



St Michael & All Angels Church
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HAPPY CHRISTMAS FROM ALL OUR CONTRIBUTORS



COMMUNITY CAROL SING-ALONG

Start your Christmas in the time honoured fashion, singing traditional carols outside by lamplight. Meet by the church porch at 4:30 pm 19th December, hear the story of Christmas, enjoy the spectacle and sing all your favourite carols. Father Christmas has promised to put in an appearance, so you'd better be good!

With mulled wine, cocoa and mince pies to keep us warm whatever the weather. Bring a torch!



PIRBRIGHT CHRISTMAS TRAIL

Friends of Pirbright School

Fri 10th December to Sun 2nd January

Download the map to follow the Pirbright Christmas Trail and appreciate the amazing creativity that makes Pirbright special.

Answer the questions to win fabulous prizes and vote for your favourite display!

And you won't just be having fun, you'll be supporting Pirbright's children at our village Primary School.

<https://www.pta-events.com/fops>

ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH

Just a thought.....



How do we feel as a Pirbright community as we approach this special season for a second time during the pandemic? How can we celebrate the joy and wonder of the birth of the baby Jesus two thousand years ago despite everything?

At the moment of writing this, there is still uncertainty ahead and restrictions on numbers in the church but never fear - we're changing some of our usual plans so that you can join us in our celebrations. In previous years you have come in your hundreds so this year we are moving outside into the churchyard for two events. Wrap up warm, bring the whole family and don't forget your torches!

Instead of the usual Nine Lessons and Carols, Christmas at St Michael's will now include a **Community Carol Sing-Along at 4:30 on 19 December** with carols and readings, mulled wine, mince pies and a visit by Father Christmas.



There is also the **Crib Service on Christmas Eve at 4pm** when we would love children to come dressed as Mary, Joseph, Angel Gabriel, shepherds, angels or wise men.

The light of Jesus Christ will never be dimmed!



We send you warmest wishes of great joy at the birth of our Lord and Saviour and hope we will see you at the events and services listed in our special Perinews flier.

NB Please phone Caroline Bews on 289123 if you would like to come to any of our services inside the church where numbers are limited. Book early to avoid disappointment!

*Rev Bev and the Church Family
at St Michael's*

CIRCLE OF LIFE IN PIRBRIGHT

Our warmest wishes for a long and happy life together to the new Mr and Mrs Clark, Paul and Charlotte (nee Wood) following their marriage in October.

We welcome Tabitha Lake to the Family of God following her Baptism in November.



What do Santa's little helpers learn at school? The elf-abet!

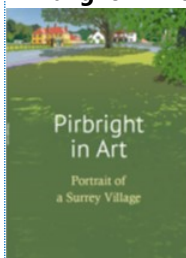
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LOOKING FOR THE PERFECT CHRISTMAS PRESENT? (more ideas on page 6)

Pirbright in Art is a glorious celebration of our village, community and the natural world around us. So many talented artists, amateur and professional, contributed their work to tell the story of Pirbright, so it is fascinating to see several different artists' take on familiar features of the village, its distinctive buildings, the pond and (inevitably) the geese! At just £10 (but it looks worth a lot more) it's a perfect gift to say Thinking of you, Thank you or simply Happy Christmas. And every penny raised helps our village church. To buy copies now contact Helen Whitworth 07777659138 helen-churchwarden@pirbrightchurch.org.uk



CHURCH FLOWERS COFFEE MORNING Saturday Dec 4th 10am

The official start of Christmas in Pirbright! With coffee and mince pies, a raffle, a Christmas cake to be won and gifts for sale, all to raise funds for the flowers and decorations in the church at Christmas. You may even meet Yellow Rabbit's nemesis, the Chief Flower Lady!

LOVED ONES SERVICE AND TEA Sunday Dec 5th 4:30 pm



Christmas can be an especially difficult time for those who have lost a loved one, whether recently or long ago. This gentle service is an opportunity to reflect, give thanks and remember those we have loved, who can no longer share Christmas with us. Followed by a sociable tea.

SING WE NOW OF CHRISTMAS, Pirbright Singers Saturday 4th December



We are excited to invite you back to come and join us for a wonderful evening of joyful and fun Christmas music performed by the Pirbright Singers at St Michael and All Angels Church.

Tickets are available on the door at £10 per person & £5 for children under 12 years (payment by cash or card). Tickets allocated first come first served and doors open 7pm. Proceeds are going towards St Michael and All Angels' Church. For further information, contact

ThePirbrightSingers@gmail.com



PIRBRIGHT HISTORIANS

This fine view of St. Michael's was painted by local artist Miss Ada Long. Lifelong spinster, she came to Pirbright in 1892 with her parents, living here for 19 years, mostly at no.5 The Gardens. Not just a talented water-colourist, she was also a sculptress and keen photographer, many copies of which we are fortunate to have. 1898 was the date of this picture, 123 years ago, and not a great deal has changed, though lynx-eyed readers may discover the old wooden porch, some grave boards (just one remaining today) & make out her signature bottom right.

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PIRBRIGHT PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman's Christmas Message

On behalf of the Parish Council I would like to wish everyone in the village a wonderful Christmas and New Year. Hopefully we can all enjoy the festivities this year whilst staying safe. I would like to thank my fellow councillors, staff, contractors and residents who have worked hard throughout the year to keep the village looking its best, from the litter pickers who come out whatever the weather to the villagers who clear paths of fallen trees and dig out ditches. A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all !

Pirbright Heathland habitat helpers - Monday 13th December at 10:00am

What's great for health, happiness and habitat and is an ideal pre-Xmas green workout? Conservation volunteering with the Surrey Countryside Partnerships team at Pirbright Common! Clearing invasive scrub is good maintenance for this rare and precious heathland. Please wear old clothes, stout footwear and bring your own drinks/lunch. Tools, gloves, insurance and good humour will be provided in

spades! Meeting point: small parking area at the end of Chapel Lane, GU24 0JY. To volunteer contact mole.project@surreycc.gov.uk . Over 16s please!

Village Heroes

The Parish Council are lucky to have so many local people who help, volunteer and muck-in to make Pirbright a special place to live. We could start with the editor of this newsletter or the army of volunteers who deliver them rain or shine, there are simply too many heroes doing too many good deeds around the village each month to mention. However, the council would like to thank Steve Mitchell and Mick Mason for dropping everything to fit new slide supports when the Clerk was given 48 hours to have them installed before the resurfacers arrived. Drilling out solid concrete is hard going and there were surely some aches and pains the following

day. Your help that November day was really appreciated. Thank you Steve and Mick.

THANK YOU!



PIRBRIGHT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Our Annual General Meeting is on Tuesday December 14th at 8pm in the Clubroom of Lord Pirbright's Hall followed by a social session with seasonal refreshments. Apart from the general discussions there will be an item to set the rate of subscriptions following the lack of one year's payments. Do please come and join us for this meeting.

The Society has donated a Mountain Ash tree to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022. The tree was planted on the Little Green on 6th November by Philip Barralet, Chairman PHS and Steven Fidgett, Chairman, Pirbright Parish Council . An engraved brass plaque was provided with the help of Surrey County Councillor, Keith Witham.



CUNNINGHAM HOUSE Lunch on Christmas Day

In the past, we have always invited villagers who are alone on Christmas Day for lunch at Cunningham House. Due to ongoing Covid restrictions, we are unable to have large numbers of people around the table, but we may be able to accommodate a few guests (depending on national guidelines and circumstances at the house) so if you, or anyone you know are going to be alone on Christmas Day, please contact us so that we can include you in festivities if we are able to do so. Loneliness is difficult at any time of year, so if you would like to join us for coffee and chat we are now able to have 2 fully jabbed visitors at a time for coffee. Please ring the house to book a visit. *Lucy 488751*



PIRBRIGHT WI

Our Christmas dinner is on Tuesday 21st December. We are still serving teas and coffees in Lord Pirbright's Hall, Thursdays 10-11 am. *Irene 01483 233279*
iredredge@outlook.com



RAWLINS CLUB

Our Christmas Lunch is on Friday 10th December, 12:30 to 3:30pm in Lord Pirbright's Hall. *Denise Granger 472070*

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Our 13th December social meeting has a Christmas theme - please join us at 8pm in The Fox Inn, Fox Corner wearing your Christmas jumper. As a member or forces veteran, this is your opportunity to find out about your local branch and what help is available should you need it.



PIRBRIGHT COUNTRY MARKET

Whether it's mince pies or Christmas cake, your favourite savouries or preserves, that special gift or festive plants and baskets, we have it all available. As another year comes to an end just a reminder that our final Market of 2021 will be on Thursday December 16th. We open again in the New Year on Thursday January 13th at Lord Pirbright's Hall between 10 and 11:15am

Rosemary Richmond

PIRBRIGHT TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Something to look forward to after Christmas is our annual Quiz Night on Saturday 8 January at Lord Pirbright's Hall. Put it in your 2022 diary now!

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LORD PIRBRIGHT'S HALL Celebration of Lights

Join us to launch the Festive Season at LPH & Recreation Ground on December 4th at 5pm, when we switch on our new external lights. Sample a seasonal waffle with a hot drink from the Waffle Tram and visit the art exhibition inside, to enjoy mulled wine & cider with mince pies from The Cricketers, accompanied by music from our local DJ George and Songstress Lyra. Please see the flier for details of the other events in the village on 4th December. The event is financed by a grant from Surrey County Council and funds raised at the All at Sea Fair in September.



PIRBRIGHT ART CLUB

Our Annual Exhibition is 'live' at Lord Pirbright's Hall on Saturday 4th December! 10am - 7pm. Come and see the fantastic work by members of the Art Club - all pictures are for sale and, this year, there is a special display of art by Pirbright School pupils. Free admission, Visitors' parking, Raffle, Café, Craft stalls, Prints & Cards. Contact Maggie Read for further details: pirbrightartclub@btconnect.

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES

Perinews does not take commercial advertising, but over the past couple of years, we know that some local businesses have gone the extra mile to support our community, and others have taken the plunge to start new ventures. So each month we would like to feature local independent businesses. If you have a news story about your local business, or would just like to tell the village that you are here, contact the Editor (see back page for contact details).

The Cottage Chocolatier



Did you know we had a luxury chocolate maker in our midst? Jayne Hurman turned her love of cooking and chocolate into a business, making exquisite bonbons using traditional methods and top quality ingredients selected to be not just delicious, but environmentally friendly and sustainable. Everything is done by hand and made to order, so that chocolates are usually posted on the day they are made, or the next day. Find out more at www.thecottagechocolatier.co.uk or on Instagram @thecottagechocolatier



Puzzly is a local family business that grew out of lockdown. Having a passion for puzzles, they decided to make their very own hand-crafted wooden puzzles. Each puzzle is designed with both regular and quirky character pieces for added enjoyment. Their first Christmas Collection, a set of six unique puzzles, is now available and will make wonderful Christmas gifts for those who want a Puzzly adventure. Find them at www.puzzly.uk or say hello at hello@puzzly.uk



What do you get if you cross Santa with a duck? A Christmas Quacker!

PIRBRIGHT TENNIS CLUB

www.pirbrighttennisclub.com

Mix-In Club Night: every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month until end of February, from 6:30pm.

Men's Competitive Tennis: every Wednesday from 8pm.

Ladies' Competitive Tennis every Wednesday 6-8pm from January

Ladies' Morning: every Monday 9am

Box leagues: organized internal club matches pkelly_whiterabbits@sky.com

Cardio Tennis: Thursdays (term time) 9:45-10.45am. **Senior Coaching, Junior**

Coaching, Children's Holiday Classes,

Re-stringing Contact Tim Seymour:

07887 723554

tennisextremeuk@gmail.com

www.tennis-extreme.com

New membership: Monika Driscoll:

driscollmonika@gmail.com

PIRBRIGHT CRICKET CLUB

The PCC AGM is in December and a brief report will be forthcoming. Hopefully the improvement on the ground and the pitch have not gone unnoticed! *Peter Austin*





CHURCHYARD CHRONICLES

The little brown birds huddled in the cold rafters of the barn. All night strange things had been going on down below and they had enjoyed a bird's eye view. Two humans had come in and seemed to make themselves at home. Then the lady human made quite a lot of noise and fuss and another, tiny, human had appeared. Then after a while a whole lot more humans had arrived, they smelled of sheep but they seemed quite impressed with the tiny one. Finally they left, and the lady and man were trying to sleep, but the tiny one kept wriggling and crying. Of course the birds could see the problem straight away-it was lying on prickly hay! Then the leader of the flock plucked a tiny clump of down from under its feathers, flew down and tucked the soft down under and around the baby. Soon every bird had done the same, and the tiny human fell asleep, comfortable at last in the soft warm nest. When the birds looked at each other, there were little spots of blood on their chests where they had plucked their feathers for the baby. And that is why, to this day, robins have a red breast.

Yellow Rabbit



PIRBRIGHT PLAYERS ARE BACK!

On January 29th/30th matinee and evening we will be putting on the pantomime 'Dick Whittington'.....oh yes we will! You can buy tickets on our website 'spanglefish/Pirbright players' and via the leaflet enclosed in this Perinews. Tickets are £14 per adult and £8 per child. We look forward to seeing everyone as we will have lots of audience participation needed from both adults and children. We can issue tickets in time for you to give them as Christmas presents for your families and friends.

Carole Gailer



WELLIE'S PULL OUT AND KEEP CLEMATIS PRUNING GUIDE



Group 1 – Spring	Group 2 – Midseason	Group 3 – Late Summer
No pruning needed except to control the size or shape of these clematis. If necessary, lightly prune, back to a pair of healthy buds, immediately after flowering	Prune annually to maintain a well balanced framework of old and new growth In late winter or early spring, shorten stems by 15-25cm cutting back to a pair of healthy buds	These clematis need annual pruning to encourage new flower-bearing shoots. In late winter or early spring, cut back to a pair of healthy buds 15-30cms above ground.
Tip: Early flowering clematis can become overgrown as they age. A hard pruning can rejuvenate the plant but the next season's flowers will be lost. In early spring, cut stems back to a pair of healthy buds several inches above the ground to encourage new growth	Tip: By pruning some of the previous year's stems back by about 40cms, it is possible to prolong the flowering period of these clematis. The stems which are cut back the hardest will produce flowers slightly later than the other	Tip: If they have been neglected for a long time, it is usually easier to replace the plant, rather than try and rejuvenate it





PIRBRIGHT COMMUNITY CALENDAR DECEMBER 2021



1	Wed	10:15	Mid week communion and Café Club	
4	Sat	10am 10am 5pm 7:30pm	Flower Fund Coffee Morning, Church Room Art Club Exhibition, LPH Celebration of Lights, LPH Pirbright Singers Concert, in the Church	
5	Sunday	10 am 4:30pm	Family Christingle Service with baptism in church & zoom Loved Ones Service and tea at the church	
10	Fri	12:30	Rawlins Club Christmas Lunch, LPH Friends of Pirbright School Christmas Trail opens	
11	Sat	12:30	Church Christmas Lunch, Church Room	
12	Sun	10am	Holy Communion, Advent 3, in Church (no zoom)	
13	Mon	10am 8pm	Heathland Habitat Helpers, Chapel Lane Royal British Legion meeting at The Fox Inn	
14	Tues	8pm	Horticultural Society AGM, LPH	
16	Thursday	10am	Last Country Market before end of the year, LPH	
19	Sunday	10am 4:30pm	Holy Communion Advent 4 in church & zoom Community Carol Singing in the Churchyard	
21	Tues		WI Christmas Dinner	
24	Friday	4 pm 11pm	Children's Outdoor Crib Service in the churchyard Midnight Mass in church	
25	Saturday	10am	 Christmas Day All Age Communion in church & on zoom	
26	Sunday		Pre-recorded All Age Service by Bishop Andrew, accessed online only, at https://www.pirbrightchurch.org.uk	



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