



St Michael & All Angels Church
Pirbright Parish Council

Peri News

No 637



Oct 2023

CLOCKS GO BACK ON SUNDAY 29TH OCTOBER

PIRBRIGHT VILLAGE PRIMARY SCHOOL .

In answer to many queries, no, the scaffolding on the school over the summer wasn't due to bubbly concrete, but replacing the old roof, which will greatly improve insulation and keep the water out for years to come. As one lot of construction workers move out, the next lot will be moving in this month to start the development of a new science facility, which will be a wonderful resource for all our children. Watch this space for more news!

Julia Douetil, Chair of Governors



FARNBOROUGH AIRPORT EXPANSION PLANS - consultation

Farnborough Airport invite you to take part in their consultation about proposed changes to their flight schedules. These include

- increasing the number of flights annually from 50,000 to 70,000
- increasing weekend and public holidays flights from 8,900 to 18,900 flights per year
- extending flying hours on non-weekdays from 8am-8pm to 7am-9pm
- increasing aircraft weight limits from 50-80 tonnes to 55-80 tonnes (so fewer small planes) and increasing the number of annual flights in that weight category.

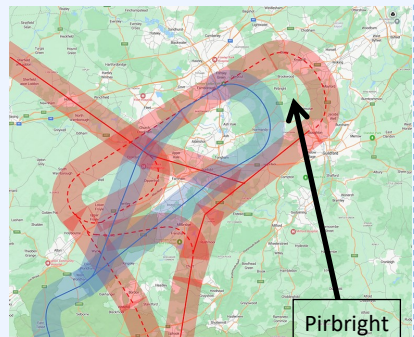
You can find details of the proposals on the Farnborough Airport website [Farnboroughairport2040.com](https://farnboroughairport2040.com) and you can respond at [Share your views – Farnborough Airport \(farnboroughairport2040.com\)](#)

Farnborough Noise is a group challenging the proposals, their website is [FAL Expansion | Farnborough Noise](#) or you can find out more on the 'latest News' page of the Pirbright Parish Council website

A number of events are advertised to promote the consultation details at <https://farnboroughairport2040.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/314/2023/09/FINAL-Consultation-Boards-1.pdf>

**The deadline for feedback on the proposals is
Wed 18th October**

Farnborough's new flightpaths
departures & arrivals



ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH



Just a thought.....

A Good Book – for all its worth...for all it's worth

I really love a good book: one that I can get thoroughly engrossed in, or one that's good to dip in and out of, or even one that's just always there if you're looking for something in particular.

There is one book that depending on which source or search engine you consult is available in over 100 – or 450, or even 900 – different versions in English. That's the joy of it; it doesn't matter if you're just learning to read, or if you like a version of a book that's easy for a child to read, or written in modern English or in English that is hundreds of years old: the Bible, the original 'good book'. I have 20 or so versions in my own library, and I often consult several if I come across a passage

that isn't very clear. It's also invaluable as a source of inspiration, comfort, hope. There are one or two of its 66 books that are pretty tough going, but isn't that the case with some chapters in a lot of other books?

My point is that there is a version/translation of the Bible that will suit *every-one*, from the classic King James to the modern, almost novel-like, Message. There are study Bibles with extensive notes and contemporary versions with explanatory notes and diagrams. So it really doesn't *matter* which one you read.

Amazingly, the Bible is still, I believe, the best-selling book in history, and I'm willing to bet that most of us use a saying from the Bible pretty much every day. It can be **all things to all men**, and without **beating about the bush**, you might choose to follow my **train of thought**, or maybe not **see eye to eye** with me, but **if the shoe fits...** why not have a go at reading even some of the original 'good book' yourself? For all its worth, and for all it's worth.

Or better still, why not join us at St Michael's on the 29th of October – for Bible Sunday!

Rev'd Gary Williamson



THE CIRCLE OF LIFE IN PIRBRIGHT

We welcome Torin Forde to the family of God following his baptism in September..



CONTACTS

Vicar: Rev George Watkinson georgealbionwatkinson@gmail.com 07711944327

Churchwardens: Helen Whitworth helen-churchwarden@pirbrightchurch.org.uk 07777 659138 and Julia Douetil julia-churchwarden@pirbrightchurch.org.uk 07718 610494

Church Administrator: Heidi Gower admin@pirbrightchurch.org.uk 07984323709 **Website:** www.pirbrightchurch.org.uk

MEET THE VICAR

Rev George has been with us for a few months now and, with two Parishes to support he has been kept pretty busy. So if you haven't had a chance to meet him yet, why not drop in to the Café Club on the third Tuesday of each month, following the 10:15am traditional said communion in the church? Whether you are a regular churchgoer or not, he'd love to meet you for a chat over coffee and cake. If you would like a pastoral visit at home, give Rev George a call on 07711944327



HARVEST FESTIVAL

As the seasons change, and there is no mistaking that Autumn is upon us, let's celebrate give thanks for the food we eat and maybe, at the same time, help those who are struggling with the cost of food.

Join us for a glorious Harvest Festival at the family service on Sunday 1st October, at 9:30 am.



CUNNINGHAM HOUSE

With food prices shooting up, Cunningham House kitchen has been very grateful this year for the kind contributions of home-grown vegetables from green fingered neighbours with gluts to spare. One of our residents also ventured into developing a little kitchen garden to grow courgettes, cucumbers and tomatoes. We have enjoyed experimenting with different ways to serve courgettes and tomatoes, and have concluded that runner beans are best served simply with butter and pepper. So, thank you very much, neighbours! *Lucy*

BROOKWOOD MILITARY CEMETERY—Services of Remembrance

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission's mission is to ensure those who died in service, or as a result of conflict, are commemorated so that they, and the human cost of



war, are remembered for ever. In addition to the Commonwealth plots the cemetery also contains graves of a number of other nations, and honours their national days of remembrance. This year the Italian ceremony will take place on Sunday 15th October at 10.30a.m, and the Czech ceremony on Sunday 29th October at 1.15p.m.

ALPHA COURSE

Do you have questions about the Christian faith which you've never had answered? Would you just like to know more about what Christians believe, and how it influences their lives? The Alpha Course is a no-obligation opportunity to explore Christianity, to discuss, ask questions and find out more over a light meal in relaxed company.

The course will run at St Mark's Wyke in the Spring term, with a launch event on Saturday 13th January, followed by eight Wednesday evening sessions from 17th January (excluding half term). We hope you will join us and bring a friend. In the meantime if you would like to know more about Alpha please go to <https://alpha.org/about/>



PIRBRIGHT PARISH COUNCIL

PIRBRIGHT PARISH COUNCIL (PPC)

The Parish Council website is a useful place to go for information on local news, local events, local road closures, local clubs and societies, contact numbers and of course Hall Hire.

The Community Sports Pavilion is also up and running and available to hire for small functions, meetings and get-togethers. Availability for both the Hall and the Pavilion can be found on the live calendar on the Parish Council website.

GUILDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL (GBC)

GBC's main services are Planning Applications and Planning Enforcement, environmental health, housing, street sweeping, refuse and recycling collections. The main number for GBC is [01483 505050](tel:01483505050). The easiest way to report a problem is online at www.Guildford.gov.uk/report



GUILDFORD
BOROUGH

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL (SCC)

The most commonly needed SCC service is HIGHWAYS for roads, pavements and transport related matters. The direct dial number for that is [0300 200 1003](tel:03002001003). Or e mail highways@surreycc.gov.uk

SCC's online website provides links to a wide range of issues from hedges, verges, trees and road signs to libraries, education and disabled parking. From potholes to public health, the easiest way to contact them is to google "Surrey County Council Report A Problem". This will take you to the SCC site and will give you links to all the options.

CARETAKER JOB VACANCY

Lord Pirbright's Hall are looking for an enthusiastic individual to join our small and friendly team working 5 hours a week £13.00p/hr. Please contact Catherine Loots (contact details below) to find out more.



Pirbright Parish Council

Chair: Steve Fidgett, sfidgett@pirbright-pc.gov.uk 07785 978817

Parish Clerk: Helen Myers, clerk@pirbright-pc.gov.uk 07485 411214

Parish website www.pirbright-pc.gov.uk

Lord Pirbright's Hall Catherine Loots lph@pirbright-pc.gov.uk 07494 485056

PIRBRIGHT HISTORIANS

We visit Brookwood Cemetery from time to time, delighting in the wildlife & flowers, as well as exploring the interesting lives of the departed, including, of course, many Pirbrighters. One such was buried near the North entrance. Esdor David ('Ned') was one of the many Faggetters, born on Little Green in 1867 and responsible for building Model Cottages and much of Connaught Road, as well as owning many other properties. Remembered for trotting weekly round the village collecting his rents in a leather satchel, when he died in 1941, a 'warm' man, he left the equivalent of £3.2 million today.

Jonathan Foster email: jonathan@pirbright.info



MODEL COTTAGES

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

On Tuesday 10th October at 7.30 in the Clubroom of Lord Pirbright's Hall when A Valsecchi will speak on 'Life experience of growing vines around the world'.

Do come and join us for another interesting evening. Refreshments will be available as usual. Bring a friend! Visitors, members and guests very welcome. Support your local society to keep going!

Philip Barralet

RAWLINS CLUB

Our next meeting is on Friday 13th October 2.00 - 4.00pm in Lord Pirbright's Hall. We will be entertained by Singer & Guitarist Steve Poole. *Denise Granger 01483 472020*

PIRBRIGHT TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Our AGM will be at 8pm on Tuesday 3rd October at Lord Pirbright's Hall Club Room. Do come along to support the Association and help us develop our future plans. Our Beaujolais Supper evening this year will be held Sunday 26 November at 6.00pm in Lord Pirbright's Hall. Contact

Pirbright.twinning.association@gmail.com

or contact Jonathan Lopez on 07780066142

PIRBRIGHT WI

Our talk on Tuesday 17th October, is 'Villains and heroes of the Basingstoke Canal' by , by Roger Cansdale at 7pm in the Club Room in Lord Pirbright's Hall.

Visitors are always welcome.

The WI are still serving coffees and teas with a good selection of biscuits on Thursday mornings 10am to 11.15am.

When you pop into the Country Market why not visit us . Irene Dredge 01483 233279 IRENEDREDGE@outlook.com

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Our meeting/social get together will be on Monday, 9th October at 8pm at the Fox Inn, Fox Corner. Please come and join us to hear more about the work of The Legion. . Contact: Anne Hawkins. Tel 01252 404276

FRIENDS OF PIRBRIGHT SURGERY

Fundraising coffee morning on Saturday 4th Nov, 10am-12:30, at Mulberry Cottage, Chapel Lane. Please come along to help support the vital work of our surgery.



PIRBRIGHT COUNTRY MARKET



Have you tried our latest treats, fresh baked artisan sourdough bread, and home-made traditional Indian meals and snacks? Get these and all your old favourites, along with beautiful hand made cards for every occasion, on a Thursday morning from 10 am in Lord Pirbright's Hall

SURREY HEATHLAND HABITAT PARTNERSHIP

Calling all heathland habitat helpers!

The Surrey Heathland Partnership conservation crew is coming back to Pirbright this autumn for local people to get involved with enjoyable countryside volunteering, to help restore and maintain the rare heathland habitat right on our doorstep. They will be clearing invasive scrub on the commons in The Gardens, Chapel Lane and Bullswater Common, so for a bit of fun and exercise why not come along and give it a try, Dates and full details on the Parish Council website or go to www.surreycc.gov.uk/surreycountrysidepartnerships. Please note that this type of conservation task is aimed at over 16s. We look forward to welcoming you.



PIRBRIGHT GIRLS' FOOTBALL CLUB

Pirbright Girls FC has began its second season with 21 members arriving back after the Summer break. We are all spurred on by the incredible work of our England Lionesses in the World Cup! Our u10's team will have their own challenge this season as they join the Surrey County Women and Girls' League. We are looking forward to our first fixtures and growing even more as a team. We are currently recruiting for more members of our u10's and u8's teams. The club trains on Saturday mornings at 10.30-11.30, on Pirbright Village Green football pitch. We are also looking for coaches and assistants, first-aiders, and match-day referees/ line assistants. Please get in touch if you would like more information / can help – pirbrightgirlsfc@yahoo.com or on Instagram – [pirbrightgirls_fc](https://www.instagram.com/pirbrightgirls_fc)



PIRBRIGHT TENNIS CLUB

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



www.facebook.com/pirbrighttennisclub

On Sunday 24th September we had some excellent tennis at the Summer Tournament Finals sponsored by the Cricketers on the Green. £50 gift vouchers were awarded to the winners of The Mixed, Men's and Ladies' Doubles and Men's Singles.

Lots of chances to play tennis, whatever your standard, throughout the week. See the *Club Activities* page on our website. Join our regular Tuesday Club Night. As darkness falls earlier now, you can use the free floodlights. Simply press the green button on the wall inside the clubhouse. This allows half an hour at a time.

Contact Michael Jefferies for coaching on 07748 767339 or email: jefferiesmichael@hotmail.com. Or visit the *Coaching* page on our website for regular coaching.

New members: please contact Fiona Robotham: info@pirbrighttennisclub.com
David Greenland



So that our village rugby players don't feel left out!!

PIRBRIGHT CRICKET CLUB



Congratulation to Pirbright Piranhas who won their division of the U13 SJCC for tier 3. This group mostly started playing in 2020 u10s playing softball cricket. They played catch up for the first couple of years taking on teams who had been playing hardball cricket for several more years than they had. These boys have stuck at the task and of the 18 in the group of year 7 & 8 players we regularly see 15 at training each week. Not phased by losing games, they just wanted to get better and have a good time. This shows that, if you don't succeed at first, trying and trying again really does work! Massive credit to manager James Bishop who has believed in these boys from the start.



From 35 male playing members in 2019 the club now has 260 members!

Graeme Marks 07821 412138

CHURCHYARD CHRONICLES—October 31st, some time in the 1980s.

The Captain of the cricket team looked at his bedside clock. Not far off midnight. He had been lying awake, yet again, brooding on the last season. Frankly it had been dire, and he wondered if there was a future for Pirbright Cricket Club.

Doh! It was no good lying there, it was a moonlit night, so he got up, put a coat over his pyjamas and went for a walk. As always, his footsteps turned to the village green, and there lay his beloved cricket pitch, bathed in moonlight, and the hut they called a clubhouse. He sighed, youngsters these days were just not interested in cricket, and with no facilities there was nothing to attract them.

Suddenly, as the church clock struck midnight, the sun came out, and the village green was not just bathed in light but covered in people - men and boys, women and girls, and they were all playing cricket! There were cheers of delight as youngsters made the connection of bat and ball, and cheers of support as an elderly batsman waddled to the crease just in time. As he gazed in wonder the Captain saw, standing proud against the trees, a fine pavilion, with players in whites leaning on the balustrade, encouraging the play. With the last stroke of midnight, the vision of the future faded, leaving just an empty green, bathed in moonlight, and a dilapidated hut.

But that night the Captain slept soundly for the first time since the end of the season, knowing that the future for cricket in Pirbright, was rosy.



A good rule for life is that when it comes to plastic surgery and sushi, never be attracted by a bargain.

OCTOBER GARDENING TIPS from Wellie

Cut herbaceous perennials down to ground level when they have gone over, but leave any decent seed heads over winter for wildlife. Split and divide any overgrown clumps. Replace summer bedding with some bedding plants and bulbs that will give pockets of colour over the winter (primroses, violas, spring bulbs). If you are planning to plant new trees and shrubs in your garden, think about having some native species. Autumn is a good time to plant them. Cut back buddleias and shrubby mallows by about half their height to prevent wind rock over winter. Remove netting from fruit cages to stop leaves collecting on them and to allow wildlife in to feed on any pests that are overwintering in there. Leave some wind fall apples for birds and wasps to feed on. Sweet peas can be sown under glass now and will then flower earlier next year than spring sown seed. Plant garlic, autumn onion sets and broad beans (such as Aquadulce Claudia or Meteor) now. Give lawns an autumn weed, feed and mosskill, and scarify if necessary. Clear fallen leaves off lawns regularly. You can still lay new lawns this month, if the weather stays warm.

Wildflower meadows can be given a final cut this month.



PIRBRIGHT COMMUNITY CALENDAR OCTOBER 2023

1	Sun	9:30am	Harvest Festival, Family Service with Church Band, St Michael's
3	Tues	8:00pm	Twinning Association AGM, LPH
4	Wed	2:30pm	Scrabble at Cunningham House
8	Sun	9:30am	Holy Communion, St Michael's Church
9	Mon	8:00pm	Royal British Legion Meeting, The Fox Inn at Fox Corner
10	Tues	7:30pm	Horticultural Society 'Growing vines around the world ', LPH
11	Wed	2:30pm	Craft circle at Cunningham House
13	Fri	2:00pm	Rawlins Club, Steve Poole, Guitarist, LPH
15	Sun	9:30am	Holy Communion, St Michael's Church
17	Tues	10:15am 7:00pm	Mid-week Communion with Café Club, St Michael's WI Heroes & Villains of the Basingstoke Canal', LPH
22	Sun	9:30am	Holy Communion Service St Michael's Church
24	Tues	10:00am	Craft Coffee and Chat in the Church Room
29	Sun	10:00am	Joint Communion service with Wyke, at St Michael's Pirbright

IT FIX

Did you know you can check if an email has been included in a known data hack? The website <https://HaveIBeenPwned.com/> (Note the deliberate spelling mistake, it's **Pwned** not Owned) provides a simple email address search option which will list every data breach in which the email has been stored, along details of the hack, and any additional information included (e.g. Dates of birth, geographic location, passwords). My email address, for example, is found in 8 data breaches! If there is a match, make sure you change the password on all the online accounts to which that email address is linked. See last months tips for creating a complex, easy to remember password.

The website also provides a similar service for passwords. It will count how many

times a password has been listed in data breaches, although unlike email addresses, it won't give specific details of those breaches. I checked, and the password *Password* has been listed 442,986 times – do not use the password Password, or Password123, etc. There are files readily available on the internet containing tens of thousands of the most popular passwords which hackers will use to try to break into accounts.

Richard Hyde

Sorry but your password must contain an uppercase letter, a number, a haiku, a gang sign, a hieroglyph, and the blood of a virgin.



Editor: Julia Douetil, julia.douetil@gmail.com Church Cottage, Church Lane, Pirbright, GU24 0JJ. Please send copy for November **by 8th October**. To receive PeriNews by e mail just contact Julia Douetil at the above address.