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ANCHORS AWAY! PIRBRIGHT SETS SAIL

All at SEA

PIRBRIGHT SUMMER ALL AT SEA FAIR

WHEN? On Saturday September 4th from 11am to 5pm

WHERE? St Michael and All Angels Church Pirbright & Pirbright Village Green

WHAT? You'll be able to park in Church Lane and start with the spectacular tableau in the church and the children's art competition. Whilst you are there enjoy a cream tea, then follow the Sea Way through the churchyard to the village.

There you'll find the Village Green 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 farm and a sea view selfie photo booth there will be plenty to do for all the family. Find out about local art groups, sports clubs and church groups and visit the church ECO stall for games, prizes and to find out what the church is doing, and what we can all do, for our planet. Entertainment will be provided by the Pirbright Players, The Accidentals and their guest singers, the Alder Valley Bass Band and the Pirbright Gospel Choir. Don't miss the fabulous dog agility display followed by the



Fun Dog Show which could star *your* hound!

To keep you going try the BBQ, pizza oven, Saf's kitchen, an ice-cream or any of the other fabulous food stalls, maybe check out the beer tent whilst you are passing!

WHY? The summer fair is a joint event by St Michael and All Angels Church and Pirbright Parish council. It helps to raise money to keep our beautiful old church and village hall open, but there is so much more to it than that. It is an opportunity for local people to find out what is available in their community, and for local businesses, clubs and organisations to share their interests, raise funds, recruit new members and promote their wares.

Most importantly of all, it is a great day out for the whole community, bringing people together and having fun, and after the last 18 months we all need that!!

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OUR SPONSORS!

Charles Yorke Kitchens Cherrywood Nursery The Cricketers On the Green
Fulk's Butchers Guildford Borough Council The Lempriere Trust Maria Head
Pirbright Institute The Royal Oak RSM Appliances Seymours Estate Agents

Volunteers still needed Please consider giving just an hour or two on the day to help setting up or clearing, selling, marshalling or pouring tea - whatever you can offer. Please contact Helen on helen-churchwarden@pirbrightchurch.org.uk tel 07777 659138 or Lindsay at pirbright-summer-event@hotmail.com tel 01483 476432



ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH



Just a thought.....

First Impressions

According to official statistics the number of online book sales has soared over the past year or so, although physical book sales have fallen. I love books, and although I usually take my e-reader on holiday I still prefer the look and feel of a real printed book. What is it that attracts you to a book? The author, perhaps, or the title, or maybe just the look of the sleeve? Personally, I will probably take all three criteria into consideration. But the point is, until I've started to read (or even finished) my book it's difficult to know whether I will enjoy it or not – and I have given up on a few.

So is that maybe how you tend to judge a book, by its title...by the cover?

If that's the case, how do you judge *people*? By how they look, or perhaps by what they do? And do you sometimes change your mind once you've got to know

them better? Or do you still base your opinion on your *first impression*?

I must admit I used to do that...'don't like the look of him/her/them'. Being a naturally reserved type (officially!) I would just not engage with the person/s concerned, which has occasionally been embarrassing for whoever else I have been with. Well, let's be honest, it was just downright rude. If we want to know what someone is really like, surely we have to give them a chance to prove – or disprove – our original thoughts and opinions. Just as we would with a book. Jane Austen's best known work is arguably 'Pride and Prejudice'. However, its original title, rejected by her publisher, was 'First Impressions'. Don't judge someone by their first impression. Don't be too proud or too prejudiced until you've looked a little more closely.

The Bible tells us that we are all made in God's image. So when we look in a mirror, we see, not just ourselves, but God. The rock star Liam Gallagher, of all people, put it so well: 'Every time I look in the mirror, God looks back'.

If that applies to us all, and God looks back at us, shouldn't we at least give him a chance to prove himself, rather than simply looking away? *Rev'd Gary Williamson*



THE CIRCLE OF LIFE IN PIRBRIGHT

Wishing every happiness for a wonderful future together to Victoria (née Greenland) and John Gray, and to Julia (née Gasson) and Nicholas Simson on their marriages in August.

Remembering with appreciation the life of Ina Busby



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PLEASE SUPPORT THE CHURCH STALLS AT THE SUMMER SEA FAIR

The Village Summer Fair is the main fundraising event for St Michael and All Angels Church, and we need your help. Because of COVID the church was forced to close for most of 2020 and a large part of 2021, so most of our fundraising activity had to stop. But the church and churchyard still need looking after, it costs a lot just to keep the building dry, so that it feels fresh and welcoming to go into and to preserve the magnificent organ. We have some exceptionally beautiful trees in the churchyard, but they need the regular attention of tree surgeons to keep them safe.

Please help us to look after our church for the whole community and for generations to come, by supporting the church stalls at the village fair.

BOTTLE TOMBOLA Please donate full bottles of all shapes, sizes and contents from whisky to wine, perfume to bath oil, salad dressing to ketchup.

CHILDREN'S TOMBOLA please give anything that you think a child would like to win, toys, books, games, accessories, pencils & stationery etc etc. **Contact Catherine 01483 481234 or catherinecoble@aol.com** to arrange drop off or collection.

CAKES It wouldn't be a village event without a cake stall! **Please contact Barbara Douglas on RBDouguk@aol.com for labelling details and to arrange drop-off.**

BOOKS: If you have clean books in good condition, that you think people will be willing to buy, **please contact Helen on helen-churchwarden@pirbrightchurch.org.uk or 07777 659138** to arrange where to drop them off.

PRE-LOVED TREASURES Please give your good condition trinkets, jewellery, glassware or crockery a new home. Contact Sara Dennis at sara_dennis@talktalk.net



Thank you!

PIRBRIGHT IN ART

With a foreword by nationally and internationally acclaimed artist Sean Henry, this portrait of our beautiful village and environs by local artists is sure to become a collector's item. It will be launched at the village fair on 4th September but you can reserve your copy at the special advance price of just £10 from Helen at helen-churchwarden@pirbrightchurch.org.uk.

Our thanks to Seymours Estate Agents and the Lempriere Trust for their kind support.



CHURCH SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER

5th Sept 10am Trinity 14 Family Service with Holy Communion Church/Zoom

Wed 8th Sept 10.15-10.45 Said Holy Communion in Church

12th Sept 10am Trinity 15 Holy Communion in Church and on Zoom

19th Sept 10am Trinity 16 Holy Communion in Church and on Zoom

26th Sept 10am Trinity 17 Holy Communion in Church and on Zoom



The church is also open every Wednesday 10am – 12 noon for private prayer, or just to sit quietly with God. 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

Stoney Castle – the Clean-up Begins The Council wish to thank Gordon Jackson and Cllr Keith Witham who have fought to bring an end to the waste activity and occupation of Stoney Castle for many years. The site was finally secured through a multi-agency collaboration in late July and is currently in the process of being cleared and cleaned up. Over 2,500 tonnes of illegal waste has been removed and substantial new barriers have been installed to prevent further dumping.

Pirbright Pond The Council have completed the first stage of works on the pond which had become somewhat overgrown. (PHOTO) Although brambles and overgrowth give essential cover to ducklings and the many broods of Egyptian goslings born in the churchyard and raised at the pond each year, it must be maintained to stop leaf litter polluting the water and from becoming completely enclosed and obscured from view. The emphasis will remain on the pond serving as an oasis of sanctuary to wildfowl and insects of all shapes and sizes but it is hoped that a balance can be struck between a manicured pond and a wildlife friendly refuge.

The Welcome Return of the Pirbright Summer Fair

The Council are excited to be co-hosting the Pirbright Summer Fair again this September in partnership with St Michael & All Angels Church. It has involved many hours of tentative planning, then a rush to the finish line when the Government gave the green light for large outdoor events to take place. We hope the day will be well supported and enjoyed by all. The Council are heavily invested in making the day a success and have taken the theme seriously. You may even see council and clerk dressed in their finest pirate outfits on the day.

Steve Fidgett, Chair PPC



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PIRBRIGHT TWINNING ASSOCIATION

We have fixed on the weekend of 27-29th May 2022 for a visit of a party from our twinned village of Cagny. It will be the 30th Anniversary of the Twinning and we plan for a busy weekend of celebrations. More details to follow or contact Lucy Baker, Chairman Email: lucyb2477@gmail.com

RAWLINS CLUB

September 10th The Rawlins Club will meet for the first time this year. The AGM will start at 2pm followed by a talk by Mel Rees (And Another Thing I Meant To Say.....)
Denise Granger 01483 472070

PIRBRIGHT WI

On Tuesday 21st Sept, at 7.45 in the Club Room in Lord Pirbright's Hall we have our 1st Speaker for 18 months. Jennifer Nicholls will talk about 'The 1st 500 years of Loseley Park'. Visitors are always welcome to come to our talks.

We hope you are enjoying being able once again to meet up with friends for a chat and refreshments on Thursday mornings in the Club Room.



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HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

We meet on 14th September at 8pm in the Clubroom of Lord Pirbright's hall, a question and answer discussion with Geoff Peach. 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.



Philip Barralet

PIRBRIGHT COUNTRY MARKET

With the arrival of warm mellow days of September we think of homemade preserves, honey, autumn plants and produce, all of which we have here at Pirbright Country Market; together with a range of individually made crafts and greetings cards.



You will find us in Lord Pirbright's Hall every Thursday between 10am and 11.15am. After shopping enjoy a coffee provided by the Pirbright WI *Rosemary Richmond*

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Our next social meeting is at 8pm on Monday 13th September at the Fox Inn so if you would like to learn more about the Legion or as a veteran you need any help, please come and join us. You will be most welcome. Please also make a note of our AGM on Monday, 22nd November. Full details will follow. All members or potential members are welcome.



Anne Hawkins 01252 404276

HAPPY MODELLING Can you believe that Play-Doh is 65 years old this month?

Originally sold for cleaning wallpaper, it was relaunched as a toy in 1956 when the inventor's nephew discovered that nursery school children were using it to make Christmas decorations. I wonder if it still works on wallpaper?



PIRBRIGHT HISTORIANS:

Thanks to Arthur ('Onk') Cheeseman, I'm happy to set the record straight on the Perefrith sign (June Newsletter). Onk had the mammoth task of building the base from 3^{1/2} tons of Pirbright stone collected by the 1st Pirbright Scouts. The 3cwt post came from a dead oak at Furzehill Place and Scott Caie fashioned the wrought iron sign (Perifrith=Pear field). The idea came from a commuter train conversation between Michael Boyd & then Parish Council Chairman, Stan Dabbs; Bruce Englefield being responsible for the design & woodwork. Hidden somewhere in the cairn is a sealed metal box with the names & details of many residents and 'a few other things', such as a Jim Rice shop price list, a copy of the newsletter & the Surrey Advertiser. Onk's lips are sealed as to its whereabouts, so an efficient metal detector and a few days labour would be needed to discover this treasure!

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CUNNINGHAM HOUSE

When the 'All at Sea' summer fair theme was announced, our residents had a whale of a time reminiscing about seaside holidays of their youth, and suggested some clawsome ideas for the Cunningham House entry which they hoped would be voted shrimply the best! Ideas included the old-fashioned knitted swimsuits (which, when wet, sagged in all the wrong places) to kiss me quick hats (there were some cautious queries about who would be wearing said hats). So, seas the day and come and chat to our woolly swim-suited residents (I'm only squidding!) on our Cunningham House stand and shell-ebrate an in-land day at the seaside.



Lucy Beasley



The older you get, the tougher it is to lose weight before you appear in a swimsuit, because by then your body and your fat are really good friends.

PIRBRIGHT TENNIS CLUB

www.pirbrighttennisclub.com

Please visit our website for the latest newsletter, 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.

Summer Tournaments: complete matches by **13th September** and come to watch the **finals on Sunday 19th September.**

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,

Re-stringing: Tim Seymour: Tel: 07887 723554 or tennisextremeuk@gmail.com
website: www.tennis-extreme.com

New membership: Monika Driscoll:
e-mail: driscollmonika@gmail.com



PIRBRIGHT CRICKET CLUB

'Fiery' Fred Trueman was not just one of the greatest cricketers of his generation, he was also known for his dry humour.

Trueman bowls. Batsman is trapped plumb LBW. Trueman appeals. Not out. Next ball. Trueman ever-so-slightly irritated. Trueman bowls. Audible snick, ball deflects and sails upward, caught behind. Trueman appeals. Not out. Third ball. Trueman a little more irritated now. Trueman bowls. Through the gate, stumps spread-eagled, middle stump uprooted and cartwheeling. Trueman turns to the umpire and says with a wry smile, 'We nearly had him that time, didn't we?'



"DON'T WAKE HIM, HE'S LISTENING TO THE CRICKET"

CHURCHYARD CHRONICLES

Well I thought our Editor was top Pirbright Prankster, with her April Fool spoofs, but the other day I met a lady who lives locally and, as a joker, puts our Editor in the shade. Many of you will know the little crocodile that lives in the stream bordering the church. Not long after it first appeared this lady spotted it, and went into full Prankster mode. She called her daughter in Portsmouth, and told her that Pirbright had been closed down because a huge crocodile had escaped from the Institute of Animal Health and was prowling the village streams. She said she had called the police, and the emergency services were all out trying to catch the monster. Then another daughter joined in the trick, calling to her Mum that a BBC film crew had arrived to interview her for the National News. Between them they spun such a convincing story that the daughter in Portsmouth soon had all her friends gathered round the television waiting for her Mum to appear on the prime time news. The only problem then was...how to tell them it was all a joke?!

Yellow Rabbit



SEPTEMBER GARDENING TIPS from Wellie

Make the most of the warmth in the air and soil, before the temperatures drop at the beginning of Autumn. Some Broad beans and pea varieties (such as Aquadulce Claudia and Pea 'Douce Provence') can be sown now for an earlier crop next year, along with spring cabbages and spinach (which might need to be covered from frosts). Onions and garlic can also be planted now for harvesting next year. Take cuttings of tender perennials such as fuchsias and Pelargoniums before they get caught by the frost. Start planting bulbs for spring display now. Tulips are better left until November, but daffodils need to be planted now. As a quick rule for depth of planting, bulbs should be planted 3 times the height of the bulb. 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 this. Divide herbaceous perennials now if they have outgrown their space or are looking tired. Doing this will improve their flowering and shape and invigorate them. Net ponds now before the autumn leaves start to fall.





PIRBRIGHT CLUBS AND SOCIETIES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS SEPTEMBER 2021



As Pirbright's clubs and societies return from their summer break, the season of Annual General Meetings begins. Oh joy. Let's review the minutes of the last meeting.

Pirbright Horticultural Society reported that last year's AGM had sown the seeds of an idea. The idea had germinated and blossomed just in time for the Annual Show. Unfortunately, due to a drought of volunteers, it had not born fruit and the idea had withered away.



Pirbright Meditation Society AGM: members insisted on meditating on every item agenda. The meeting closed three days later but everyone felt a lot better.

The Pirbright Bellringers AGM reported that it had been a year of ups and downs but no clangers had been dropped though there had been a few ding dongs over who was buying the next round in the pub.

The Pirbright Singers AGM was held through the medium of song. When it came to voting, those in agreement sang a harmony, dissenters an atonal. The meeting ended when everyone got a headache.

The Pirbright Aqualung Club held their AGM at the bottom of the village pond. Unfortunately the minutes of the past meeting could not be agreed because all the ink had washed off the paper.



Pirbright Mountain Rescue reported a quiet year. Disappointingly few people had needed rescuing, in fact getting Mrs Jones' cat out of the tree had been the highlight. Nevertheless, members agreed that the weekly meetings of the Pirbright Mountain Rescue Team in the pub were an essential community service and should continue.

The Pirbright Players AGM: The Chair's annual review noted seven stages in their performances this year. In the pantomime one of the toddlers was sick, whilst the teenagers had rather whined and dragged their feet. The romantic lead had sighed too much and upset the heroine by doodling poems about her. Security front of house was scruffy and needed a shave, there had been complaints about his bad language and 'argumentative' attitude. The Director, on the other hand, drew upon his experience and jokes to keep the peace among the crew, when he wasn't sneaking into the kitchen for a snack. One of the company's longest standing members continued valiantly in support roles, and could be forgiven the unfortunate incident when he went on stage wearing carpet slippers, though hopefully the new braces will solve his other embarrassing costume malfunction. Sadly the oldest member had finally decided to retire, having coped valiantly in spite of regularly mislaying his dentures and spectacles. The last straw came when a dose of Covid left him unable to taste the interval tea and biscuits. As his parting shot he complained about the overuse of a particular typeface in Company communications, saying that it was 'Sans everything!'



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