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HAPPY DIWALI ON 4TH NOVEMBER!

PIRBRIGHT REMEMBERS

On 11th November (Armistice Day) and 14th November (Remembrance Sunday) we call to mind all those who serve, and have served, in the armed forces to defend our democratic freedoms and way of life. In a formal act of collective Remembrance which is 100 years old this year, we pause in our everyday lives to think especially of those who lost their lives in that service, and those who suffered life changing injuries, physical and mental. We remember too the very special contribution of service families. Remembrance also acknowledges the devastating impact of conflict upon civilians and restates our earnest desire for peace.

This year, in Afghanistan, we have had a reminder of the very positive impact our armed forces can have in a peacekeeping role, thrown into stark relief by the distress following their withdrawal. In Pirbright we are privileged to live and work alongside serving military personnel. This is our opportunity to thank them, and all military personnel - past, present and future - for their service.

Editor



PIRBRIGHT SINGERS present **"Sing we now of Christmas" on Saturday 4th December** at St Michael and All Angels Church. Look out for more information on local posters and in the December edition of PeriNews!

LORD PIRBRIGHT'S HALL - Festival of Light, 4th December

The Christmas lights will be switched on at Lord Pirbright's Hall as part of a celebration of light, with music and refreshments.

All welcome, more details in December's PeriNews.



PIRBRIGHT ART CLUB - over 21 years at Lord Pirbright's Hall!

We are pleased to announce that Pirbright Art Club has resumed 'live' meetings this Autumn, with the 3 Groups meeting monthly, on selected Thursdays, for tutored drawing & painting sessions. We have a small number of places still available for new members - see our website for information about the groups, including all times and dates:
www.pirbrightartclub.co.uk

Contact me - Maggie Read - if you are interested in joining the art club:
pirbrightartclub@btconnect.com or 07977 552780

Sat December 4th, coinciding with the Festival of Lights, our special 21st Annual Exhibition will be happening 'live', many extra attractions this year - soon to be announced!

Maggie

ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH

Just a thought.....



War Games

As a young boy I used to enjoy listening to my parents and grandparents talking about their experiences during the war which had only ended five years before. As I grew older and became more aware of what was happening in the Cold War world, I used to have nightmares which featured fleets of Soviet bombers heading our way to send me (and the rest of the world) to nuclear oblivion. This was the age of mutually assured destruction. MAD.

It never happened, fortunately, but two events still linger in my mind from the 1960s: the 1962 Cuban missile crisis, when the whole world held its breath; and a film made in 1965 originally intended to be shown on the BBC, but which was deemed too intense and violent to broadcast. That film was 'The War Game', and I eventually saw it at a special showing at my school in 1969.

It was indeed very realistic...and very frightening.



Just a few weeks ago I heard an interview with a young lad of about 10, talking about video games. Something he said I found truly chilling: 'You get into it and then you start killing people'. Researchers have found that 'war gaming' can inspire and nurture an ethos of nationalism, radicalism, racism, homophobia, misogyny – just some of the negatives that wars, past and present, are fought over.

War is *not* a game. People who are killed stay dead. War is *real*. War is *terrifying*. Wars are *still happening*.

For over 100 years November 11th has been a day when we have remembered those who have sacrificed their lives or suffered horrendous and life-changing physical and mental injuries in the service of their country. To some people they are simply names engraved in stone on a memorial. But those names are engraved for ever in the hearts of their families and comrades. It is vital that as the numbers of those who fought and died in the two major wars of the 20th century dwindle, we should remember the young men and women – someone's sons and daughters, husbands and wives, who have given and continue to give their lives to protect us – you and me – from the horrors of war.

We all owe them our grateful thanks. This Remembrance Sunday that is the very least we can do.

Revd Gary Williamson

THE CIRCLE OF LIFE IN PIRBRIGHT

Welcoming George Hartney, Blae Hurst and Daisy Khan to the family of God following their baptisms.

Wishing every happiness to Paul & Jessica Malkin (Nee Loveridge), and to Pete & Jenny Luscombe (Nee Allen) following their weddings.

Remembering with gratitude the life and contribution of David Davies



ALL DRESSED UP FOR CHRISTMAS: Church Flowers Coffee Morning 4th December

If you have seen Pirbright church at Christmas, you will know what a magical sight it is, filled with flowers and softly lit by candles. Help to make that happen by joining us at the annual coffee morning to raise funds for the Christmas flowers and decorations on 4th December at 10am in the Church Room.

Get in the mood for Christmas with mince pies and coffee, a chance to win a beautiful iced Christmas cake and lots of other splendid raffle prizes, and take your pick of the Christmas goods stall. Bring your friends and have a great morning. *Joy Underwood*



CHRISTMAS SAVE THE DATE

Christmas Lunch

Saturday 11th December 12:30 in the Church Room Come and celebrate Christmas with a traditional Christmas lunch and all the trimmings. £15 per head, numbers will be limited so please book early, contact Helen Whitworth [07777659138](tel:07777659138) helenwelliewhitworth@btinternet.com

Community Carol Singing

Sunday 19th December 4.30pm in St Michael's Churchyard. There will be mulled wine, sausage sizzle and mince pies to warm you up, lots of traditional carols and a visit from Father Christmas.....so make sure you are all being well-behaved! All welcome! Any questions contact Helen Whitworth [07777659138](tel:07777659138) helenwelliewhitworth@btinternet.com.

Vacancy for P/T Parish Administrator



Are you looking for a new challenge?! We have had a serious look at how our team works at St Michael's and we are seeking an enthusiastic and skilled administrator to be a key player. Are you able to be flexible? Do you have good computer skills including Powerpoint? Would you be able to work from home and from the church? If yes to all these, find out more by contacting Helen Whitworth on 07777 659138. Our current reckoning is that we need at least 9 hours a week @ £13 per hour. We'd love to hear from you!

I know they say money talks, but all mine seems to say is 'Goodbye'!

CHURCH SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

3rd 10.15 Said Holy Communion in Church only

7th 10am 3rd before Advent Family Service in church and on zoom

14th 10am Remembrance Sunday Service in church, followed by the Act of Remembrance, and refreshments

21st 10am Christ the King Holy Communion in church and on Zoom

28th 10am Advent Sunday 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



PIRBRIGHT PARISH COUNCIL

Spare a Thought: November is a time of falling leaves and the Parish Council would remind residents to please spare a thought for pedestrians if you own a hedge or tree on or near a pavement or footpath. Hedges will encroach and make passing with a buggy difficult, leaves left on a pavement can become slippery and dangerous for the young and old alike. We are fortunate in Pirbright to have regular garden waste bin collections, something our neighbouring villages have not had with Woking's collections being suspended, so please make use of the garden waste collections and keep our village safe underfoot and looking its best.

Village Green works: following work on the village pond, PPC have completed additional work to clear drainage ditches on the east side of the village green using a local contractor, they have also repaired the old drainage in the sports fields which had become clogged and needed supplementing. As we head into winter, PPC is also speaking to contractors to undertake essential tree works on the village green, around Lord Pirbright's Hall and recreation ground to address a number of pressing tree management issues. With the increase in pests and a changing climate, some of our trees are in failing health and require cutting back or removal in the interests of public safety. We are looking at suitable replacements that are climate tolerant and

will be undertaking these works over the coming months.

Conservation volunteers needed:



The Surrey Countryside Partnerships team are looking for volunteers to help carry out heathland restoration on the Pirbright heathland on Monday 15th

November from 10am. They will be clearing invasive scrub to open up this precious habitat and will provide tools, gloves, instruction and insurance. Meeting point: small parking area at the end of Chapel Lane, Pirbright GU24 0JY. Please contact mole.project@surreycc.gov.uk for more information and to let them know in advance that you'd like to volunteer. Thank You !

Surrey Police Residents' Survey: Surrey Police are asking for local residents to take part in a short survey about community engagement. Would you mind sparing 10 minutes to complete a short survey? Surrey Police want to make sure that you can get the right information when you want and need it. The survey is quick and easy to complete, taking no longer than 10 minutes. Any information you provide is anonymous. Click here to take part: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/1CFFOL/>

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Lord Pirbright's Hall Lindsay Graham lph@pirbright-pc.gov.uk tel 1483 476432

It was great to be back in the cinema, but the couple in front were talking constantly. Eventually I leaned over and said 'Excuse me, but I can't hear'. 'I should think not', came the reply, 'this is a private conversation!'



RAWLINS CLUB

Our talk on November 12th is 'Hog's Back Bees' by Astrid Bowers - Veenman at 2.00 - 4.00pm in the village hall. Astrid is coming to talk about bees and bringing some honey for us to buy.



PIRBRIGHT WI

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 16th November at 7.45 pm in Lord Pirbright's Hall. This is our Annual Meeting where we review our year, select and form our new Committee and agree the Budget for 2022. Email Irene at iredredge@outlook.com or phone 01483 233279

Pirbright WI 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.

PIRBRIGHT COUNTRY MARKET



*'The year has turned full circle,
the seasons come and go
The harvest all is gathered in
and chilly north winds blow'*

No matter what the weather, we are here in Lord Pirbright's Hall every Thursday 10am—11.15am. Why not drop in to take a look at our wondrous range of home-made cakes, savouries, crafts and greetings cards, seasonal plants and planted baskets. As Christmas approaches now is a good time to order your Christmas Cakes.

Rosemary Richmond

PIRBRIGHT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 9 November, 8pm in the Clubroom at Lord Pirbright's Hall. The talk, by Vincent Gradwell, is "Gardening for Autumn Colour". All are welcome

Lucy Baker



PIRBRIGHT TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Now is the time to buy tickets for our Beaujolais Dinner on Saturday 27th November at 7pm. Tickets are £16 (£14 for paid up members) available from James Grimshaw trocha@clara.co.uk Payment to Pirbright Twinning Association Sort code: 30-99-80 Account no: 01174367

To renew your membership, or join the Twinning Association for the first time, costs just £10 per family (bank details as above).

We are currently gathering names for hosts to accommodate our friends from Cagney when they visit next year. Put the date in your diary 27-29th May 2022. Further details to follow.

Lucy Baker, Chairman

Lucyb2477@gmail.com

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION.

Our social meeting is on Monday 8th November at 8pm at The Fox Inn, Fox Corner. Come and join us and find out what the British Legion can do for you, especially if you are a veteran and need some help.

All members are also welcome to join us at our AGM on Monday 22nd November at 8pm in the Dining Room of The Fox.

Anne Hawkins 01252 404276



Two year old Clemmie was taken to meet her Great Grandmother. She was fascinated by the old lady, and followed her everywhere, including to the bathroom, watching as her Great Granny took out her dentures to brush them. After a few minutes she asked, in an awed whisper 'Can you take your ears off too?'

PIRBRIGHT HISTORIANS

Energy crises are nothing new. For centuries the sole source of heat for the working classes & deserving poor was turves; like peat, dug from the moor, stacked in the spring & carted in the autumn. Calorific value was low, so thousands were needed in the turf houses attached to most cottages. From at least 1675, there had been simmering tension between the Glynne family, Lords of the Manor, holder of the rights, their tenants & the Vestry, accustomed since Time Immemorial to use (but not cut) the fuel. Matters boiled over in the 1720s & 30s with clashes between bailiffs & locals, calming down only after 1739, when Solomon Dayrolles came to Henley Park. Even after the coming of the canal & railways, bringing coal, some turf cutting took place, stopping eventually in 1878 with the War Department purchase of the commons. One of the last turf houses to survive is this one at Stanford Cottage in the 1920s.

Jonathan Foster
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I've just burned 2,000 calories. That's the last time I'll leave chocolate brownies in the oven while I have a nap.

PIRBRIGHT TENNIS CLUB

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 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

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 07887 723554
or tennisextremeuk@gmail.com
www.tennis-extreme.com

New membership: Monika Driscoll
driscollmonika@gmail.com

PIRBRIGHT CRICKET CLUB

Terry and Sheila Kinsella are now permanently ensconced at Beaumont Lodge, 19-21 Heatherley Drive Camberley, Surrey GU15 3LX. Charlie Miller and Biller Millar and myself have been able to visit them but very recently Terry was diagnosed as having Covid though I understand he is showing few symptoms and given his age (89) he is doing well. I will keep everyone updated in due course.

Peter Austin



CHURCHYARD CHRONICLES

Brrr! It's jolly cold out here in the Churchyard as winter begins to take hold. It's all right for you humans, in your snug houses, being able to throw on a few extra layers of clothing. Even with our fur coats, it can get very chilly on these November nights. We all have different ways of coping with the cold. For rabbits it's just another excuse to snuggle together and get very friendly- there is nothing quite so warming as another bunny. Our bird friends fluff up their feathers, like a portable duvet. Mice are very good at finding tiny nooks and crannies out of the wind, that only they can squeeze into. Bats have the right idea—they just hang themselves up and go to sleep until it's all over. But trust the cheeky squirrels to take the easy way out- they'll be moving into your attic any time soon!

Stay warm this winter

Yellow Rabbit

PS Don't forget humans who are struggling with the cold this year, refugees, the displaced and the homeless, they all need a little extra help at this time of year



My young son declared, "When I grow up, I'm going to marry you, Mommy." "You can't marry your own mother," said his older sister.

"Then I'll marry you." "You can't marry me either."

He looked confused, so I explained, "You can't marry someone in your own family."

"You mean I have to marry a total stranger?!" he cried.

NOVEMBER GARDENING TIPS from Wellie

I thought this month, instead of talking about what needs doing in the garden I would talk about petrol and using it in garden machinery. On the 1st September unleaded fuel was changed from E5 (5 % ethanol) to E10 (10% ethanol). The reason for the change is to help tackle climate change and to reduce CO2 emissions. It is estimated that the greener fuel could reduce CO2 emissions by 750,000 tonnes per year. Which is all great, but it makes the petrol unsuitable for some cars and is also not ideal fuel for powering gardening equipment. The higher amounts of ethanol can cause erosion and engine faults. The reason that the petrol could be more corrosive for garden machinery than cars is because people often leave garden machinery sitting around in between uses. Reading through different information it is suggesting that you put E5 (super unleaded fuel) in your garden equipment, but be warned that not all garages sell this petrol now. Also, make sure that you drain the fuel out of all your equipment before storing it for periods longer than 30 days, and always use fresh fuel.

If you are at all unsure talk to a lawnmower specialist.



CUNNINGHAM HOUSE

A day at Cunningham House,

by Sheila Lawrence

This independent living, it isn't 'arf a lark,
Walking round the garden's like strolling in the park.
At half past ten we socialise, with maybe a guest or three,
And have a cup of coffee, or p'haps a cup of tea.
At half past twelve we sally forth because it's time for lunch,
Nutritious and delicious, oh we're such a hungry bunch!
Afternoons are for hobbies; painting, reading or TV,
The afternoon just whizzes by until it's time for tea.
After tea we all relax, we're all in bed by ten.
Then we get up in the morning and do it all again!



Lucy Beasley

NOW YOU SEE THEM, NOW YOU DON'T!

A sad farewell to the copper beech trees in School Lane Thank you to Kim McCoy-Page for before and after photographs.



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