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PIRBRIGHT GIRLS YOUTH FOOTBALL TEAM

Calling all girls between the ages of 6-9! The Pirbright Girls Youth Football Club is on its way! Training will commence this coming May 2023 – with some fun activities in the lead-up. Whether you want to take on a new sport, or build on existing skills with FA-accredited coaching, this club is for you. Come and join the fun!

Adults – we also need you! We need volunteers to assist in a number of positions from coaching (training opportunities available), assisting or day-to-day support roles. Here is your chance to be a part of something really special and help us shape the club that produces lionesses of the future!

To register your interest or support or for more information, please contact Glenn or Jennie at pirbrightgirlsfc@yahoo.com



NORMANDY VILLAGE SHOP AND CAFE - opening this Spring!

If you haven't heard, the Villagers of Normandy have raised funds and built a beautiful shop and café, located at Manor Fruit Farm, off Glaziers Lane. We are entering the final fit-out phase, and on March 26th the builders will hand the shop over to us. We have planned and organised almost everything but there is so much to do in the next three months, that we simply cannot manage it all on our own. To help us finish this wonderful community project our call-out to everyone is; **if you think you can help us, in any way, please come forward.**

We are running Friday Volunteer Networking Evenings and welcome all our neighbouring villagers to come along. Next one is 24th February 7pm, at Normandy Cricket Club. Please check out www.normandyshop/facebook before you come, in case of any changes. More information can be found on our new website www.normandyshop.co.uk. We want to share the news of our shop and café to everyone and it would be lovely to see our neighbours in Pirbright come to visit our shop, relax in our café and maybe even volunteer!



Our Friday morning markets are also popular for fish, meat, fruit & veg, chutneys, bread and bi-weekly French cheese.
08:30 – 12:30 every Friday, Manor Fruit Farm.

If you can help or would like more information, get in touch: Email: contact@normandyshop.co.uk .
Call: 07866 427 537 or 07545 963 157

ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH



Just a thought.....

Whatever 'love' is...

The Prioress in Chaucer's Canterbury Tales wore a posh medallion with the inscription 'Amor Vincit Omnia' – 'love conquers all'. A Prioress 'is a head of [a] convent house of nuns'. However, the phrase was first written by the Roman poet Virgil so a pagan, not a Christian. 'It refers to amorous or physical love, not spiritual love, and so should not be the motto of a religious woman... It could possibly be construed as about God's love, but that is a stretch—if the prioress were truly religious she would have found a phrase about love from the Bible.'

February is the month when we, too, celebrate love, on St Valentine's Day. But I wonder what we think of when we send our cards (anonymously or not) to a 'loved' one? What do we mean by 'in love'?

Older folk will probably remember the words of the then Prince of Wales, now our

King, when he appeared with his fiancée Diana being interviewed to mark their engagement: 'Whatever 'in love' means'.

The Greeks were able to distinguish between no less than eight different kinds of love, from erotic love, through love of self, love of family, platonic love...to '*agape*' – selfless, universal love. *Agape* is the sort of love that you don't wear on your sleeve (or write in a card). *Agape* is inside us, all of us. We just have to find it.

Isn't that the sort of love that we should be celebrating – a deep, genuine love for all other human beings, animals, indeed the whole of God's wonderful creation. It's difficult, I know, to have that sort of love for everyone and everything, especially when you're hurting or alone. But always remember that *agape* is the only kind of love that God has for us.

Here in Pirbright we are embarking on a new era at St Michael's with a new priest. Let's help him to grow the friendship love into the selfless universal love for *all* of our neighbours. *That's* the sort of love that we should aspire to.

Revd Gary Williamson

All quotes from: <https://www.enotes.com/homework-help/for-the-prioress-tale-in-the-canterbury-theses-2218168>



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Message from our new Vicar, Revd George Watkinson

Greetings from Pirbright Vicarage! My family moved to this lovely vicarage before Christmas, and we are already enjoying the pleasures of living in the country after the environment of London. We have been so touched by many cards, gifts and visits giving us such a warm welcome and we look forward to meeting our fellow villagers in the months ahead.



From the outset, I feel very strongly that I want to be in both churches every Sunday so I can get to know people and be seen in the community. However, as I can't be in two places at once, there will need to be some compromises on all sides. Our two PCCs will start the discussion and with three joint services in January, I plan to create a space for prayer and reflection before a proposal is made for a trial period beginning in February.

Whilst worship is my prerogative as vicar, I do very much want to take both churches with me. In this interim period, please use our website – pirbrightchurch.org.uk – to find details of our services. A warm welcome awaits you and I can't wait to meet you all!

Rev George

PIRBRIGHT HISTORIANS

Welcome to our new Vicar, George Watkinson, the latest in a long line of incumbents stretching back over 800 years. In his admirable booklet on the history of St. Michael's, James Grimshaw lists 40 known, but there are many gaps. The longest recorded was George Dawson, curate for 50 years from 1705, whose marble tablet beside the pulpit predates the current building. His predecessor was the strangely named Hashabiah Horsnell. 100 years before him, curate Henry Asser's 7 children were christened with the unusual names of The Lords Neare, Experience, Godheard, Christian, Hope, Be Faithful & Timothy. The earliest known incumbent, c1200, was Parson Jordan. 600 years later, in 1805, Halsey's map still showed 5 fields as Jordans, stretching from Cove Bridge to Grove Farm. Is there hidden archaeology under the gardens of the Terrace, Gibbs Acre or Cowbridge Meadow?

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1214	Parson JORDAN	1642-1662	Samuel WICKHAM
1559	Richard POLE	1662-1674	William PIGGOTT
1567-1568	John TYLMAN	1686-1705	Hashabiah HORSNELL
1568	Sr George SHEDART	1705-1755	George DAWSON
1572-1580	Sr Edward NEWBY	1755-1777	Richard VINCENT
1572-1574	George HAWWARD	1778-1797	Thomas TOWNSEND
1580-1587	Hugh PHILLIP	1797-1827	Henry HAMMOND
1587-1597	Robert MAYNWARINGE	-	Benjamin LOVELL
1598-1614	Henry ASSER	1828-1832	William FRASER
1615-1617	Thomas WARREN	1832-1837	C. BRADSHAW BOWLES
1618-1642	George FARROLL	1837-1838	Henry AYLING
		1838-1849	William Henry PARSON
		1849-1850	Robert WEDGWOOD
		1850-1851	Newton John SPICER
		1851-1888	Francis CRISP
		1889-1898	J. WORTHINGTON DUNN
		1898-1924	Arthur BLAIS 1898-1924
		1924-1941	Herbert SLADE KELSEY
		1942-1969	Bernard A. WHITEHEAD
		1970-1984	John CLINNINGHAM
		1985	Godfrey WILSONGETT
		1986-2000	Richard E.N. STREVS
2001-2006	Victoria K. LUCAS		
2007	Christine MUSSET		

Incumbents Boards, Pirbright Church



I think animal testing is cruel, they get nervous and give all the wrong answers.

PIRBRIGHT PARISH COUNCIL

Next Parish Council Meeting

The next monthly meeting of the Parish Council will take place on **Tuesday 7th February 2023** at 7.30pm in the Committee Room at Lord Pirbright's Hall. Parishioners are warmly invited to attend to hear about the local issues being discussed and the Agenda for this meeting will be published on the website and noticeboards on 1st Feb.



Vacancy for Hall Manager/Secretary

The Parish Council are looking to recruit a part-time Manager/Secretary to manage

Lord Pirbright's Hall on behalf of the Trustees. This varied role would suit someone familiar with the hospitality sector who can ensure the delivery of high quality services to the public while complying with Health & Safety legislation. Managing staff, an online bookings system, invoicing, accounting and budgeting are all part of this role. Bringing new ideas to increase the client base and working with existing and prospective hirers to ensure their needs are met are key aspects of the position. Training will be given. For more information please contact the Parish Clerk (contact details below).



*I gave my wife a flower on Valentine's day.
She wasn't impressed. It was a cauliflower.*

CUNNINGHAM HOUSE

Forty-three years ago a local lady, Sylvia Cunningham, recognised a need in Pirbright for accommodation to suit older people who were lonely and finding household bills and chores increasingly difficult. In researching options, she discovered the Abbeyfield charity which provides a structure for volunteers to run this type of accommodation. She brought on board some willing volunteers with relevant skills to take the project forward. To this day, we are still run by local volunteers who sit on either the Board of Trustees (taking responsibility for strategic aspects of the house) or the House Committee (who take responsibility for day-to-day operational aspects). We always welcome new enquiries from volunteers who are interested in bringing their skills to the Cunningham House team, and currently hope to find someone with a legal background with a few hours a month to spare. Please email cunninghamhousepirbright@gmail.com if interested.

Lucy Beasley



Pirbright Parish Council

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DID YOU KNOW... less is more when it comes to toys.

Good news for parents - your child will actually be more creative and have a better attention span if given fewer toys to play with. In trials, youngsters with fewer toys focussed on thinking up new ways to play with them, so expanding their creativity and concentration. Experts suggest packing away most of the toys, and bringing just a few out at a time, on a rotating basis, to give the child time to get the most fun from each individual toy.



PIRBRIGHT WI.

Our meeting this month is on Tuesday 21st February at 7.00 pm in the Club Room in Lord Pibrigh's Hall. Our talk will be 'Changing the Habit' and the speaker is Marion Dante. We look forward to seeing visitors at our talks.

Community Coffee morning we are still serving coffee and teas on Thursdays 10 am - 11.15 in Lord Pibrigh's Hall. You could always make time for a lovely chat after visiting the market.

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HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Our February meeting will be held on February 14th in the club room of Lord Pibrigh's Hall, The Green, Pibrigh, GU24 0JE at the new time of 7.30pm when our speaker will be Jim Arbury talking on 'growing unusual fruit'. All welcome. Refreshments will be served as usual.

Membership subscriptions are now due: £20 single or £25 for family membership.

Please contact our treasurer, Julian Didyk on julian-didyk@sky.com

Do come and enjoy!

Philip Barralet



RAWLINS CLUB

We are having our next meeting on Friday 10th February between 2.00 and 4.00pm in Lord Pibrigh's Hall. The talk will be "The Venetian Connection" by Paul Whittle.

Denise Granger 01483 472070



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

If you would like to hear more about the work of the Legion and how veterans can be helped, then please join us at 8pm in the Fox Inn, Fox Corner on Monday, 13th February for our regular monthly meeting which is usually part business and part social - but everyone is welcome to join us.

Contact: Anne Hawkins 01252 404276

PIRBRIGHT COUNTRY MARKET

Support your local country market, a fresh approach to traditional skills.

Lord Pibrigh's Hall every Thursday 10am to 11.15am. Make this the month you come and see the work of our skilled

cooks, crafters and plant growers.

No charge for entry and no pressure to purchase.

Rosemary Richmond

GEORGE BRANSTON

In January we lost a much loved member of our community George Branson. A memorial service for George will be held at St Michael's Church on Thursday 9th February at 2pm, and a reception afterwards at the Village Hall where mourners will be welcome to join the family in the main hall to celebrate his life. In the meantime, all our thoughts are with Heather and the family.





Secret of a long marriage



At a Church's marriage seminar, the leader asked Henry, who was approaching his 50th wedding anniversary, to take a few minutes to share some insight into how he had sustained his marriage all these years.

"Well," replied Henry, addressing the assembled husbands: "I've tried to treat my wife well, I spend all my money on her, but best of all is, I took her to Paris for our 25th wedding anniversary!"

The leader was impressed. "Henry, you are an amazing inspiration to all the husbands here! Please tell us what you are planning for your wife for your 50th anniversary?"

Beaming proudly Henry replied:
"I'm going to back to Paris to pick her up."

PIRBRIGHT TENNIS CLUB

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/PirbrightTennisClub>



4 years ago, one cold January morning, we played tennis and after a few games it began snowing quite hard! We carried on! It's amazing what weathers you can play tennis in and snow gave us a pretty view. Unfortunately rain now is the culprit and that's difficult to play in. However our courts are incredibly resilient even when it's been raining for several hours.

Need some coaching? Our coach, Michael Jefferies, is extending his coaching programme and wants players of all ages to improve their tennis. Contact:

jefferiesmichael@hotmail.com or visit our website for coaching and all activities.

Enjoy a Quiz on Friday 24th February from 7.15 in Lord Pirbright's Hall. Contact Ali Williams to reserve (or join) a table: ali.williams03@gmail.com

You can still join the club: for new membership contact: e-mail: [in-fo@pirbrighttennisclub.com](mailto:info@pirbrighttennisclub.com)

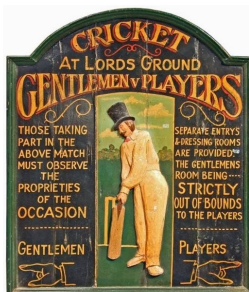
David Greenland

PIRBRIGHT CRICKET CLUB,

On we go with 2023 hopefully the uncertain times will not drag through the summer and at least we have the game we love to brighten our summer. Good to remember how long Pirbright has enjoyed cricket being played. In any event the new pavilion has now become part of the horizon! Chairman is very grateful for all the folks whose concern has been evident about the Pavilion Clock coming off the old pavilion and making its way to the new one... it bears his parents initials JBA and ESA thanks especially go to Graeme Marks .


Chairman actually remembers playing with someone who played in days of the Gentlemen against the Players.....

Peter Austin



CHURCHYARD CHRONICLES

The churchyard animals are all very excited about meeting our new Vicar. The birds are singing their little hearts out to welcome him, the squirrels are perfecting their high speed arboreal acrobatics to impress him, the baby rabbits are working on co-ordinated scampering and skipping to amuse him, and Badger is digging out some of his past sermons 'to give him a few ideas'. But, as I asked the Churchwarden when she found me looking a bit deflated the other day, what does a rather flabby, decidedly grubby, old plastic yellow rabbit have to offer?

She thought for a bit. 'Well,' she said, 'you remind people that our church and churchyard are here for everyone, not just people who go to services. And, for those who might skip the more serious bits of PeriNews, you tell them about things that happen in church. And you make people laugh (*sometimes*) so they know that Christians can have a sense of humour. But most of all,' she said giving me hug, which she might have regretted because I am a bit sticky at the moment, 'your job is to reassure us all that whether we sing like a lark or growl like a badger, whether we're gracious or grumpy, lean or lumpy, confident or confused, refined or flabby, we are all loveable and loved. I felt a lot better, although I'm still not sure if she was paying me a compliment or....?' 

Yellow Rabbit

FEBRUARY GARDENING TIPS from Wellie

These tips are written a month in advance and the weather outside at the moment is extremely wet and windy, but also very mild. It will be interesting to see which plants, especially the more temperate ones, will have survived the low temperatures we had in December. In the 20 odd years that I have been working as a gardener, 2022 was the first year that the leaves (especially some of the oaks) had not all fallen by Christmas. So the suggestions below are just that – suggestions, and are all dependent on the weather. Cut back ornamental grasses and other perennials left for winter interest. Prune back shrubs such as Cornus and Salix grown for winter coloured stems. Winter flowering jasmine can be pruned after it has finished flowering. Take out any dead or damaged wood, tie in any stems needed to extend the framework, then shorten side shoots to 5cm from main framework. This is a good time of year to apply slow release fertilisers such as fish blood and bone or pelleted chicken manure to your beds and borders. Once winter flowering heathers have finished flowering, trim back with shears to the base of the flower stalks, thus encouraging side shoots to grow. Cut back late flowering (group 3) Clematis such as *Clematis viticella*, *C. orientalis* and *C. "jackmanii"* to a low pair of strong buds, 23-45cm from the ground. Prune late summer flowering shrubs such as Buddleia, Lavatera and Fuschia hard. Try to finish pruning apple and pear trees by the end of the month. Cut autumn raspberry canes to ground level and prune out a quarter of black-currant older growth at ground level.



"Reading, writing, and arithmetic
— I'm too young to multitask!"

PIRBRIGHT COMMUNITY CALENDAR FEBRUARY 2023

3	Wed	2:30pm	Scrabble at Cunningham House
5	Sun	TBC	for church service times please go to pirbrightchurch.org.uk
7	Tues	7:30pm	Parish Council Meeting, LPH
8	Wed	2:00pm	Craft circle at Cunningham House
10	Fri	2:00pm	Rawlins Club 'The Venetian Connection' LPH
12	Sun	TBC	for church service times please go to pirbrightchurch.org.uk
13	Mon	8:00pm	Royal British Legion Meeting, The Fox Inn
14	Tues	7:30pm	Horticultural Soc, 'Growing Unusual Fruit', LPH Club Room
19	Sun	TBC	for church service times please go to pirbrightchurch.org.uk
21	Tues	7:00pm	WI meeting, 'Changing the Habit', LPH
24	Fri	7:15pm	Tennis Club Quiz, LPH
26	Sun	TBC	for church service times please go to pirbrightchurch.org.uk
28	Tues	10:00am	Craft, Coffee and Chat in the Church Room



Stay Warm!

A Warm Hub here in Pirbright Don't forget, the wonderful W.I. run a warm hub every Thursday morning at LPH from 10.00 - 11.15am. Come in, keep warm and receive a warm hug from the ladies at the W.I.

ARE YOU ENJOYING RECEIVING YOUR PERINEWS IN COLOUR?

For the last year we have been able to print PeriNews in colour most months and, from your feedback, it seems that you like it that way! Thanks to the lovely people at **Knaphill Print** holding the price down for us, colour printing is no longer prohibitively expensive, but it does cost more, so we are especially grateful to all those groups who have helped us to find the extra cash to pay for colour printing.

Here is our BIG THANKYOU to all those who have made a donation to the Support Our Local Businesses section, or have made a donation when they have placed a flier with us. Special thanks too, to the **Pirbright Horticultural Society** and **Pirbright Women's Institute** who each made generous donations as a thank you for carrying their news every month.

If PeriNews can help your organisation, please consider supporting our ability to continue providing PeriNews in colour each month by making a donation, or placing a flier or business piece. For more information please contact Helen Myers, Clerk to the Parish Council, at clerk@pirbright-pc.gov.uk 07485 411214



Thank You!

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