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THE CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III - May 6th 2023

I don't know about you but, after 70 years, I'm still adjusting to hearing references to 'The King' in the news, instead of 'The Queen'. So imagine what an adjustment it must be for King Charles, having been the longest serving Heir Apparent in English history and the oldest to assume the throne!

Born in 1947, it says a lot about the life path prescribed for him that, instead of announcing the birth of a baby boy, Buckingham Place declared that 'Princess Elizabeth has been safely delivered of a Prince'. He became the heir to the throne at the age of three on the death of his grandfather and the accession of his mother, the late Queen Elizabeth II.

As Prince Charles, he was the first British Heir Apparent to go to school, at Cheam and Gordonstoun, the first to go to University, at Cambridge, and the first to earn a degree. He was made the Prince of Wales in 1958, at the age of 9, though his investiture wasn't until 1969, just before his 21st birthday.

From his early years, Charles had a passion for the natural world. Much teased for once saying that he talked to his plants, his gardens at Highgrove are now an international visitor attraction. His early concerns about the environment proved to be prescient and have guided much of his work. "By understanding the balance, the order and the relationships between ourselves and the natural world we can create a more sustainable future."

Editor



Pirbright Parish Council - The King's Coronation

The Coronation of King Charles III is upon us and the Parish Council hopes everyone will enjoy this memorable occasion. The award-winning bunting is going up around the village and the Council have been proud to financially support some local street parties and gift every primary school child in Pirbright with a commemorative bookmark for this historic occasion. A pear tree has also been planted on the Green close to White Hart Corner to commemorate the Coronation. A pear was chosen as "Perifrith", the original name for the village, is reported to mean "pear trees in the woodland" and of course, the village sign shows both the old and new names with a Pear tree at its centre.



The Council wish the King and Queen a long and happy reign.

ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH



Just a thought.....

At the Churches of St Michael's and St Mark's we have been giving thanks to God for the last year and for the many blessings we have seen.

At the Annual Parochial Council Meeting, our PCC set a vision for the church and we are excited to see that unfold. In the centre of this vision is to know God and to grow in our personal faith with Jesus.

We recognise that growing our Children and Families Ministry in the church is fundamental to the present and the future growth and strength of both the church and community across the generations. We want to be a blessing to the wider community of Pirbright as well as the congregation. In order to do all this we want to employ a Children and Families Worker to help us develop a new vision and energy to reach

out to all ages in the community. We need to be able to plan ahead with confidence and grow our regular income to meet our running costs and fulfil our exciting vision.

As a church we want to celebrate the wonderful news of the saving love of Jesus Christ and increase God's kingdom in our communities. We are so thankful for the people in the Parish of Pirbright and beyond and hope that our church can play a significant role in their lives.

My family and I cannot wait for the summer months here in our beautiful village. We look forward to getting to know more of you and we would love to warmly welcome you to our Sunday service at 9.30am.

Many blessings

Revd George Watkinson



THE CIRCLE OF LIFE IN PIRBRIGHT

We welcome Isaac Harrison to the family of God following his baptism.



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PIRBRIGHT HISTORIANS



Some years ago, Richard Harreiter, whose parents had a greengrocers shop opposite Lord Pirbright's Hall, found this watercolour among his parents' belongings. It was painted in 1898 by Rose Ella Lempriere, who came to live at Gorselands, Aldershot Road shortly after WW1. Rose painted many views of Pirbright, but we haven't been able to identify this one, Can you? *Joan Foster* jonathan@pirbright.info



Join us in church for a special Family Service
to commemorate the Coronation on Sunday May 7th



CUNNINGHAM HOUSE

Prior to his ascension to the throne, King Charles III was Royal Patron of Abbeyfield, the national charity of which Cunningham House is a member. Setting aside a day of the Coronation weekend for volunteering reflects his continuing support of community involvement. As an affiliated charity which is largely run by volunteers, we are marking the day by hosting a Coronation tea to thank our volunteers. We would



also like to invite anyone who is interested in volunteering for Cunningham House, as a Trustee or House Committee member, to join us at 4pm on Monday 8th to discover more about our House. For more information please ring 488751 cunninghamhousepirbright@gmail.com.

Lucy Beasley

PIRBRIGHT SUMMER FAIR

That time has come again! St Michael's is asking you to rummage through your cupboards, rifle your loft, and find those treasures for the church stalls at the Village fair. Find that forgotten Dresden tureen, that dreary Georgian silver, those books you've read and keep meaning to take to recycling...

The **Pre-loved** and **Books** stalls needs your donations! Books can be delivered to Sally Clintons garage at Cricketers Cottage (behind the Cricketer's Pub).

Pre-loved items – almost anything, but please, nothing broken – can be delivered to Catherine at Linnards, on the little Green

Any questions please call Sara Dennis on 01483 473108 Thank you for your support.



Pirbright Church



PLANT SALE

Saturday 13th May

11am—2pm

**Plants, cakes, garden
paraphernalia and sausage sizzle
in the churchyard**

Kindly sponsored by Knight Frank



COMMONWEALTH WAR GRAVES COMMISSION

During War Graves Week (last week of May) join the Commonwealth War Graves Commission for a free Open Evening at Brookwood Military Cemetery on Thursday 25th May from 4.30- 8.30p.m. There will be tours and talks and a chance to speak to our Stonemasons and Horticultural team. You can pre-book for free on our website www.cwgc.org/wargravesweek or just turn up on the night.

On Thurs 6th July the Commonwealth War Graves Foundation will once again be holding 'An Evening at Brookwood' a magical evening of music. Tickets available soon, keep an eye on our website for details [https:// foundation.cwgc.org/](https://foundation.cwgc.org/)

For more information contact Megan Maltby at megan.maltby@cwgc.org.



PIRBRIGHT PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Parish Meeting

The Parish Council wishes to thank members of the public for attending the 126th Assembly of Electors at its Annual Parish Meeting which took place at the end of April. There is always an opportunity to raise concerns about something in your neighbourhood and if you missed the chance to come along to this annual meeting, members of the public are always welcome to come to the monthly meetings. Details of these meetings are on the website.

Community Sports Pavilion

Next month sees the opening of the new Community Sports Pavilion. Despite the endless rain in March, the contractors kept on target and on schedule. The project would not have been possible without the incredibly generous donations from so many parishioners and local people and the Council wish to thank each and every one of you. Your generosity along with the grant from YFS have created a brand new Pavilion fit for the 21st century. The grand opening will take place on the day of the Summer Fair - Saturday 17th June, and we hope that everyone will come along and look inside this wonderful new building.



War Memorial Restoration

The Council has begun the restoration of the Grade II War Memorial which stands in the St Michael's churchyard. This is a major capital investment for the Council. The Calvary Cross and figure have been carefully removed from site to be restored at a master craftsman's workshop leaving behind the Portland stone surround and engraved tablets. These have been gently steam cleaned and will await the return of the wooden memorial. This was designed by Frederick Brook Hitch (1897-1957), a prominent British sculptor and there are many other significant memorials around the country by this celebrated artist. The Pirbright memorial was unveiled on 13 August 1920 by the Bishop of Guildford to commemorate the 48 men from the village who fell in the First World war and a further engraved tablet added following the Second World War. The Council have sought a grant for some of the cost of the restoration through the War Memorial's Trust who are guiding the work. The wooden cross had extensive rot and the figure of Christ had also begun to perish. It is hoped the restoration will ensure the village benefit from this important War Memorial for decades to come.



Pirbright Parish Council

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HAPPY HEATHLAND HABITAT HELPERS

For the past two years the Surrey Countryside Partnerships team have been running volunteer scrub clearance task days on three rare heathland sites in the Pirbright and Woking areas. At Bullswater Common Pirbright volunteers cleared pine, birch and gorse to open up the precious habitat, so the rare flora and fauna can thrive. Our many thanks to everyone that got involved. Our conservation crew will be going back again in early June to do some balsam pulling in the local heathland area. To find out more about these special heathland sessions email mole.project@surreycc.gov.uk Debbie Hescott



PIRBRIGHT WI.

Tuesday 16th May is our Birthday Meeting and WI members vote on the WI Resolution which is "Clean Rivers for People and Wildlife", at 7.00 pm in the Club Room in Lord Pirbright's Hall.

The WI serve Coffee and Teas with a lovely selection of biscuits on Thursday Mornings 10 am - 11.15. Pop into the Country Market and visit us. We are closed on the 4th May due to the Local Elections.

Save The Date

Wednesday **21st June** Pirbright W.I. & Brookwood Cemetery Society host another interesting and informative fund raising evening in the Chapel in Brookwood Cemetery. The topics will be Notable Women and Sportsmen & Women who are buried in the Cemetery. After the talks there will be an opportunity to visit two of their graves.

Tickets are £10 to include wine on arrival. 7 pm for a 7.30pm start. Tea and cake after the talk. Booking and ticket information in the June Perinews.

Irene Dredge 01483 233279 or email iredredge@outlook.com

PIRBRIGHT COUNTRY MARKET

April showers bring forth May flowers

May is the ideal time to come and see our range of flower and vegetable plants for your summer garden. You will also find our home made cakes and savouries, produced by our excellent cooks. Take time to browse our superb range of crafts and individually handmade greetings cards.

Rosemary Richmond

RAWLINS CLUB

Our trip is on Thursday 11th May to Wisley Gardens. The coach will leave Lord Pirbright's Hall at 10:30am

Denise Granger 01483 472070

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Our meeting is on Monday 15th May 8pm at The Fox Inn at Fox Corner. To find out more about The Legion's involvement with Veterans please join us.

Contact: Anne Hawkins 01252 404276

PIRBRIGHT TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Jadzia Grimshaw, our Twinning Catering Event Manager has decided that it is time to step down and retire from her centre stage kitchen role after 15 years. During this time Jadzia has been key in contributing to our success and we shall always be most grateful for her valued support.

Our Summer BBQ on Saturday 01 July 2023 @ Noon will be her swansong so please come along and support us and give her the send off she deserves.



PIRBRIGHT PLAYERS

Do you like Murder Mystery? Who dun it? Well you're in for a treat.

Pirbright Players are putting on a murder mystery evening, complete with a three course supper, on Saturday 10th June. 'Caught in the Act' is written and directed by Sharon Harrison, a member of the Players for the last two years. Doors open at 7.00pm when you can mix with the cast and find out all about the mystery.

During the interval, supper will be served while the cast sit with you and answer questions as to who they think is the murderer, will you solve it? Can you guess who the murderer is? Will they be brought to justice?

Why not book a table of six? Or you can join a table if you are fewer than six. Tickets £22 which includes supper, and there will be a prize for the winning table.



Tickets are available now on our website, <https://pirbrightplayers.spanglefish.org> or by using the leaflet in Perinews.

Any problems 'phone David Greenland, 01483 481571 who may be able to help.

Carole Gailer

PIRBRIGHT TENNIS CLUB

The summer season makes tennis more attractive for playing and watching. Coming up are lots of important championships including Queen's Club, Nottingham, Wimbledon and Pirbright Tennis Tournaments. So make a date in your diary for our first **American Tournament and BBQ on Sunday 21st May**. Our annual summer tournament will be announced soon.

If you want to improve your tennis,

Michael Jefferies, our coach, has group coaching (Mondays 7.15pm and 8.15pm), Ladies' Drills (Tuesdays 9.30am), Cardio Tennis (Thursdays 10.30am) and individual lessons by arrangement. There is also **regular coaching for Juniors**. Contact: jefferiesmichael@hotmail.com.

Existing members: if you haven't already done so, please login and renew on the website at the same prices. Ideally cancel standing orders and update your subscription online.

New members: please contact Fiona Robotham: info@pirbrighttennisclub.com
We look forward to seeing you on court.
David Greenland



PIRBRIGHT CRICKET CLUB,

Eight sprightly Pirbright Penguins played in a Walking Cricket competition at Lord's, the home of cricket, and came runners up in a tight final v Epsom. The medal winners will be available to sign autographs most Wednesday mornings throughout the season. If you hung up your boots but want to revive heroic memories and have a good jabber please come along...



CHURCHYARD CHRONICLES

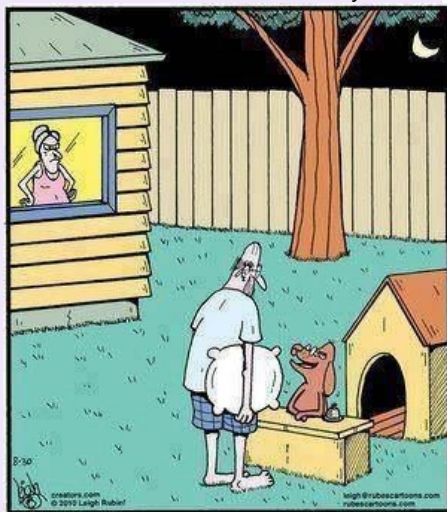
Hero of the month is Chris, in Church Lane, who happened to see the Egyptian Geese proudly leading their newly fledged goslings from the churchyard to the village pond, when two of the babies fell down a drain in the road. Although he was supposed to be getting the family ready to set off on holiday, Chris rushed to the rescue, rolled up his sleeves, reached down into the muddy drain and managed to pull out both goslings. The first one shook itself clean, then raced to catch up with its family, but the second was injured. So Chris spent the next hour or so phoning around various animal rescue centres trying to find one that could take it. Finally the Swan Sanctuary at Shepperton said yes so, loading the children into the car, off they all set to deliver the injured gosling so that it could get the care it needed.

Well done Chris, the animals of the churchyard salute you! *Yellow Rabbit*



MAY GARDENING TIPS from Wellie

After the extremely dry summer last year and the very cold temperatures in December many plants are looking a little (perhaps an understatement in some cases!) dead. Plants I have noticed that have suffered are Pittosporum, hebes, Penstamon, Salvia, Rosemary, Bay and Choisya. If you can put up with looking at these sad plants a while longer you might find that they rejuvenate from lower down the plant, but this takes time and you might not see anything until early summer. If the frost damage has just caused the top-most leaves to turn brown, eg Bay trees, at the end of this month, when risk of frosts have gone, prune out the damaged growth by cutting back to an undamaged side shoot, give the plant a multi purpose feed afterwards. If plants are showing no signs of life, then perhaps use this opportunity to go shopping and buy some new plants, but perhaps be aware that these extreme temperatures might happen again. Plant out summer bedding at the end of the month but watch out for late frosts and if necessary cover tender plants. Lift and divide overcrowded Spring bulbs, trim back Aubrietia and Sweet Alyssum after flowering to tidy them up and encourage fresh new growth. Hoe beds regularly to keep on top of the weeds. Put supports in (if not already done so) for herbaceous plants that need extra support. Spring flowering shrubs can be pruned after they have flowered but check for nesting birds before attempting this. Mow lawns weekly now, apply a weed, feed and moss treatment if not already done. Think about leaving some areas of lawn to grow, allowing wild plants already in the lawn to flower which adds colour and attracts pollinating insects. Earth up potatoes as they grow to protect early shoots from frost damage and to ensure the potato tubers are not exposed to light.



"Welcome back, sir. Are you planning on being our guest for one night only, or will this be your usual extended stay?"

PIRBRIGHT COMMUNITY CALENDAR MAY 2023

3	Wed	2:30pm	Scrabble at Cunningham House
6	Sat	11:00am	CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III
7	Sun	9:30am	Coronation parties and concert! Family Service for the Coronation, with band, at St Michael's
8	Mon	4:00pm	Coronation weekend—The Big Help Out Volunteers' tea at Cunningham House
9	Tues	7:30pm	Horticultural Society meeting, LPH
10	Wed	2:30pm	Craft circle at Cunningham House
11	Thur	10:30am	Rawlins Club outing to Wisley Gardens
13	Sat	11-2:00	Church plant sale in the churchyard
14	Sun	9:30am	Holy Communion at St Michael's
15	Mon	8:00pm	Royal British Legion Meeting, The Fox Inn at Fox Corner
16	Tues	10:15am 7:00pm	Said Communion followed by Café Club, St Michael's Church WI Birthday meeting, LPH
20	Sat	10:00am	Horticultural Society Plant sale, West Heath
21	Sun	9:30am 10:00am 6:30pm	Holy Communion Service St Michael's Church Horticultural Society Plant Sale, West Heath Tennis Club Tournament and BBQ, at the Tennis Club
23	Tues	10:00am	Craft Coffee and Chat in the Church Room
25	Thur	4:30pm	Open Evening Brookwood Military Cemetery
28	Sun	9:30am	Holy Communion Service, St Michael's Church



Are you due a COVID follow up vaccination? GlucoRX at Henley Park are offering the 2023 Covid Spring Booster for when residents receive an invitation <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-vaccination-spring-booster-resources/a-guide-to-the-covid-19-spring-booster-2023>

LIBRARY

A man walked into a Library. "I'd like a cheeseburger and chips please."
The librarian stared at him. "You do realise that this is a library?" she asked.
"Sorry," he whispered, "I'd like a cheeseburger and chips please."



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This is the 200th edition of the village newsletter under this Editorship. My first edition, on the retirement of Rev Vivienne Lucas, was number 432 in September 2006. It is a great privilege to be part of the PeriNews Team, and a lot of fun to put the newsletter together. Could you offer to Edit a couple of editions a year to help out? Training and support given, just contact me at the above address. Julia Douetil, Editor