



St Michael & All Angels Church  
Pirbright Parish Council

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**A VERY HAPPY EASTER TO ALL OUR READERS**



## **CUNNINGHAM HOUSE – Welcome on Board!**

Cunningham House, our local Abbeyfield Society home for the independent elderly, has a few important vacancies on its board of trustees. Joining our board is a great way to contribute to our community, and to the well-being of our local older generation.

We have 2 roles in particular that we are keen to fill. As our new **Treasurer** you will work closely with our bookkeeper to ensure that Cunningham House keeps careful accounts, regularly reviews performance within our financial controls, and guides the board on all financial matters.

Our new **Secretary** will help us keep to our governance rules, take and distribute minutes at trustee meetings, and sit at the heart of the board and its strategic decisions.

Neither post requires previous trustee experience, but a willingness to contribute to a financially healthy and well-run home. We have happy residents, brilliant staff, and a wealth of delightful and talented committee members. The board meets 5 times a year, so the time commitment is not onerous. Please contact me for a chat to find out more, via the Cunningham House website at [cunninghamhousepirbright@gmail.com](mailto:cunninghamhousepirbright@gmail.com)

*Ann Bourne, Chair*

## **ENERGY SAVING**

With the lifting of the electricity price cap this month, the cost of energy is a serious challenge to all, including the Parish Council. In a measure to save energy and reduce light pollution, the council have proposed switching street lights off at 10pm. Since they are on the same grid, this will mean that School Lane and Pirbright Tunnel Lane traffic lights will also shut down at the same time, but it is expected that motorists will adjust quickly and alternative routes can be signposted.

The White Hart and Cricketers have confirmed that they will continue to serve customers after 10pm by candlelight, which many customers feel will add greatly to the atmosphere. Candles will not be permitted in the Village Hall but lettings may continue after 10pm if hirers bring their own torches. In Church Lane, the on-demand lights along the churchyard wall will only stay on for half the current time. Trials show that pedestrians will only need to speed up to a gentle run to cover the distance between the Lych Gate and the war memorial before the lights go out, and the Surgery have confirmed that the extra exercise will be a health bonus. As both the church and village hall clocks are wound electronically they will now only strike alternate hours to save power, the church clock will strike the odd hours, the village hall the even hours. Energy saving measures come into force on 1st April.



## ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH



### *Just a thought.....*

#### **The Burdens We Carry**

At this time of year, our thoughts usually turn to upcoming holidays, meeting up with friends and relatives over the Easter break – let's face it, *happy* thoughts.

Although we may well be thinking of joyful happy things this year, at the time of writing, the world is holding its breath at the situation in Eastern Europe and the suffering of the people of Ukraine. Shortly before the outbreak of World War 2 our then Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain chose to downplay the Nazi invasion of Czechoslovakia (now the Czech Republic and Slovakia) by referring to "a quarrel in a faraway land between people of which we know nothing."

Apart from its actual physical size, the world we live in now is in nearly every way much, much smaller than it was back in 1938. Ukraine and Russia are not faraway lands, and we know a lot more about them than our forebears did. That said, I'm sure we are all thankful that the situation in Ukraine hasn't – yet – directly threatened *our* lives, or the lives of *our* loved ones. But there have been thousands of people here in the UK who have been doing whatever they can to lighten the burden that is weighing so heavily on the millions of refugees who have been fleeing their homes seeking safety and shelter.

For the Christian Church, Easter is arguably the most important annual festival, and of

course it's only right that we should all enjoy some time with families and friends (not to mention chocolate...). But although the first Easter does indeed remind us that Jesus Christ was raised from the dead, that first Easter began with his trial, his abandonment by his followers, his ridicule, his suffering and finally his death. A horribly cruel, agonisingly painful and slow death.

During Lent, I re-read a wonderful little book by the now Archbishop of York (Stephen Cottrell, 2008, *The Things He Carried*, London: SPCK ) where I found the following: 'He treads a path of suffering, step by painful step...He carries the battered woundedness of everyone who has been trapped and convicted by the foul depravity of all the awfulness we do to each other... ...[But] there is a light flickering within him that will not be snuffed out...not when he [is] ridiculed, forsaken, defeated.'

So as we rejoice this Easter, let us also be mindful that our brothers and sisters in Ukraine may well have precious little to rejoice in. Let us be with them in spirit. Let us pray with the world for an end to *their* suffering, for *their* light not to be snuffed out.

**Revd Gary Williamson**



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## NEW CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR

We are delighted to welcome Heidi Gower to the team as the new Church Administrator, do say hello when you see her! Heidi's contact details are on page 2.



## EASTER TRAIL

From Good Friday to Easter Monday children of all ages can enjoy an Easter trail in the Churchyard of St Michael and All Angels. Follow the signs and find out more about Christ's life on Earth, and what it means for us today. You can download the trail sheet from the church website, [www.pirbrightchurch.org.uk](http://www.pirbrightchurch.org.uk) or pick one up in the church porch. When you have finished the trail, pop along to the Waffle Station and show your completed entry form to pick up your prize (and perhaps reward yourself with a waffly treat?). Huge thanks to the lovely people in the Waffle Station who will be in the Avenue de Cagny car park from 9am-5pm, Good Friday through to Easter Monday.

## EASTER SERVICES



10<sup>th</sup> April - Palm Sunday 10am Holy Communion.  
(Jesus rides into Jerusalem).

14<sup>th</sup> April - Maundy Thursday 10.30am Holy Communion  
with stripping of the Altar.

15<sup>th</sup> April - Good Friday Reflections - 2-3pm.

17<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Day 10am All-age service with Communion  
Celebration, with Pirbright Gospel Choir.

All services will be held in the Church and can also be accessed via zoom, details for zoom links below.

## CHURCH PLANT SALE

Saturday 14th May in the churchyard for all your annuals, veg, perennials and hanging baskets, as well as cakes and a sausage sizzle. The garden paraphernalia stall is back too. Thanks to the kind sponsorship of Knight Frank Estate Agents, all proceeds will help to support the church building and the work of the church in our community.



## GARDEN WALKS

Another popular Pirbright Summer fixture returns with the open garden trail on Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th June, with some old favourites for you to see how they have grown, and some new gardens for you to wander through for inspiration, or just to enjoy. And there will be cream teas too, after all that walking!

## THE CIRCLE OF LIFE IN PIRBRIGHT

***We welcome to the church family*** Matilda and Henry Schultz-Gerhardt following their Baptism in March.



## CHURCH SERVICES

All are welcome to join our services, and access via Zoom will continue for those unable to attend in the church. Please contact Caroline Bews on 01483 289123 or email [services@pirbrightchurch.org.uk](mailto:services@pirbrightchurch.org.uk) for the link if you would like to join the service by zoom. Full details of all services are on our website: [www.pirbrightchurch.org.uk](http://www.pirbrightchurch.org.uk)

## PIRBRIGHT PARISH COUNCIL

### Have Your Say!! The 125<sup>th</sup> Annual Parish Meeting

Parishioners are invited to the Parish Council's 125<sup>th</sup> Assembly of Electors, which will be held in Lord Pibright's Hall on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm. This is a chance for parishioners to hear from their representatives, to ask questions and raise local concerns. Presentations include those from the Parish Council, Lord Pibright's Hall and Cllr Keith Witham (Borough and County Councillor) and, subject to Parliamentary commitments, Jonathan Lord MP. There will also be presentations by the Twinning Association, the Pibright Institute and Graeme Marks who will give an update on the Pibright Community Sports Pavilion. The floor will then be open for questions. Refreshments will be served during the interval.

### Volunteers Needed for an Organised Litter Picking Day - Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April

The Parish Council have secured 20 sets of litter picking equipment to give the Parish a good spring clean this



Easter weekend. If you can spare an hour, please join Councillors and the Clerk, meeting in the car park of Lord Pibright's Hall at 2pm on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April to be issued with equipment. From there volunteers can spread out to clear any part of the parish they choose. Any queries, please contact the Clerk.

### Big Jubilee Lunch for Over 70s

Personal invitations will be going out in May to all those who have contacted the Clerk to come along to the complimentary 2 course lunch which will be served in Lord Pibright's Hall on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June as part of the Queen's Jubilee celebrations. There will be live entertainment, wine and there are still seats remaining so please continue to contact the Clerk to book your place at this memorable celebration.

### Volunteers Needed

The Parish Council are looking for Volunteers to serve food at the Big Jubilee Lunch for the Over 70s. If you can spare a couple of hours on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June we would love to hear from you. No experience necessary! Please contact the Clerk.



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### TWINNING ASSOCIATION

The visit of our French friends from Cagny is getting closer. We have now arranged accommodation and are planning activities for the weekend 27-29 May, including a welcome drink on Friday 27 May at 6pm to which we would like to invite Pibrighters, whether or not they have previously attended Twinning activities. This will take place at Pibright Village School, thanks to the Head Teacher. The Mayor of Guildford has been invited to make a toast to 30 years of twinning. Please let me know if you would like to attend. Further details of the weekend's arrangements in May's Perinews. Lucy Baker [lucyb2477@gmail.com](mailto:lucyb2477@gmail.com)



## PIRBRIGHT HISTORIANS

With the plight of Ukrainian refugees much in mind, during his ongoing research on the Heath Mill area, Richard Hartley has discovered Heath Cottage was probably a haven for Jewish refugees prior to WW2. In the late 1920s, with the writing on the wall, Bessie & John Huber fled Vienna for Send Marsh. Divorced in 1934, Bessie purchased Heath Cottage & there is a strong possibility she provided a safe haven for other Jews, as in 1939 she is living there with her brother & four others. Her father died at Treblinka in 1942 & a brother in Belarus. Bessie continued to live there until 1981, when she was 88 & died two years later. You can read a fuller story, with photos, on Richard's admirable web-site ([www.foxcornerhistory.com](http://www.foxcornerhistory.com)).

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

## PIRBRIGHT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

At the meeting on Tuesday 12th April Gary Price will speak on 'Garden Design for Shade'. 8pm in the Clubroom of Lord Pirbright's Hall, all welcome.

Subscriptions are now due, for details please contact [Juliandidyk@sky.com](mailto:Juliandidyk@sky.com).

**Plant sale** 21st & 22nd May at 5, West Heath, Pirbright.

**Annual show** 30th July in LPH. For the Children's competition, seeds of pot marigolds will be available at the March meeting, as will the seeds for the adults, if you are unable to collect your seeds at the meeting, please contact Julian Didyk; 07799207059 or Philip Barralet on 01483 473737. Any cup winners are asked to return your trophies to Philip asap, and CLEANED please!

## PIRBRIGHT WI.

Michael Larkin is talking about Antiques and Valuations on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00 pm in the Clubroom in Lord Pirbright's Hall. Visitors are always welcome.

We continue to serve Coffee and Tea in the club room on Thursday mornings 10-11.15am, a good place to meet and chat after visiting the market. We look forward to seeing you.

Irene Dredge 01483 233279  
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## RAWLINS CLUB

Our next meeting is on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2.00 - 4.00pm in Lord Pirbright's Hall. There will be a very short AGM followed by a talk "On his first Leave" – the love story of Brian and Margery Dowling by Sue Hatt.

*Denise Granger 01483 472070*

## PIRBRIGHT COUNTRY MARKET

April is a promise that May is bound to keep' (*Hal Borland*)

The arrival of spring is a good time to see what we have to offer here at Pirbright Country Market. As well as our vast range of foods, crafts, preserves you will find a selection of Easter gifts, plants and greetings cards. As usual you will find us in Lord Pirbright's Hall Every Thursday 10am – 11.15am

*Rosemary Richmond*



## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION.

Members and visitors are welcome to join us for our social evening at The Fox, Fox Corner at 8pm on Monday, 11th April when they can learn about The Legion and how we can help veterans and serving officers.

*Anne Hawkins 01252 404276*

## ARTS SOCIETY WOKING

At our next meeting on 12th April in Normandy Village Hall, Carol Rayman will speak on 'Catherine de Medici: Poor Queen, The story of three in a marriage'.  
[memdfas@gmail.com](mailto:memdfas@gmail.com) or 01276685293

## SUPPORT OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES

**Glass Art by Dean** Did you know we have a very talented glass engraver in our village? You may have seen Dean Lake at the Sea Fair last summer, but he has been the go-to artist for many local organisations, not least the church, when they have wanted something a bit special to say thank you, or farewell. From vases engraved with amazingly detailed local scenes, to glasses with a favourite subject, logo or personal message, if you want something engraved, Dean can do it for you. Dean and his family are very much part of the local community, in fact on a Thursday night you'll probably find Dean and daughters in the bellringing chamber! Find out more about his work at [www.GlassArtByDean.co.uk](http://www.GlassArtByDean.co.uk)

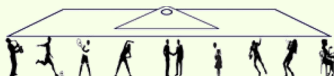


## PIRBRIGHT COMMUNITY SPORTS PAVILION

### Community Sports Pavilion Secures Funding!

Just as Perinews goes to print we have learned that Surrey County Council have awarded Pirbright a grant of up to £300,000 to help with the development of the proposed Community Sports Pavilion on the village green. This is fabulous news and is testament to the hard work and dedication of the team led by the late Derek Bytheway, without whose perseverance and enthusiasm this would not have been possible. The next challenge is to complete the final fundraising from past pledges and other sources and get the necessary measures in place to secure the grant and commence the build. It is hoped this will now happen in the autumn of 2022.

Our thanks to Councillor Witham for his support for the application.



### PIRBRIGHT TENNIS CLUB

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

Subscriptions due: 1st April

Mix-In Club Night: Tuesdays from 6.30pm.

Men's Competitive Tennis Wednesdays 8pm

Ladies' Competitive Tennis: Wednesdays 6-8pm. Ladies' Morning: Monday 9am.

Box leagues: organized internal club matches. [paulkelly.pirbright@gmail.com](mailto:paulkelly.pirbright@gmail.com)

Ladies Drills and Match Play: Tuesdays 9.30-11.

Cardio Tennis: Thursdays 9.45-10.45am.

Coaching (Individual and Group): Michael Jefferies, 07748 767339

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New membership: Monika Driscoll: e-mail: [driscollmonika@gmail.com](mailto:driscollmonika@gmail.com)



### PIRBRIGHT CRICKET CLUB

We are so lucky at PCC, our heritage, our village and our community. To sustain all of this we need to see more people playing the main fixtures this Summer.... it is a village team and it's for us all, so please think of yourselves as potential players. We have so many youngsters which is wonderful but let's have some more core players too. I MEAN YOU !!! please!! its fun and you do not need to be highly skilled. Chairman is not noted for being exactly the best ! News of Terry and Sheila Kinsella is that they are at Beaumont Lodge in Camberley and will be there for the foreseeable future... please think about them and perhaps send them a card... It's lonely there!

*Peter Austin*





## CHURCHYARD CHRONICLES

I'm a bit worried about our neighbours, they have been having a very bad time lately. The local bully has been throwing his weight around, hurting them, trampling all over their homes, stopping them getting food and frightening all the children. That bully is not a nice piece of work, and if I see him I shall tell him so!

Trouble is, it's easy for me to say that, safe in my cosy church porch. It is a lot harder for those he has been hurting, and I have to admit, I am full of admiration for those who are standing up to him. Maybe I can't fight him, but perhaps I can help those he is hurting, by adding my (admittedly small and quite squeaky) voice to those condemning him, and finding a few pounds for the collecting tin when it comes round.

And now might be a good time to say a big Pirbright Thank You to all the brave young men and women here in Pirbright Camp who, if ever that nasty bully comes our way, are ready to step into the front line to defend us, our homes and our country. Heroes, every one of them.

*Yellow Rabbit*



The problem with kleptomaniacs is that they always take things literally.

## APRIL GARDENING TIPS from Wellie

**(and congratulations on achieving her Post-Graduate Diploma in Garden Design)**

Hydrangea flowerheads left for winter protection can be cut off now. Remove old flowerheads from mophead and lace cap hydrangeas to just above a pair of buds, cut out any thin, weak stems around the base of the plant and remove one or two of the largest, oldest stems as low down as possible to the base to promote new shoots. Hydrangea serrata and quercifolia are lightly pruned, just removing old flower heads. Hydrangea paniculata and arborescens, which flower on this year's growth can be pruned back harder without losing this year's flowers. Check roses for blackspot, remove any infected leaves and treat with a fungicide. Sow hardy annuals and wildflowers in gaps in the garden. Cut back Penstemons now. Take a close look before pruning, some produce a mass of new shoots at the base of the plant, so old stems should be cut back close to the soil. When new growth is visible only along the stems, trim them to 15-20cm from the ground, just above a shoot. Encourage bushy growth on Marguerites, Pelargoniums and Fuchsias in the greenhouse, by pinching out the tips. Spray weeds on driveways and paths this month when they are actively growing. Use a spring/summer feed on the lawn (it should be high in nitrogen to encourage strong leafy green swards) Carry on sowing vegetables directly into prepared soil including carrots, turnip, peas, broadbeans, spinach and lettuce. Sow tender courgettes, cucumbers and pumpkins in a heated propagator or sunny window sill. Plant out autumn sown sweet peas.



## PIRBRIGHT COMMUNITY CALENDAR APRIL 2022

1	Fri	10:15am	National slippers day - wear yours with pride
3	Sun	10:00am	Family service in church and on zoom
6	Wed	10:15am	Holy Communion and Café Club in church
8	Fri	2:00pm	Rawlins Club, talk 'On His First Leave' LPH
10	Sun	10:00am	Palm Sunday Holy Communion in church and on zoom
11	Mon	8:00pm	Royal British Legion meeting, The Fox Inn
12	Tues	10:00am 8:00pm	Arts Society , Catherine de Medici, Normandy Village Hall Horticultural Society, 'Gardens for shade' LPH Clubroom
14	Thurs	10:30am	Maundy Thursday Service Holy Communion and stripping of the Altar, in church and on zoom
15	Fri	2:00pm	Good Friday Reflections in church 2-3pm
16	Sat	2:00pm	Organised Litter Picking, meet LPH car park
17	Sun	10:00am	Easter Sunday All Age celebration with Holy Communion with Gospel Choir, in church and on zoom
19	Tues	7:00pm	WI meeting, Antiques and Valuations, LPH
23	Sat		St George's Day -
24	Sun	10:00am	Holy Communion in church and on zoom followed by Annual Parochial Church Meeting
25	Mon	8:00pm	Annual Parish Meeting, Parish Council, LPH



### BAGGING THE BEST SEAT

As Eddie (aged five) and Henry (aged four) climbed into the back seats of Granny's car Eddie called out "I bags the left side!" Not to be outdone Henry countered "No, I want the left side!"



Eddie: "I'm the oldest, I should have the left side!"

Henry: "That's not fair, I want the left side!"

Granny, ever the peacekeeper, stepped in, "Eddie can have the left side this time, and Henry can have the left when we come back."

"Hooray!" crowed the triumphant Eddie then, after a pause

"Which is the left side Granny?"

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