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WE WILL REMEMBER THEM



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION PIRBRIGHT - Lest we forget

Mid-August saw members of Pirbright RBL embark on a visit to the Western Front to find and pay tribute to the men of Pirbright who fell in WWI and are commemorated on the village war memorial. We visited all the major cemeteries and memorials and found many of our Pirbrighters. We wrote in the memorial books and planted crosses at the graves or placed them on the memorials near their names. We were overawed by the sheer numbers who perished during the first few days of Battle of The Somme, as well as the young age of the soldiers. Some of the places visited were Vimy Ridge, the Ulster Memorial Tower, Tyne Cot Memorial, Thiepval Memorial, Delville Wood South African National Memorial, Beaumont-Hamel Newfoundland Memorial, Lochnagar Crater and Arras. Our visit culminated in laying a wreath at the Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate at Ypres a very moving experience.



For details of Remembrance Services, see page 3

FOX CORNER COMMUNITY WILDLIFE AREA ASSOCIATION

Appeal for the Replacement of the Boardwalk and Pond Dipping Platform

Following our flyer in Perinews last February, the Management Committee has been amazed by the generosity shown by residents and members of the local community and we want to give a big thank you to all of our generous donors and supporters for their help in making this project possible! The project cost of £30k was a daunting challenge but we have achieved this with some spare to add further bank improvement work for both aesthetic and practical purposes. We also appreciate the grants received from the Pirbright Institute, Pirbright Parish Council, Surrey County Council and the National

Lottery Community Fund. This combination of local support with the backing of institutional donors has made it possible for this project to go ahead. It also feels a very heart-warming local affirmation of everything we aim to achieve as an Association. It was officially opened by Cllr Keith Witham in October and ready for visitors' visits for many decades to come! *Catherine Coble, Association Chairman*



ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH



Just a thought.....

It's (not) a Square World.

Older readers will remember a 1960s BBC TV satirical comedy series called 'It's a Square World'. I was reminded of this when I recently heard a song called '*What If There Were No Sides At All*' which made the point that we live on a planet, a 'big blue world' that is (almost) a 'perfect sphere'...and which therefore has 'no sides at all'¹.

It is one musician's plea to the lying, power-hungry, paranoid, aggressive, devious² people who lead some – I would argue far too many – of the nations of our world.

We have reached the month of November, when our own and other countries pause, just for a few moments, to remember the

brave-beyond-measure men and women who have paid and still are paying the ultimate price in the cause of peace in the thea-



tres of war which scar our world and cause death and misery to so many.

Once again I ask the question, 'WHY'.

Once again I make no apology for my words.

Once again I call on us all to do our bit to pray and work for peace.

God created our world. He created it round, not square. God's world has no sides...so why should we?

Do join us on the 12th of November at St Michael's or St Mark's for our annual Remembrance Service. Join us to remember heroes past and present. Join us to pray for PEACE.

Revd Gary Williamson

¹'*What If There Were No Sides At All*', by Bryan Adams, 2023

²Readers will no doubt have their own alternative words! No names are mentioned, but *not* to protect the guilty.

PIRBRIGHT HISTORIANS

How heartening to hear that a group of British Legion members have visited 10 graves and memorials in France & Flanders for WW1 Pirbright dead. Just over 103 years ago, on Friday, August 13th 1920, Pirbright's own churchyard memorial with 46 names was unveiled & dedicated by the Bishop of Guildford. This photo was taken shortly afterwards. Only a week before the ceremony, the last casualty, James George Victor Goddard, a Naval Telegraphist, had died, hence the hasty squeezing in of his name at the bottom of the stone. The calvary cross, carved by a well-known sculptor, Frederick Brook Hitch, is now away for repair. We discovered that one of the WW2 names had been wrongly inscribed as Leonard Richard Ricardo, who appears never to have existed. Capt. Leslie Ralph Ricardo, R.N. lived in Rowe Lane and died in 1943. Hopefully, this will now be corrected.

Jonathan Foster jonathan@pirbright.info



SERVICES OF REMEMBRANCE

In Remembrance we pay tribute to all service men and women who died or whose lives were changed forever by war and we acknowledge those who stand ready to fight for us today, the young men and women in our own community who serve in our armed forces, and the families who support them. Thank you.



St Michael and All Angels, Sunday 12th November, 10:00 am

Brookwood Cemetery

Czech Slovak	29 10 2023	at 13.00	Italian	05 11 2023	at 10.30
French	11 11 2023	at 10.15	Canadian	11 11 2023	at 10.30
ATC Pirbright , 1914/1918 plot	12 11 2023	at 11.00			
Polish	12 11 2023	at 15.30			

DESIGN A MUG AND WIN £100!

St Michael's Church is replacing our old fashioned cups & saucers with smart new mugs, which will be easier to use, wash and store (and hold a more generous cuppa!). Could you help us create a design that celebrates our church and community, or which will inspire our congregation? It could have a Christian theme, a church

community theme, or represent our beautiful church itself. We are offering a £100 prize for the best design, and you get to see your artwork on all our mugs, admired for years to come by everyone who comes to the church! For information about how to enter the competition go to www.pirbrightchurch.org.uk



ANGEL TOTS - St Michael's social group for 0-3 years olds and their carer



Angel Tots is thriving again, it's lovely to see so many familiar faces and new ones in the church room on Monday mornings. We so enjoy meeting friends and having a chat over a cup of coffee. If you would like to help (Monday mornings 9:30—11:30 in term time) please let me know at underwoodjv@gmail.com or phone 01483 233717 Thank you
Joy Underwood

THE CYCLE OF LIFE IN PIRBRIGHT

We welcome Torin Forde to the family of God following his baptism at St Michael's in September.

Our warmest congratulations to Lizzie Kelly and Andrew Harland following their marriage at St Michael's in October.

We give thanks for the lives of Brian Davies, John Hunter, John Mousley and Patsy Burch.



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PIRBRIGHT PARISH COUNCIL

Litter bins: Guildford Borough Council have announced that public litter bins and red dog waste bins around the Parish will no longer be emptied by them as part of their services to parish councils. This change will take effect from early 2024. The cost of this service will now fall to the parish council to absorb themselves. Litter bins at bus stops will remain the responsibility of GBC and will continue to be emptied by them. Pirbright has at least 8 green public litter bins around the parish and 11 red dog waste bins that will now carry a charge. GBC will charge the parish council £340 for every bin they empty for us.

In an effort to reduce this cost, the parish council have been advised by GBC to class all green litter bins as "mixed waste" bins meaning that dog waste can now be disposed of in the green litter bins. By combining waste in this way, the parish council will look to remove some of the 10 dog waste bins around the village green where they are close to an existing green

litter bin. The green litter bins are being re-labelled to make this clear. This will reduce the number of bins that the parish

council must now pay to have emptied by GBC.

Trees: The Parish Council will be commencing its annual Tree Works over the coming weeks. Trees around the pond will be thinned to reduce the amount of pollution and de-oxygenation caused by leaves falling into the pond. Epicormic growth will be removed from the iconic Pirbright Limes and some dead-wooding will be undertaken on various trees to prevent falling limbs and ensure healthy growth.

Remembrance Sunday: Parish Councillors will be attending services and laying wreaths on the 12th November at St Michael & All Angels, Brookwood Cemetery and Holy Trinity Church, Guildford. Renovations to the churchyard War Memorial are still on-going with English Heritage and the War Memorials Trust taking things very slowly to restore the wonderful Grade II listed wooden monument created by Frederick Brook Hitch and unveiled in Pirbright in August 1920.

If you have any queries, please contact the Clerk on the number below.



Pirbright Parish Council

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Parish website www.pirbright-pc.gov.uk

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

CUNNINGHAM HOUSE

Over the past 45 years, Cunningham House has had many volunteers on our Executive and House Committees. Individuals have come and gone, bringing fresh ideas. New ideas are always good, but so is continuity. One Pirbright resident who was involved in the start-up of Cunningham House is still involved today. She sometimes worries that she has overstayed her welcome, to which we reply never! She is officially the golden orb of all Cunningham House knowledge! She recently celebrated a Big Birthday, so we would like to say, "Happy Birthday Fij, and here's to the next 10 years!!"



PIRBRIGHT PLAYERS

Well here we are again, oh yes we are!
Our Christmas production is in full rehearsal mode! Getting ready for 20/21st January when we are off to see the Wizard, the wonderful Wizard of Oz! So put the dates in your diary for The Wizard of Oz, loads of lovely songs and lively goings on with the scarecrow, tin man and the cowardly lion together with Dorothy, all travelling the yellow brick road to see the Wizard. Will they get there? Come along and find out. Tickets will be released on Ticket Source in December.

Carole Gailer



PIRBRIGHT TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Beaujolais Dinner - Sunday 26 November 6.30pm. Delicious homemade food, locally sourced, and a taste of the 2023 Beaujolais Nouveau, with wine bar and raffle.

Tickets £16 members, £18 non-members available from George Lane

treasurer.twinning@gmail.com

Payment by bank transfer to: Pirbright Twinning Association Sort code 30-99-80, A/C No. 01174367.

Pirbright.twinning.association@gmail.com

or contact Jonathan Lopez on 07780066142

PIRBRIGHT WI

Our Annual Meeting is on Tuesday 21st November, 7pm in Lord Pirbright's Hall, when we review the past year and decide on the new committee.

As the days get colder there is a warm WI welcome in Lord Pirbright's Hall on Thursday mornings for coffee and biscuits after your visit to the Country Market.

The Fountain Centre Coffee morning was a great success and raised over £340.

Pirbright WI are visiting The National Archives at Kew, on Wednesday 31st January 2024 Cost £18. You/partner/friends are more than welcome to join us.

Please contact Irene Dredge

iredredge@outlook.com or phone 01483 233279 asap for further details including pick points and times, and form.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Our AGM and monthly meeting will be on Monday 13th November at 8pm in the Fox Inn, Fox Corner. All members are welcome to attend the AGM.

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.

RAWLINS CLUB

On Friday 10th November 2.00 - 4.00pm in Lord Pirbright's Hall David Rose will talk on 'Guildford's Lost Shops'

Denise Granger 01483 472020

PIRBRIGHT COUNTRY MARKET

Get a head start on your Christmas shopping with beautiful gifts and edible treats. Thursday mornings 10am in Lord Pirbright's Hall.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Our meeting is on Tuesday 14th Nov at 7.30pm in the Clubroom of Lord Pirbright's Hall, featuring Belinda Allen speaking on 'Herbs- history, growing and care'. Refreshments as usual, members, guests and visitors are most welcome.

Our AGM and social gathering is on December 12th. I look forward to seeing you all at these meetings!

Philip Barralet

ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION & CRAFT MARKET

PIRBRIGHT ART CLUB

The Annual Exhibition and sale of paintings by members of Pirbright Art Club is on Saturday 2nd December 10am - 7pm & Sunday 3rd December 10am - 1pm at Lord Pirbright's Hall. Framed & unframed originals; prints & cards too. An original painting, signed by the artist, makes a very special Xmas gift! Craft Market in the Clubroom, selling hand-made jewellery, children's knitwear; Xmas wreaths; cakes etc.. Refreshments are served all weekend in our visitors' cafe. 4 - 7pm on Saturday 2nd visit Santa's Grotto, with the official switch-on of the LPH Xmas lights at 5pm! In the car park, food vans serving waffles; pizzas; burgers and festive drinks.

Contact Maggie Read for more details 07977 552780 or pirbrightartclub@btconnect.com

PIRBRIGHT GIRLS FOOTBALL CLUB

PGFC has had an exciting month, the U10 team have won both their league matches so far with the girls displaying plenty of skills, determination and team work. Thanks as always to the sponsors that help make the club possible Trigon Fire Safety, Reality Finance and Fulk Brothers.

We are currently recruiting u10's and u8's. The club trains on Saturday mornings 10.30-11.30, on Pirbright Village Green. We are also looking for coaches and assistants – particularly female coaches, please contact pirbright-girlsfc@yahoo.com or Instagram [pirbrightgirls_fc](https://www.instagram.com/pirbrightgirls_fc) Pirbright boys u10s are also recruiting – all players of any ability from years 4 & 5 are welcome. Training is 10-11am on Sundays at Pirbright Village School. For information please contact Rob on 07572 681 531



PIRBRIGHT TENNIS CLUB

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

www.facebook.com/pirbrighttennisclub
Pirbright Tennis Club's website is run by Clubspark. Some of you may have noticed that your login to our website is now easier. You now have only one option and that is using your LTA account. If any member has difficulty with login, or any other problems, please contact info@pirbrighttennisclub.com.

Summer may be over but tennis continues with enthusiasm. See the *Club Activities* page on our website. Join our regular Tuesday Club Night from 6.30pm – all ages and standards.

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



PIRBRIGHT CRICKET CLUB

We had a super evening of music and laughter with the English National Opera. Donations went towards a new all weather Cricket wicket which will be installed ready for next season.

Congratulations to the Sunday XI on winning the Mackenzie Hughes Trophy v Brookwood (picture below) .



PIRBRIGHT SCHOOL WINTER FAIR

Even bigger and better this year! Traditional and fun stalls, tombola and marshmallow roasting and craft stall. Enjoy delicious freshly made hot food freshly made and join your friends for a drink at the bar. By popular request, the spectacular LASER AND PYROTECHNIC SHOW is back incorporating laser lights way up in the sky set to music, with a snowstorm finale. It's fireworks without the bangs and children and adults alike adore it.

So book your tickets now for a superb Friday evening's entertainment and kick off the festive season in style at Pirbright Village Primary School, Friday 1st December 3:30 – 6pm



PIRBRIGHT SINGERS IN CONCERT



"Hallelujah!" Pirbright Singers and friends will be presenting their annual Christmas Concert in St. Michael's Church, on Saturday 2nd December at 7:30pm. Everything from Handel's Messiah to John Rutter and your old favourites.

Tickets at the door £10 for all over 18 yrs - Come and enjoy, listen and sing along!

CHURCH FLOWER FUND Coffee Morning

On Saturday 2nd December in the church room from 10am, this is the main fundraiser to pay for the flowers and decorations which make our church so beautiful all year round. With mince pies, gifts and crafts and the ever popular raffle for a delicious home made, decorated Christmas cake.

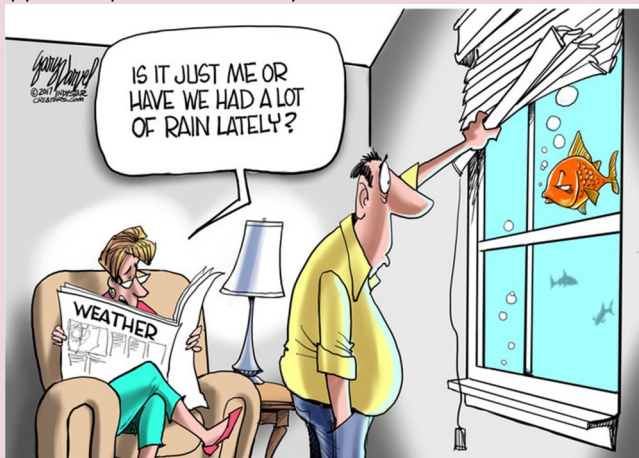
Please do come and support Yellow Rabbit's favourite church team.

NOVEMBER GARDENING TIPS from Wellie

Jobs to do as winter approaches and the garden quietsens. Rake up leaves on the lawn. Tie-in long whippy shoots of climbers and wall shrubs. Bare rooted roses can be planted now. Prune bush roses to prevent wind-rock and clear up any fallen rose leaves, especially if they suffered from black spot and rust, to reduce the chance of infection next year. Plant tulip bulbs now, once other spring bulbs are in, thereby lessening their chance of being infected by the fungal disease Tulip blight.

Fix grease bands on fruit trees to protect against winter moth. Spray peach and nectarine trees against peach leaf curl. Plant garlic cloves and shallots. Lift and divide rhubarb crowns. Start winter pruning apple and pear trees. Parsnips can start to be harvested after the first frosts when their flavor will have been sweetened. The first week in November is traditionally the time to make sowings of peas and broad beans. Prune Acer (maple) species now to avoid them bleeding from the cut stems once the sap rises in the spring.

Keep feeding wild birds.



PIRBRIGHT COMMUNITY CALENDAR NOVEMBER 2023

1	Wed	2:30pm	Scrabble at Cunningham House
4	Sat	10:00am	Friends of Pirbright Surgery Coffee Morning, Chapel Lane
5	Sun	9:30am	Family Service with Church Band, St Michael's
8	Wed	2:30pm	Craft Circle at Cunningham House
10	Fri	2:00pm	Rawlins Club, 'Guildford's Lost Shops', LPH
12	Sun	10:00am	Service of Remembrance , St Michael's Church
13	Mon	8:00pm	Royal British Legion Meeting, The Fox Inn at Fox Corner
14	Tues	7:30pm	Horticultural Society, 'Herbs– history, growing and care', LPH
19	Sun	9:30am	Holy Communion, St Michael's Church
21	Tues	10:15am 7:00pm	Mid-week Communion with Café Club, St Michael's WI Annual Meeting, LPH
26	Sun	9:30am 6:30 pm	Holy Communion Service St Michael's Church Twinning Association Beaujolais Supper, LPH
28	Tues	10:00am	Craft Coffee and Chat in the Church Room



Don't forget to check for hibernating hedgehogs before you light that bonfire!

LOOKING AHEAD—diary dates for December

Friday 1st December - 3:30 – 6pm Winter Fair at Pirbright Primary School,

Saturday 2nd December

- 10am to 12 Church Flowers Fundraising Coffee Morning, St Michael's Church Room,
- 10am to 7pm Pirbright Art Club Exhibition and Craft Market, Lord Pirbright's Hall
- 4pm Santa's Grotto, 5pm Switching on Christmas lights at Lord Pirbright's Hall.
- 7:30pm 'Hallelujah!' Pirbright Singers in Concert, St Michael's Church,

Sunday 3rd December

- 9:30 am Christingle service at St Michael's
- 10am-1pm Art Exhibition and Craft Market, with 'studio clearance' sale, LPH

Saturday 16th December - 3pm Remembering Loved Ones Service & tea, St Michael's

Sunday 17th December - 6pm Nine Lessons and Carols by candlelight, St Michael's

Wednesday 20th December - from 4pm Carols in the Churchyard, St Michael's

Sunday 24th December Christmas Eve

- 3:30pm and 5pm Children's Crib services at St Michael's
- 11:30 Midnight Communion

Monday 25th December Christmas Day - 9:30 Family Communion Service, St Michael's



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