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PIRBRIGHT COMES TOGETHER FOR A STUNNING VILLAGE FAIR!

What a fabulous day out we all had at the Pirbright Village Fair on 17th June! The village green was buzzing with activity, everyone was having a great time and even the weather was perfect. The winning displays on the Little Green and in the Church were

1st: Ship of the Desert by Bette Thomas & Tony Garland

2nd: The Great Sphinx of Giza by Sara & Hugh Dennis

3rd equal: Around the World in 7 years by Pirbright School After School Club & 'Save our planet - Recycle' by Helen Whitworth

HUGE thanks to the organising team, who worked for a full year to put everything together, and to everyone who helped on the day, whether putting up marquees, serving on stalls, keeping people safe on the roads or marshalling in the car park - you were all stars. Thank you to everyone who had a stall, made a display or performed in the arena.



If you enjoyed the day, please do think about helping to organise next year's fair. We'll be putting together a committee for 2024 so if you would like to be a part of it, please contact Helen Whitworth on 07777 659138

And thank YOU, for supporting the day, see you next year!

THREE UNMISSABLE EVENTS IN ONE DAY

You'll need a good night's sleep on 30th June because we've a busy day on 1st July!

Fortunately they are spread across the day so you can probably do all of them!

Open Garden Walks from 11am to 5pm, enjoy a beautiful walk around the village visiting local gardens, rounded off with a cream tea. Details on page 3

Pirbright Village Primary School Summer Fair - from 12 to 3 pm, hitch up the ol' mule train and mosey on over to the school for some Wild West fun, details page 5

Twinning Association BBQ 12 noon at Lord Pirbright's Hall, locally sourced food and lots of French ooh la la! Details page 5



ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH



Just a thought.....

Moving without leaving

How does a person, or an organisation, move with the times without leaving behind those things that are precious and important from our past?

Pirbright Church is at an exciting moment, with a new Priest, and a renewed sense of enthusiasm, commitment and, dare we say it, faith. Since Reverend George arrived (was it really only a few months ago?) we have felt a change in the church. As with all change, there are elements that some people really welcome and others shy away from. Little things (a vicar who doesn't wear socks) and not-so-little things (a Vicar who doesn't wear Vestments) which may take some getting used to. A priest who not only reminds us of Jesus' words to 'suffer the little children to come unto me' but opens the service with a children's action song whilst holding his new born baby on his shoulder. It feels very different from the church many of the ... shall we say.... more 'mature' members of the congregation remember from our youth.

When the PCC set out to recruit a new Priest, they identified as a priority someone who could help us to make the church relevant and welcoming to more young people, families and children. One way we hope to achieve this is to recruit a

professional Children and Families Minister. Their role will be to help us create a church where children, young people and their parents want to spend their time, where they thrive and learn whilst they explore Faith.

But the thing about families is that they are made up of all generations. From youngest to oldest, we all belong and have our part to play in our church family. Whether your gift is the experience and patience of age, the energy and enthusiasm of youth, or something entirely different, you will be a treasured member of our church family and we welcome you.

Julia Douetil, Churchwarden



THE CIRCLE OF LIFE IN PIRBRIGHT

We welcome Maximillian De Haas to the family of God following his baptism in June.



CONTACTS

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FULL TIME ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONS MANAGER WANTED, £25K salary

Are you well organised? Do you enjoying helping people? If so, you might be just the person we are looking for. The churches of St Mark's, Wyke and St Michael's, Pirbright need a full time Administrative and Operations Manager to work with the Vicar and church leaders, to develop efficient and effective working practices across the two newly connected churches. Salary £25Kpa, job share possible. For more information and application form go to <https://www.pirbrightchurch.org.uk>



Closing date for applications Monday 17th July.

Children and Families Minister Watch this space for an exciting opportunity coming soon, for a paid role specifically to develop our work with children and families. If you think you might be interested, contact Rev George on 07711944327.

OPEN GARDENS WALK—1st July

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 from 11am to 5 pm, is by programme which you can buy at the Church, and which includes a map. All funds raised will help to maintain our lovely old church and its work in our community.



The letter of the law

Two lawyers went into a pub and ordered a couple of drinks, then they took sandwiches from their briefcases and began to eat. 'Excuse me,' said the Landlord angrily, 'you can't eat your own sandwiches in here!' The lawyers shrugged and exchanged sandwiches.

CUNNINGHAM HOUSE



Looking around the glorious gardens of Cunningham House, one would imagine that we have full time professional gardeners working tirelessly several days each month. However, like so much else at Cunningham House, we enjoy the talents of dedicated volunteers who have a passion for gardening and a love of our House. Anne Collins, Hilary Gower and Gill Denyer (with the help of a paid gardener to do some of the heavy work) have, over the years, transformed our sloping, sandy site into a series of flower beds that feature shape, colour and texture all year round. Between them, they have tilled and planted beautiful flowers, trees and bushes weekly for a combined 63 years! Thank you garden ladies...we are very lucky to have you!

PIRBRIGHT PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH BY-ELECTION CALLED - Wednesday 9th August 2023 Lord Pirbright's Hall

A number of local residents have called for a **BY-ELECTION** to fill the vacancy that exists as a result of Max Godfree stepping down. Max's work on behalf of the Parish has been greatly appreciated and whilst the Council would normally co-opt someone to fill the vacancy, in this case local residents have called for a By-election. The cost of this By-election will need to be funded by the Parish Council.

We would therefore invite anyone who wishes to stand for this vacancy to contact the Clerk to find out more or to contact the Returning Officer at GBC on 01483 444107bfor Nomination Papers.

The closing date to apply for this vacancy is 12th July 2023.

Communities thrive when passionate individuals step forward to make a difference. Parish Councils play a crucial role in shaping the local environment, addressing issues, and driving positive change. Bringing together dedicated volunteers who work



to improve the quality of life for residents and the environment. If you have a desire to serve your community, becoming a Parish Councillor is a rewarding and impactful way to make a difference and a unique opportunity for personal development.

Parish Councils are responsible for a range of essential local services, including planning, infrastructure, community events, and environmental initiatives.

By volunteering your time and expertise as a Councillor, you can actively contribute to making your community a better place to live. Your efforts can result in tangible improvements that positively impact the lives of those around you.

Even if becoming a Parish Councillor is not right for you, please come and **VOTE** for one of the candidates on **Wednesday 9th August** at Lord Pirbright's Hall.

Historically only around 30% of residents vote but it takes just 5 minutes and every vote will count, so please put the date in your diary. Voting is open from 7am to 10pm at the Hall, with plenty of car parking spaces.



KNOWL HILL SCHOOL – INAUGURAL FOUNDERS' DAY

On a beautiful day in May, Knowl Hill School held our first Founders' Day. As well as Governors, staff and students, we had guests from Cunningham House, ex-staff and the family of one of our Founders. During the course of the day our two buildings were formally named after our Founders, Angela Bareford and Norma Todd, and plaques were unveiled. We had formal speeches about the Founders and the history of the school and a picnic lunch outside. There was home-grown entertainment from the students, with acting, music and recitations. They had all learned their parts in a very short time and did themselves proud. The highlight of the day followed a mime scene from one of the teachers. As he mimed licking an ice cream, a real ice cream van pulled into the playground with chimes ringing. Everyone queued patiently for a delicious ice cream – it was worth the wait!

Knowl Hill is part of the Pirbright Community and we would like to invite everyone to our school Summer Fair on Saturday 8 July from 12-3. Entry is free and we will be delighted to see you!



PIRBRIGHT TWINNING ASSOCIATION BBQ Saturday 01 July at 12 noon

Delicious homemade food.
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 £13 for
members and £15 for non-members.
Payment by bank transfer (BACS)
to: Pирbright Twinning Association Sort
code 30-99-80, A/C No. 01174367.

Pirbright.twinning.association@gmail.com

RAWLINS CLUB

The Garden Party will be on Friday 14th
July at Hogleys House, Chapel Lane
between 2.00 and 4.00pm by kind
permission of Mr& Mrs Chris Granger. If
anyone is unable to get themselves there
and would like a lift, please ring Nicola
Main on 01483 473223

Denise Granger 01483 472070



A soldier survived mustard gas in battle, and then pepper spray by the
police. He's now a seasoned veteran.

PIRBRIGHT WI.

Everything you wanted to know about
sleep but are too sleepy to ask, but why
not ask Dr Neil Stanley when he gives his
talk this month on Tuesday 18th July at
7pm in the Club Room in Lord Pирbright's
Hall. Visitors are always welcome. **ZZZ**



The WI are still serving coffees and teas

with a good selection of biscuits on Thurs-
day mornings 10am to 11.15am. When you
pop into the Country Market why not visit
us for tea or coffee. Irene Dredge 01483
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PIRBRIGHT VILLAGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

WANTED £1 ENTRY

WILD WEST SUMMER FAIR

STEAM TRAIN * MUSIC * WESTERN HOTDOGS * INFLATABLES * BAR * RAFFLE

ACTIVITIES, FOOD, GAMES & STALLS

Early bird token sale
24 May to 14 June

www.pta-events.co.uk/fops
Scan the QRC for tickets and tokens

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

PIRBRIGHT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Tuesday 11th July is a demonstration by
Elizabeth Barralet of flower arranging to
encourage entries for the Floral Art section
of our Annual Show on 29th July.

The meeting is in the Club Room of Lord
Pирbright's Hall at 7.30pm. Refreshments
will be available and the meeting is open
to all, not just Society members.

Do come and enjoy the evening and hope-
fully feel prepared to enter the floral art
section of the show.

Our Annual Show is on Saturday 29th July
from 2.30 - 5.30. We look forward to
receiving your entries. *Philip Barralet*

PIRBRIGHT COMMUNITY SPORTS PAVILION—Official opening!

On 16th June Donors celebrated the re-build of Pirbright Community Sports Pavilion with a drinks reception to thank them for donations in excess of £100,000, without which this project would not have succeeded. Then, at the Village Fair on Saturday 17th June, our wonderful new community facility was officially opened. Guests from Surrey County Council and 'Your Fund Surrey' reflected their involvement in making this project a reality, emphasising the significance of community collaboration and partnerships. The events began with the blessing of the building by Rev Watkinson, adding a special touch of tradition and spiritual significance and underscoring the community's unity and shared values. The official opening by the Mayor of Guildford, Cllr Masuk Miah, and the presence of Surrey County Council members reinforced the importance of the sports pavilion as a valuable asset for the community.

Overall, the official opening of the Pirbright Community Sports Pavilion, alongside the village fair, was a joyful community event. It's a testament to the hard work, support, and dedication of all involved in making this project a success.



PIRBRIGHT TENNIS CLUB

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

www.facebook.com/pirbrighttennisclub

Looking for an activity for your children? Get them playing tennis or have lessons from our excellent coach, Michael Jefferies on jefferiesmichael@hotmail.com or 07748 767339. All abilities and ages can play in a friendly atmosphere at our lovely club. We also have league matches for competitive tennis. Over 45s can play in the Jean Seager Tournament on **Saturday 22nd July**. This is a very enjoyable, relaxed, one day tournament with BBQ, tea and cakes. To enter contact: sarahrosevear2@gmail.com

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

David Greenland

PIRBRIGHT CRICKET CLUB,

The Porpoise team is a combination of Youth Coaches,



Senior club players and Officials with half a team of U13/14 youth players who have come through the youth age groups. This is a bridge between age group cricket and "adult cricket."

The first game saw 6 boys, most of whom have been in the youth section since it started in 2020, alongside seasoned adult players. All bowled 3 over or kept wicket, with 3 wickets between them and four of them batted all scoring runs, almost seeing us home, getting to within 6 runs of Wood Street Village Dads' total.

Many thanks to Wood Street Village CC and to the adults who made it happen, not least the Chairman who showed the boys a masterclass in batting and setting up a platform to score from. These boys are the future of the club's adult sides.



CHURCHYARD CHRONICLES

I was hopping through the church the other Sunday morning when I heard a strange sound. I stopped. I listened. There it was again, it sounded like ... giggling. Suddenly two very small humans with very big grins dashed out of the back of the church and disappeared into the church room. Within seconds the church room was full of children of all shapes and sizes, from tiny babies to young ladies and they were all busy, drawing colouring and gluing as they chatted and laughed. I wondered if I should say something, there was a service going on after all, when suddenly I noticed ... they had snacks! Hmmmm, do you think they would let me join the Sunday Club, I may not be young, but I'm quite small and I am very good at nibbling. Now, where are those snacks?

Yellow Rabbit



JULY GARDENING TIPS from Wellie

July is the month to really enjoy your garden, and to make a note of what might need splitting or moving in the Autumn. It can be very dry this month so watering should be top of your agenda followed by dead heading to keep your display of flowering plants looking great for longer. If tall perennials are flopping a bit, put some stakes around them to help them and tie in and train any new growth on climbing plants. Give your beds, pots and baskets a feed which will help them to stay looking lush and healthy for longer. Prune early-summer flowering shrubs, such as philadelphus, once they have finished flowering. Cut back flowered growth to a strong lower shoot and thin out up to a fifth of old, woody stems. Prune whippy summer growth of wisteria to within 5/6 buds of the main stem. Make sure they are well watered in July and August because this is when they set their flower buds. Cut back hardy geraniums to ground level after they have had their first flush of flowers to encourage new foliage and more flowers later in the year. Divide congested clumps of bearded iris after flowering. Dead head bedding plants, roses and herbaceous plants to encourage more flowers. Raise the height of the mower blade to keep the lawn greener for longer if we have not had rain. Harvest potatoes, carrots, lettuce, tomatoes and salad leaves regularly to stop them from becoming woody or bitter-tasting. Harvest garlic when the tops of the foliage turn yellow and the stems start to bend, hang them somewhere warm and dry to ripen. Keep bird baths topped up. Think about sowing or planting wildlife friendly plants such as honesty, teasels and foxgloves. Check hedges for nesting birds before giving them annual cut. If you have hedgehogs in your garden then leave out water and meat based dog or cat food (ideally chicken flavour). Babies should be emerging soon and this food will help them before they hibernate in the Autumn. If you are concerned about other animals eating the food, you could make a hedgehog station.



Easy-to-make hedgehog feeding station

PIRBRIGHT COMMUNITY CALENDAR JULY 2023

1	Sat	11-5pm 12- 3pm 12:00	Open Gardens Walk Pirbright Primary School Summer Fair Twinning Association BBQ, LPH
2	Sun	9:30am	Family service with Church Band, St Michael's
5	Wed	2:30pm	Scrabble at Cunningham House
7	Fri	12:30pm	Rawlins Club
9	Sun	10:00am	Joint Baptism and Holy Communion with St Marks Wyke, at St Michael's Church Pirbright
10	Mon	8:00pm	Royal British Legion Meeting, The Fox Inn at Fox Corner
11	Tues	7:30pm	Horticultural Society Floral Art demonstration, LPH Club
12	Wed	2:30pm	Craft circle at Cunningham House
14	Fri	2:00pm	Rawlins Club Garden Party Hogleys House
16	Sun	9:30am	Holy Communion, St Michael's Church
18	Tues	10:15am 7:00pm	Holy Communion with Café Club, St Michael's Church WI meeting talking about Sleep, LPH Club Room
22	Sat		Jean Seager Tennis Tournament, Tennis Club
23	Sun	9:30am	Holy Communion Service St Michael's Church
27	Tues	10:00am	Craft Coffee and Chat in the Church Room
29	Sat	2:30 –5:30 2:00pm	Horticultural Society Show LPH Art Club Railings Exhibition
30	Sun	9:30	Holy Communion St Michael's Church

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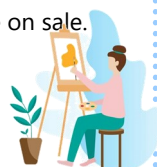
Someone complimented me on my driving the other day.
They left a note on my car, it said "Parking Fine".

PIRBRIGHT ART CLUB—RAILINGS EXHIBITION - Saturday 29th July

Our outdoor Summer exhibition and sale of paintings alongside Pirbright Horticultural Society's Annual Show. There will be many framed and unframed artworks by our members and local artists hanging on the railings, outside Lord Pirbright's Hall. Some pictures will reflect the garden theme - with flowers, fruit and vegetables featuring, amongst many other subjects. Come along from 2pm onwards to view the amazing display of paintings on show. Prints and cards will also be on sale. Contact Maggie Read for more details: 07977 552780

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See more of our paintings at the Quince Cottage Gallery across the village green!



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