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SMILE, IT'S MARCH SO SPRING CAN'T BE FAR AWAY!

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY TO ALL OUR PIRBRIGHT MUMS

They say God couldn't be everywhere at once, so he invented mothers. On 19th March we can all show our appreciation for our wonderful mums, step-mums, mums-in-law, adopted mums, foster mums, grannies, great-grannies and even the occasional great-great-granny. Whatever kind of mum you are, you are special and we love you.



PIRBRIGHT SURGERY - Car Parking at Pirbright Surgery

Over the last 10 years Pirbright Surgery has doubled in size, we currently have 4600 patients registered at the surgery. To manage demand, we have increased capacity, with extra GP and nurse appointments. We only have five parking bays and one disabled bay. Please could we ask that you park across the road in the Avenue De Cagny car park if you are able to, this will free up car parking bays for our less mobile patients.

The Partners, Pirbright Surgery



PIRBRIGHT HISTORIANS

This lovely photo from early 1900 came to light recently via the vigilance of Parish Clerk, Helen Myers, who found it, with others, in a cupboard. Harry Boylett's grocery and bakery on the left, next to Alfred Ball, builder. The original stained glass window on Lord Pirbright's Hall (now lost, alas) & ornate shelter for cricketers, the square in the foreground. Oh, and a proper Perambulator with baby being taken for an airing!

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ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH

Just a thought.....



Love your neighbour,,,

When Jesus was asked which of God's commandments should come first, he replied with the command to "love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind" but straight after this is the command to "Love your neighbour as yourself". If I am honest when reading this passage, neighbour has often been associated in my mind with my friends, work colleagues or those from church, but not often have I thought about my actual neighbours.

I want to start by thanking you all. Just before Christmas we as a family moved to Pirbright. Upon arriving in this beautiful village we have experienced first hand neighbourly love. Neighbours have called by to say hello, some even bearing gifts and cards (and even meals!). Some of whom we had not even previously met, but have nonetheless put a card through our door or stopped us on the streets to say hi. Others have shown this love as I have begun to walk around the village. You have demonstrated to our family, in a practical way, what loving your neighbour looks like. I am certain that from now on I will not be able to read those words of Jesus without

thinking of this first hand experience of neighbourly love.

Jesus considers neighbourly love to be of such importance that he affirms that all of God's commandments hang on those two principles: love God and love your neighbour. As a church, in our teaching on a Sunday, we have gone back to the life of Jesus in the Gospel of Luke. Through these pages of Luke's Gospel Jesus models to us what loving God should look like and what loving our neighbour, even those who oppose and ridicule Him, looks like. Jesus demonstrates that our love for people should flow from our love for God, because we love what God loves, and God loves everyone no matter who they are.

The challenge, however, is not in saying 'Love your neighbour', the challenge is putting it into action. Our late Queen in her 2017 Christmas Day speech said; "Christ's example helps me see the value of doing small things with great love." We have experienced small acts of great love since moving to Pirbright. This is something that we can all do. As I challenge myself today, I wonder for you is there a person, maybe someone who is not your friend, for who you could do a small act of great love?

I would love to meet with you. Please do come by one Sunday to our 9:30am service at St Michael's or get in touch to meet up.

Every Blessing,

Revd George Watkinson



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ANGEL TOTS- Calling all little angels!



Get your mum or your dad, your grandma or grandpa, up and out of the Monday morning doldrums and along to St. Michael's Angel Tots club in the church room, 10-11:30 a.m, where they can chat, be plied with unlimited coffee, tea and biscuits, and leave you in peace to meet new friends and PLAY!

CHURCH PLANT SALE - Sat 13th May

After a long winter it's time to start thinking about your garden again! Pop the date of the church plant sale into your diary, to get your gardening year off to a great start.

As we gear up for the event, can you help to supply good quality plants for the sale, by dividing your perennial plants to grow on some cuttings? Please contact Jadwiga Grimshaw tel: 01483 474728,

Our thanks to Knight Frank Estate Agents for sponsoring the event, so that all profits can go to support the work of our church in the community.

FAMILY FILM NIGHT -

Matilda the Musical

The next family film night in St Michael's Church is at the beginning of the Easter holidays, on **Sunday 2nd April at 2pm.**

As always, our aim is to provide a family entertainment that the whole community can enjoy so payment will be on a 'Pay

what you can' basis, pay on the door. With a tuck shop for children and bar for grown-ups enjoy a relaxed and fun afternoon together.



PIRBRIGHT SUMMER FAIR - Around the World

Saturday June 17th 2023

I hope that you have all got this date in your diaries!

In order to make this a great success we are working hard to find plenty of entertainment for all the family. There will be a variety of food and drink stalls and many of the usual favourites such as the dog show and dog agility, tug of war and donkey rides as well as some new activities like an exotic animal display, bumper cars, a bungee trampoline and a treasure hunt.

This is also your chance to get involved in your village:-

We still have space for new stalls - if you have a passionate hobby or small business that you would like to display- please get your requests to Sara Dennis @ sara_dennis@talktalk.net If you have already had an email from Sara please reply as soon as you can.

We also need helpers on the day, the more people the better! If you can help please contact Helen Whitworth helenwelliewhitworth@btinternet.com

So let's all get together to make this a great day out for everyone!



THE CIRCLE OF LIFE IN PIRBRIGHT

We welcome Martha Starling to the family of God following her baptism
We give thanks for the life of Yvonne Perera



PIRBRIGHT PARISH COUNCIL

Please Join Us - Annual Parish Meeting Monday 24th April from 8pm, Lord Pirbright's Hall

Every year the Parish Council host an evening in the Hall to report on the projects and activities undertaken or funded in the previous year and to announce plans for the year ahead. 2023 will be the 126th Annual Meeting and we warmly invite you all, young and old alike, to come along to discuss the issues that matter most to you. There will be a number of short presentations, including an update on Pirbright's Community Sports Pavilion and an introduction to Pirbright's new Girls Football Team. The evening will finish with a lively question and answer session from the floor followed by refreshments. We hope to see you there!

New Pavilion!

Pirbright's Community Sports Pavilion is nearing completion and doesn't it look



truly stunning! As soon as the original clock tower and weather vane were restored atop a resplendent new clay tile roof, it really did feel as though our pavilion was back, connecting past sporting successes with a bright new future of sport for all. The Pavilion is due to be completed at the end of April and promises to be a fitting tribute to the dedication of so many to make this a reality. Your amazingly kind donations have helped us get this far and this, together with the continuing support of Surrey County Council's 'Your Fund Surrey' and of Cllr Keith Witham, have been so important in delivering what is the biggest investment in our community in many years and one that will be open to all.

More on the details at the APM on 24th April....

Playground Resurfacing

The Parish Council would like to recognise the grant aid received from Guildford BC which has been put towards the safety surfacing under the Infant swings in the playground. GBC's contribution towards these projects makes them possible and keeps the playground safe and looking its best.



PERIBOOKS - the Pirbright Bookswap

Looking for a good read? Then head down to the book shed in Blind Lane behind the church bell tower. Our community's Lockdown Literary Legacy is still going strong with a rapid turn over of great reads. And special thanks to the wonderful book fairies who regularly give it a tidy.

PS: good dogs who wait patiently whilst their owners to browse might nudge their owners to look in the top cupboard.



Pirbright Parish Council

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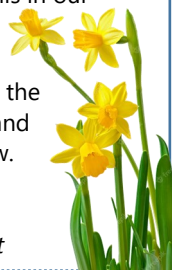
HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Our March meeting is on Tuesday 14th at the new time of 7.30pm in the Clubroom of Lord Pirbright's Hall when our speaker will be Geoff Peach talking on 'A gardener's look at Ireland'. Geoff is well known to us all as our main horticultural judge at our Annual Show in July. If they are ready he will also be judging the entries of daffodils in our daffodil competition.

Spring is round the corner so your thoughts should be turning to preparing for our Annual Show on 29th July. Last year being the first since the pandemic was well supported but hopefully this year will be even bigger and better. The show schedules will be available soon. Please support our show.

Subscriptions are now due at the very reasonable cost of £20 single and £25 for a family membership. Please contact our Treasurer, Julian, on 07799207059 or juliandidyk@sky.com

Philip Barralet



PIRBRIGHT WI.

Jessica Symonds is our speaker this month and the subject is A Day in the Life of a Wedding & Event Florist our meeting is on Tuesday 21st March at 7.00 pm in the Club Room in Lord Pirbright's Hall.

Visitors are welcome any time.

Join our warm hub for refreshments on Thursday mornings at the Country Market.

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RAWLINS CLUB

Our next meeting is on Friday 10th March between 2.00 and 4.00pm in Lord Pirbright's Hall. The talk will be 'The Therapy Garden' by Stella Diamond.

Denise Granger 01483 472070



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, 13th March at 8pm at the Fox Inn, Fox Corner. Our meetings are a mix of social and business but anyone can join us so if you have any questions on how the Legion can help members, please come and see us. *Anne Hawkins 01252 404276*

PIRBRIGHT COUNTRY MARKET

Are you looking for a gift for someone special? You may be surprised at what we have to offer, our crafters are continually producing individually handcrafted items; including greetings cards. Come and see us and perhaps take home a unique gift.

Every Thursday between 10am and 11.15am in Lord Pirbright's Hall. Pay by cash or card *Rosemary Richmond*

Q. Why are horses measured in hands, when they don't have any hands?

A. Because if they tried to measure themselves with their hooves they would fall over.

PIRBRIGHT TWINNING ASSOCIATION - Crepe Supper

Don't forget to get your tickets for the Crepe Supper 6.30pm, Sunday 26 March 2023 at Lord Pirbright's Hall. A delicious home cooked meal followed by pancakes with lots of different fillings. Please let us know if you have any dietary requirements when you book your tickets. Tickets at £15 for members and £17 for non-members available from George Lane treasurer.twinning@gmail.com.

Payment by bank transfer (BACS) to: Pirbright Twinning Association Sort code 30-99-80, A/C No. 01174367. Email : Pirbright.twinning.association@gmail.com



CUNNINGHAM HOUSE

One of our Trustees recently spent a lot of time talking to residents and their families about how satisfied they were with life at Cunningham House, as part of a strategy setting exercise. Along with comments about lovely food and caring staff, a frequent comment from everyone was how nice it was to have a dog around the house. Ella, my three-legged dog, loves her elderly companions and greets them every morning with a wide grin then presents her tummy to be tickled (only the more agile residents manage to reach that far down!) It's nice to know our residents recognise the important things in life!

Lucy



PIRBRIGHT TENNIS CLUB

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



If you haven't been before, why not try **Ladies Morning** on Mondays, 9– 10.30am. Then every Tuesday, 6.30-10pm we have **Men's and Ladies' Club Night**. For these, just turn up and enjoy a friendly game of tennis – all ages and abilities. These are just two of our regular activities, check out the website to see more.

We're now close to Spring, so please **renew your subscriptions** on 1st April online on the website at the same prices. Ideally cancel standing orders and update your subscription online. This makes it MUCH easier to administrate.

Do you wonder what's going on behind the scenes of the club? Then come to the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 22nd March, 7pm in the club house.

Club Nights with food and drink will spring into action with a BBQ on Tuesday 18th April.

Do you need some coaching? Our coach, Michael Jefferies, would like players of all ages to improve their tennis. Contact: jefferiesmichael@hotmail.com or visit our website for coaching and all activities.

David Greenland

PIRBRIGHT CRICKET CLUB,

And so to bed . Chairman has been reading Samuel Pepys' diaries. Perhaps in 300 years time future



folks will be reading PeriNews. Chairman can promise faithfully none of us will be there to check! I am however giving some news, perhaps sad for myself but I hope beneficial for the Club . I will be standing down as Chairman of PCC after 12 very happy years. I will be remaining for the duration ... ie through the summer and perhaps beyond whilst we evaluate and source a new Chairman. I will of course in the meantime keep on writing for PeriNews. So if anyone is interested, put a good case together and get in touch.

Cricket wise not lots to report as my 30th year at PCC unfolds. More news after February's AGM

Peter Austin

PS Having thought deeply about it I will still maintain the tradition of giving a party at least once a year. The Ex-Chairman's Bash perhaps!



CHURCHYARD CHRONICLES

Never trust a squirrel. That delicious nut you are about to pop into your mouth can be snatched and up a tree before your teeth have shut. If there is a quarrel in the churchyard, a squirrel will have started it and if something is broken a squirrel will have 'borrowed' it. And a squirrel will swear that black is blue to get that blackberry off you. So when a passing squirrel told me that the church was full of angels, I wasn't going to be fooled. But I thought I'd take a look, just in case. I sneaked up to the door and peeped in. Ha! Just as I thought, there was no dazzling light, no heavenly choir, not a harp or a halo or a long white frock to be seen! You just can't believe a word a squirrel says.

But as I hopped past the church room, I heard a strange sound, was that a heavenly host ...giggling?? Could that really be a tiny angel, with a halo of curls and a little white Babygro (complete with dribble down the front)? Then I remembered, it's Monday, and the Angel Tots are in. Still, watching them toddle and tumble, play and explore, I couldn't help thinking that they did look a bit angelic. So maybe that squirrel was telling the truth after all?

Yellow Rabbit



Why do people wear shamrock on St Patrick's day?

Because real rocks would be too heavy!

MARCH GARDENING TIPS from Wellie

March can be a busy time in the garden, as Spring begins you will notice the busy activity of birds in your garden building their nests. To help them out tie up bunches of tiny twigs, moss and stringy plant material around your garden. Hedgehogs and frogs begin to come out of hibernation this month, make sure there is availability of water and food for them.

Lift and divide overgrown clumps of herbaceous perennials that were not split in the Autumn. Overcrowded clumps of snowdrops and winter aconites can be lifted and divided after they have finished flowering. Last chance to prune your wisteria before it starts to grow. Prune roses by the end of the month before the new buds get too big. Coppice Cornus and Salix to stimulate colourful young stems for next winter. Protect blossoms of apricots, peaches and nectarines from late frosts by covering with fleece. Hardy annuals such as Calendula, Cornflower, Larkspur, Nigella, Poached egg plant (*Limnathes*) and Californian poppies can be sown directly at the end of the month. Sow lettuce, rocket, carrots, peas and early potatoes outside when the soil

has warmed up. Sow parsnip now. As they are erratic germinators, sow them in clusters of 3 or 4 seeds, 15cm apart. Sow cucumbers, melons and tomatoes inside.



PIRBRIGHT COMMUNITY CALENDAR MARCH 2023

1	Wed	2:30pm	St David's Day Scrabble at Cunningham House
5	Sun	9:30am	Holy Communion Service with children's groups
7	Tues	7:30	Parish Council meeting, LPH Committee Room
8	Wed	2:00pm	Craft Circle at Cunningham House
10	Fri	2:00pm	Rawlins Club, 'The Therapy Garden', LPH
12	Sun	9:30am	Holy Communion Service with children's groups
13	Mon	8:00pm	Royal British Legion Meeting, The Fox Inn
14	Tues	7:30pm	Horticultural Soc, 'A Gardener's Look at Ireland' LPH
17	Fri		St Patrick's Day
19	Sun	9:30am	Mothering Sunday Holy Communion Service with children's groups
21	Tues	10:15am 7:00pm	Said Communion followed by Café Club, in the church WI meeting 'A Day in the Life of an Events Florist' LPH
26	Sun	9:30am 6:30pm	Holy Communion Service with children's groups Twinning Association Crepe Supper, LPH
28	Tues	10:00am	Craft, Coffee and Chat in the Church Room



Old Mrs Jones across the road had not been very well, and Mum was keeping a neighbourly eye on her. So one morning she called little Johnny and said to him "Pop over the road and ask how Old Mrs Jones is."

Ten minutes later little Johnny came back "Mrs Jones says it's none of your business how old she is."

PIRBRIGHT SINGERS - Faure Requiem April 1st 2023

We look forward to welcoming you to our forthcoming concert in Pirbright Church at 7.30pm on Saturday April 1st 2023 when Pirbright Singers and friends will perform Faure's Requiem.

We are also seeking additional members to join our friendly choir, particularly tenors and basses, you are assured of a warm welcome. We perform a mixture of seasonal, classical and fun pieces, holding concerts and participating in local fundraising events. If you enjoy singing and would like to learn more please get in touch. We rehearse on Monday evenings in the church from 7.45pm to 9.30pm.

For more information call Vicky Payne on 07754016120



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