



St Michael & All Angels Church  
Pirbright Parish Council

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## FAREWELL AND THANK YOU TO REV BEV, page 3

### TWINNING ASSOCIATION - BIENVENUE À NOS AMIS DE CAGNY!

Our twinning friends from Cagny will be visiting us from 27<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> May. We have organised an interesting programme for them and hope that a few from Pirbright will join us for the weekend. Please get in touch with me if you would like to join our trip to the Weald and Downland Museum on Saturday



28<sup>th</sup> May. We will also be holding a dinner at Lord Pirbright's Hall on the Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm for which tickets will be available at £25 per head. For tickets please contact James Grimshaw by 10 May (Bank: sort code 30=99-80 Ac 01174367 Pirbright Twinning Association). For further details please contact the Chairman, *Lucy Baker*

### JOIN TEAM PHOENIX !

Team Phoenix is the Pirbright Women's Cricket Team, and we would love you to join us for some serious fun.

2021 was our first season and we've already had more fun than any traditional cricket team has had in the past 800 years. The format of our matches is simple and we play

with a soft cricket ball.

Training is on Tuesdays 18:45– 20:00,

Team pub session 20:01.



Matches on Tuesdays during training time and occasionally on Sundays.

Please contact Emily for more information 07554433687

### PIRBRIGHT SINGERS AND FRIENDS

#### "Puccini – Messa Di Gloria"

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm**

The Pirbright Singers and friends are excited to bring some Puccini to the village with our performance of *Messa Di Gloria* accompanied by The Crane Ensemble at St Michael and All Angels Church, Pirbright. Tickets are available on the door (cash/card) at £15 per adult (under 18 years free).

The concert is in memory of our much-missed Bass, David Davies, who brought the beautiful tones of the Welsh valley to Pirbright for many years. We are raising money towards his family's chosen charity, The Teenage and Young Adult Cancer service at St Luke's Cancer Centre (RSCH). Wine and nibbles served afterwards.

For further information, contact *Lisa Williams* ([ljwoodhead@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ljwoodhead@yahoo.co.uk)) or *Jennie Burtzell* ([jennieburtzell@gmail.com](mailto:jennieburtzell@gmail.com)).



## ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH



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

I once heard a story about a truck driver who was setting out in the middle of the night on a cross country drive from Montreal to Vancouver. He got into the driver's seat, started the engine, and switched on the headlights. As he peered into the dark night, he thought to himself, 'I am about to start on a journey of thousands of miles, but these lights only light up a few yards of the road ahead. This is madness.' He wondered what to do.

Switch off the engine, give up on the journey, and go to bed until daylight? Start off on the journey anyway? Giving up on the journey shows his uncertainty about the lights and his lack of understanding that he himself is the light. Starting out on the journey when he could see only a few yards of the road ahead may have its risks, but he might come to realise that he himself is generating light into the darkness of each mile of the journey. In other words, the light is traveling with him.

The light that we take with us is not about the light we get from a bulb or lamp. It is about the inner glow of contentment, love and peacefulness that permeates our very being and our relationship with others. In John 8.12, Jesus says, 'I am the light of the world. Whosoever follows me will not walk



in darkness but will have the light of life'. This means looking beyond what we

can see and stepping out in faith. As a Christian, I am encouraged by these words because I know that Jesus will never go back on a promise. Whatever happens, we are not on our own, even on the darkest night because the light of Christ shines on in us.

I hope that I have let that light shine through in my ministry to you. I was called for a particular time and my experience of Christian ministry in the parish has been a joyful one, but on May 31<sup>st</sup> I will step out into the unknown with the light of Christ to guide me. It has been a great privilege serving as the Interim Priest in Charge at Pirbright for the past two years, and for about six months prior to that. My sense is that there is much to celebrate about the way the Gospel mission is lived out in Pirbright. However, living out such a mission is not without its challenges. Such challenges can be used as a basis for opportunity and change. It is that time for St Michaels and All Angels Church, and indeed for the whole parish, particularly in the context of the current discussions on the future of St Michael's.

My prayer is that the church will harness this opportunity to let its lights shine, one bulb at a time, as it continues to uncover the mission and ministry needs of the community and serve it faithfully. I have met some wonderful people and will be back to help occasionally until the new priest is appointed. *Rev Beverley Hunt*

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## ST MICHAEL'S INTO THE FUTURE—the latest!

Since our last update, prayerful discussions and decisions have been made by the PCC together with a consultation meeting with church members. This has been happening in parallel with our friends at St Mark's, Normandy and is a real crossroads moment for our communities as both parishes have vacancies. There is good enthusiasm and support for a joint benefice and we are starting down the road of greater friendship and the beginnings of partnership working as we prepare to recruit a full time priest. Find out more on our website <https://www.pirbrightchurch.org.uk/whatsnew.htm> or ask Rev Bev, Catherine or Helen.

As we start to journey into this joint venture we would like to sincerely thank Rev Bev for all her help and guidance over the past two years. She jumped in with amazing energy and ideas to help and guide us so expertly, and we are eternally grateful for all the help and support she has given us. We will be going back into a vacancy from 31st May and various different priests will be helping us to continue the worshipping community in Pirbright, and thankfully Rev Bev has also indicated that she would be willing to come back and help as well. But for now let us thank God for the gift of Rev Bev that He sent to Pirbright.

*Catherine and Helen, Churchwardens*

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you



### CHURCH PLANT SALE

Stock up on all the plants you need for a beautiful garden and productive fruit & veg patch, at the church plant sale. And whilst you are there, enjoy a Fulk's sausage sizzle and take something home for tea from the home made cakes stall. Thanks to the kind sponsorship of Knight Frank Estate Agents, all proceeds will help to support the church and its work in our community.

### GARDEN WALKS AND ART EXHIBITION

**BREAKING NEWS!** On Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th June, as well as seven inspiring gardens for you to visit, *and* cream teas to refresh you after all that walking, now you will also be able to visit an art exhibition in the church, featuring many of the beautiful images of Pirbright that featured in the popular 'Pirbright In Art' book. Put the dates in your diary now!

### CHURCH SERVICES

All are welcome to our services, and access via Zoom will continue for any who need it. Please contact Caroline Bews on 01483 289123 or email [services@pirbrightchurch.org.uk](mailto:services@pirbrightchurch.org.uk) for the link to join the service by zoom. The church is now open daily for private prayer or just quiet contemplation. Do pop in, God is always available for a chat.

## PIRBRIGHT PARISH COUNCIL

### Welcome to our new LPH Secretary !

After 20 years of service, we are bidding a fond farewell to Lindsay Graham who is retiring from the role of LPH Secretary. Lindsay has looked after the Village Hall and the hundreds of hirers who use it every week for over 20 years and the Parish Council would like to thank Lindsay for her devoted years of service. These are big shoes to fill, but we hope the village will join us in welcoming Victoria Everton to the role. Victoria lives locally, has a young family and brings with her a wealth of experience. The Parish Council are confident that the transition will be a smooth one.



### BIG JUBILEE PICNIC ON THE GREEN SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2022 from 11am

Please put the date in your diary and join us on Pirbright Green with picnic blankets, chairs, cushions to come together to celebrate the Queen's 70<sup>th</sup> Platinum Jubilee. There will be live music from 11am featuring three local artists and a local band who are keen to entertain you whilst you dine. There will be catering from Fire & Base Pizza, Owen's Gourmet Burgers, Christmas' Bakery, Komo Cocktail Bar, David's Beer Tent, the Waffle Tram, the White Hart Tent and the Coffee Can.

### Volunteers for the Over 70s Jubilee Lunch on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022

The Parish Council are looking for volunteers to help at the Jubilee Lunch inside Lord Pirbright's Hall on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June for our valued over 70s guests. If you are able to help between midday and 2pm, please contact the Clerk. Thank you !



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I threw a boomerang a few years ago. Now I live in fear....

I recently took a poll. 99% of people were annoyed when their tent fell down.



### PIRBRIGHT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY .

At our meeting on Tuesday 10th, at 8pm in the Clubroom of Lord Pirbright's Hall, Graham Pattison will speak on 'Plant collecting on the Equator'.

As always, members, visitors and guests are all welcome.

Subscriptions are now due, £20 for an individual or £25 for a family.

**Plant sale** Our two day Plant sale is at 5 West Heath. on 21st and 22nd May from 10am each day so please get growing for this important fund raiser. Plants should be good quality, labelled and in clean pots. For more information on the sale please contact Pauline Allen on [Pauline.allen48@btinternet.com](mailto:Pauline.allen48@btinternet.com)

**Our Annual Show** will be on Saturday 30th July.

More details in future editions of PeriNews.



## PIRBRIGHT HISTORIANS

Spring is busting out all over and, in days of yore, May Day would see the raising of the Maypole, a sight rarely seen these days. Judging by the date of the cars, this photo of some of Pirbright's boys and girls dancing the light fantastic was taken in Lord Pirbright's Hall car park, probably in the early 1950s. It's possibly on Coronation Day, but unlikely, as the sun is shining. Can any reader shed light, please? email: [jonathan@pirbright.info](mailto:jonathan@pirbright.info)

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### PIRBRIGHT WI.

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022 will be our Birthday Meeting, when we hold a competition and the WI Resolutions are discussed and decided on by our members.

Coffee and Tea with a selection of biscuits are still being served in the Clubroom on Thursday mornings 10 - 11.15 am, a good place to meet and chat after visiting the market. We look forward to seeing you.

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### PIRBRIGHT COUNTRY MARKET

*April showers bring forth May flowers*

May is the ideal time to come and see our range of flower and vegetable plants for your summer garden. You will also find home made cakes and savouries produced by our excellent cooks. Take time to browse our superb range of crafts and individually handmade greetings cards.

*Rosemary Richmond*



### RAWLINS CLUB

On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May we take a trip to the Rural Life Living Museum at Tilford.

The Coach will leave from the back of Lord Pirbright's Hall at 10.30am



*Denise Granger 01483 472070*

### ROYAL BRITISH LEGION.

Why not join us at The Fox at Fox Corner on Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> May and help us continue celebrating Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee and at the same time learn about the work of the Legion and how it can help both serving members and veterans of the armed forces.

*Anne Hawkins 01252 404276*

### ARTS SOCIETY WOKING

On May 10th Rupert Willoughby talks on 'Marathon!' 10:00am Normandy Village Hall. For more information contact [memdfas@gmail.com](mailto:memdfas@gmail.com) or 01276685293

A perfectionist walked into a bar.... apparently the bar wasn't set high enough.





## CUNNINGHAM HOUSE

For two years, the House and residents have been on a rollercoaster of Covid rules. From the initial lockdown with no testing or vaccinations, news of how fatal Covid is to elderly people meant we had to bring in strict visiting rules. The warm spring of 2020 was literally a ray of sunshine for us, enabling us to meet outside a little more safely. The introduction of testing was a relief as we had a certain amount of control over safe visiting. Our country's amazing scientists then introduced a safe vaccine which enabled us to welcome visitors to join the residents for coffee and lunches again. When local rates

surged, we responded accordingly to keep everyone safe. Now, with the residents' spring boosters and continuing with visitor testing, we are opening up again for social events such as Scrabble on 4th May and film afternoon on 18th. Please call the house if you would like to visit, on 01483 488751.  
*Lucy Beasley*



## CALLING ALL BUDDING JOURNALISTS PeriNews Editor could do with a bit of help!

Our village newsletter keeps the community informed, up-to-date and (we hope) entertained. The current Editor has been in the role for 15 years and, although the newsletter has changed quite a lot in that time, a fresh pair of eyes and some new ideas might not be a bad idea. If you would like to have a go at working with the Editor, perhaps to guest-edit an edition or take a regular role in producing the monthly newsletter, Julia Douetil would love to hear from you at [julia.douetil@gmail.com](mailto:julia.douetil@gmail.com). Some familiarity with Publisher software would be helpful but training can be given.



## PIRBRIGHT TENNIS CLUB [www.pirbrighttennisclub.com](http://www.pirbrighttennisclub.com)



Mix-In Club Night: Tuesdays from 6.30pm. Men's Wednesdays 8pm; Ladies Wednesdays 6-8pm. Ladies' Morning: Monday 9am. Ladies Drills and Match Play: Tuesdays 9.30-11. Cardio Tennis: Thursdays 9.45-10.45am.

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## PIRBRIGHT CRICKET CLUB

The season of 2022 awaits us. PCC is enormously excited that funding has been approved for the New Pavilion. This has been a true village -wide effort, and the Pavilion will be a hub of sporting activities for all ages. Our President Charlie Miller was pointing out the rich heritage going back over two hundred years... truly amazing Chairman is celebrating being 66 this



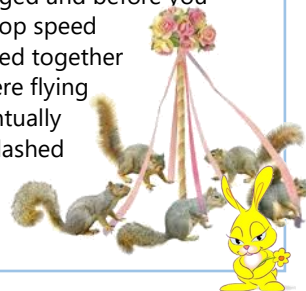
May... it would be very nice if villagers came to see our local band the fabulous Bitter Blues Band at Wayback on the 14<sup>th</sup> of May. I think it would be great to see villagers here on that date but I need to know ... please email myself at [waybackevents@outlook.com](mailto:waybackevents@outlook.com)

There are further gigs as well so please enquire to the same email address... we will be having Never the Bride and Stevie Watts Organ Band... *Peter Austin*

## CHURCHYARD CHRONICLES

Ah, the good old Maypole Dance, what a feast for the eyes that was! The young animals frisking in and out, holding the coloured ribbons in their paws (or teeth more often) and weaving intricate patterns in all the colours of spring. It was all going so well until an overenthusiastic bunny trod on a squirrel's tail. The squirrel retaliated with a hard nip, but unfortunately the dancers had changed places and the squirrel actually bit a fox cub on the nose. The fox cub yelped and pounced, the squirrel dodged and before you could say 'Mayday' all the animals were chasing each other at top speed around the Maypole. Several small rabbits found themselves tied together and all the mice, caught by centrifugal force, had lift off and were flying like little jet planes, clinging on to the ribbon for dear life. Eventually Badger, who does not do speed, tripped and was immediately lashed to the pole, as the dance came to a crashing pile-up.

Maybe this year we'll stick to cheese rolling down Burrow Hill instead, much safer. *Yellow Rabbit*



**If people say they just love the smell of books, I always want to pull them aside and ask, 'To be clear, do you know how reading works?'**

## MAY GARDENING TIPS from Wellie

Plant out summer bedding once the risk of frost has passed. Keep an eye on the weather forecast, and protect with horticultural fleece if necessary. Dahlia plants can be planted out at the end of the month. Stake any herbaceous plants that will flop over or be damaged by high winds. Evergreen hedges can be cut from this month, but check for nesting birds before getting the shears or hedgecutter out. Prune spring-flowering shrubs such as Choisya and Ribes after flowering. Regularly tie in climbers to their supports as new growth extends. Cut lawns weekly, and apply a high nitrogen lawn feed unless drought conditions persist. Treat broad leaved lawn weeds with a selective herbicide. Lightly trim box hedges and topiary towards the end of the month, and keep checking for those pesky box tree caterpillars. Hang pheromone traps in apple trees to check for codling moths. Watch out for viburnum beetle and lily beetle grubs. Keep earthing up your potatoes, and plant any that are still remaining. Put straw around your strawberry plants before the fruit trusses begin to bend with the weight of fruit, then net to protect fruit from hungry birds. French and runner beans,

and sweetcorn, can be sown outside now. Start removing side shoots from the leaf axils of cordon tomatoes.



## PIRBRIGHT COMMUNITY CALENDAR MAY 2022

1	Sun	10:00am	Family service in church and on zoom
4	Wed	10:15am	Holy Communion and Café Club in church Scrabble afternoon at Cunningham House
8	Sun	10:00am	Holy Communion in church and on zoom
9	Mon	8:00pm	Royal British Legion meeting, The Fox Inn
10	Tues	10:00am 8:00pm	Arts Society Woking, 'Marathon!', Normandy Village Hall Horticultural Soc , Plant Collecting on the Equator, LPH
12	Thurs	10:30am	Rawlins Club Trip Rural Life Museum, Tilford, from LPH
14	Sat	10:00am 7:30 pm	Church Plant Sale in the Churchyard Pirbright Singers 'Messa Di Gloria' at the church
15	Sun	10:00am	Holy Communion in church and on zoom
17	Tues	7:00pm	WI Birthday meeting, LPH
18	Wed		Film afternoon at Cunningham House (ring house for time)
21	Sat	10:00am	Horticultural Society Plant Sale, 5 West Heath Cottages
22	Sun	10:00am 10:00am	Holy Communion in church and on zoom Horticultural Society Plant Sale, 5 West Heath Cottages
27	Fri	6:00pm	Twinning Association welcome reception for Cagny group
28	Sat	10:00am 7:00pm	Twinning Association visit to Weald & Downland Museum Twinning Association Dinner with Cagny visitors
29	Sun	10:00am 11:00am	Holy Communion in church and on zoom Twinning Association farewell reception for Cagny visitors

### PIRBRIGHT GOSPEL CHOIR

Are you a secret singer? Do you let rip in your car, or in the shower, where no one can hear? Singing is proven to be good for us, physically and mentally, but too many of us think we can't sing, so we miss out. If that's you, come and join the Pirbright Gospel Choir where you will find a warm welcome, a lot of fun and laughter, and a real sense of achievement. Most importantly, you'll learn how to make the best of your voice, whether you are already an accomplished singer or someone who hasn't sung since they left school. Would be singers of all faiths and none are welcome, and you don't have to be able to read music. To find out more go to [www.pirbrightchurch.org.uk/pirbrightgospelchoir](http://www.pirbrightchurch.org.uk/pirbrightgospelchoir) or contact our membership secretary, Jeannette Carr on 01252 333197 or [netcarr@hotmail.com](mailto:netcarr@hotmail.com), or come along to Pirbright Primary School, main entrance, at 7:30 on Wednesday evenings in term time.



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