



STAY COOL, STAY SAFE, STAY KIND THIS SUMMER

PIBRIGHT PUPILS' SATS SUCCESS !!

Congratulations to the Y6 pupils at Pirbright Village Primary School on their success in this year's national assessments. The impact of school closures over the past three years has been felt across the whole education sector, but Pirbright's children didn't let a little thing like a global pandemic stop them learning!

Pirbright's children outperformed the national average in the proportion attaining expected standards in Reading, English spelling and grammar, Maths and Writing

	Reading	English sp&g	Maths	Writing
Pirbright	89%	89%	90%	78%
National average	74%	72%	71%	69%

73% of Pirbright Y6 pupils attained Reading, Writing & Maths combined, compared with 59% of children nationally.

A hearty well done to all the children, their teachers and learning support assistants who are now, we hope, enjoying a very well earned holiday. Some very proud parents out there!



PIBRIGHT HISTORIANS

Thanks to the Parish Council scrapbooks, another mystery has been solved – the date of the duck island on the pond. In May 1953, Lt-Col. Forbes wrote a brief description of Jim & Frank Rice's unique construction, based on old hot water tanks –

'The materials for the island were ferried out on a raft made from 5 gal. oil tanks & a wooden platform, which was pulled to & fro by a rope..... Wheelbarrow loads of earth etc were pushed onto the raft, emptied in the middle & then pulled back for a further load'



He also writes that Ted Roshier of Grove Farm Nurseries supplied the willow tree & Wally Searle (father of the late-lamented Derrick) built the little hut. The ducks were supplied by the Parish Council. This 1954 Surrey Ad. photo is of Wally with Tom Leeming on a duck egg hunt. "There's nothing like a breath of Pirbright pond air to give a postmaster an appetite", said Tom. jonathan@pirbright.info

ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH



Just a thought.....

Looking Out For Number One

Over the past few years, as a nation, as a community and as individuals, we have been through some pretty tough times, even though our troubles pale into insignificance compared to what the people of Ukraine are suffering. But there is one particular aspect of life today that I have seen, and which has rightly been welcomed and celebrated. So many people have stepped up to the mark to volunteer in community efforts to make life just a little more bearable for others, simply popping round to make sure their neighbours are OK, or picking up the phone for a chat. For those generous, kind-hearted souls the idea of 'looking out for number one' has been superseded by the notion of looking out for their neighbour.

When I first came to Pirbright I lived on my own, and I remember buying a cookbook: Delia Smith's 'One Is Fun'. I rarely used it, normally choosing to take the easy option and buy ready meals or eat out (and that's *not* much fun by yourself, believe me).

I always used to tell people that I never



minded being alone but I did mind being lonely – and there is a difference. I did feel very lonely sometimes, and that is most definitely *not* fun. At the time I was very much 'looking out for number one'.

Being alone has some benefits. For a start you don't have the same responsibilities that you have if you are in a steady relationship, or have a family. You have to learn to *share* all the responsibilities that come with living with other people.

Perhaps inevitably in times of pandemics, geopolitical turmoil, rising prices and social upheaval, some folk might be heard saying, 'where is God in all this? Why isn't he with us, as he promised to be?'

Then I am reminded of a poem called 'Footsteps in the Sand' written in 1936, when the world was emerging from the Great Depression and would soon be faced with the horrors of World War II. The writer is walking on the beach; looking back there are two sets of footprints. But then one set disappears, just as the writer is facing who knows what sort of trouble in their life. 'Where are you, God, when I need you most?'

'My child, that is when I am carrying you'.

God will never desert us. There may be just one set of footprints on our sandy beach right now, but if we look closely we might see that they go just a little deeper than they did. Alone we may sometimes be; lonely we should need never to be. God will *always* be there with us.

Revd Gary Williamson

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ST MICHAEL'S AND ST MARK'S INTO THE FUTURE

In June and July, small groups in Pirbright and Normandy worked to put together a Parish Profile, a detailed document to attract applicants for the job as our new shared priest. The Parish Profile sets out what a priest would find if they came to Pirbright and Normandy, and describes our villages and social communities, as well as our churches and worship communities. It describes the many different things our church does in the community like Angel Tots, the Open Garden Walks, Summer Fair, and Christmas Carols in the Churchyard. Most importantly, the Parish Profile sets out a joint vision for our ministries and what kind of priest we would like to guide us. It speaks honestly about the opportunities and challenges that working with Pirbright and Wyke could bring. You can find the full Parish Profile on our website – pirbrightchurch.org.uk.

The search for our new priest is progressing but we know it will take time to find the right person and, in the meantime, St Michael's is grateful to a very dedicated group of priests who are supporting our worship week by week. Your church is very definitely 'Open for Business' and we would love to see you! Our pastoral work continues, just contact Jackie MacKenzie (476441) or Catherine Cobleby (481234).



WOKING FOODBANK – your help is needed more than ever! Reliance on foodbanks across Surrey doubled during the pandemic. In Woking alone, and now with increasing food, fuel & other costs, it is getting worse. People who have never had to use Foodbanks before are forced to do so. YOU can do your bit! Order extra items in your weekly shop and then leave them in the bin at Linnards on the Little Green or call Catherine Cobleby on 01483 481234 for a collection. You can also make financial donations via www.woking.foodbank.org.uk/give-help.

ROYAL VOLUNTARY SERVICE

The Royal Voluntary Service are looking for volunteers to join the friendly café team at Farnham Road Hospital Guildford, to help prepare and sell food and drinks to patients, staff and visitors. The café is open 8.45-3pm Monday-Friday and any of your time that you're able to give would be much appreciated. Please contact www.royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk or call Dee or Alison on 01483 443521. Discover a new you - volunteer with us today. Over 18s only due to the location of the café.

THE CIRCLE OF LIFE IN PIRBRIGHT

Welcoming to the family of Christ Benjamin Toulson and Freddie Cooper following their baptisms.

Remembering the life of Andrew Davies, with our condolences to his family.



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. Full details of services on the Church website. The church is open 10am to 4pm daily for private prayer or just quiet contemplation. Do pop in, God is always around and He is a very good listener.

PIRBRIGHT PARISH COUNCIL

Community Sports Pavilion Commences!

Many will have noticed the erection of tree protection fencing around the perimeter of the existing cricket pavilion. This is an essential part of the commencement works undertaken by Lord Pirbright's Hall and Recreation Ground Charity in conjunction with the Parish Council. The works have included digging a strip of foundation to determine ground conditions, enable foundation design and help initiate the construction of the new pavilion.

By the time this newsletter reaches you, we will also have appointed the main contractor who will undertake the build and we hope to have agreed project milestones with Surrey County Council as part of Your Fund Surrey, to draw down funds to coincide with key stages of the build. It is planned for the rest of the building work to be undertaken over the winter period, so that the new Community Sports Pavilion will hopefully be ready for the 2023 sporting season. Fundraising continues and now more than ever, we need the support of the community to get behind the sports clubs and their final push of fundraising to help us to complete this project in style!!



Volunteers Needed for Speedwatch

The Pirbright Village and Fox Corner speed-watch initiatives are valued community groups, which assist with traffic-calming on our local roads. The groups are now looking for a coordinator for each location. This involves setting up the sessions and inputting offences online. Training is also provided online. A degree of computer literacy is necessary to effectively manage the campaigns. The coordinator does not necessarily need to attend all roadside sessions and a thorough handover will be given. If you would like to join the team, please contact the Parish Clerk, Helen Myers for more information. Thank you!



Help Needed with Perinews

Apart from the professional printing, your local PeriNews is produced and distributed every month entirely by groups of wonderful volunteers. The Church and Parish Council, who pull it all together, are looking for another team member to help with the Newsletter in a big or small way. If you can spare an hour a month and would like to become part of the PeriNews family, we would love to hear from you. Please contact either Julia Douetil on 01483 476215 or Helen Myers on 07485 411214 to find out more. Thank you!

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PIRBRIGHT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Many thanks to all who supported our first show since 2019, whether by entering in the competition or just coming to have a look! Thank you to all our judges, stewards and all the helpers needed to make the show a success. Thanks also to the Parish Council for its support and to Cllr Keith Witham for his sponsorship of the engraving costs. The prize winners will be announced in the September issue of Perinews.

In a break with tradition we are having a nursery visit on 23rd August to the Chelsea Gold medal winning nursery, Sienna Hosta, in Barr's Lane, Knaphill. There is no charge for this visit but the maximum number going will be 25. The visit will start at 2.30. Plants at a discount will be available. Please let me know if you would like to come on 01483473737 or philipbarralet@gmail.com

Thank you for your continued support for the Society.

Philip Barralet



Two regulars were sitting at the bar. One of them casually pointed to a couple of drunks across from them. "That's us in ten years," he said. His friend took a sip from his beer, set it down on the bar, turned to his friend, and slurred, "That's a mirror."

PIRBRIGHT COUNTRY MARKET



August brings the lazy hazy days of high summer with afternoon tea in the garden, and here at Pirbright Country Market we have all the ingredients. The most delicious fresh baked cakes, pastries and savouries for miles around, together with a vast selection of crafts, greetings cards and plants to suit all tastes and pockets. You will find us at Lord Pirbright's Hall every Thursday morning between 10am and 11.15am

Rosemary Richmond

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Monday, 8th August will see Branch Members meeting in the Fox Inn, Fox Corner at 8pm, so it would be your opportunity to come and meet us and hear all about the work of the Legion and how we can help veterans.



Anne Hawkins 01252 404276

PIRBRIGHT WI

In August, we have a BBQ for members at a member's house, weather permitting.

Pirbright WI still serve coffee and tea & a good selection of biscuits, in the club room on Thursday mornings 10 - 11.15am why not visit the Country Market and have a chat over a cuppa?

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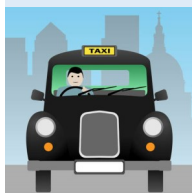
Reminder: Pirbright WI are holding a joint "Fund Raising" evening with Brookwood Cemetery Society, including a virtual tour of Brookwood Cemetery with narrative on its history and residents. To be held in The Chapel in Brookwood Cemetery on the 7th September, 7 pm for a glass of wine, 7.30 pm start. Entrance by ticket £10, includes a glass of wine, talk, refreshments tea/coffee & cake. There will also be a raffle. Booking by email walks@tbcs.org.uk For further information contact Liz Watson, 07961 441337

CUNNINGHAM HOUSE

People often ask me "if Cunningham House isn't a care home, then what is the purpose of it? Why do older people choose to live there?" Our purpose is to provide a safe, supportive community where residents enjoy each other's company as well as having their own private space. Loneliness and social isolation in older age can speed up the ageing process considerably. A previous very wise old resident (she lived to 104 and was very proud of her 'wise old' status!) would tell people not to leave it too late to move to Cunningham House. She would advise, "instead of struggling on in your own home, miles away from family, in the fast lane to a care home, move here to benefit from companionship and support thereby prolonging your independence". It's actually really hard to describe the nature of Cunningham House, but when people step through our door, our purpose slots into place.

Lucy Beasley

PS At long last our Scrabble afternoons are back, on the second Wednesday of each month at 2:30pm!



A passenger in a taxi tapped the driver on the shoulder to ask him a question. The driver screamed, lost control of the steering wheel, narrowly avoided a bus, went up on the footpath, and stopped inches away from a shop window. After a moment, the passenger said, "I'm so sorry, I didn't think that a little tap would scare you so much."

"It's not your fault," replied the driver, "Today is my first day as a cab driver – for the past 25 years I have driven a hearse."

PIRBRIGHT TENNIS CLUB

www.pirbrighttennisclub.com

I'm watching, while I write this, Norrie and Djokovic at Wimbledon. I'm trying to imagine the players being watched by thousands of people on Centre Court. What must it feel like? But that's not going to happen when I play on Court 2 at Pirbright! However I can take inspiration from the top players. Also playing tennis makes me feel good. It blows away the cobwebs from my mind.

PTC offer tournaments, club nights (every Tuesday from 6.30), competitive league tennis, coaching and informal tennis between friends. See our website, our current newsletter and watch for news updates on email.

New membership: Monika Driscoll:
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David Greenland



PIRBRIGHT CRICKET CLUB

Chairman is extremely sorry to be saying goodbye to Ian Milton and his family who are going to pastures new..... Ian Milton is one of the most stalwart and hardworking cricketers of PCC I have ever come across. His inspiration as a player, captain and club member has been phenomenal. Thanks Ian and family. Ian's final game resulted in a comprehensive win, 163 all out against Fernhurst who scored 112 all out. What a fantastic way to bow out!! Farewell sir we will miss you.

Chairman would like to remind villagers of the wonderful events coming up, especially the ENO Game on 4th September. But please come and support the varied teams, female and male, young and not so young, who now grace our lovely club!!

Peter Austin 01483 473108



CHURCHYARD CHRONICLES

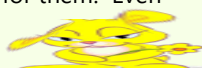
If you think it has been hot lately, imagine to keep cool when you have a fur coat or a feather duvet around you *the whole time!* Mole had to dig a new tunnel deep underground to find cool earth that was still damp. He didn't mind so much though, when he found that was exactly where all the worms had gone too! The mice are small enough to squeeze into tiny crannies in the ancient foundations of the church where the stone sheltered them from the heat of the sun.

It was miserable for the bats as they live right at the top of the tower... and we all know that heat rises. They slept even more than usual and only showed their faces in the relative cool of the evenings. The birds really couldn't escape the sun, so they were very grateful to all those humans who put out fresh water and a little food for them. Even the squirrels slowed down, though you'd barely notice.

Which left me.... in all that heat.... made of plastic..... !

I can only hope that I regain my Adonis-like figure in time for the September edition!

Yellow Rabbit



AUGUST GARDENING TIPS from Wellie

Watering is key this month, particularly container-grown plants and border plantings not yet established. Keep Camellias and Rhododendrons well-watered now to ensure good flower bud formation next spring.. Top up ponds and bird baths regularly. Stake tall or top-heavy dahlias and lilies to prevent wind and rain damage. Regular feeding and dead heading keeps the garden looking its best until autumn, dead-head lilies for a better flower display next year. Dead-head annual bedding plants and perennials to encourage them to flower into the autumn and stop them self-seeding, but it's a good idea to leave some to form seedheads, providing a nutritious food source for birds.. Cut back faded perennials to keep borders tidy. Cut back herbs now to encourage a new flush of tasty leaves you can harvest before the frost. Prune wisteria this month by removing all the whippy side-shoots from the main branch framework to about 20cm from their base (about five to seven leaves from the main stem). Trim any lavender

plants after they've finished flowering to keep them compact. Mow meadows now to help scatter established wildflower seeds. Lift and store onions, shallots and garlic when the tops have gone brown and bent over. Continue to pick fast maturing vegetables such as beans, peas and courgettes to encourage further cropping. House martins will stay to rear a second, or even a third brood, so during dry weather, place a dish of mud in the garden that they can use to repair their nests. Leave out dishes of

water and meat-based dog or cat food (ideally chicken flavour) for hedgehogs. The young hoglets need help fattening up before they go into hibernation in late autumn.

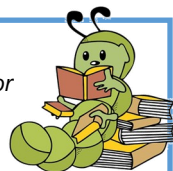


PIRBRIGHT COMMUNITY CALENDAR AUGUST 2022

3	Wed	10:15am	Said Holy Communion & Café Club – Revd Rob Bennett
7	Sun	10:00am	Family Service with band and baptism - Revd Bev Hunt
8	Mon	8:00pm	Royal British Legion meeting, The Fox at Fox Corner
10	Wed	2:30pm	Scrabble afternoon at Cunningham House
14	Sun	10:00am	Holy Communion – Revd Paul Fenner
21	Sun	10:00am	August 10am Holy Communion - priest TBC
23	Tues	2:30pm	Horticultural Society visit to Sienna Hosta, Knaphill
28	Sun	10:00am	Holy communion – Revd Gary Williamson

PERIBOOKS RECOMMENDATIONS FOR YOUR SUMMER READING

Whether journeying to foreign parts, enjoying the best the UK has to offer, or staycationing at home, the Pirbright book swap has the perfect summer holiday reading as you lie by the pool, relax in your garden or hang around the airport. The librarians have recommendations for all interest groups:



Pirbright Horticultural Society: ‘Mulch ado About Nothing’; ‘Ivanhoe’; ‘A Brief History of Thyme’; ‘Lawnmowby Dick’; Ian McEwan’s ‘Allotment’,

Pirbright Surgery: ‘Enema of the People’; ‘Bridget Jones’ Diarrhoea’; ‘Cold Compress Farm’; ‘Lady Chatterley’s Liver’

Dog Lovers: ‘Wolf Hall’; ‘The Philosopher’s Bone’; ‘The Bumper Book of Furry Tails’

DIY enthusiasts : ‘Spanner Karenina’; ‘20,000 Leaks Under the Sink’; ‘Shindler’s Loft’; ‘Grout Expectations’; ‘The Turn of the Screw’.

Weightwatchers: ‘Charlie and the Low Sugar Chocolate Factory’; ‘The Pie of Life’; James Bond in ‘Diet Another Day’; T S Elliot’s ‘The Waistline’;

Food Lovers: ‘Barnaby Fudge’; ‘Lord of the Onion Rings’; ‘The Pie That Came in From the Cold’; ‘Bath Oliver Twist’ featuring the Jammy Dodger; ‘Lady Chatterley’s Lobster’

Car Enthusiasts: ‘James and the Giant Porsche’; ‘Brake Pads at Tiffany’s’; ‘On Her Majesty’s 5,000 Mile Service’; ‘The Silencer of the Lamborghinis’

Antique Collectors – ‘Of Meisen Men’; ‘Decanterbury Tales’; ‘Annie Hallmark’; and the Dylan Thomas classic ‘Under Wedgwood’

Anglers: ‘Lord of the Fly Fishers’; ‘Catch 22’; ‘Far from the Madding Trout’; ‘Three Men and a Bloater’; ‘20,000 Leagues Under the Village Pond’

Young Farmers Association: ‘Silage Marner’; ‘Pigmalion’; ‘Cat on a Hot Shed Roof’

Vertigo Sufferers: ‘Wuthering Hillocks’; ‘A New Term at Malory Prefabricated Classroom’; ‘Room With A Ground Floor View’; and the Dickens classic ‘Bleak Bungalow’.

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