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HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

In June this year the country will celebrate the seventieth year of the Queen's reign, on the date of her coronation in 1953. So why are we celebrating in 2022? Did you know that the Princess Elizabeth became Queen in the early hours of February 6th, 1952, on the death of her father, King George VI. So the day of her accession to the Throne is actually a very sad day for Her Majesty, as it is the anniversary of the death of someone she loved very much. That is why we always celebrate her jubilees on the date of her coronation but in the anniversary year of her accession.

Look out for details of events in Pirbright to celebrate Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in the April edition of PeriNews. In the meantime, perhaps you could enter the national competition to invent a suitable pudding for the occasion?



THE YEAR OF THE TIGER

The Chinese New Year falls on February 1st this year and this is Year of the Tiger. The tiger is the king of all beasts in China, and people born in a Tiger year are competitive, self-confident, brave, and with great willpower and strength. Tiger years are 1938, 1950, 1962, 1974, 1986, 1998, 2010, 2022

PIRBRIGHT HISTORIANS



Winters? "Cor! Winters ain't what they used to be", cry us oldies... Stone hot water bottles. Ice on the inside of windows to write your name on. Chilblains. Frozen cream lollipop on top of glass milk bottles. Tobogganing. Sliding on the pond. And skating. Here's a lovely photo from the early '50s. Who are these happy girls? Please let us know.

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ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH



Just a thought.....

What's love got to do with it?

February is the shortest month of the year, but it marks some of the important sacred and secular days that we celebrate. These include: The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple (2nd); The Queen's Accession to the Throne in 1952 (6th); Racial Justice Sunday' (13th), a call for all Christians to join in the righteous struggle for racial justice, and St Valentine's Day on the 14th. But just who is St Valentine and why do we place so much emphasis on the importance of love?

Back in the 70s Tina Turner sang '*What's love got to do with it? What's love but a second-hand emotion?*'

I wonder, is love really a second-hand emotion? I don't know what love as a second-hand emotion looks like, but in answer to Tina Turner's question, 'What's love and what's love got to do with it?' I would respond, 'Everything!'

For example, in the New Testament, there are three Greek words that translate into English as love:

Eros, meaning lust,

Philia, meaning brotherly or sisterly love and affection, and

Agape love, meaning unconditional love that is available to everyone through the grace of God.

This is the highest form of love, the love of God for humanity, and the love of humanity for God.

So in what way is such unconditional love connected with St Valentine's Day celebrations?

The Church's celebration of

St Valentine's Day had nothing to do with valentine's day as we celebrate it today. It followed the martyrdom of Valentine of Rome, a priest, martyred in 269 AD and Valentine of Terni, a bishop, martyred at Rome in 273 AD. It seems that the stories of the two people called Valentine became confused over time, and their two martyrdoms became one commemoration.

Father Valentine, the priest, laid everything on the line for what he believed in. He put the needs of others above himself, sacrificed his all and gave without demanding anything in return. That's agape love – the kind of unconditional love that recognises God's love for us and that 'we love, because God first loved us' (**1 John 4:19**).

Valentine's day is not limited merely to couples in love. It has a wide appeal for many people, as it captures something of God's love for us and the human love that we have for each other. In this regard, love is not a second-hand emotion at all. It is the greatest of all human qualities. It comes from God, through his Son Jesus Christ, who gave us the new commandment 'to love one another as he loves us'.

Such love is activated in us through the Holy Spirit who makes God real to us and enables us to experience God's love and presence in our lives.

So, as I close, I ask, if you could take love, put it in a box and wrap it up as a gift to give to those whom you love, what would you put in the box?



Rev Bev...

CUNNINGHAM HOUSE

Pre-Covid, when it was safe to share air space with others, Cunningham House was a popular choice for Duke of Edinburgh volunteers. We welcomed many young people into the house to complete their volunteering hours by helping out in a variety of ways, including playing the piano, baking, helping in the garden and playing blackjack (using Smarties as chips of course!) But most of all, the residents and volunteers enjoyed chatting to each other; exchanging stories of their hopes and dreams for the future, and their memories of the past. We hope to be able to have our young volunteers safely back in the house soon, but in the meantime, they have been completing their volunteering hours by baking delicious cakes at home for the residents' tea and sweeping leaves in the garden. If any slightly older individuals are interested in volunteering at Cunningham House, our House Committee are currently looking for new members.

Please contact the house if you are interested on 01483 488 751.

Lucy



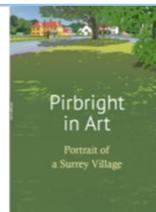
CHURCH PLANT SALE 14th May



I know summer planting seems a very long way off, but get the date into your diary now for the annual church plant sale, in the churchyard, on Saturday 14th May, and start dreaming about your perfect summer garden.

PIRBRIGHT IN ART : a portrait of a Surrey Village

Last few copies remaining! Don't miss out on your chance to own this beautiful book, a unique collection of images of Pirbright and Pirbright life from local artists of all kinds. Thanks to the kind support of Seymours Estate Agents and the Lempriere Trust all sales will support our village church. Contact Helen at helen-churchwarden@pirbrightchurch.org.uk



THE CIRCLE OF LIFE IN PIRBRIGHT

We welcome Arabella Lily Stone to the family of God following her baptism

We remember with gratitude for the lives of Mildred Florence Smith and Graham Fox who passed away recently.



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 go to our website: www.pirbrightchurch.org.uk

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PIRBRIGHT PARISH COUNCIL



Heartfelt Thanks!

After an astonishing 47 years and 11 months of service to the community of Pirbright, Cllr Rosemary Richmond will be retiring from her role as a Parish Councillor at the end of January 2022. Rosemary joined the council and attended her first meeting as Councillor on 4th March 1974, following in her father and grandfather's footsteps who had both served on the parish council before her. Rosemary served on numerous committees of the Parish Council and was Vice Chairman of the Council for many years, as well as being a Trustee of Lord Pirbright's Hall and Recreation Ground. Rosemary has also been a part of the weekly country market held at LPH for many many years. How the village has changed since Rosemary first took up the role. Her enthusiasm and knowledge of village life has been invaluable. The Council thank Rosemary wholeheartedly for her service and wish her every happiness for the future.

Heathland Habitat Helpers needed on Mon 21 February

What's a great Christmas-excess green workout? Conservation volunteering with the Surrey Countryside Partnerships team on Pirbright Common! Our team will be back, clearing more invasive scrub from this



special heathland site, to open up the habitat so the rare flora and fauna can thrive, from 10am until around 3pm on Monday 21 February. Please wear old clothes, stout footwear. Our friendly crew will provide tools, instruction and good humour in spades. Meeting point: small parking area at the end of Chapel Lane. To let us know you'd like to join in, please e mail

mole.project@surreycc.gov.uk .

Thanks to the Community Speedwatch Volunteers

The Parish Council would like to thank the community speedwatch volunteers who have stood in the cold, rain, heat and wind to perform 34 sessions since last April, roughly one per week, with 466 offences having been reported to the police, which is approx 14 offences per session. We really do appreciate your dedication to helping reduce the risk of speeding through Pirbright and Fox Corner. We are always keen to welcome more volunteers into the fold and if you would like to join one of the friendly teams, please contact the Clerk.

Could You be a Parish Councillor?



"Your Parish Council Needs YOU"

Do you live in the Parish? Do you love where you live and have some time to devote to issues

that arise in and around Pirbright, Fox Corner, Stanford and West Heath through this voluntary role? We are looking for a volunteer to become a new Councillor and welcome you onto the Parish Council. Please contact the Clerk to find out more.

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Parish Clerk: Helen Myers, clerk@pirbright-pc.gov.uk 07485 411214

Parish website www.pirbright-pc.gov.uk

Lord Pirbright's Hall Lindsay Graham lph@pirbright-pc.gov.uk tel 01483 476432

LORD PIRBRIGHT'S HALL

Good News!

We welcome Mark Tidy, from The Gardens, who has joined the Hall team as the new part-time caretaker.

While January saw the postponement of two club quiz nights, we have received several enquiries for bookings for children's parties and wedding receptions, and our regular weekly dance and fitness groups are flourishing. .

RAWLINS CLUB

Our next meeting is on Friday 11th February 2.00 to 4.00pm in Lord Pirbright's Hall. The talk will be 'Nursing in a Pre-Technological Age' by Dee Roberts.



Denise Granger 01483 472070

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION.

Our meeting this month is on Monday 14th February at 8pm at The Fox Inn, Fox Corner. New and current members are all welcome to join us for this social event. Contact Anne Hawkins 01252 404276

PIRBRIGHT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Our February meeting is on Tuesday 8th at 8pm in the Clubroom of Lord Pirbright's Hall with Mark Dobell speaking on "Climate change through gardeners' eyes".

We welcome members, visitors and guests, refreshments will be available, do join us for another interesting evening.

We will keep an eye on the virus situation and notify members of any changes of plans!



PIRBRIGHT WI.

The talk this month is 'Legal Cannabis' and the speaker is Louise Camby on Tuesday 15th Feb at 7.00 pm in the clubroom in Lord Pirbright's Hall. Visitors are welcome.

Coffee and Teas at 10 am - 11.15 am in the Clubroom Thursday mornings. A time for a lovely chat while visiting the market.

Irene Dredge 01483 233279 or email iredredge@outlook.com



PIRBRIGHT COUNTRY MARKET

"February is merely as long as is needed to pass the time until March."

As New Year Resolutions are made and broken there is one you really should try and keep, to be at Lord Pirbright's Hall every Thursday 10am to 11.15am. Here you will find Pirbright Country Market; with a vast range of home made cakes, savouries, preserves, and plants; together with the biggest range of crafts imaginable.

Rosemary Richmond

TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Please note we have changed the date of our Crepe Supper. It will now take place on Sunday 20 March 2022 at 7pm. Put the date in your diary! Further details will be available nearer the time.

ARTS SOCIETY WOKING

At our next meeting on 8th February in Normandy Village Hall, Jane Tapley presents 'Agatha Christie, Queen of Crime'. For more details contact memdfas@gmail.com or 01276685293

NAMING CHILDREN

Three new fathers were in a pub. 'My son was born on St George's Day,' said the first, 'so obviously we called him George.' 'That's a coincidence,' said the second man, 'my daughter was born on Valentine's Day, so we decided to call her Valentine.' 'That's amazing!' cried the third, 'Exactly the same thing happened with my boy Pancake.'



SUPPORT OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES

Spring is on the horizon, and it's time to start thinking about sprucing up the old place after winter. Luckily we have wonderful experts in our community who can help (not like Yellow Rabbit and his friends!).

We came across Dan at **Chameleon** when they decorated the village hall last autumn, look out for their flier in this edition.

DecorMate - another local, Lewis McCombe is a quality painter & decorator, who will sort out your exterior painting, windows, doors, facias, as well as all interior wallpapering and quality painting. He provides a professional service with professional materials at competitive prices, and can provide references and recommendations from local customers. Tel: 01483 475620 / 07877 172066 Email: decormate2@gmail.com



WOKING FOOD BANK – your help is still needed

The need for help from foodbanks across Surrey is still very high, and likely to rise in coming months. Many families and individuals are still struggling to get back on their feet and need help with basic essentials.

YOU can do your bit! You can add a few extra items to your weekly shop, and leave them in the bin by the gate at Linnards on the Little Green, or give Catherine Cobley a ring on 481234 for a collection.

Donating money to the Foodbank can be even better, because they can buy exactly what is needed, and get it at cheaper wholesale prices. Go to woking.foodbank.org.uk/give-help. Please do what you can to help.



PIRBRIGHT TENNIS CLUB

www.pirbrighttennisclub.com

Mix-In Club Night: every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month until end of February, from 6.30pm.

Men's Competitive Tennis: Wednesdays from 8pm. **Ladies' Competitive Tennis:** Wednesdays 6-8pm.

Quiz Night: save the date 25th March

Ladies' Morning: every Monday 9am.

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.

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



PIRBRIGHT CRICKET CLUB

Sic transit Gloria mundi.... what would we ever have expected, even 3 years ago... could we ever have envisaged this Covid infested world? However Pirbright Cricket Club has also changed radically - despite Covid!! Due to Chris Smith's enthusiasm and drive we have walking cricket, ladies sides, multiple Saturday and Sunday teams. Wonderful and so exciting for a new future which is manifesting itself!

I also have a special announcement - Charlie Miller, currently ensconced in Chicago, has taken over as President. Charlie is aware he has big boots to fill.

Peter Austin



CHURCHYARD CHRONICLES

As everyone is getting into the decorating mood, the churchyard animals decided to give the church a fresh coat of paint. We found a large tin of paint and some brushes in a cupboard, and got to work. But we hadn't got far when it became clear that the paint we had would not be enough to finish the job. We didn't fancy a trip to Homebase to buy some more, a storm was on its way, and we just wanted to get it finished. Then the squirrels had the bright idea that, if we thinned the paint with water, we would be able to finish the job before it started to rain., and then we could all go home, So that's what we did. The thinned paint went on very quickly, and we stood back to admire our handiwork. To be honest, it wasn't quite as good as we had hoped. In fact it was a bit of a mess. One by one, the animals began to slink away, before the Churchwardens caught us and told us to do it again properly.

We hadn't got as far as the Lych Gate when the heavens opened, the rain teemed down, and we watched as all our hard work was washed away. Suddenly, from the clouds, a great, booming voice called down, "THINNERS REPAINT! REPAINT AND THIN NO MORE"

So I can't stop, there's still a lot to do!

Yellow Rabbit



FEBRUARY GARDENING TIPS from Wellie

Bulbous and tuberous plants kept in containers over winter can get damp and rot. Pots of dahlias, agapanthus and lilies should be stacked on their sides, one on top of the other, in a cold greenhouse to stop moisture getting into the roots. When the weather improves in February or March, stand them the right way up, water well and start them growing again. Cut back herbaceous perennials and deciduous grasses left for winter interest before new growth commences. Prune shrubs hard such as Cornus and Salix grown for winter coloured stems. Winter flowering jasmine can be pruned after it has finished flowering. Prune Wisteria and Campsis by cutting back side shoots to 2 or 3 buds. Prune late summer flowering shrubs such as Buddleja, Lavatera and Fuchsia hard. In the greenhouse aubergines, tomatoes, chilli, celery, cabbage and leeks can be sown.

Outside in the vegetable garden peas, parsnips, broad bean, shallots and onion sets can be sown. Buy seed potatoes and start chitting them. Try to finish pruning apple and pear trees by the end of the month. Cut autumn raspberry canes to ground level ensuring you leave no stumps to harbour diseases. Prune out a quarter of black-currant older growth at ground level. Put up bird and bat boxes, keep bird feeders and birdbaths topped up, and clean them regularly. An old saying of weather lore comes as a warning to

gardeners as well as wildlife – If the birds sing before Candlemas (2nd February), they will cry before May.



PIRBRIGHT COMMUNITY CALENDAR FEBRUARY 2022

2	Wed	10:15am	Candlemas, said Communion in church, and café club
6	Sun	10:00am	Family service in church and on zoom
8	Tues	10:00am 8:00pm	Arts Society Woking, Normandy Village Hall Horticultural Society meeting, LPH
11	Fri	2:00pm	Rawlins Club, Nursing in the pre-technological age
13	Sun	10:00am	Holy Communion in church
14	Mon	8:00pm	Royal British Legion meeting, The Fox Inn
15	Tues	7:00pm	WI talk 'Legal Cannabis' LPH
20	Sun	10:00am	Holy Communion in church and on zoom
21	Mon	10:00am	Heathland Habitat Helpers Chapel Lane car park
27	Sun	10:00am	Holy Communion in church and on zoom

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



ST VALENTINE'S DAY



and for Pirbright clubs and societies, romance is in the air.

The Horticultural Society are saying it with flowers, again.

The Tennis Club are scoring Love All.

The Cricket Club are bowling a Maiden over.

The Pirbright Players will perform Love's Labours Lost, when they can find the script.

The Pirbright Bonfire Society have found their perfect match.

The Village Pond Boating Club are getting very row-mantic.

The bellringers are having a few ups and downs in their relationships.

The Macramé Society have decided to tie the knot.

The Pirbright Antipodean Society are spending koalaity time together.

The Pirbright Zoological Society have found their significant otter.

The Pirbright Anglers and **The Pirbright Cobblers** have both found their sole mates.

The Fans of Social Media Society have found their Tweetheart

The Pirbright Magnetism Society are very attractive.

The Pirbright Volcanologists have fallen in lava.

Squire Furneaux are not getting involved with all this romantic stuff.

....the Editor has gone to lie down, hopefully she will be back to normal by March



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