



St Michael & All Angels Church  
Pirbright Parish Council

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**HAPPY 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY VERA KINGSHOTT**

**THANK YOU!**



What a great day we had at the Village Sea Fair on 4th September, and it's all thanks to you and your support. To those of you who were on the Green at 7:30 in the morning putting up gazebos, to those who were clearing the last traffic cones at 6:30 that evening, and everyone in between - thank you. To those of you who flipped burgers, poured tea, served on stalls, directed traffic and towed cars out of ruts - thank you. To those of you who made stunning displays, sang your hearts out, paraded your pooches and dressed up - thank you. To our sponsors, advertisers and donors - thank you. And to those of you who came out, had a great time and spent bit of money - thank you.



After a year in which so many of us have felt shut away and isolated, it was wonderful to see the whole community come together to share in the fun.

So what about next time? If you enjoyed the fair, please consider volunteering now so that we can make the next one even better. Contact Helen Myers on 07485 411214 or [clerk@pirbright-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@pirbright-pc.gov.uk) to find out more.

## **THE RAWLINS CLUB IS 70!**

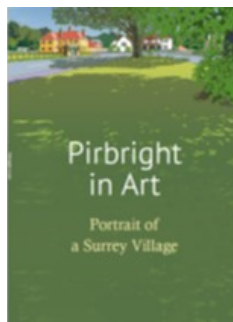
Congratulations to Pirbright's Premier group of recycled teenagers who will celebrate the Club's 70th birthday on October 8th with a tea party and entertainment by Get Happy Productions.

*Denise Granger 01483 472070*



## **PIRBRIGHT IN ART**

Available now! Since it was launched at the Village Fair, we have had a fantastic response to this book of images of Pirbright and Pirbright life from local artists of all kinds so get your order in now before they sell out. It is definitely one to keep, and also to send to anyone you know who has connections with Pirbright. Thanks to the kind support of Seymours Estate Agents and the Lempriere Trust we are able to keep the price at just £10 so it could be the perfect stocking filler this Christmas. To order your copy contact Helen at [helen-churchwarden@pirbrightchurch.org.uk](mailto:helen-churchwarden@pirbrightchurch.org.uk). All proceeds will go to help maintain our beautiful old church.



## ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH

*Just a thought.....*



### Portrait of the Church...

Many years ago, the Church I was leading held an Away Day to explore a vision for the church. Two of the questions asked were: What two words best describe your church? And what do you think God is calling us, the church, to be? Responses to the first question included 'a tree with wide-spread branches', 'a ministering angel', and 'a sleeping tiger'. Responses to the second question included being 'visible', 'rooted', and 'to spread the Good News'.

More recently, I was looking at images in the book, 'Pirbright in Art: Portrait of a Surrey Village', which contains many beautiful images by local artists. It also demonstrates a richness and diversity of talent, which are truly inspirational. But it is the images of St Michael and All Angels Church that reminded me of the above-mentioned day.

In the images, the church building is captured dramatically in watercolour, oil, acrylic, and oil and pen. For example, it is shown in the winter, covered by snow, yet also basking in a fiery winter sun. It sits



beneath blue skies, grey stormy clouds, or stands proudly, but partly hidden by trees. It also acts as a backdrop to Church Cottage. Some of the images show green grass and shrubs; and the tower seems to compete with the tree growing behind it.

In one image a man makes his way with great determination to the entrance of the church; and, in another, a couple holds hands while walking in what seems to be a leisurely stroll. These three people show that the church is not just a building. It is made up of all sorts of people, some able to take a leisurely stroll while others may have to struggle to be there. The good thing is that we do not have to leave our struggles behind. We can bring them with us and lay them at the foot of the cross of Jesus. To anyone moved to worship in this spiritual space or simply to visit it, St Michael's is a place that accepts all people.

The changing seasons, from spring and summer through to autumn and winter, reminds us that although the seasons change, God is unchangeable. Thus, St Michael's remains a visible sign of the Kingdom of God in Pirbright. It is rooted in God's love, peace, joy, consolation, forgiveness, and hope. So, as we recover from this pandemic, let us continue to reach out to each other and share in the joys, challenges, struggles of life. And yes! Let us share the gospel, point people to Jesus, and transform lives. *Rev Bev*

If they squeeze olives to get olive oil, how do they get baby oil?



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## ANGEL TOTS ARE BACK !!

At long last the ever popular Parent and Toddler group is back in St Michael and All Angels church on Monday mornings in term time from 10am to 11:30 am. This friendly social group for parents (and grandparents) and children aged birth to three+ is free of charge and welcomes families of all faiths and none. It is a chance to meet other parents in a relaxed informal setting, and for your little ones to meet and socialise with other children as they play with a wide selection of toys and games, simple crafts and music. With free refreshments, a bottomless coffee pot, understanding friends and experienced helpers, a chance to relax and unwind in the beautiful setting of the church room. Just turn up or, to find out more, contact Joy at [underwoodjv@gmail.com](mailto:underwoodjv@gmail.com) or Barbara at [rbdouguk@aol.com](mailto:rbdouguk@aol.com).



## OPERATION CHURCHARD

### Volunteers wanted

Would you like a little gentle exercise once a month in the fresh air, with good company, free coffee and home-made cake? Could you give just a little time to help maintain the churchyard of our local Parish Church? Our dedicated volunteers meet on the second Saturday of every month for just two hours in the morning to help maintain the churchyard grounds (leaf clearing, branch trimming, rubbish collecting etc). We welcome helpers of all ages, all



faiths and none, no gardening experience necessary. For more information please contact: Peter Cutting  
[p.cutting20@icloud.com](mailto:p.cutting20@icloud.com) 01252 835735

## PAID ADMIN SUPPORT WANTED

There is an opportunity at St Michael and All Angels Church Pirbright for a paid, part time admin assistant role. To find out more please contact Helen Whitworth 07777659138  
[helenwelliewhitworth@btinternet.com](mailto:helenwelliewhitworth@btinternet.com)



## THE CIRCLE OF LIFE IN PIRBRIGHT

**Welcoming** to the family of God Sophie Woodcraft and Cillian Thomas following their baptisms.

**Remembering** with gratitude the lives and contributions of Derek Bytheway, Marion Standing and David Taylor.

## CHURCH SERVICES IN OCTOBER

3rd Oct 10am Trinity 18 Harvest Celebration with Holy Communion Church/Zoom

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

13th October Mid-week Communion and Café Club in church

17th Oct 10am Trinity 20 Holy Communion in Church and on Zoom

24th Oct 10am Last after Trinity Holy Communion in Church and on Zoom

31st Oct 10am 4th before Advent 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](mailto:services@pirbrightchurch.org.uk) For further information or help, please go to our website [www.pirbrightchurch.org.uk](http://www.pirbrightchurch.org.uk).



## PIRBRIGHT PARISH COUNCIL

**Your New Councillor:** The Chairman and members of Pirbright Parish Council are delighted to announce the co-option of Peter Austin, who was appointed as a Councillor at the parish meeting on 7th September 2021. Many will know Peter from the Pirbright Cricket Club where he is Chairman, having played cricket for over 38 years. Peter recently installed a defibrillator for public use at his home at Wayback, between the Cricketers and Fulk's butchers. He brings a wealth of local knowledge to the Council, having lived in the village since 1993 and ran a local fencing company for 25 years.

**All's Fair on Pirbright Green:** Members of the Council sat on the Summer Fair Committee and worked hard to give everyone a fun filled day out and a sense of normality for a moment on the 4th September. It was one of the busiest events we have hosted and it will not be long before preparations begin on next year's Fair. Volunteers are always welcome to help organise, plan, seek sponsors and muck in, so if you would like to be part of 2022 Summer Fair please contact the Parish Council (contact details below).

**The Queen's Platinum Jubilee:** In 2022 the Council will be taking part in celebrations to mark the Queen's 70th year as Monarch. The Green will host one of the nationwide beacons on 2nd June 2022 and

Pirbright Horticultural Society will take part in The Queen's Green Canopy, a unique

tree planting initiative created to mark the Jubilee following the motto 'Plant a Tree for the Jubilee'. A Rowan has been selected for the occasion.

**Road Safety** measures have begun on Avenue De Cagny with Surrey Highways installing a dropped curb to make for a safer pedestrian crossing at this busy junction with the Guildford Road. The Council hope parishioners will bear with the road closures which should last no more than 4 weeks. More details on the Parish website, under NEWS.

**Community Speed Watch Teams** are looking for an additional Coordinator to assist in the delivery of this activity. All training and scheduling is completed online, before roadside sessions are carried out. To find out more about this important traffic calming work in our village, please contact the Parish Clerk.

**Caretaker (part time) for Lord Pirbright's Hall:** 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. You will be working to keep the Village Hall running smoothly and looking its best.

The position requires a variety of practical skills. Benefits include £12.00 per hour, enrolment into a pension scheme and training. Please email the LPH Secretary for more details call 01483 476432 [LPH@pirbright-pc.gov.uk](mailto:LPH@pirbright-pc.gov.uk)



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## PIRBRIGHT WI

Sarah Slater will entertain us with her talk on "Working with Ghosts at Hampton Court" on the 19<sup>th</sup> October at 7.45 in the Club Room in Lord Pirbright's Hall. Visitors are always welcome to come to our talks. We are serving **Tea & Coffee in the Club Room**, Lord Pirbright's Hall on Thursday Mornings 10 – 11.15 am. A good place to meet and chat.

*Irene Dredge*

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## PIRBRIGHT COUNTRY MARKET

"Pale amber sunlight falls across the reddening October trees" (E. Dowson)

Autumn is a special time here at Pirbright Country Market when our cooks make full use of the bountiful harvest to produce some of the finest jams and preserves, together with of course honey courtesy of our local bees; and remember autumn is the ideal planting time when the soil is at its warmest. Find us in Lord Pirbright's Hall every Thursday 10am - 11.15am

*Rosemary Richmond*



## HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

PHS invite you to their October meeting in the Club Room of Lord Pirbright's Hall at 8pm on Tuesday 7 October. The evening's talk by Peter Almond is entitled "Plants that changed history". All welcome.

*Lucy Baker*

It is with much sadness that I report the death of our Secretary Marion (Maz) Standing. Maz contributed so much as Secretary and Show Secretary, she was a huge asset to the Society and brought us into the 21st century! She was great fun to work with and will be greatly missed.

*Philip Barralet*



## FARNBOROUGH CRAFT GUILD



Come to our Craft Fair  
on Saturday 9 October  
at Lord Pirbright's Hall  
10.00 am to 4.00 pm

## PIRBRIGHT TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Our Annual Beaujolais Dinner is back. It will take place on Saturday 27 November at Lord Pirbright's Hall. Tickets will be £16 (£14 for paid up members) available from James Grimshaw [trocha@clara.co.uk](mailto:trocha@clara.co.uk)

## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION.

We welcome members and potential members to our monthly social meetings on the second Monday of the month at The Fox at Fox Corner. This month our meeting is on Monday, 11th October. Serving soldiers or veterans are particularly welcome. *Anne Hawkins* 01252 404276

## LORD PIRBRIGHT'S HALL

**Hall operations** are gradually building back to former levels, with existing hirers returning and new groups starting. Social hirings are also beginning, with bookings for almost every weekend.

**Soffits and bargeboards:** volunteers have now repaired and repainted these on the west side of the Hall as a community project by Dan from Chameleon. It needed a cherry picker which was also free of charge, and the job took three days.

**Replacement cooker:** as they wind up the financial affairs of the Peribus, its management committee donated £3,650 of the remaining reserves to Lord Pirbright's Hall to pay for the purchase of a new electric cooker and removing the old one. The first step will be the addition of a new power cable to enable its installation.

## PIRBRIGHT HISTORIANS

A new cricket pavilion would be a fitting memorial to the late Derek Bytheway. Thanks to his & many others' enthusiasm & energy, the club is thriving as never before. The first cricket record we have is a press cutting of a successful season in 1845, but surely the game would have been played here before then. By 1857, the team had become the Pirbright Invincibles when they met the Knaphill Heroes. For many years the game was played on the ground between Lord Pirbright's Hall and the White Hart, but moved to its present position sometime before 1931, when Club President, Major Basil Fletcher, presented a new pavilion. In July 1957 it had reached the end of its life, with the opening of the current building, a gift of Sir Adrian Jarvis, of Admirals Walk House. The photo is of R.W.V. Robins (left), former Middlesex & England Test cricketer, Stan Garland (club captain) & Sir Adrian (right), apparently with the older pavilion behind and, inset, an 1870s Pirbright C.C. belt.

***"Play up, Invincibles, and play the game...."***

Jonathan Foster [jonathan@pirbright.info](mailto:jonathan@pirbright.info)



### PIRBRIGHT TENNIS CLUB

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

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

**Club Night:** every Tuesday from 6.30pm. All welcome. Just turn up and play anytime during the evening.

**Ladies Morning:** every Monday 9am.

**Woking Men's Doubles Winter League** starts soon and we need reserves to back up our regular players. If you're a PTC member and interested in playing please contact team captain

[jameshirth@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jameshirth@hotmail.co.uk)

**Senior and Junior Coaching,**

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**New membership:** Monika Driscoll

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### PIRBRIGHT CRICKET CLUB

The village is in mourning for the loss of two fine stalwarts of PCC. Dave Taylor who played for many years and whose wake the Chairman attended on behalf of PCC, and our President Derek Bytheway. As Chairman and member of the club since 1992 Derek was my mentor, captain co player and friend. I still have the shirt he presented me in 1994 on the Spanish Tour which he masterminded. All the village of course is very much aware of the Pavilion Fund which he has been working on for so long and with such enthusiasm despite his declining health. We will think of those gentleman, so well known in the village, walking with enormous dignity up the final steps.

Peter Austin





## CHURCHYARD CHRONICLES

It was Halloween and the hands of the church clock stood at midnight. The two young men were just a little unsteady when they left the White Hart but it was freezing so they decided to take a shortcut home, down Church Lane. Suddenly a car came hurtling along the road, and hit one of the young men, before racing away without stopping. The lad was hurt, his leg was badly broken, and he couldn't walk another step, so his friend left him sitting by the wall, whilst he went off in search of help. Time passed, and the injured man got colder and colder. He was in pain and drifting in and out of consciousness and he realised that hypothermia was setting in. Just as he thought he wouldn't make it, the church bells began to ring. The sound was deafening, and after a few minutes the neighbours came running to see what was going on. They found the injured man, and soon an ambulance arrived to take him to hospital. The next day his friend came to visit. 'That was a great idea, ringing the church bells to call for help,' said the patient. His friend looked blank, then sheepish, and admitted that, in his drunken state, he had tripped over a large yellow plastic rabbit in the church porch, couldn't stand up again and had fallen asleep where he lay, until the paramedics had found him too. The two young men asked around, but no-one knew who had rung the bells that saved both their lives.

But next time the Bell Tower Captain went up to the bell chamber there, in the dust, were several large, rabbit paw marks, and a little yellow flower.....

Happy Halloween!

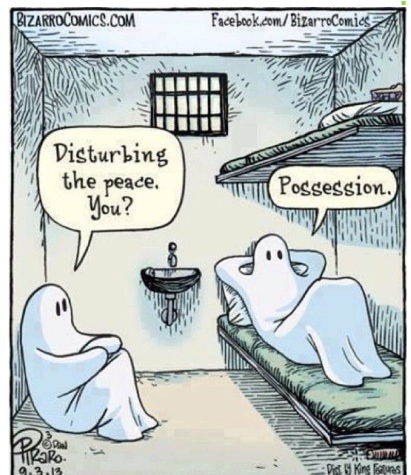
*Yellow Rabbit*



If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the 'terminal'?

## OCTOBER GARDENING TIPS from Wellie

Sow sweet peas indoors now for an early flowering next year. Tall shrubs that will be hard pruned in the Spring, eg Lavatera and Buddleja, can be pruned by half now to reduce wind rock. Cut down herbaceous perennials that have finished flowering and are looking untidy. Lift and divide overgrown clumps now. Start raking up leaves and composting those that are healthy. Complete scarifying, aerating and topdressing lawns. Give wildflower meadows a final cut. New lawns can still be turfed this month. Net ponds before too many leaves fall into them. Plant autumn onion sets and garlic. Apply grease bands to fruit trees to protect them from winter moth. Sow batches of broad beans and peas for early cropping next year. Cut fruited stems of blackberries and autumn raspberries down to the ground. Clean out bird baths now and make sure feeders are replenished to fatten up birds for the winter. Don't be too tidy in the garden, piles of leaves and stems of dead perennials provide shelter for insects and other invertebrates.



## CUNNINGHAM HOUSE

We would like to wish our resident Vera Kingshott a Very Happy 100th Birthday on 2nd October. Vera moved here from Petersfield in 2016. She was reluctant to give up her home, but wanted to be nearer to her family. She is a shining example of how you don't need to give up your independence to come to Cunningham House. She walked the paths of Pirbright for 4 years, meeting new people and blackberry picking for the house, until she fell whilst watering her raised bed and broke her hip. Back on her feet but confidence knocked, she gets her exercise walking circuits of the garden now (her son has named her our security guard!). She does all her chores herself, although has admitted defeat in bed changing, and has been banned from ironing due to her 'cardboard tunnel' affecting her grip. We are working on persuading her to put her feet up for the day to enjoy her big birthday with family and friends and a tipple of Baileys.

*Lucy Beasley*



## CHARLES AND SYBIL COLES

Our parents, Charles and Sybil Coles, lived in Pirbright for nearly 40 years. Sadly they both died, Sybil in 2019 and Charles in 2020. They were both in their nineties and had been married for 72 years. We were able to celebrate Mum's life with family and friends but because of the pandemic could only have a small private funeral for Dad.

Mum and Dad were really happy living in Pirbright enjoying village life and their many good friends, including members of the POS and the Rawlins Club. They had wonderful neighbours in Chapel Lane and we are very, very grateful for all the help given by them to us as well. Special thanks must also go to the village surgery and to Fulks butchers!

Although our parents considered moving as their health deteriorated they could never quite tear themselves away from Pirbright! It is a lovely place to live with a real sense of community and we are truly sorry not to be able to say a personal goodbye and thank you to all those who made it such a perfect home for our Mum and Dad.

Thank you. Sally and Vivien

## THE ARTS SOCIETY IS COMING TO NORMANDY FROM OCTOBER 2021!!

The Arts Society - Woking branch will start a programme of live monthly talks by expert art speakers in the **Normandy Village Hall** from **Tuesday 12th October** at 10.30 am. Doors open at 9.45 am for tea and coffee. The first talk is 'Banksy - Genius or Fraud?' and will be followed by a "Welcome Back" glass of wine. As well as talks, we also arrange quarterly visits to places of historic interest in the UK and overseas e.g. Liverpool in June this year. To join or for more information please contact our membership secretary Jo Pay [memdfas@gmail.com](mailto:memdfas@gmail.com) or our Chairman, Trevor Walters



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