



A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR READERS!

PIRBRIGHT PLAYERS PRESENT

DICK WHITTINGTON

We are all getting excited as the dates for our pantomime get nearer, costumes are organised, music is being sung on our way to work or in the bath and shower and tickets are now available on line, <http://www.spanglefish.com/pirbrightplayers> or queries can be answered by telephone 07583 768139, David Greenland. Performances on 29/30th January at 1.30 and 6.30. Adults £14, children £8.



This traditional pantomime has a modern feel and is suitable for all the family. Dick and Alice fall in love and King Rat uses idle Jack's jealousy to further his evil schemes. Tommy the cat is Dick's loyal companion.

Refreshments and ice cream and lollies will be provided at all performances.

NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS

On New Year's Eve, Daniel was in no shape to drive, so he sensibly left his car and started the long walk home. As he was wobbling along, he was stopped by a policeman. 'What are you doing out here at four o'clock in the morning?' asked the police officer. 'I'm on my way to a lecture,' answered Roger. 'And who on earth, in their right mind, is going to give a lecture at this time on New Year's Eve?' enquired the constable. 'My wife,' slurred Daniel grimly.



PIRBRIGHT TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Annual Quiz Night on Saturday 8 January at Lord Pirbright's Hall. Tickets £10. Buffet supper, wine bar. Make up a team of six people or ask to join a team. Our usual quiz masters have been forewarned and it should be a great evening.

30th anniversary twinning visit

I have already received a few offers to host our French friends from Cagny when they visit us next year on 27-29th May. We hope that lots of people will wish to be involved. As it is the 30th year of twinning we have been asked by the Cagny twinning committee if we would like to visit them for the weekend of 23-25th September 2022. We have traditionally had back-to-back visits in anniversary years. Let me know if you are interested. *Lucy Baker - Chairman*



ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH

Just a thought.....



Word(s) of the Year

Every year, a number of the world's leading dictionaries offer a 'word of the year'. Alongside the fairly predictable words for 2021, including 'vax', 'vaccine' and 'NFT' (non-fungible token – no, I don't understand it either...) the Cambridge Dictionary rather surprisingly chose '**perseverance**'. I thought this choice was really rather inspired – and it seemed that this might well become an excellent word for us all to take into this new year. Each of us in our own way has had to put up with some degree of upheaval in our lives over the past 18 months or so, and while reminding us that we are not yet rid of Covid-19, it encourages us to deal with issues as they arise and look forward to a time when life might return to something like 'normality', whatever that is! Our lives have all been transformed by

Covid-19. But as we enter the new year, I'm sure that we will continue to do our best to carry on with our lives, and resolve to do what we can to look out for our families and friends, and maybe help others who are in need. In short, to *persevere*.

That's such an easy thing to say, I know, so perhaps I could offer three more words from scripture that might help us to persevere on our journey through 2022.

Faith that we are not alone in facing our future, and that we will come through with help from our brilliant NHS and scientists, trusting that God will always be at our side.

Hope that the peoples of the world can live together in peace and learn to right the wrongs of the past. Hope that we might be spared the worst of any new crisis that might emerge in 2022.

Love for our families and friends, our neighbours and our communities, but also for this fragile world which has been damaged so much by our past negligence. 'Faith, hope and love abide, these three, but the greatest of these is love' (1 Corinthians 13:13).

Whatever you do, wherever you go, whoever you spend it with, along with Revd Bev, our Churchwardens Catherine and Helen and the rest of the team at St Michael & All Angels, I wish you all a very happy, healthy and peaceful new year.

Revd Gary Williamson



THE CIRCLE OF LIFE IN PIRBRIGHT

We welcome Laurie Kears to the family of God following her baptism in October



Why do we dress babies in onesies?
Because they can't dress themselves.

PIRBRIGHT HISTORIANS Quiz Time

- 1) Which famous African explorer's daughter lived in Pirbright in the 1930s?
2) A cottage stood on the site of a Pirbright pub at the time of Charles II. Which one?
Are you Foxed?

Answers 1) Annie Livingstone-Wilson, daughter of David Livingstone 2) The Fox Inn.

Local historian Richard Hartley (<https://www.foxcornerhistory.com/>) has discovered these & other fascinating facts about the history & occupants of all the properties in that area. Here is a 1920s postcard taken from the Malthouse Lane corner south to Rickford, compared with the 2012 Google Street View. *Jonathan Foster jonathan@pirbright.info*



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, please contact 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!



CHURCH SERVICES

All of our normal Sunday services are held in church, with access via Zoom for those unable to attend at church. Please contact Caroline Bews on 01483 289123 or email services@pirbrightchurch.org.uk if you would like to attend a service either in church or on zoom on a Sunday. Further information is also available from Catherine or Helen, or please or go to our website: www.pirbrightchurch.org.uk

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THE ARTS SOCIETY WOKING

The lecture on 11th January features Clive Stewart-Lockhart speaking on 'Clara: Rhino Superstar and Wonder of the Grand Tour'. We now have a group meeting on Normandy Village Hall. For more information contact Richard Jordan 07860 728522 or memdfas@gmail.com

PIRBRIGHT PARISH COUNCIL

New Year, New Projects

The Chairman and Councillors of Pirbright Parish Council wish all our residents, organisations and businesses a happy and fruitful New Year. This promises to be another busy year for the Parish Council with significant tree work planned in the first quarter of the year to address the condition of a number of trees around the village green and with a plan to plant 100 new trees as part of an initiative with Surrey County Council for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This will ensure that we have a positive management regime for the trees that form such an integral part of the character of Pirbright.

Traffic Calming

The Parish Council continues to liaise with Surrey County Council as the Highway



Authority on traffic calming schemes for School Lane, Dawney Hill, Gole Road and the Aldershot Road. The demand for such schemes throughout Surrey far outstrips available funding, and these schemes are progressed on a priority basis but we shall continue to make representations in support of residents' concerns.

Aircraft Noise Nuisance

We are aware that some residents have been concerned at the increased aircraft noise and traffic that has resulted from the growth in private jets using Farnborough Airport. The Farnborough Aerodrome

Consultative Committee (FACC) through our GBC representative will ensure that our views are heard. A 12 month review of the issues raised will be published on the FACC website <http://www.facc.org.uk>. Residents concerned about aircraft noise, should register their complaints about specific dates and times on the above website.

Flood Forum

The Pirbright Area Flood Forum, chaired by Jonathan Lord MP met in December and discussed a number of areas where flooding is an issue around the Parish. A number of remedial actions were logged and progress in several areas has been achieved over recent years thanks to SCC, GBC and the riparian landowners themselves. The Forum will meet at least twice in 2022 so if residents have concerns over flooding, please continue to log these on the Surrey County Council website (<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roadworks-and-maintenance/report-a-highway-problem/drainage-and-flooding>).

and Finally,..... Pavilion Progress.....

At the time of writing, and after lengthy delays, the Parish Council had just received some additional questions on the bid for funding for the Pirbright Community Sports Pavilion from Your Fund Surrey. We responded before the Christmas break, so it is hoped that the project may now be considered at the January meeting of Surrey County Council. Fingers crossed and further updates will follow in the February PeriNews.



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Parish website www.pirbright-pc.gov.uk

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LORD PIRBRIGHT'S HALL

Celebration of lights

We shall not be switching the new lights off on the traditional date of 6th January but after 7th, when we welcome back the St Edward Brotherhood for their Christmas celebration with their families. The Brotherhood live and worship in Brookwood Cemetery and their Orthodox church follows the Julian calendar, which runs two weeks later than the Gregorian calendar in wider use.

Christmas tree recycling

The collection point will be set up in the week before Christmas and collections will begin from Tuesday 28th December to Friday 14th January.

Caretaker (part time): We are still looking to fill this role. Please email the LPH Secretary for information on 01483 476432 LPH@pirbright-pc.gov.uk

RAWLINS CLUB

Our next meeting is on Friday 14th January from 2.00 to 4.00pm in Lord Pirbright's Hall. The talk will be 'The English Church' - What, Why, Where, When, Who....and How by Rev. Gary Williamson.

Denise Granger 01483 472070

PIRBRIGHT COUNTRY MARKET

We re-open on Thursday January 13th Forget about the cold and join us, a warm welcome awaits you at Lord Pirbright's Hall every Thursday morning between 10.00 and 11.15

Rosemary Richmond

PIRBRIGHT WI

Now serving Tea & Coffee in the Club Room, Lord Pirbright's Hall on Thursday mornings 10 – 11.15

A good place to meet and chat.



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION.

Our meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at the Fox Inn, Fox Corner at 8pm and are generally classed as social. Everyone is welcome to join us and find out more about the Legion and how we can help our veterans. Our first meeting of the New Year will be Monday, 10th January. Please come and join us.

Anne Hawkins 01252 404276

PIRBRIGHT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

We meet in the Clubroom of Lord Pirbright's Hall on Tuesday 11th January at 8pm. Mark Saunders will speak on 'Growing vegetables'. We welcome new members guests and visitors and we offer refreshments and good company.

Our membership fee for the year is likely to be increased due to the lack of income for the past year and the rising costs of speakers, so I do hope you will understand.

We aim to stage a show this year in July, our thanks to the Lempriere Trust for the donation to help cover the cost of printing our show schedule.

To those committee members who have stood down, a huge thank you for all your help and support over many years.

Philip Barralet



Just got fired from my job as a set designer.
I left without making a scene.

KEEPING IN TOUCH - CLLR KEITH WITHAM

The County and Borough Councillor for Pirbright is Keith Witham. He issues regular email newsletters / updates on Surrey/SCC, Guildford and local Village issues. Any resident can ask to be added to Keith's email circulation list. Just email that request to keithwitham1@hotmail.co.uk including your name, road name and postcode.



SUPPORT OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES

January, and most of us have a few post-Christmas calories to burn. If one of your New Year resolutions is to get back into shape, we have several local experts to help.

Rachel Mounter runs high impact training in the village hall—see the flier attached.

Ian Copp is a local freelance Personal Trainer who has been working within Pirbright and the local area for a number of years. He offers 1-2-1 coaching for anyone of any age/fitness level and also runs a weekly outdoor fitness class on Pirbright Green! To find out more about what a Personal Trainer does, or to trial a fitness class call

07855 368364 or email

ian@theptway.co.uk. Ian is offering a **FREE CLASS** for any new enquiry.

<http://www.theptway.co.uk> <http://www.facebook.com/theptway>



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:** Wednesdays from 8pm.

Ladies' Competitive Tennis: every Wednesday 6-8pm. **Quiz Night:** Friday 4th February. To book a table contact Ali Williams: Ali.williams03@gmail.com

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, please contact team captain jameshirth@hotmail.co.uk

Box leagues: organized internal club matches. Meet and play members at a time to suit you. Contact pkelly_whiterabbits@sky.com

Cardio Tennis: Thursdays (term time) 9.45 –10.45am. **Ball machine:** book online for free hitting sessions with full remote control. **Coaching:** In November we said farewell to our longstanding coach Tim Seymour. We are considering Tim's replacement and hope to make an announcement in February's PeriNews.

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

PIRBRIGHT CRICKET CLUB

I am driven by recent publicity given to Defibrillators and their need. Chelsea v Watford, Southampton v Leicester City, Ericson at the Euros—what do they have in common? Cardiac Arrest!

I'm not a medical expert but am advised that if someone has a sudden cardiac arrest the heart requires urgent attention within 10minutes. Only one in 20 people get that. The defibrillator at Wayback the Green is available 24/7 anyone familiar with Wayback will understand how to access it. I do not need to explain why.

Peter Austin

To add to Peter's plea, there is guidance when to use a defibrillator, and when NOT to:

If the person is unresponsive and not breathing, you're probably dealing with cardiac arrest. Use the defibrillator whilst someone calls an ambulance.

BUT

If the person is in pain but still breathing and responsive, it's most likely a heart attack. Do NOT use the defibrillator, but call an ambulance immediately.



CHURCHYARD CHRONICLES

Everyone is talking about something called Omicron, and wondering when it will come to Pirbright. The mice decided Omicron sounded like 'onion', and they hoped it was one of the church's famous barbecues - mice are always thinking about food! The birds wondered if 'mic' meant microphones, and it would be a music festival, with orchestras and singers - they enjoy a bit of music do the birds. The squirrels thought it sounded like a travelling circus, with clever performing animals but Owl, who is a bit of a clever-clogs, said micro means tiny so perhaps they would be performing fleas? No-body liked the thought of that - living in the wild we have plenty of those already!

I put them right of course. It is January after all, which is Epiphany, so Covid, Delta and Omicron must be the Three Wise Men!

Yellow Rabbit



PIRBRIGHT W.I.

Our first meeting of 2022 is Malcolm Wells MBE who will be entertaining us with a talk "So far so Good – Experiences in the Army and how to teach a dog to use a washing machine" on Tuesday 18th January at 7.00 pm in the Club Room in Lord Pirbright's Hall. Visitors are always welcome to come to our talks. **Please note our new starting times at our meeting, 7.00 pm from January.** New Year starting times for serving coffee and teas from 13th Jan at 10 am - 11.15. A time for a lovely chat while visiting the market. Irene Dredge 01483 233279 or email iredredge@outlook.com

JANUARY GARDENING TIPS from Wellie

If the weather is cold and wet, why not sit inside with a cup of tea and a slice of Christmas cake and plan what you would like to do in the garden for the rest of the year. Look at seed catalogues for ideas of what to sow. Apple and pear trees can still be pruned now, if there is no risk of frosts, by taking out any diseased, crossing or dead branches. Aim to end up with an open tree that allows light and air into it. Prune outdoor grapevines by mid January, rising sap 'bleeds' from pruning cuts later in spring. Buy and start chitting early potatoes. Chitting will help to bring on a slightly earlier and heavier crop. Mid-winter is a tough time for wildlife in the garden. Make sure there is a continuous supply of food and fresh water. Now is a good time to clean and sharpen your tools ready for use again in the spring. Smearing a thin film of oil over garden tools made of steel, or other metals liable to corrode, will protect them from rust. The wooden handles also benefit from a rub with linseed oil. It is not too late to aerate your lawn, as long as it is not frozen or waterlogged. Deciduous hedges can be renovated now by cutting one side, and the top to 15cm below desired height, leaving the other side until next year. Cut away old leaves of hellebores to show off their flowers, unless they are specially grown for their foliage.



PIRBRIGHT COMMUNITY CALENDAR JANUARY 2022

1	Sat		NEW YEAR'S DAY time to make those resolutions
2	Sun	10am	Family service in church and on zoom
8	Sat	7pm	Twinning Association Quiz LPH
9	Sun	10am	Holy Communion in church only
10	Mon	8pm	Royal British Legion meeting at The Fox Inn
11	Tues	8pm	Horticultural Society talk 'Growing Vegetables'
13	Thurs	10am	First Country Market of the year LPH including refreshments with WI
14	Fri	2pm	Rawlins Club talk 'The English Church' LPH Last day for Christmas tree recycling LPH
16	Sun	10am	Holy Communion in church and on zoom
18	Tues	7pm	WI meeting and talk 'So Far So Good'
23	Sun	10 am	Holy Communion and Baptism in church and on zoom
29	Sat	1:30 and 6:30	Dick Whittington - Pirbright Players LPH
30	Sun	10am 1:30 and 6:30	Holy Communion in church and on zoom Dick Whittington - Pirbright Players LPH
31		Mon	So how many New Year's resolutions have you managed to keep up this far?

*All events are expected to go ahead at time of publication.
If Government guidance changes please check with organisers.*

CUNNINGHAM HOUSE

Cunningham House were extremely lucky to have been nominated by Nicola Barker, an ex-House Committee member, to be Worpleston Golf Club's charity of 2021. Thanks to the huge generosity of all those involved in contributing their time and/or money, they were able to raise £25,000 for Cunningham House. This has enabled us to start work on updating the house, starting with the addition of en-suite shower rooms. After a very challenging time for the House, this positive step forward is a very welcome one! Lucy
<https://www.cunninghamhouse.co.uk/>



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