



## FREE VILLAGE FAIR PROGRAMME WITH THIS ISSUE!

### PIBRIGHT IS GOING AROUND THE WORLD ON SATURDAY 17TH JUNE!!!



Join the adventure and travel from the Church to the Village Green, as Pirbright Village Fair takes you right around the world. With spectacular displays in the Church and on the Little Green, as well as games, stalls, music and events on the main Green, from a car driven by 007, via cream teas to the waggiest tailed pooch, there will be something for everyone. Full details in the programme enclosed with this edition. Why not come in fancy dress and enter the **Fancy Dress Competition**, and bring your hound to enter the **Dog Show**, no need to register in advance, you can just enter on the day.

We appeal for your help with contributions to stalls:

**Bottle and children's tombolas** - bottles of all shapes, sizes and contents from whisky to bath oil, perfume to ketchup! And anything that you think a child would like to win, toys, books, games, accessories, pencils & stationery etc. All items can be left at Linnards, The Green or contact Catherine Cobleby on 07947 032210 for collection.

**Preloved items** can also go to Catherine at Linnards and **books** to Sally Clinton at Cricketers Cottage (just behind the Cricketers Pub), clean and whole please - basically things people would be willing to part with a little cash for.

**Thank you** in advance for all your contributions, and for coming to enjoy the fair. It is being organised this year by the church and is our major fundraiser for the year, to help maintain our lovely old church and expand the work it can do to support our community. Please give generously.

### PIBRIGHT COMMUNITY SPORTS PAVILION

We have all watched with interest as the old cricket pavilion was demolished and a new sports facility for the whole community has grown in its place. The new building has improved facilities, with male, female and child toilets, team changing rooms and a



modern kitchen. It is designed to be accessible and environmentally sustainable so that it can serve the community for many years to come, encouraging us all to a more active and healthy lifestyle through sports of all kinds. Do come along to see the opening of this wonderful new resource for our community, at the start of the Summer fair on 17th June, at 11:00am.

# ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH



## Just a thought.....

### Let There Be Light!

So here we are in June. Trees are at their greenest, all around us we have colour: in our gardens, in the parks and fields. It's a time of growth. No doubt we're looking forward to some warm weather, holidays, BBQs and all the other good things that we enjoy in June – **not forgetting the Village Fair on the 17<sup>th</sup> of course!**

June marks the turning point in the year with the longest day on the 21<sup>st</sup>. The days are long, the nights are short. The sun shines (well, most of the time, anyway...). Light rules, OK!

At certain times, though, that life-enriching light can be a little *too* bright, and we reach for our sun-hats and sunglasses to shield us from its glare. But we can't shut it out alto-



gether, and even in the darkest days of winter most of us will hold off doing things unless we can do them in the few short hours of daylight, or unless we have decent lighting to guide us. And of course we have to share that light with the rest of the world; let's not forget that when we're in darkness there are others **Around the World** who are bathed in light. The sun never sets on the world we call home.

Among the most uplifting and popular songs we sing in church are several that talk about light: 'This Little Light of Mine'; 'Lord the Light of Your Love (Shine, Jesus Shine)'; 'Colours of Day'; 'Light of the World' (Here I Am to Worship); 'Like a Candle Flame' (The Candle Song)...

All of these remind us of a light that never dazzles but is nevertheless always dazzling: the Light of God. The first book of the Bible, Genesis, tells us that 'God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good.' In John's Gospel, Jesus says, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life'.

So this June, let's enjoy and celebrate the summer's warmth and light. But remember also that God's light, the promise of the light of life, will *never* leave us.

*Revd Gary Williamson*

### THE CIRCLE OF LIFE IN PIRBRIGHT

We welcome Layla Allen to the family of God following her baptism in May.



### CONTACTS

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## PIRBRIGHT OPEN GARDENS WALK – Saturday 1st July 11am –5pm

The perfect summer treat, an invitation to visit some of the beautiful private gardens hidden away in our community, maybe have a chat with the gardeners, gather ideas for your own plot or just enjoy seeing our village from a different viewpoint.

And you can enjoy a cream tea in the churchyard, to round off the perfect afternoon out. Entry to the gardens is by programme which includes a map, and all funds raised will help to maintain our lovely old church and its work in our community. If you would like to open your garden as part of the event, please contact Helen Whitworth [helen-churchwarden@pirbrightchurch.org.uk](mailto:helen-churchwarden@pirbrightchurch.org.uk).



## WOKING FOOD BANK

More families than ever are facing hardship, and the need for support from food banks has never been greater. Your gift of a few groceries, or a cash donation to help the food bank buy at wholesale prices, can make all the difference to those who are struggling. Items can be left at Linnards, on the Small Green, in the weatherproof bin by the gate, or to donate cash contact

[info@woking.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@woking.foodbank.org.uk) or go to <http://woking.foodbank.org.uk/> Thank you.



## PIRBRIGHT W.I.

On Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June we are not meeting in the Hall but have an outing. The WI are still serving Coffee and Teas and biscuits on Thursday Mornings 10 am - 11.15. Pop in for a chat after you visit the Country Market.

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June Pirbright W.I. & Brookwood Cemetery Society are hosting another fund-raising evening in the Chapel in Brookwood Cemetery. The topics will be Notable Women and Sportsmen & Women who are buried in the cemetery. 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 and also a Raffle. Booking and ticket purchasing to be made via Eventbrite, a map is included with tickets.

<https://PWITBCSJUN23.eventbrite.co.uk> For further information ring or email Liz Watson 01483 473425 or 07961441337 [liz.watson.uk@ntlworld.com](mailto:liz.watson.uk@ntlworld.com)

## MAKING A WILL

Jim finally went to the solicitor, 'I want to make a will, but I don't know how to go about it.

The solicitor smiled and replied, 'Not a problem, leave it all to me.'

Jim looked a little concerned, 'Well, I knew you would to take a big chunk, but I would like to leave a little to my family too!'



## DIANA STANDING

Diana and Jon Standing would like to thank everyone in the village and beyond for all the prayers that were said during Diana's continuous illness and recent bout in hospital, especially to the prayer warriors! The power of prayer is amazing and miracles do happen. Thank you once more.

*Diana and Jon*



## PIRBRIGHT PARISH COUNCIL

### Your Parish Council

Pirbright's Parish Councillors were elected at the Annual Meeting of the Council on 4<sup>th</sup> May and took their seats on 16<sup>th</sup> May for the next 4 years. Pirbright hosts seven seats and councillors were elected as follows: Chair Cllr Steven Fidgett, Vice-chair Cllr David Woollett, and Cllr Peter Austin, Cllr Max Godfree, Cllr Nic Sands, Cllr Sarah Small and Cllr Mark Watson. All Councillors live in the parish and are always happy to talk to you about concerns and issues that are affecting you. All future meetings are advertised on the council website and members of the public are always welcome to attend.

### Lord Pirbright's Hall

Trustees of the Hall would like to thank The Cricketers Pub who have very generously donated the proceeds of their Quiz Nights to the Hall. As a registered charity, the Hall is always grateful to receive donations and the Cricketers' kind donation will be put towards the refurbishment of the kitchen

which is long overdue but which the Hall has been struggling to complete as it tries to keep ahead of the rising energy bills and other improvements it has made.

### Coronation Street Parties

The Parish Council was very pleased to support 3 groups and societies with grants towards their Coronation Parties. It hopes the whole parish was able to enjoy the Coronation, despite the weather. Once again the award-winning bunting was out as a village fanfare to the newly crowned King and Queen. A new portrait of the King, funded by the Parish Council, will soon hang in the Hall.

### Community Sports Pavilion

Join us at the opening of the Pavilion at 11am on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June, at the beginning of the Summer Fair.



### Pirbright Parish Council

**Chair:** Steve Fidgett, [sfidgett@pirbright-pc.gov.uk](mailto:sfidgett@pirbright-pc.gov.uk) 07785 978817

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## PIRBRIGHT HISTORIANS

"And what", you ask "has this coat of arms of Baron Remnant of Westhaston in the County of Suffolk to do with Pirbright?" It is carved at the head of a plaque displaying a document of 1574 by Stephen Remnant gifting his two sons a property called 'Eddydyns in Pyrbright' & was discovered recently in an antique centre. We have been tasked with



attempting to find its present-day whereabouts. Ho hum.... Not only is there no record of the name for at least 270 years, but also it was almost certainly part of the Manor of Cowshot, for which no records survive, where the Remnants were Big Cheeses in the time of Good Queen Bess (1<sup>st</sup>). So, a trifle tricky, but we're working on it. Watch this space...

*Jonathan Foster email: [jonathan@pirbright.info](mailto:jonathan@pirbright.info)*

### RAWLINS CLUB

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June the Rawlins Club BBQ will be at Lord Pirbright's Hall between 12.30 and 3.30pm.

*Denise Granger 01483 472070*

### ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Armed Forces Day is on 24<sup>th</sup> June so watch out for details of local events, including 'Aldershot Prom in the Park' from 2.30pm to 5pm in Princes Gardens, Aldershot. If you want to learn about the Legion, please consider joining us on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> at The Fox Inn at 8pm for our regular monthly social.

### PIRBRIGHT COUNTRY MARKET

Having been part of the village for so long we must be doing something right. Why not come and see what we have to offer in Lord Pirbright's Hall every Thursday 10am to 11.15am and on The Green for the Pirbright Village Fair on Saturday June 17<sup>th</sup>

*Rosemary Richmond*

**PIRBRIGHT VILLAGE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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**SATURDAY, 1ST JULY 2023**      **12:00PM - 15:00PM**

### PIRBRIGHT TWINNING ASSOCIATION - BBQ Saturday 01 July at Noon

Delicious homemade food and always locally sourced. Menu to include vegetarian and vegan options, lamb and chicken kebabs, variety salads and English strawberries.

Tickets available from George Lane, [treasurer.twinning@gmail.com](mailto:treasurer.twinning@gmail.com) £13 for members and £15 for non-members. Payment by bank transfer (BACS) to: Pirbright Twinning Association Sort code 30-99-80, A/C No. 01174367. [Pirbright.twinning.association@gmail.com](mailto:Pirbright.twinning.association@gmail.com)

To helping catering deadlines with suppliers please book by Sunday 25th June 2023 with dietary requirements.



What was a more useful invention than the first telephone?  
The second telephone.



### A 'BIG' Thank You

Thank you to the many people who took the time to vote for me in the recent Local Elections. Although I wasn't successful in being elected my roots lay here in Pirbright, and I've always been proud to live in such a beautiful rural area.

Thank you for your support.

*Jane Hill (jhill50@hotmail.co.uk) 07536 050498*

## PIRBRIGHT GIRLS FOOTBALL CLUB

Pirbright Girls FC took off with all the gusto of a Sam Kerr celebratory back flip last month, with 19 local girls donning their boots and heading to the football pitch for the first session of the season. PGFC is a football for all club so no matter the skill level, all girls age 6-10 are welcome. We train Saturday mornings 10.30-11.30 on the village green. You can also find us at the Village Fair later this month to find out more.



We are looking for coaching assistants and first-aiders to join the team so that we can provide training to more age groups. Please get in touch if you are interested [pirbrightgirls@yahoo.com](mailto:pirbrightgirls@yahoo.com) or on Instagram ([pirbrightgirls\\_fc](https://www.instagram.com/pirbrightgirls_fc))

## PIRBRIGHT TENNIS CLUB

Walking back from tennis I notice how lively the Green is now with sport, people walking, playing games and tempting food and drink places in view. I sometimes stop at the friendly Waffle Station, very welcome after a game of tennis! This year our Summer Tournament is being sponsored by The Cricketers on the Green who will be contributing a prize for the winners. Those who've entered, organise your matches now, with the finals on 24<sup>th</sup> September.

Enjoy a BBQ Club night with Tennis on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June. Visit our website and Facebook page for all regular activities and coaching throughout the week and download our Annual Newsletter for more details.

Over 45s – make a date in your diary for the Jean Seager Tournament on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July. Watch out for further information.

For new tennis balls contact Paul Kelly [info@pirbrighttennisclub.com](mailto:info@pirbrighttennisclub.com) and recycle old ones in the box at the clubhouse.

New members: please contact Fiona Robotham: [info@pirbrighttennisclub.com](mailto:info@pirbrighttennisclub.com)  
We look forward to seeing you on court.

*David Greenland*



## PIRBRIGHT CRICKET CLUB,

After 10 weeks of training in the winter and the first training session outside, three girls from years 6 & 7 made their debut in the Pumas hardball team this weekend. All taking a wicket and scoring a boundary they certainly showed they were ready for the challenge. One even scored 7 off one ball! Great effort girls well done!

Our girls section continues to grow and we now have almost a completely full section. We have a number of girls in our minis groups aged 5 & 6 and then a group of Polecats (Year 2) Puffins (Year 3 & 4) Pelicans (Year 5 & 6) and Pandas (Year 7 - 11) Well done to all the girls' coaches and managers who make these girls' groups so much fun. We now have 6 parents who

have completed Support Coach, Foundation and or core coach training courses. Girls now make up one third of our 140 youth members

Graeme Marks  
07822 412138



## BROOKWOOD SCOUTS

1st Brookwood is a thriving local Scout group, but we urgently need more leaders to keep things going. We run loads of superb events and activities every Friday evening for children aged 6-14 based out of the Memorial Hall in Brookwood. Currently, we have a waiting list for new starters but we will soon have a shortage of leaders required to keep our programme running in full. Being a leader is fun, rewarding & challenging as you use your experience to teach life skills to the young people of Brookwood, Pirbright and the surrounding area. If that's not enough, then as an adult leader your child would get

priority on the waiting list for new admissions. If you think you'd like to get involved - or even have a casual chat or a visit to see what we're about - get in touch with Joe [gsl@brookwoodscouts.org.uk](mailto:gsl@brookwoodscouts.org.uk) / 07930988936



**Scouts** [1stbrookwood.scoutsites.org.uk/](http://1stbrookwood.scoutsites.org.uk/)

### JUNE GARDENING TIPS from Wellie

Harvest early peas, and prepare for a late sowing to get an autumn crop. Thin fruit, especially apples and plums for bigger fruit, less biennial bearing and fewer broken branches. Sow lettuces and radishes to fill in any gaps between slower maturing vegetables such as brassicas. Net soft fruit bushes to stop the birds taking the fruit. Sow overwintering carrots, such as Autumn King'. Plant out leeks when they are pencil thick. Make a deep hole with a dibber and drop the leek into the hole, if the roots are very long they can be trimmed to roughly 2cm, do not push the soil around the plant, just pour water into the hole and let the earth fall around the plant. Put out fresh water for birds. Feeding them dry food such as stale bread can hasten birds' dehydration. Ensure birdbaths are always full of clean water in hot spells. Leave out food for hedgehogs and badgers if they visit your garden. In the churchyard we have started to build a bug hotel and brush pile to provide a refuge and shelter for small animals. Regularly mow lawns, mowing in different directions to prevent wear patterns and to encourage upright growth. A high-nitrogen summer lawn fertilizer can be applied if there isn't drought conditions. Herbaceous plants can still be staked now, if they require some extra support. Tie in shoots of climbing and rambling roses horizontally as possible to encourage better flowering. Protect plants from slugs and snails. Cut down oriental poppies to ground level after they have flowered, and they will send up new foliage. Check roses for signs of blackspot, aphids and leaf rolling sawfly damage. Cut down daffodil bulbs now as it has

been at least 6 weeks since they flowered. Deadhead camellias and rhododendrons. Divide bearded irises after flowering.



## PIRBRIGHT COMMUNITY CALENDAR JUNE 2023

4	Sun	9:30am	Family service & Baptism with Church Band, St Michael's
7	Wed	2:30pm	Scrabble at Cunningham House
9	Fri	12:30pm	Rawlins Club BBQ, LPH
10	Sat	7:00pm	Pirbright Players 'Caught in the Act' LPH
11	Sun	9:30am	Holy Communion, St Michael's Church
12	Mon	7:30pm 8:00pm	Horticultural Society visit to Fuchsia Nursery Royal British Legion Meeting, The Fox Inn at Fox Corner
13	Tues	6:30pm	Tennis Club BBQ and Club night
14	Wed	2:30pm	Craft circle at Cunningham House
17	Sat	11-5:00 11:00am	<b>Village Fair 'Around the World', in Church and on the Green Opening of the Community Sports Pavilion</b>
18	Sun	9:30am	Holy Communion, St Michael's Church
20	Tues	10:15am	Holy Communion followed by Café Club, St Michael's Church
21	Wed		WI visit to Brookwood Cemetery Chapel
24	Sat		Armed Forces Day
25	Sun	9:30am	Holy Communion Service St Michael's Church
27	Tues	10:00am	Craft Coffee and Chat in the Church Room

### PIRBRIGHT PLAYERS - 'Caught in the Act'

Don't miss our murder mystery evening, with supper and show, on Saturday 10th June. Doors open at 7.00pm Tickets £22 including supper, from <https://pirbrightplayers.spanglefish.org>  
Any problems 'phone David Greenland, 01483 481571.



### PIRBRIGHT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Thanks to everyone who supported our recent Plant Sale. Our June meeting will be a visit on **Monday 12th June, and not on our usual Tuesday**, to Carol Gubler's Littlebrook Fuchsia Nursery near Aldershot, GU12 6HL at 7.30pm. All welcome!

We have a demonstration of flower arranging on Tuesday 11th July at 7.30 pm in the Clubroom of Lord Pirbright's Hall by Elizabeth Barralet to encourage entries for the floral art classes of our Annual Show on 29th July which will be held in Lord Pirbright's Hall, from 2.30 until 5.30. If you would like a copy of the schedule which shows all classes available for all age groups (we encourage children's entries) please contact me on [philipbarralet@gmail.com](mailto:philipbarralet@gmail.com). Our show is open to everyone, not just members, so if you have grown vegetables, fruit, flowers, taken photographs, enjoy flower arranging, cooking or some other craft please try to participate and enter into the spirit of the show!

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