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PIRBRIGHT SUMMER FAIR SATURDAY 4th SEPTEMBER

PAINT A PIRATE!!

Calling all children!

Who can paint/draw/colour the best portrait of a pirate? Bring your pictures to Pirates' Corner at the Church on 4th September, between 11am and 3pm. Remember to put your name, age and a parent's phone number on the back. Prize for the winner!



PIRBRIGHT PLAYERS

Pirbright Players are pleased to be starting rehearsals on 26th September, 1pm at Lord Pirbright Hall, for our panto, Dick Whittington.



If anyone would like to join us in any capacity, backstage or on the stage, please contact me on carolegailer@hotmail.com for further details. Have a think and make up your mind to join us every Sunday from September onwards for lots of fun and laughter combined with acting your heart out on stage or creeping around behind the scenes. I look forward to hearing from you.

Carole Gailer

PIRBRIGHT IN ART

There's no doubt that Pirbright is a beautiful place to live. We all have our favourite scenes, whether it's the church, the pond, the Green, the old buildings or the countryside around. A very special book is about to be published which captures the beauty of Pirbright through the eyes of painters, photographers, graphic artists and sculptors.

Pirbright In Art (working title) is due to be launched at the Village Summer Fair on 4th September, with the generous support of Seymours Estate Agents and the Lempriere Trust. The internationally acclaimed sculptor Sean Henry (you will recognise his work when you see it) has written a Foreword, with stories about his early life in Pirbright and his first forays into clay sculpture. Pirbright in Art is a captivating record of our village, something truly beautiful to come out of a dreadful couple of years. It will be a wonderful memento for anyone with connections to or an interest in Pirbright and, as all profits will go to help maintain our lovely old church, every book sold will put something back into our village. Please look out for it at the Summer Fair or, to reserve a copy now, contact Helen Whitworth at helen-churchwarden@pirbrightchurch.org.uk



ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH



Just a thought.....

After eighteen months of living with Covid-19, we are all hoping for a return to some form of normality. This virus has impacted all of us in different ways. Our children and young people hope that, by September, there will be a return to the normal school or academic year. Couples have had to change their wedding plans; families have delayed their children's baptism into the Christian faith and others have had to delay the interment of ashes of loved ones. Like many churches up and down the country we, at St Michael and All Angels church, are looking to the future with great hope, but what does such hope look like?

Hope has many faces. It can seem like a list of wishes. It can be sheer optimism, when we take risks in the belief that we will achieve the desired outcomes. It can be aspirational, finding out what really matters and trying to make it happen. Hope may come across as having an open mind, trusting that things will work out somehow, we just do not know how or when. Different situations may demand different types of hope, but I suspect that we have all experienced these different types of hope over the past year.

However, there is another kind of hope which encompasses all of these but is built on a solid foundation. This is the hope that we have in God. In Isaiah 61, the prophet

describes the Lord's promise of hope to those who had been exiled in Babylon. Everything had been destroyed by their captors and, after generations in captivity, they had little but the stories passed down to them. When they heard what Isaiah was saying, '*that the Spirit of the Lord was upon him, and he was anointed to bring good news to the broken hearted, to restore the captives, and the oppressed, and to comfort the mourning*', the people began to hope again. They realised that they should not worry because what was lost would be restored to them. God liberated them and would provide for all their needs.

In some ways, it feels as if we have also been living in exile this past year. Our patience has been tested like gold in the refiner's fire, and although we will face challenges as we emerge from the final stage of lockdown, we still have much to be thankful for. Having faith in Jesus, our loving and compassionate Saviour, gives us inner peace, a sense of freedom and reason for confident hope, strength and stability as we transition out of lockdown.

Like the prophet Isaiah, we too are called to bring words of comfort and hope to our brothers and sisters who are overwhelmed and struggling: mentally, socially, financially emotionally and physically. On behalf of all at St Michael and All Angels Church, I would like to say 'thank you' to everyone in our parish for all that you have done to help others during this unprecedented time in our current history. *Rev Bev*

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PIRBRIGHT SUMMER FAIR - We're all at sea on 4th September!!



Our Village All at Sea themed Fair is so close you can almost smell the briny! The village green will be teeming with stalls, entertainments, food, adorable dogs and your dazzling displays on the theme of The Sea.

With a surf simulator, donkey rides, a petting zoo, a stunning display in the church and a sea view selfie photo booth there will be plenty to do. For entertainment there will be the Pirbright Players, The Accidentals with guest singers, Alder Valley Bass Band, the Pirbright Gospel Choir and the fabulous dog agility display, not to mention the Fun Dog Show which could star your hound! Let your creative juices flow by making a scarecrow, a model or an installation. Upcycle those Amazon delivery boxes to make a mini under-water scene, or a grotto. Get into spirit of the day by dressing up, and coming as your

favourite sea themed character. Most of all, bring all the family down to the church and the village green on **Saturday 4th September, 11am to 5pm**, and help support your community and all our organisations and societies. Was there ever a better excuse for visiting a beer tent, or buying an ice-cream?!



It's not too late to book a stall or to volunteer on the day, just contact pirbright-summer-event@hotmail.com or phone 476432

I wonder how much deeper the ocean would be without sponges?



CHURCH STALLS AT THE VILLAGE FAIR NEED YOUR HELP

Two tombola stalls - double the fun! Once again there will be the famous bottle tombola and also a tombola just for children. Please donate bottles of all shapes and sizes from whisky to wine, perfume to bath oil and for the



children's tombola, anything you think a child would like to win. We would be happy to collect them. Please contact Catherine

(481234 - catherinecobley@aol.com) to arrange drop off.

CAKES It wouldn't be a village event without a cake stall, so find your inner Mary Berry and get baking! Contact Barbara Douglas on RBDouguk@aol.com for labelling details.

BOOKS: Everyone loves a rummage through the books, so if you have clean books in good condition, that you think will be popular for people to buy, please contact Helen on helenwelliewhitworth@btinternet.com to arrange where to deliver them.

CHURCH SERVICES IN AUGUST

1st Aug 10am Trinity 9 Family Service with Holy Communion in Church/Zoom

8th Aug 10am Trinity 10 Holy Communion in Church and on Zoom

11th Aug 10.15am-10.45am Holy Communion in Church

15th Aug 10am Trinity 11 Holy Communion in Church and on Zoom

22nd Aug 10am Trinity 12 Holy Communion in Church and on Zoom

29th Aug 10am Trinity 12 Holy Communion in Church and on Zoom

Every Wednesday 10am – 12 noon Private Prayer

If you would like to join a service by zoom, please contact Caroline Bews on 01483

289123 or services@pirbrightchurch.org.uk For further information or help, please go to our website www.pirbrightchurch.org.uk.



PIRBRIGHT PARISH COUNCIL

Farewell and welcome The Chairman and members of the Parish Council wish to thank Cllr Jon Hallam for his services to the Parish over the last six years. Jon has moved out of the Parish and can therefore no longer serve as a Councillor. Also at this time, the Chairman and members have welcomed Cllr Mark Watson onto the Parish Council. Mark, who has lived in the village for over 24 years and is a retired solicitor, was elected as a Councillor on 13th July 2021 to replace Cllr Swinney. Mark brings a wealth of local knowledge and expertise having served on the board of Cunningham House for many years.

Capital projects The Parish Council has also secured funding to undertake a number of important capital projects over the next few months. These will include major resurfacing works in the playground to upgrade the worn safety tiles around several pieces of equipment. Along with the welcome return of the "Volunteer Dads", the playground will be a bright and inviting place for children. A new picnic table is to be installed in the recreation area of Lord Pirbright's Hall and the football pitch will receive some much needed drainage works to enable it to be used by our

very own Pirbright Football Club throughout the wetter months of the season. The well trodden Blind Lane footpath, running between School Lane and the Church, has been improved to remove a couple of boggy areas and make it more pedestrian friendly and the Parish Council would like to thank Guildford Borough Council for their support for these projects, which will hopefully enhance the village for everyone.



Parish Council Vacancy, Lord Pirbright's Hall Caretaker (part time)

We are looking for an enthusiastic individual to join our small and friendly team. 5 hours per week, with overtime by arrangement, for this varied and essential role within the Parish Council. You will be working to keep the Village Hall running smoothly and looking its best. The position requires a variety of practical skills.

- £12.00 per hour
- Enrolment into a pension scheme
- Training

Please email the LPH Secretary for more details at LPH@pirbright-pc.gov.uk or call 01483 476432

Steve Fidgett, Chair PPC

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HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Our first meeting for some time will be on 14th September at 8pm in the Clubroom of Lord Pirbright's hall, a question and answer discussion with one of our long standing judges, Geoff Peach so please make an extra effort to join us for this special occasion! If you have any questions to put to Geoff please send them to me at philipbarralet@gmail.com or to Secretary lucyb2477@gmail.com

as soon as possible. Enjoy your gardening for the rest of this strange summer and I look forward to seeing you on 14th September.



Philip Barralet

PIRBRIGHT WI

We are holding our Summer BBQ on 7th August at a member's house and where we will enjoy a social afternoon together.

Starting 5th August 2021, Tea & Coffee will be served Thursdays 10 am – 11.15 am in the Club Room in Lord Pirbright's Hall.
ALL ARE WELCOME. Entry via the Country Market as it used to be.



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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Our August social meeting will be held at The Fox PH, Fox Corner at 8pm on Monday, 9th August. We look forward to you joining us.
Anne Hawkins 01252 404276

PIRBRIGHT COUNTRY MARKET

August brings the lazy hazy days of high summer with afternoon tea in the garden, and here at Pirbright Country Market we have all the ingredients. The most delicious fresh baked cakes, pastries and savouries for miles around.

You will find us at Lord Pirbright's Hall every Thursday morning between 10am and 11.15am; where you will also find a vast selection of crafts, greetings cards and plants to suit all tastes and pockets.

Rosemary Richmond

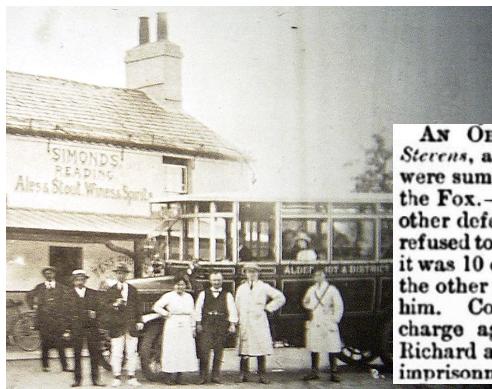


The plane pulled up to the gate, and the passengers prepared to disembark. In the seats in front of me a Mum turned to her young son and said "Now remember - run to hug Dad first, *then* the dog."

PIRBRIGHT HISTORIANS:

It was good to read in last month's newsletter that the Fox has reopened, some 160 years after its building in 1862, on land called Gander Hill. Up to 1881 it was rented by brewers W & G Simonds of Reading, when they bought the freehold. The following year, James Sayers came as tenant with wife Emma. This newspaper cutting reports a spot of bother he had in 1885. Two Sayers daughters were born here and their father was to remain as publican until his death in 1904. Emma carried on until 1911, when Devon-born Walter Edwin Liley arrived with wife Edith and it is almost certainly him in shirt-sleeves with his wife in this lovely old 1919 photo. Another long-term resident, he was tenant through two world wars, dying in 1947. The Fox stayed in Simonds' hands at least until after WW2.

Jonathan Foster jonathan@pirbright.info



AN OBSTINATE TRIO. — William Stevens, Richard Stevens, and Edward Warner, young men, of Pirbright, were summoned for assaulting James Sayers, landlord of the Fox.—Richard Stevens pleaded guilty, and the two other defendants not guilty.—The defendants repeatedly refused to leave the house when complainant told them that it was 10 o'clock, and when he attempted to eject Warner the other defendants struck him in the face and throttled him. Complainant said he did not wish to press the charge against the defendants. — The Bench ordered Richard and William Stevens to be committed for 14 days' imprisonment, and Warner was fined £1.

CUNNINGHAM HOUSE Charity Golf Day 14th September 2021!!

No, this isn't one of our lovely Editor's lockdown diary contributions; our residents aren't themselves getting out on the golf course for a round (they'll more likely be in a spectator golf buggy, champagne flute in hand!). Rather, it is an opportunity for keen golfers to support Cunningham House and enjoy a charity golf day at the very prestigious Worplesdon Golf Club. The day includes 18 holes of golf with on course refreshments and a 4 course lunch on one of Surrey's best heathland courses. For ticket information contact chcgd@gmail.com.



It only cost £5 to get into our local aquarium, as long as you're camping, or dressed as a dolphin. So, to all in tents and porpoises, it's free!



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 6.30pm. Just turn up and play anytime during the evening.

Ladies Morning: every Monday 9am.

American Tournament and BBQ: Sunday 15th August.

Summer Tournaments: finish your matches by 13th September.

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

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

Summer Holiday Courses for Children: to book, visit: www.tennis-extreme.com

Senior and Junior Coaching, Re-stringing: Tim Seymour: 07887 723554 or tennisextremeuk@gmail.com website: www.tennis-extreme.com

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

New membership: Monika Driscoll: driscollmonika@gmail.com



PIRBRIGHT CRICKET CLUB

Chairman wants to thank the Lempriere Trust for the most generous donation of £950 towards the advance of PCC . We encompass so many different varieties, e.g. Ladies and Walking Cricket and, thanks to Logan Burdett's enthusiasm and drive, Disability Cricket .

31/05/2021 ... it was of course a great help that the weather was so fine, but notwithstanding that; what a day for youth cricket and all the advances that the new PCC is making with all the different aspects to it. On a glorious end of Whit Sun Bank Holiday we had two girl groups from Valley End, one of which won Pirbright Second, and two from Chiddingfold. We also had the following Boys groups Pyrford, Frimley, Pirbright under 9 and Pirbright under 8 and Milford. I can not remember such an auspicious day with I believe over 500 people on Pirbright Green. It was the village that won as well as cricket... thanks to all those who organised it especially Chris Smith.

Forward now PCC

Peter Austin



CHURCHYARD CHRONICLES

Summer is here at last, and along with everyone else this year, the denizens of the Churchyard are planning a staycation this year. Camping doesn't have quite the novelty when one lives in the wild anyway so we all thought we would try house swapping.

The mice were thrilled with their five star accommodation in the cosy rabbit warren, with enough spare bedrooms for all the baby mice and some welcome peace and quiet for their parents. The squirrels offered their dreys to the rabbits, then sat back and laughed as the bunnies tried unsuccessfully to climb the trees to reach them. The rabbits had the last laugh though, as the squirrels bagged the badger's sett, only to get hopelessly lost in the pitch dark, meandering tunnels. The birds felt quite at home in the mouse nests, but when Badger tried to squeeze into the Fox's den his language was most unbecoming for a churchyard. As for me, don't tell anyone, but I had a very cosy holiday in Next Door's summerhouse.

Wherever you are, enjoy your summer. *Yellow Rabbit*



AUGUST GARDENING TIPS from Wellie

Now is the time to summer prune your wisteria, which will have put on lots of wispy tendrils. Unless they are pruned twice a year, it will grow very large and soon outgrow its allotted space. Cut the wispy growth back to five or six buds from the main stem.

Once your lavender bushes have finished flowering they can be given a good hair cut to get them back into shape. This can be done by reducing the section of green growth that exists between the wood and the bottom of the flower stem. French lavender needs to be treated slightly differently, they just need to be dead headed throughout the summer.

Keep on dead heading to prolong the flower display in your garden, and don't forget your hanging baskets as well. Climbing and rambling roses that do not repeat flower can be pruned once the flowers are over.

Raise ripening pumpkins and squashes off the soil to prevent rotting. Plant new strawberries now, either as bought plants or detached runners. Cut down fruited canes of summer raspberries after they have fruited. Pinch out the tips of your runner beans once they have reached the top of their support.

This encourages side-shooting and more beans at a manageable height. Lift and dry onions and shallots once their foliage has bent over and turned yellow. Keep picking runner and French beans to prevent them from setting seed.

Lawn growth is slowing down now so raise the cutting height of your lawn mower to help your grass.

Don't feed your lawn with a high nitrogen fertiliser now as it will encourage lush growth that can be damaged by autumn weather.



PIRBRIGHT CLUBS AND SOCIETIES NEWS AUGUST 2021



Restrictions may be easing but holidays are still tricky, so the Pirbright Clubs and Societies are making the most of the summer for day trips.

Pirbright Horticultural Society: Members enjoyed their day out in The Garden of Eden, and particularly appreciated the celestial veg garden although one member was told off for scrumping in the orchard. Said Mr Barralet 'I had resisted all the others, but the fruit on that particular tree was just too tempting.'



Rawlins Club: On a day trip to Windsor Castle, members were having a picnic in the grounds, when they were surprised to see several knights on horseback in full armour bearing down on them. Quick thinking Mrs Beasley felled the leading knight with a well aimed cheese sandwich frisbee neatly through the visor of his helmet, then knocked him out with her thermos flask, grabbed his sword and with a cry of 'God for Pirbright,

England and St George', placed a slightly wobbly foot on his breastplate.



It was then explained that the Rawlins Club had chosen for their picnic spot the site of a War of the Roses battle re-enactment event.

Mrs Beasley has been invited back next month to lead the re-enactment of Boudicca against the Romans.

Tuesday Morning Gentle Pilates Class: Unable to attend the annual Pilates retreat in France, the group instead enjoyed a day of Pilates and Wine Tasting in a vineyard near Guildford. The group engaged enthusiastically in increasingly complex Pilates moves, until some of the gentlemen, who had been taking the wine tasting part of the day very seriously, tied themselves completely in knots. The ambulance driver reported that the gentlemen would be fine, and could probably have untangled themselves if they had not been giggling quite so much.



Twinning Association: This year, instead of travelling to Cagny, the Twinning Association visited their new post-Brexit twinning partners, Huddersfield. Highlight of the visit was the Holmfirth Carnival. Said one member "Forget Rio! Forget Notting Hill! Until you've seen the dazzling parade of patch-elbowed tweed jackets, flat caps, wrinkled tights and thermal long johns on display at Holmfirth, you haven't experienced Carnival!"

Cunningham House: Residents enjoyed a day trip to the seaside, though Brighton may not have been the best choice. Carers managed to dissuade residents from re-enacting their youthful experiences as Mods and Rockers, but when they saw the signs to the nudist beach there was no holding them back.

LIZZIE OUT OF LOCKDOWN?

In or out? I've no idea



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