurch.org.uk.

PIRBRIGHT PARISH COUNCIL

PIRBRIGHT: A COMMUNITY THAT CARES

Over the course of the last year I am sure we have all had a heightened awareness of our neighbours and those in our local community who might need a little help. It is easy perhaps to forget this as things start to progress back to some sort of normality, but even in good times there are people who may be struggling to cope or who are experiencing some kind of hardship. If you are aware of anyone whose circumstances mean that they are struggling or could do with a little help, do let us know and we can

help put them in touch with local organisations who can provide support, such as the Pirbright in Need Trust, Citizens Advice or other bodies.

Steve Fidgett, Chair PPC



THAMES BASIN HEATH PARTNERSHIP HEATH WEEK: Sat 24th to Fri 30th July

Join us in celebrating a precious wilderness that's home to rare silver-studded blue and grayling butterflies, a dazzling collection of dragonflies and all six species of native reptiles. Discover a world of nocturnal birds, carnivorous plants, super-fast beetles and so much more. Come and meet the folk that fight the fires! This year we're teaming up with the Fire & Rescue Services. They'll be here with fire engines and unimogs to let kids have a seat in the cab and play at being a firefighter! Come along and find out how we can all help to make the countryside a safer place.



There'll be lots of opportunities to meet wildlife too, with nightjar walks, butterfly safaris and close encounters with reptiles. It's so true that you don't have to go abroad to find rare and amazing wildlife, fascinating history and beautiful landscapes. They're right here on our doorstep. We love sharing it all with you, it's the highlight of our year, and we hope you enjoy it as much as we do!

Full programme at www.tbhpartnership.org.uk/heath-week/

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THE LIGHTER SIDE OF LIFE

First Pony: You are coughing a lot, have you got corona virus?

Second pony : No, I'm just a little horse.

I arrived early at the restaurant, the manager said 'Do you mind waiting a bit?'

I said I didn't, and he said 'Good, take these drinks to table nine'.



Why didn't Noah swat those two mosquitoes when he had the chance?

PIRBRIGHT'S SOCIAL GROUPS ARE BACK IN BUSINESS AT LAST!

PIRBRIGHT W.I.

On Tuesday 20th July 2021 at 7.15 in Lord Pirbright's Hall. Members are having a Social Evening as our first meeting for 15 months, COVID 19 permitting. We hope everyone has been keeping safe during this period.

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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

As long as nothing changes due to COVID, we will recommence our social meetings on 19th July. However, the venue is not firm yet, so please contact me nearer the date for the venue if you would like to join us.

Meantime, please if you are a member in need of help, or you know of a member who would like help, please get in touch.

Anne Hawkins 01252 404276

PIRBRIGHT ARTS

We have two days of entertainment booked in for July: July 10 "Cheek to Cheek" a celebration of music made famous by Ella Fitzgerald and Louis Armstrong, at 6pm and 8:30 pm in Lord Pirbright's Hall, and July 24 "A Night at the Opera"

For more information and to book tickets go to pirbrightarts.com

Mick Doran

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Thanks to everyone who supported and helped at our plant sale, especially our hosts Pauline and Mike Allen. We raised £674.40 which is a fantastic result.

Our first monthly meeting will be on Tuesday 14th September at 8pm in LPH with a question and answer session with Geoff Peach.

Philip Barralet

PIRBRIGHT COUNTRY MARKET

Why not visit us on a Thursday morning in Lord Pirbright's Hall 10am-11.15am where you will find Pirbright honey and a vast selection of cakes, savouries and preserves to tempt you, together with a range of seasonal plants, handmade crafts and greetings cards.

Rosemary Richmond

RAWLINS CLUB: Garden Party July 9th

We are all looking forward to meeting up for the first time at The Garden Party which will be at Older Lodge, Mill Lane, Pirbright. GU24 0BN between 2.00 and 4.00pm by kind permission of Mrs Vicky Payne.

Denise Granger 01483 47207



PIRBRIGHT HISTORIANS: Unveiling the Perefrith village sign

Following the article about Bruce Englefield in last month's Newsletter, here's a historic photo taken at the unveiling of the Perefrith village sign in 1977 with Bruce back right, glass in hand. On his right is Institute worker Scott Caie, who was responsible for the construction. In front of him is Jim Rice, of blessed memory and on the left is Parish Clerk Tom Forbes, with wife Edith.



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PIRBRIGHT SPORTS PAVILION PROJECT – your chance to vote!

The project to turn our old and rather tired cricket pavilion into a sporting centre for the whole community, especially our young people, is gathering momentum. Lord Pirbright's Hall Charity, supported by the Cricket Club and Football Clubs have submitted an application to Your Fund Surrey for a grant from Surrey County Council for a grant that would enable us finally to start turning this dream into a reality. Grants are made depending on votes from the local communities, so we need your help. Please have a look at the flier in this month's edition and go to Have Your Say Today – Pirbright Community Amateur Sports Pavilion – Commonplace to cast your vote. Further details are also on the Parish website at <https://pirbright-pc.gov.uk/sports-pavilion>. With your help we can create a community resource that will benefit not just our current sports teams, but generations of Pirbrightonians to come. Please vote.



A LITTLE DOGGY LOVE IN HOT SUMMER WEATHER

As we come into the summer months, our hairy hounds can sometimes struggle with the heat and the nasty burrs lurking in the long grass. Often, groomers get a bad name for taking dogs' long, flowing locks all the way back to their birthday suit. Unfortunately, it is the only kind way to remove matted coat and avoid other potential health issues caused by matting such as skin infections and haematomas; a common issue when removing matts from dogs' ears. The only way to keep on top of the maintenance of your dog's flowing tresses is (you guessed it!) to brush it every single day, not just the top of the dog, but the belly, legs, tail and face too. Always use a dog specific shampoo when washing your dog, their skin ph level is different to our own and we can cause nasty skin issues by using human grade products. Try to think of your dog's hair in the same way as you do your own, if you went to your hairdresser once every 6-8 weeks but didn't wash, dry and brush your hair (coupled with running through hedges backwards and splashing in mucky puddles) you would come out with considerably less hair than when you went in...



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PIRBRIGHT TENNIS CLUB

www.pirbrighttennisclub.com

Please visit our website for the latest newsletter, government advice and booking courts.

Look what the club has to offer:

Club Night: every Tuesday from 7pm. Just turn up and play anytime during the evening.

Ladies Morning: every Monday 9am.

Summer Tournaments begin June 1st:

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

Details: pkelly_whiterabbits@sky.com

Jean Seager Tournament (players over



45) on 24th July: to enter this one day tournament contact Pip Bodilly: antoniabodilly@gmail.com

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

Ball machine: Book online for free hitting sessions with full remote control.

Senior and Junior Coaching, and

Re-stringing: Tim Seymour

Tel: 07887 723554 or

email: tennisextremeuk@gmail.com

website: www.tennis-extreme.com

Please renew your membership now if you haven't done so already.

New membership: Monika Driscoll:

e-mail: driscollmonika@gmail.com

CHURCHYARD CHRONICLES

Isn't it wonderful to have the bells back!! That glorious cacophony of sound, rolling out over the village just as they have for hundreds of years. The rolling scale of six notes down then six notes back up again, and six notes down, and six notes back up again and six notes down, and,... hmm, it sounds better in real life than on paper.

I do have one question though... *Where's the cake?* This lot of bellringers might not be the world's finest campanologists, but they know how to enjoy themselves and that usually means cake, or a bottle of something sparkling with a few nibbles, at the drop of a clapper. And cake means crumbs, and crumbs mean happy churchyard animals. But for a whole year—nothing! Now at last the bellringers are back and we've been looking forward to cake. But cake does not appear to feature on the Ringing Recovery Plan, a national campaign to get bellringing going again and recruit new ringers. Surely some mistake? Unless you happen to live next door and enjoy a lie-in on a Sunday morning of course. In which case croissant crumbs are always acceptable.

Yellow Rabbit

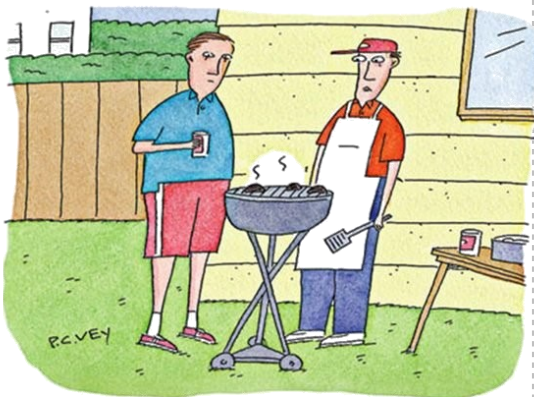


THE THEORY OF RELATIVITY EXPLAINED

How long a minute is depends on what side of the bathroom door you're on.

JULY GARDENING TIPS from Wellie

Dead head plants regularly to keep them looking good and make their flower display last longer. Don't forget to keep watering newly planted plants, because until they have established a good root system their roots will be shallow rooted and small. Prune early summer flowering shrubs such as Philadelphus and Weigela. Cut back flowered growth to a strong lower shoot and thin out up to a fifth of old, woody stems. Carry on checking climbers, and tie in where necessary. Now is the time to plant autumn flowering bulbs such as Nerine, Colchicum and Autumn crocus. Cut back hardy geraniums and delphiniums after first flowers to encourage a second flush, and give them a feed afterwards. Low, carpet growing plants, that are sparse in the center can be in-filled with gritty compost to encourage new growth. Give dahlias a liquid feed, tie in shoots from tall varieties. Pinch out climbing beans when they reach the top of their supports. Keep tomatoes well watered to prevent blossom end rot. Raise the height of the mower blade to keep the lawn greener for longer if we have not had rain. Apply early biological control against chafer grubs in the lawn, if the soil is not dry, or treat in August or early September.



"And now I just step back and let the grilling process destroy any nutritional value it might have had."

PIRBRIGHT CLUBS AND SOCIETIES NEWS JULY 2021

FOUR MORE WEEKS

When the Government announced in June an extension to lockdown restrictions for four more weeks, many were downhearted. But not the stout souls of Pirbright, who determined to use that extra time to add a final finishing flourish to their lockdown projects. So, what have Pirbrightonians achieved in that extra four weeks?

Pirbright Horticultural Society: the annual hanging basket challenge has become the Hanging Gardens of Pirbright challenge, won by Mr Barralet's sixty foot high construction. Said Mr B 'It does rather block out the light, but it has become a useful navigational aid for flights into Farnborough.'



Pirbright Mountaineers used the additional four weeks for a final push to reach the summit of Burrow Hill. Coming back down may be quicker.

Pirbright Literary Society: member Mr Grimshaw's Pirbright based short story 'The Rawlins Club Murder' is now a gripping three volume saga 'Tea and Treachery'.

The Craft Club spent the first lockdown knitting egg cosies. In the second lockdown they progressed to tea cosies and in the third to pillarbox cosies. They are now knitting tents. One member reported that her family had a wonderful holiday in their cable-knit accommodation, though it had an unfortunate tendency to shrink in the rain.

Pirbright Arts Director Mick Doran had almost completed his composition of an advertising jingle for toothpaste but, since the extension to lockdown, it has evolved into a three act opera 'The Bite of Dracula'.

Pirbright Operatic Society production of The Threepenny Opera will now go ahead as 'The Three Guinea Opera'. Audience members are advised to take a cushion as it does go on a bit.

Pirbright Country Market on hearing the news of the extension to lockdown, cake maker extraordinaire Mrs Smith may have got a little carried away decorating her lockdown cupcakes.

The Pirbright Historians simply used their time machine* to travel forward to the new end of lockdown.

**(the old telephone box on the Green, see PeriNews passim)*



LIZZIE OUT OF LOCKDOWN



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