



## CONGRATULATIONS TO PIRBRIGHT CRICKET CLUB !

Pirbright Cricket Club was awarded ECB Clubmark status in July, which is a fantastic achievement. This shows that the way the club is run, children are looked after, the procedures in place and the offer provided are ranked in the top category of clubs in the UK.

The club has gone from having 40 playing members in 2019 to 235 today with 11 youth players on waiting lists. Village cricket is thriving and Surrey Cricket and England cricket have acknowledged the growth by agreeing to support the club with grant funding to install a non-turf wicket along side the square – something the Parish Council have approved subject to planning permission.

Youth activities have finished for the summer culminating in 3 different award ceremonies to acknowledge the 124 players in 11 teams over 148 matches. The leagues have almost finished and these are the current standings.

U7/8 Pheasants – **8<sup>th</sup>**

U8 Parrots (Top league) – Finalised Joint **Top**

U9 Panthers Boys (Top softball league)– **3<sup>rd</sup>**

U9 Puffins Girls – **4<sup>th</sup>**

U11 Pythons Softball Mixed– Finalised **2<sup>nd</sup>**

U11 Pelicans Girls – **5<sup>th</sup>**

U11 Peregrines Hardball – **3<sup>rd</sup>**

U13 Piranhas – **5<sup>th</sup>**



The adult sections continue into September with the Sunday side and Midweek social team continuing to play social cricket. The other league sides are currently:

Saturday XI – I'anson Division 2 – **6<sup>th</sup>**

Phoenix (Women's Softball) – Surrey Smash It west - **Top**

Penguins (CCL walking cricket league) – **3<sup>rd</sup>**

If you are interested in joining the club which provides cricket from aged 4 - 94 male and female, please contact [pirbrightcricket@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:pirbrightcricket@yahoo.co.uk)



## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

If you would like to learn more about the Royal British Legion, please come and join us at the Fox Inn, Fox Corner on Monday 12th September at 8pm.

More dates for your diary - the Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall will be held on Saturday 12th November, with the Remembrance Service at the Cenotaph on Sunday 13th November,

*Anne Hawkins 01252 404276*

# ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH



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

### THE TREE OF LIFE

Here in Pirbright we are lucky to be surrounded by trees: in fields, meadows, gardens and the local heathland ranges. We are now only too well aware that trees are a crucial factor in our continued survival, soaking up the carbon dioxide that we all breathe out, absorbing it from the air and either storing it or releasing small amounts of it back into the atmosphere. Trees are essential to life: our very own **tree (s) of life...**

I have always been fascinated by the Vikings, whose culture is now recognised as having been much more sophisticated than their traditional image as fierce warriors might suggest. In Viking mythology, *Yggdrasil* – the Tree of Life – spread its branches all over their world, which had nine realms, each of which was home to a different form of life.

It occurs to me that the idea of a 'tree of life' might very well be applied to religious belief. All living trees grow from a tiny seed and spread their branches away from and beyond their roots. Some branches may



wither and die, others flourish and grow more offshoots, spreading themselves in different directions. All the time, however, all the branches

remain firmly part of the original tree. Every season, the branches shed their leaves and seeds, which may then go on to start and nourish new growth elsewhere.

If we think about it, that's exactly how belief works: out of one central point branches grow, spread and flourish. Branches may wither and die, but the main stem remains firm and supports and nourishes its branches. Different faiths may have different names for their core, and some faiths have a multitude of different branches. In the United States, for instance, according to one source<sup>1</sup> there are 'at least' 33,000 Christian denominations. That's some tree!

By a remarkable coincidence, *Yggdrasil* had three roots. Strange...the Christian God is a triune God, the Holy Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Over the past couple of months our trees (and gardens – and some of us) have been struggling to deal with the severe drought and heat that we are being told is now our 'normal' summer weather. So let's do what we can to keep *our* tree of life alive, no matter what species it is, or how many branches away from the tree's heart it may be. *Revd Gary Williamson*

<sup>1</sup>World Christian Encyclopedia, quoted at <https://thecompletepilgrim.com/how-many-churches-and-denominations-are-there-in-america-and-the-world-continued/> (accessed 18.7.2022)

### THE CIRCLE OF LIFE IN PIRBRIGHT

**We welcome** to the church of Christ to Joshua Rosindell following his Baptism.  
**We remember** the life of Barbara Mauerhoff

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## FAMILY FILM NIGHT Saturday 8th October

Did you know that the church has an excellent sound system and large projection screen? So what better way to make the most of the church as a community resource, and give local families an inexpensive evening out, than a family film night on your doorstep! Refreshments will be available, including a bar for the grown-ups, And who knows, if it is successful film nights could become a regular village event. In the meantime, pop the date in your diary, Saturday 8th October. More information in the October PeriNews and on the Church Website.



## CRAFTS CIRCLE

We are back to our meetings starting on Wednesday, 14th September, in the church room.

The group meets every second Wednesday of the month from 2-4pm. If anyone would like to join us please come as you do not need any special skills. We have small projects, knitting toys, making simple jewellery and preparing lavender bags. You do not have to join a project, just do your own thing and come for a cup of tea and a chat. Contact Jadwiga Grimshaw 01483 474728.

## COFFEE, CRAFT AND CHAT

A new, informal craft group is also starting on the fourth Tuesday of the month, first meeting on 27 September, from 10 am to noon. This is a group for new and experienced crafters alike, who would enjoy meeting once a month for sewing, quilting, knitting, quilling, calligraphy - indeed any portable craft work - sharing ideas and techniques, learning from each other and working in company, rather than alone. We



will meet in the Church Room at St. Michael's Church, Pirbright.

Contact Jay Kleinberg on 07703 834 636 or [sjaykleinberg@gmail.com](mailto:sjaykleinberg@gmail.com)

Look forward to seeing you there.

## RAWLINS CLUB

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September Dr Judy Hill will speak on "Queen Victoria and Prince Albert: Rulers, Partners and Rivals."

2.00pm in Lord Pirbright's Hall.  
Denise Granger 01483 472070



## PIRBRIGHT COUNTRY MARKET

*"That old September feeling, left over from school days, of summer passing, holiday nearly done. Another autumn, another turned page"* Author Unknown

Make the most of the beautiful September days; come and see our range of plants for the autumn garden, something savoury or perhaps a cake from our excellent cooks; or that special something lovingly made by our craft producers. You will find it all here in Lord Pirbrights Hall every Thursday between 10am and 11.15am

Rosemary Richmond



*Moses led the Israelites in the desert for forty years.  
It seems, even in those days, men wouldn't stop to ask the way!*



## CHURCH SERVICES

All are welcome to our services, and access via Zoom will continue on 1st and 3rd Sundays each month from October. 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. Full details of services on the Church website.

The church is open 10am to 4pm daily for private prayer or just quiet contemplation.

### Parking Restrictions in the Village

In 2017, residents requested that the PC seek parking restrictions (double yellow lines) around the village. Last year, GBC agreed to finance the implementation and enforcement of these restrictions and the plans progressed. The consultation is now live and is open for public comment. There is a link on the PC website under "Latest News" or on the GBC website <https://www.guildford.gov.uk/parkingformadvertisment>

Please take this opportunity to view the GBC proposal and please comment.

The deadline is 9th September 2022 and GBC can only implement the restrictions that residents would like if they receive your comments!

### Fishing in the Pond

With the consistent dry weather the Clerk looked into removing all the goldfish from the pond who were struggling with the equivalent of someone pulling out their plug. Both Surrey Wildlife Trust and the Environment Agency advised against saving them or trying to top up the pond



with gallons of chlorinated water. RoSPA advised against entering the pond due to the risk of Weil's disease (much to the Clerk's dismay having previously directed her husband to wade in to put up signage when the rats were about!). Undeterred the Clerk found a CEFAS operator who agreed to come and rescue the fish at a cost to the council of £350. All the fish caught will now live happy lives in purpose-built ponds and lakes. The Fisheries Officer has advised that a pond **without** fish would create greater biodiversity and provide a habitat



for newts and frogs, and this suggestion will be encouraged with the pond being such a feature of the village.

### Green Hut and Committee Room

The Parish Council and Lord Pirbright's Hall office is proposing to move from the Green Hut to the Committee Room, both of which will be given a new lease of life as multi-purpose spaces, available for use by community groups. This helps update the facilities offered by LPH and address the needs of our community and secure the future of an increasingly busy and successful village hall at a time of rapidly rising costs. Victoria and the LPH Trustees would like to extend a huge thank you to all the regular and loyal hirers for their support and patience whilst we commence with the first of the new and exciting changes.

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## HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

It was wonderful to have our Annual Show back after three years. Although entries were less than in 2019, all our judges said the quality of exhibits was high, and that in spite of a difficult growing season with very little rain and very high temperatures.

Well done to all exhibitors and thanks to everyone involved in putting on this show. We had in excess of 250 people through the door.

The results are:

### Section A – Cut Flowers

Briant Perpetual Cup – Most points in whole section: *Mary Straker*

### Section B – Vegetables

Dowling Perpetual Cup – Most points in whole section: *Molly Beagley*

Jim Rice Trophy – Best collection of Vegetables in Class 45 or 46: *David Burch*

### Section C – Soft Fruit

Rawlins Perpetual Cup - Most points in whole section: *Nic Sands and Pauline Allen*

### Section D – Pot Plants

The Sayers Centenary Cup – Most points in whole section: *Philip Barralet*

British Fuchsia Society Blue Ribbon: *Lou Major*

Banksian Medal – Most points in whole of Horticultural Classes: *Mary Straker*

**All Horticultural Classes** - Bernard Rose Perpetual Salver – Best single entry in all Horticultural Classes: *David Burch*

### Floral Art

Fairs Perpetual Cup – Most points in Classes 72-77: *Anne Bowles*

Muriel Slorick Trophy – Best Single Entry in Classes 72-77: *Helen Whitworth*

Mamie Grover Trophy – People's Choice in Floral Art: *Anne Bowles*

### Handicraft and Photography

Fairs Trophy – Most points in Classes 79-91: *Irene Price*

Godwin Austen Cup – Best Single Entry in Classes 79-91: *Anne Hawkins*

### Cookery and Produce

Moonrakers' Cup – Most points in Classes 92-104: *Pauline Allen*

Ron Douglas Challenge Cup - Best Entry in Class 105 – Men only: *Nic Sands*

### Boys and Girls Classes 8 – 14 years old

Lyle Perpetual Cup - Most points in this Section: *Olive Lynch*

Faggetter Cup – First Place in Class 116: *Archie Evans*

Marguerite Suter Trophy - Best Single Entry in Classes 111-115: *Emelia Woodhouse*



Our next scheduled meeting is on Tuesday 12th September at 8pm in the Clubroom of Lord Pirbright's Hall, when our speaker will be Tim Woodland who will be talking on 'Planting Autumn Bulbs'. We will also be distributing daffodil bulbs for our daffodil competition to be judged in March/April 2023. Do come and join us for another informative evening. Guests and visitors most welcome.



## SUPPORT OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES - GT&ME

GT&Me is a local business that grew out of a friendship between two Pirbright ladies, a caterer and a florist.

Whenever George or Helen wanted to say thank you to friends or show they cared, they boxed up a selection of their favourite treats for them. The reaction to these unique and very personal little gifts was so positive, they are now selling their treat-filled parcels online – personally designing the contents of each and every box to brighten up the day of those who receive them. Each box contains a unique glass vase, a pretty handpicked posy and a delicious, handmade, designer chocolate bar, all of which customers can mix, match, and add to, creating just the right gift to be delivered to someone special. What's not to love?! Read all about their delightful little packages of joy at their website <https://gtandme.co.uk/>



## PIRBRIGHT HISTORIANS, *Jonathan Foster*

How blessed we are to have Pirbright Common. To wander in the pinewoods early on a late summer's morning is sheer delight, golden sunlight shafting through the mist. It's the War Department we have to thank, who purchased 3,072 acres from lucky Pirbright Commoners in 1877 for the princely sum of £14,600 (£1.15m today), thus joining the land they already owned as Ash Ranges. It would have been a grand sight to see the manoeuvres held in summers thereafter. Not so much fun for the Poor Bloody Infantry, forced to march in noonday sun over the heathland, then virtually devoid of trees. After some fatalities from heatstroke (a couple buried in the churchyard), Queen Victoria ordered the planting of conifers. True to the Law of Unintended Consequences, they are now a pest which need regular clearing. Well, at least it wasn't good farmland taken for rewilding - with woolly mammoths! email: [jonathan@pirbright.info](mailto:jonathan@pirbright.info)



## PIRBRIGHT TENNIS CLUB

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



I turned up at 10am on July 30th for the Jean Seager Tournament not knowing what to expect. Who will I be playing with? We all played with different partners and against different players. The good players had a handicap. So we all had an equal chance. A clever idea!

The tournament was well organised by Sarah Rosevear with a delicious BBQ. We had a lot of fun and great to meet people. Good to see Gerry Davis, a previous organiser and tennis player for many years, presenting the cup to winners Colin Greenwood and Hilary Gower. They beat

Paul Hampson and Monika Driscoll in a close final.

Come and watch the Summer Tournament Mens' and Ladies' finals with BBQ and refreshments on Sunday September 25th from 12.30pm.

Come and try club nights (every Tuesday from 6.30 – all levels, all ages). Or there's competitive league tennis, coaching and regular informal tennis between friends. See our website for all tennis activities.

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

*David Greenland*

## PIRBRIGHT WI

For our meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> September our talk is "The Weird & Wonderful World of Law" with David Allen, in the Club Room at Lord Pirbright Hall at 7pm. Visitors are always welcome to pop in and listen to our talks.

### **The WI are still serving coffee and tea**

with a good selection of biscuits, in the club room on Thursday mornings 10-11.15am. We have been serving tea and coffee now for a year, it's lovely to see people popping in to visit the Country Market then meet up & chat over coffee. Thank you for your support. *Irene Dredge* 01483 233279 or email [iredredge@outlook.com](mailto:iredredge@outlook.com)

## **Last chance 7<sup>th</sup> September 7:00pm**

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 7<sup>th</sup> September, 7 pm for a glass of wine, 7.30 pm start. Entrance by ticket £10, includes a glass of wine, talk, then refreshments tea/coffee & cake. There will also be a raffle. Booking by email [walks@tbcs.org.uk](mailto:walks@tbcs.org.uk) Payment by transfer to Brookwood Cemetery Soc, but please email first. For further information contact Liz Watson, 07961 441337 Pirbright WI

## CHURCHYARD CHRONICLES

Yellow Rabbit appears to have gone missing. Last seen heading for Brookwood Station with a suitcase full of carrots, suncream and a copy of Watership Down (he likes a classic horror story). Hopefully he'll be back in time for October's PeriNews.



## SEPTEMBER GARDENING TIPS from Wellie

Some Broad beans and pea varieties (such as Aquadulce Claudia and Pea 'Douce Provence') can be sown now for an earlier crop next year, along with spring cabbages and spinach (which might need to be covered from frosts). Onions and garlic can also be planted now for harvesting next year. There is still time to sow some salad crops such as winter lettuce mixes and mizuna, and why not put in a row or two of radishes as they are quick to mature. Some seeds can be sown now such as English marigold, cornflower, Californian poppies are a couple of suggestions. Either sow direct in to ground where they are to flower next year, or sow in modules to plant out later. Take cuttings of tender perennials such as fuchsias and Pelargoniums before they get caught by the frost. Start planting bulbs for spring display now. Divide herbaceous perennials if they have outgrown their space or are looking tired. Net ponds before the autumn leaves start to fall. This is normally a time when gardeners start to clear up, but if you want to encourage wildlife why not leave some seed-heads, and let some herbaceous perennials dieback naturally thereby providing food and shelter for birds and small animals. Wash and disinfect bird feeders and tables to maintain hygiene, and if the feeders are quite old think about replacing them.



## PIRBRIGHT COMMUNITY CALENDAR SEPTEMBER 2022

4	Sun	10:00am	Family Service with Church Band, Rev Nigel Nicholson
7	Wed	10:15am 7:00pm	Said Holy Communion & Café Club, Rev Bev Hunt WI Virtual tour and talk, Brookwood Cemetery
9	Fri	2:00pm	Rawlins Club, 'Queen Victoria and Prince Albert', LPH
11	Sun	10:00am	Holy Communion, Rev Paul Fenner
12	Mon	8:00pm	Royal British Legion, Fox Inn at Fox Corner
13	Tues	8:00pm	Horticultural Society, 'Planting Spring Bulbs'. LPH
14	Wed	2:00pm 2:30pm	Craft Circle, Church Room Scrabble at Cunningham House
18	Sun	10:00am	Holy Communion, Archdeacon Martin Breadmore
20	Tues	7:00pm	WI Meeting, 'The Weird and Wonderful World of Law', LPH
25	Sun	10:00am 12:30pm	Holy Communion, Rev Bev Hunt Tennis Club Summer Tournament Finals & BBQ
27	Tues	10:00am	Craft, Coffee and Chat, Church Room

### CUNNINGHAM HOUSE

Evidence suggests that being socially active and participating in stimulating conversation can help keep the memory cogs oiled. Cunningham House offers daily doses of this! Recently, a recurring topic of conversation has been the Royal Family and politics in the 1950's, brought about by watching the TV drama, *The Crown*; a dramatisation of Royal Family life and politics starting from the Queen's Coronation. You can't help but ponder how accurate (or not I suspect?!) the storylines are, and wish the Queen was sat beside you to discuss this with! The next best thing though, is to discuss this with the residents, who are of a generation who lived through those times. They all have their snippets of information and memories that they recall to throw into the conversation, bringing the topic to life with brain cells firing on all cylinders!

*Lucy Beasley*



### FUN ON THE GREEN



James Noyce Fun Fair is returning to Pirbright Green this September! The children's only Fun Fair will be in Pirbright on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September. Please come along to experience junior bumper cars, tea cup rides and a very family orientated day out.

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