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THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE SPECIAL BUMPER EDITION

JUBILEE BEACON

On the Big Day itself, Thursday June 2nd, join Pirbright Parish Council with the Pirbright Gospel Choir and friends to celebrate The Queen's 70 years on the Throne, and to light the traditional Beacon. Meet outside Lord Pirbright's Hall, from 9:15 pm. Along with old favourites and community singing, the Gospel Choir will sing an arrangement of the special Jubilee song commissioned by the Palace, in a competition which attracted entries from across the Commonwealth.



JUBILEE LUNCH AND PICNIC

On Sunday the whole community can come together for the Parish Council's Big Picnic on the village Green. Bring your own or enjoy the delights of Fire & Base Pizza, Owen's Gourmet Burgers, Christmas' Bakery, Komo Cocktail Bar, David's Beer Tent, the Waffle Tram and the Coffee Can. Then sit back and enjoy live music from talented local musicians. Or enjoy the over 70s celebration lunch and Royal toast, provided by the Parish Council.



Babysitting my four year old great granddaughter I read her some stories and then, needing a break, I suggested she watch cartoons for a while, whilst I could relax and finish a book I had been reading. She kept looking over at me and finally asked, "Nana, what are you doing?" I told her I was reading my book. Looking puzzled, she said, "but you're not saying anything."



PIRBRIGHT PLAYERS PRESENT 'TWO' and 'GOSFORTH'S FÊTE'

On Saturday 18th June the Players present two one act plays at each performance, at 2.30pm and 7.30pm. 'TWO' is a drama and GOSFORTH'S FÊTE' is a very funny comedy though both are more suitable for over 15s. Seating is at tables with a cash bar for wine, soft drinks, tea and coffee. Tickets cost £12 and are on sale now via the Pirbright Players website, or contact david@davidgreenland.plus.com

Do come and support your local Players.

Carole Gailer

PIRBRIGHT PLAYERS PRESENT DOUBLE BILL

SUMMER PLAYS


TWO




GOSFORTH'S FÊTE

SATURDAY 18TH JUNE 2022

Lord Pirbright's Hall, 2.30 & 7.30pm

ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH



Just a thought.....

GOD'S GIFT?

As a teenager, I was mad about music. I developed a passion for the drums, and was lucky enough to borrow a kit from a friend, which I installed in my parents' loft. I used to climb up to bang away whenever I could...until I got over-enthusiastic one day and put my foot through the ceiling!

The past year or so has brought many things into clearer focus; sadly, many people have found themselves out of work, unable to provide adequately for their families. Some may well have struggled to find another job. But I wonder how many of us, faced with that situation, might think, 'well I couldn't possibly do *that!*' Which is fine if we're talking about a job requiring highly specialised training, but what about academic skills, or personal skills, manual or craft skills, or even simply skills that don't require any qualifications or training?

I find it very sad that even today there are some people who look down on another person simply because of what their job is. Some of us may remember the comedy sketch featuring John Cleese, Ronnie Barker



and Ronnie Corbett, dressed respectively as an upper class city gent, a middle class management type and a working class labourer (I look down on him...I look up to him/down on him...I know my place).

I have always maintained that we are all – yes *all* – good at something. We each have a gift. We might not know exactly what that gift is, but unless and until we try, how do we know?

Paul's first letter to the Corinthians (12:1-31) includes some very telling passages: 'There are varieties of gifts... varieties of services...varieties of activities'. Using the analogy of parts of the body, he asks, 'If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be?...There are many [parts], yet one body... *the [parts] of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable*'.

I confess I would think twice before taking on a job that no-one would want to do, but that doesn't give me the right to look down on someone who does. I'm certainly not God's gift, but I recognise that I have been given gifts by God. But I truly admire those who have those skills, specialised or not, that I don't have. One of which was being a drummer!

All skills are gifts from God, and the giver is in the gift. By disparaging or disrespecting the gift, are we not doing the same to the giver?
Rev'd Gary Williamson

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OPEN GARDENS WEEKEND WITH ART AND CRAFT DISPLAY

This year we have nine beautiful gardens open for visitors, so don't miss this opportunity to see over that wall, peep through that hedge and slip past that gate to discover the secret treasures of Pirbright's back gardens. Most gardens are open to ticket holders from 11am to 5pm on Saturday 11th and 12 noon to 5pm on Sunday 12th (some have slightly restricted opening hours, details on entry maps).

To revive you after your stroll around the gardens, you can enjoy a delicious cream tea in the Churchyard and browse the stunning display in the Church of arts and crafts by local artists, including images from the popular Pirbright in Art book.

Tickets cost £7 per person for all 9 gardens, under 16s accompanied by a paying adult are free. Tickets include a map and joining instructions and are valid for both days if you want to spread your explorations out. Get your tickets in advance from helen-churchwarden@pirbrightchurch.org.uk, or call Helen on 07777 659138, or buy them on either day in the churchyard.

Thanks to the kind support of the Lempriere Trust, all proceeds will go to help maintain our lovely old church and its work in our communities. Our very sincere thanks to all garden owners for opening up their little patches of Paradise.



CUNNINGHAM HOUSE

We couldn't have a National Celebration without a contribution from Pirbright's Poet Laureate, Sheila Lawrence at Cunningham House

*'Tis our Queen's 70th Jubilee,
the Nation is celebrating,*

*Flags and bunting aloft,
we're anticipating,*

*Street parties and lots of fun
we've missed in recent years,*

God Save the Queen, the Nation cheers!

THE CIRCLE OF LIFE IN PIRBRIGHT

We welcome to the church family Arabella Perowne, Victoria Everton and Amelia Garbutt following their baptisms.

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 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 around for a chat.

PIRBRIGHT PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Parish Meeting The 125th Annual Parish Meeting took place on 25th April at Lord Pirbright's Hall where an assembly of parishioners were given a report by the Chair, Cllr Fidgett, on the previous years' expenditure. Cllr Fidgett highlighted the projects that the Parish Council had undertaken and the costs involved. Guest speakers included the Borough & County Councillor Keith Witham, Jon Lopez from the Twinning Association, Carrie Batten from the Pirbright Institute, Cllr Woollett, Chair of the LPH Trustees and Graeme Marks who was pleased to announce that the Community Pavilion Project had been successful in gaining a grant from Your Fund Surrey and would be going ahead later this year. This was the first in-person Annual Parish Meeting since 2019 and it was refreshing to be able to meet so many parishioners, with refreshments and snacks being served in the interval before Q&As.

Pirbright's War Memorial

The Parish Council's wonderful war memorial was unveiled on 13th August 1920 by the Bishop of Guildford, John



Randolph, to commemorate 48 local men who had fallen in the First World War. Further names of those local men who fell in the Second World War were added to an additional inscribed memorial stone. The Calvary cross and

figure were designed by Frederick Brook Hitch (1897-1957), a prominent British sculptor and the memorial now carries a Grade II listing. The oak cross and figure are, once again, needing some restoration to ensure that the memorial lives on and the Parish Council are working in partnership with the War Memorials Trust, the Diocese, the SCC Historic Buildings Officer and the GBC Conservation Officer to carry out a sympathetic restoration to the much loved memorial.



Annual Meeting of the Council

This meeting to elect the Chair, Co-Chair and representatives of the Council took place on 16th May 2022. The LPH Trustees now include Cllr Austin, Cllr Sands and Cllr Fidgett. Cllr Eason and Cllr Fidgett will represent Pirbright on the Flood Forum Committee. A successful Internal Audit was received by the Chair for the financial year 2021-2022. The Annual Governance and Accountability Return will now be submitted to the External Auditors with the Annual Governance Statement and Accounting Statements being duly signed by the Council. These will be displayed on the website and in the Parish Meeting Room from 13rd June - 22nd July for members of the public to view.

Queen's 70th Jubilee Celebrations

The Parish Council wish everyone a wonderful four day holiday and hope that the Jubilee Picnic on The Green and the Over 70s Jubilee Lunch, which the Parish Council have organised, are enjoyed by all.

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Lord Pirbright's Hall Victoria Everton lph@pirbright-pc.gov.uk 07563 825540

CELEBRATING A SEVENTY YEAR REIGN

1953 THE CORONATION Parish Council Minutes show that the planned festivities included



- * Sat 30th May - Fete in the Village Hall, with Coronation mugs for all children.
- * Sun 31st May - Special Church Service with flag parade, sermon by Sir Henry Lawson
- * Mon 1st June - supper in the Village Hall for all over 60s to include a free television programme!
- * Tuesday 2nd June - television in the Village Hall from 8:30am to 5:30pm (paid entry). Competitions for fancy dress, decorated perambulators and bicycles, with prizes of two Coronation 5/- pieces (five shillings, ie one crown). At 9pm the Queen's speech relayed in the Hall, followed by dancing in the hall grounds, and a bonfire lit at dusk photo above).



Fred Cobbett was aged around 13. Children had a day off school but he recalls that his dad went to work like any other day. His mum went to Dee Hillman at no 11 The Gardens to watch the Coronation on their tiny TV and in the evening they watched part of a Coronation film in Lord Pirbright's Hall, organised by Dr. McCall.



Patsy Burch remembers hearing the church bells ringing, which led us to a certificate in the ringing chamber that records the quarter peal rung for occasion, with the names of the ringers, including Chris Hendon (shown here in later life), C. Baker, Fred Cherryman (Tower Captain), Eileen Turner (aged 15); Jack Avenell and Fred Creach (aged 16) who rang the heavy tenor, quite a feat for a 45 minute quarter peal!

Rosemary Richmond, remembers that she, **Tony Fulk & Esme Hartney** went to Brookwood Station to get autographs of Commonwealth troops stationed at Pirbright Camp en route to line the procession route in London.

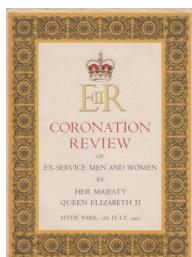
At The Cricketers Pub locals were entertained by a motley crew of musicians including **Bob Saunders, Ted Roshier** and **Sailor Collyer** right.

Ted Mayne remembers "My parents had hired a TV for the occasion and we had it on all day. There was a lot of music, a lot of bands and they kept playing God Save the Queen over and over again. In the evening we saw the fireworks in London on the TV, though they didn't look much in black and white."



Later that summer, on 5th July, **Ted Elwick** represented the Pirbright branch of the Royal British Legion in a review in Hyde Park by The Queen, of ex-servicemen and women.

And, perhaps the oddest souvenir of the coronation, the Editor (3 days old at the time) still has the Rowntree's Cocoa Coronation biscuit tin bought for her, complete with 69 year old chocolate biscuits!



1977 THE SILVER JUBILEE.

In 1977 Pirbright celebrated the 25th year of the Queen's reign with a children's tea party and fancy dress competition, a bonfire, barbecue and roast, Morris Men, dancing and what was described as 'Junketing' - team competitions and a tug of war across the village pond by teams from all four village pubs!



The village hall decorated for the children's party, and the party in full swing!



The children's fancy dress competition- do you recognise anyone? Pirbright Historians would love to put names to faces!

Special thanks to Elaine Kelly for the party photos.



A note on the back of this photograph claims it was 'The Biggest Bonfire ever lit in Pirbright'.

The 1977 Jubilee Celebrations were recorded in a newspaper 'Jubilee Then and Now' compiled and written by Helen Yool, which included entries from a village writing competition on the theme of 'My

Village', extracts below:

A haven...
Full of life, vitality.
Of kitchen, garden and humanity.
...An antiquity?
A community!

Willow Trees and ducks on the pond
Cricket field and hall beyond
Michael's Church with spire ascending
Manor House with moat defending
Church and Steeple
Squire and People
This is Pirbright-on-the-Pond

2012 THE DIAMOND JUBILEE.

Pirbright demonstrated that classic British characteristic, that no amount of rain can stop us enjoying a party. And did it rain! (Spot some very special visitors in the parade!)
Special thanks to photographer Mike Milner.



You are invited to the
**Pirbright Parish
 JUBILEE PICNIC**



Sunday 3rd June 2012
 12 noon – 5:30pm

**Lord Pirbright's Hall
 & The Green**

Please reply by 26 April

Dress code: civility casual

INTO THE FUTURE.

We asked children at Pirbright Village Primary School for their thoughts about The Queen in the 70th year of her reign.

Dexter Saville, 6, I think The Queen eats cereal for breakfast but she doesn't drink the milk from the bowl because she has good manners - she is The Queen after all!



Alexander Daly, 10, I think The Queen is a big fan of Coronation Street because it seems like quite a royal show with coronation in the title.

Hari Chotai, 10, The Queen doesn't work as much as we think she does. I think she has lots of people to look after her and help her with her work.



Isaac Stuart, 8, I think The Queen eats egg on toast for breakfast as this will set her up for a hard day of work.



Annie Lavender, 5, The Queen loves dogs and we now know her first dogs came from Pirbright!



Duarte Carvalho, 6, I think The Queen loves roses. They are really pretty and The Queen is pretty although she was more pretty when she was younger but still pretty now!

Jessica Rodgers, 8, She has ruled for 70 years from 1952-2022. I think 70 years ago was really old fashioned with no phones and televisions, definitely no iPads. This is probably why she got involved with horses!

Marlee Iveson, 9, I think The Queen is really posh; she probably has a conservatory, cups of tea every hour (she definitely has a teapot) and she has castles and palaces.



George Pilbeam, 9, I think The Queen is really kind. She has given her life for 70 years just for us and she gives speeches and thinks about the future. I would really like to meet her and say, "Hello Your Majesty, thank you for being an amazing Queen".



Sophie Collins, 7, My mum met The Queen once and had breakfast with her, I would like to have breakfast with her - that would be very exciting! I think we would have toast and butter!

Our thanks to the children of Pirbright School and Mrs Dow.

PIRBRIGHT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



I am pleased to say that the Rowan tree planted by the Horticultural Society to mark the Queen's Platinum Anniversary has now come into leaf and is looking good! Our visit to the Sienna Hosta Nursery on 14th June has been deferred until the 23rd August, so instead we have a treat for you! Our main show judge and good friend Geoff Peach is coming to speak to us and his topic will be "Flower shows can be fun", so if you are thinking of showing Dahlias, roses, general flowers, pot plants or vegetables, do come and get some top tips from the judge! The meeting will be in the Clubroom of Lord Pirbright's Hall at 8pm on Tuesday 14th June. Members, guests and visitors are all welcome.

Our July meeting will feature Elizabeth demonstrating and encouraging the flower arrangers amongst you to exhibit at the show on 30th July. We look forward to seeing you all at both meetings.

Don't forget it's show day on 30th July in Lord Pirbright's Hall at 2.30! *Philip Barralet*

PIRBRIGHT WI.

The June Pirbright WI meeting is an outing and dinner at Wisley for our members. We are still serving Coffee/Tea & Biscuits, in the club room on Thursday mornings 10 - 11.15am, a good place to meet and chat after visiting the market. Unfortunately we will not be there on Thursday 2nd June at it's the Jubilee Weekend so the coffee shop will be closed. We look forward to seeing you all from the 9th June.

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PIRBRIGHT COUNTRY MARKET

To ensure that everyone can enjoy the Queen's Platinum Jubilee there will not be a Market on Thursday June 2nd. Join us as usual from June 9th for our full range of goods in Lord Pirbright's Hall on Thursdays between 10am and 11.15am

Rosemary Richmond

RAWLINS CLUB

The Queens Platinum Jubilee BBQ Celebration will be held on Friday 10th June in Lord Pirbright's Hall between 12.30 and 3.30pm.

Denise Granger 01483 472070

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION.

Why not join RBL members at the Fox Inn, Fox Corner at 8pm on Monday, 13th June for our social evening and find out about what the work of the Legion and how it helps both veterans and serving members of the armed forces.

Anne Hawkins 01252 404276

ARTS SOCIETY WOKING

On June 14th Charlie Waite speaks on 'The Making of Landscape Photographs'
www.wokingdfas.org.uk 01276 685293

TWINNING ASSOCIATION

First of all thanks to all involved in the recent visit of our French friends. The next item to get involved in is our summer BBQ on Sunday 10th July at 1pm on the green adjacent to Lord Pirbright's Hall. Tickets available from J Grimshaw at £14 for members and £16 for non members. Payment by bank transfer to: Pirbright twinning association (sort code 30-99-80, a/c01174367) For further information contact Lucy Baker (lucyb2477@gmail.com) Have a look at our new webpage on

pirbright-pc.gov.uk.



I know they say money talks, but all mine ever says is 'Goodbye!'

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES -

Tracy Schonfeldt moved to Pirbright five years ago and has been running yoga classes from her "MyAshramYoga" studio in the grounds of her home for the last three years.

The studio is set within a beautiful garden, among trees and fields, where people feel instantly connected to nature. She also hosts restorative outdoor yoga classes throughout June and July, to naturally unwind with a backdrop of bluebells and ponies. To find out more visit www.myashramyoga.com

Instagram: @tracyashramyoga

Facebook: @My Ashram Yoga



PIRBRIGHT TENNIS CLUB

PTC helps Ukraine and the local community.

Following our recent Quiz night, we have been able to donate £985 to the Disasters Emergency Committee, Ukraine Appeal, thanks to profits of the quiz and generous donations made by the quizzers on the night. Thank you to all who donated.

We have also been supporting the Pirbright Pavilion Project and are delighted that our pledge of £3,500 has helped to secure them a grant from SCC to enable the project to proceed.

We continue to sponsor tennis coaching for Pirbright Junior school children. We hope they enjoy the sport and keep it alive at the Club in the future. These donations and support are made possible by members, who renew their PTC membership year after year. So a big thank you to all who have again renewed this year. If you haven't yet renewed your



membership please do so using the easy card payment system available on our website www.pirbrighttennisclub.com. For other News and events see our 2022/23 Newsletter on our website.

Men's Competitive Tennis:

every Wednesday from 8pm. **Ladies' Competitive Tennis:**

every Wednesday 6-8pm.

Ladies' Morning: every Monday 9am.

Box leagues: organized internal club matches, at a time to suit you. Contact paulkelly.pirbright@gmail.com

Ladies Drills and Match Play:

Tuesdays 9.30-11.

Cardio Tennis: Thursdays 10-11am.

Beginner to Winner Group Coaching

evenings: Check with Michael Jefferies

Coaching (Individual and Group):

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New membership: Monika Driscoll:

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PIRBRIGHT CRICKET CLUB

As I walked back across our Green this Friday evening and saw so many people, of all ages, enjoying an evening of sports, I realised how blessed I am to live in this wonderful village. Please remember we all can participate in this game we love.... that means not just you Dear Reader but all your family!!! The season has now started as you will see... a close game was played at Frimley Pirbright were 119 all out and Frimley 120/6 ... let the season roll!!!! *Peter Austin*



CHURCHYARD CHRONICLES

The Churchyard animals were keen to make our own Platinum Jubilee pudding. But lemon Swiss roll and amaretto are not readily available in the churchyard, so we each decided to contribute our own favourite trifle ingredient and the result would be sure to taste wonderful. The rabbits offered carrot cake, whilst the squirrels thought that hazelnuts would be an essential ingredient. As all gardeners know, birds love soft fruit so they brought strawberries. Mice are not very choosy, they will eat anything but their favourite is chocolate, so that was decided upon. The trifle looked magnificent, and with all those delicious ingredients, it must surely taste wonderful. I took a very large spoonful. It was.... not quite what I had expected. In fact there was a distinctly earthy flavour, and the texture was rather chewy. After one tiny taste everyone declined seconds, except Fox, who gobbled it down. Suddenly, I had a very worrying idea.

"Fox," I asked hesitantly, "where did you find those trifle sponges you brought?"

"In the rubbish bin, after Angel Tots" answered Fox, licking his lips, "Aren't they delicious! With a sickening thud, the penny dropped.

"Those were not trifle sponges, Fox, they were nappies."

Sorry, I must dash, I'm suddenly not feeling very well.

Yellow Rabbit



A patient was recovering from surgery, having had a local anaesthetic and the nurse asked how he was feeling.

"I'm O.K.," he said, "but I didn't like the four-letter-word the doctor used in surgery."

"What did he say?" asked the nurse.

'OOPS!'

JUNE GARDENING TIPS from Wellie

20th June is the longest day this year bringing extra sunlight hours (and perhaps warmer weather). Gardens will be full of flowers and the veg gardens producing lots to harvest, but the weeds will be having a merry time as well and need to be kept in check. Earth up potatoes as the grow, first early potatoes can start to be harvested (normally about 10 weeks after planting them). Pinch out side shoots of tomatoes, you can pot these side shoots up to have even more tomato plants. Start to feed them once the first truss is setting fruit. Check roses for signs of pests and disease. Stake any herbaceous perennials that might flop over and be damaged. Trim evergreen hedges, but check for nesting birds first and wait until they have fledged. Keep dead heading summer bedding, early flowering perennials and repeat flowering roses to encourage more flowers.

Cut back leaves of spring bulbs once they have started to turn yellow.



"I guess we'll never know why they beach themselves."



PIRBRIGHT COMMUNITY CALENDAR JUNE 2022



1	Wed	10:15	Said Communion in church followed by Café Club
2	Thurs	9:15 9:45	Pirbright Gospel Choir & friends outside Lord Pirbright's Hall Lighting the Jubilee Beacon
4	Sun	10:00 11:00	Family Service with Communion in church and on zoom Big Picnic on the Village Green, and Over 70s Lunch, LPH
10	Fri	12:30	Rawlins Club, Jubilee celebration
11	Sat	11to 5pm	Open gardens trail, starting from the church
12	Sun	10:00 12 - 5	Trinity Sunday Holy Communion in church & on Zoom Open gardens trail, starting from the church
14	Tues	am 8:00pm	Arts Society Woking, Charlie Waite, Landscape Photographs Horticultural Society, 'Flower shows can be fun', LPH
18	Sat	2:30	Pirbright Players Double Bill, 'Two' and 'Gosforth's Fair' LPH
19	Sun	10:00	Holy Communion in church and on zoom
26	Sun	10:00	Holy Communion in church and on zoom

A Pirbright couple finally fulfilled a lifelong dream to take a road trip across the United States. Driving across California, they stopped at a red light in a beautiful old Wild West town. As they admired the elegant storefronts, the covered sidewalk, the classic saloon bar with real swing doors, they didn't notice that the light had turned green and back to red again. Eventually then that a police officer tapped on their window and said, "That's all the colours we got here."



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