

# PERI News

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## PIRBRIGHT VILLAGE FAIR June 8th

The choice of the Paris Olympics as a theme for our Village Fair this year has proved to be very popular, and everyone is keen to get into the spirit of the event. The Twinning association will liaise with our friends in Cagney to keep us updated with plans for les jeux olympiques so that we can get everything just right on the day. Christmas Bakery have purchased special baguette moulds and the Yurt has invested in a croissant pastry folder so that we can all enjoy authentic pique-niques on the village green, whilst Fulk's have perfected their saucisson recipe. Sainsbury's are also anticipating a rush on French delicacies, and have doubled their normal order for French wines and cheeses throughout the months of June and July. The Parish Council's plans to translate village signs into French are well under way, and soon we shall all be driving down Ruelle de l' Eglise, Colline Dawney and Voie de l'Ecole. However, given the persistent flooding there, Swallow Pond will simply be renamed La Manche. The new road signs will be installed on 1st April.

## PIRBRIGHT VILLAGE

### PRIMARY SCHOOL Headteacher

Following the sad news that Mr Dutton will be leaving PVPS in July after 9 wonderful years as our Headteacher, the School Governors are delighted to announce the appointment of Mr Peter Wright as the new Headteacher. We look forward to welcoming him to our school and village in September.



St George's Day 23rd April

## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Our meeting is on Monday 8th April at 8pm at the Fox Inn, Fox Corner.

### Liberation of Cagney, 1944

A date for your diary is our Dinner at Chobham Golf Club on Saturday, 20th July when we celebrate the 80th Anniversary of the Liberation of Cagney. Look out for our flyer in later editions for booking details.

01252 404276 Anne Hawkins

This month's banner image  
Admiral's Walk by the Editor

## ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH

### Who's bringing the milk?

The church social and fundraising committee have an unofficial motto 'Who's bringing the milk?' It started as a joke, because one member always asked that question. Then we realised that it was actually a very important question, it goes right to the heart of volunteering. Any meeting goes better with a cup of tea, any event is enhanced by a refreshment stall. The basic stuff - tea bags, coffee, cups kettle - are just there, waiting to be used. But the milk .... the milk needs to be fresh, so someone has to remember to bring the milk *every time*. No one notices the milk, unless there isn't any.

Our church is a complex organisation, largely run by volunteers. They take on a wide variety of jobs which hold the church community together. Some of their work is very visible—the flowers for example. I hope you managed to pop in to see the church decorated for Easter, it was stunning. You might notice volunteers who greet people coming to church, or make

coffee after the service and those brave souls who supervise children's activities. It's hard to miss the bell ringers and musicians, they are volunteers too, as are the much loved Angel Tots resident Grannies. But there are many jobs we never notice—until they don't happen. The person who spends time choosing hymns and readings, those who launder the altar linens and tea towels, who clean the church, tidy the churchyard, put out traffic cones and even compile the rotas!

The strength of a church doesn't reside in those who stand at the front and lead, or whose names are on the bulletins, posters, or even this magazine. The Church is everyone who plays even the smallest part in it. That's what makes it a community.

So this is to thank all those who play their part in making our church warm, welcoming and safe, give their time, their energy and, occasionally, the odd pint of milk.  
*Julia Douetil, Churchwarden*



### ROSEMARY RICHMOND 1941 - 1924

I first became acquainted with Rosemary when moving to the post office in 1986. With her knowledge and experience, she became my mentor about the village, the people and other businesses. Following in the footsteps of her father Chris and grandfather Fred, Rosemary was a member of the Pirbright Parish Council for 48 years, finally stepping down in January 2022, having served under seven Chairs. Rosemary was a standard bearer for the Royal British Legion and organised the annual Poppy Appeal. Many will remember her friendly welcome at the Country Market each week. She will be sadly missed.  
*Lindsay Graham*



### THE CIRCLE OF LIFE IN PIRBRIGHT

We welcome Casper Troeller to the Family of God following his Baptism in March .

We remember with gratitude the life of Rosemary Richmond, who died in February.

### ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

**21st April 3:00pm in the church room**

Come to hear about how our church is run, to have your say and to elect Church-wardens and members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) who make key decisions about the church on behalf of our community. To vote you need to be on the church electoral roll, which is free to join. Electoral roll forms are in the church or contact [07984323709](tel:07984323709)

[admin@pirbrightchurch.org.uk](mailto:admin@pirbrightchurch.org.uk)

### CHURCH ON THE GREEN Sunday 28th

Special thanks to Natasha Bradley and the Yurt Cafe at the Cricketers on the Green who are very generously donating home baked pastries- croissants, pains au chocolat and pains au raisins - for this month's Church on the Green. Join us on the last Sunday of the month for breakfast followed by lively, 21st century style worship (and bouncy castle for the kids!).

### PIRBRIGHT VILLAGE FAIR

**June 8th**



### Meet a local Olympian!!!

We are delighted to announce that this year's fair will be opened by our own local Olympian so if you want to hear what it is like to take part in the Olympics come along and meet them.

We have some great attractions for all to enjoy including children's Olympics, gymnastic and cheerleading display, crazy golf, classic car and motorbike display, as well the dog show, donkey rides and petting zoo.

So please get in touch if you would like a stall or can offer some help on the day at [pirbrightvillagefair@gmail.com](mailto:pirbrightvillagefair@gmail.com)

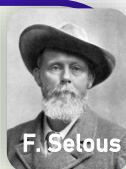
**CHURCH PLANT SALE 11th May.** Could you help to look after some plants for the sale?

Please contact John Clough on [johnc.1969@hotmail.com](mailto:johnc.1969@hotmail.com) / 07889 428531. It would be wonderful if you could donate plants, please contact [sjkleinberg@gmail.com](mailto:sjkleinberg@gmail.com)

### PIRBRIGHT HISTORIANS Frederick Selous

Last month I referred to Henry Morton Stanley in Pirbright from 1899.

Five years earlier Frederick Selous "the most famous big game hunter in Africa" and his family moved to the large house at Fox Corner. A man of tremendous energy, Frederick had spent most of his life in Southern Africa, and became an expert on the area. He was a good friend and hunting companion of ex-President of the US Theodore Roosevelt, and was later employed personally by Cecil Rhodes. When WW1 broke out, Selous offered himself for active service at the remarkable age of 62. He was killed in action in 1917 in what is today part of Tanzania and was buried there. King George V wrote a letter of condolence personally to his widow. Possibly Stanley and Selous met here. If they did, what conversations they would have had! *Richard Hartley* [richard@pirbright.info](mailto:richard@pirbright.info)



### **PPC Annual Parish Assembly & Exhibition of Clubs & Societies**

Come to Lord Pirbright's Hall at 6pm on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April where the council are assembling all the local clubs and societies in one place for residents to come along and sign up for something new, or just find out more about the groups we have in Pirbright. From dog training to drama, from art to martial arts, from flowers to fitness there will be something of interest for everyone. Stay on for the Annual Parish Assembly and meet your parish councillors, hear about the projects they have completed in the community and those in the pipe-line. This part of the evening will start at 7.30pm. Refreshments will be served throughout the evening.

### **Community Litter Pick Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2pm**

The Parish Council would like to invite everyone to meet at Lord Pirbright's Hall at 2pm for a Community Litter Pick. Collect your equipment and hi-viz vests from Councillors in the Hall car park and fan out to any area of the village you choose. Return to the car park with your sticks, vests and rubbish and we will have it taken away. Time for a Spring clean!



### **Date for the Diary**

A reminder that the Armed Forces Day Big Picnic on the Green will take place on **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June from 11am – 3pm**. There will be lots of free entertainment for the whole family. Please make a note of the date in your diaries.



### **Additional Car Parking Spaces Now Available**

The council is pleased to announce that it has begun Phase 1 of its plan to create more parking around the Green. Scrub around the pond has been cleared and we have gained planning permission for 10 floating pontoons to be permanently sited on the pond. They will be available from 1<sup>st</sup> April on a first come first served basis. The Council believes that these floating pontoons will not only alleviate the parking issues but will enhance the beauty of the pond and add a unique charm to the village. It is hoped the extra parking will bring convenience and enjoyment for residents and visitors alike.

## COMMUNITY GROUPS

### PIRBRIGHT ART CLUB

**Leisure Artists** group meet on 3rd Thursday of each month at Lord Pirbright's Hall (Main Hall) 1.15 – 3.45pm  
**April 18<sup>th</sup>** optional theme is Castles & Cathedrals – pen drawing

**Exhibiting Artists** group meet on 4th Thursday of each month at Lord Pirbright's Hall (Main Hall) 2.00–5:00pm  
**April 25<sup>th</sup>** optional theme is Local Scenes – any medium

Visit our website for more details and for membership [www.pirbrightartclub.co.uk](http://www.pirbrightartclub.co.uk)

#### Friday Workshops with tutor Maggie

**Read** – on selected Fridays once a month – various media and subjects. 10am – 2.30pm (Clubroom) Contact Maggie Read [pirbrightartclub@btconnect.com](mailto:pirbrightartclub@btconnect.com) or call **07977552780**

### RAWLINS CLUB

Friday 12th April will be a very short AGM followed by Tony Garland speaking on 'Life as a Research Vet'. 2–4pm in Lord Pirbright's Hall, *Denise Granger 472070*

### TWINNING ASSOCIATION

**French Boule Afternoon** – Sunday 28 April 2024 @ 2.00pm Lord Pirbright's Hall. Come and join us for a fun afternoon of French Boules and a lovely homemade English cream tea with scones, jam and clotted cream.

Tickets : £8.00 each. Children under 12 free of charge

Payment by bank transfer (BACS) to: Pirbright Twinning Association  
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### PIRBRIGHT COUNTRY MARKET

*"Spring is the time of plants and projects"*

Visit Lord Pirbright's Hall every Thursday 10am to 11.15am, for home made cakes, savouries, preserves, plants and crafts.

### PIRBRIGHT WI

This month's talk is *The Indian diaspora – sugarcane to Surrey: my personal experience* by Jay Woogara. The meeting is on Tuesday April 16 at 7pm in the Club Room in Lord Pirbright's Hall. Join us for teas and coffees at the Country Market on Thursdays

### PIRBRIGHT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

On Tuesday 8th April in the Clubroom of Lord Pirbright's Hall at 7.30 pm speaker Margaret Lennard will talk about "Growing foraging for bees".

**Society website** our new website is at [www.pirbrighthort.co.uk](http://www.pirbrighthort.co.uk)

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**Plant Sale** Please start growing for our sale on May 18th & 19th or please think about donating a tray or two of plants from a garden centre. Every donation helps!

**Summer show** Saturday 27th July  
Schedules are available now. They will be delivered to every house in the village but if you live outside the village and require a copy please contact the Secretary's email above. The schedule is on our website and we encourage you use our new online entry form but we will, for this year, accept entries on the Monday prior to the show as usual.

## CUNNINGHAM HOUSE

Residents often reflect on the days when common sense was deemed more important than regulations. Sometimes regulations can prevent one danger, but create a different one. For example, clearly we must have fire doors, but they are heavy so an older person risks falling trying to open a heavy door. If we have a fire alarm, residents have to evacuate even in the dark, but holding a torch and steering a wheelie isn't easy. Our 102-year-old resident came up with the perfect solution: beanie hats with lights on! Looks a bit daft, but they're warm and residents can see where they're going with hands free for wheelies. Hopefully we never have to use them, but it was good fun to capture a photo opportunity for PeriNews!



*(And no, this is not the famous PeriNews April Fool story!)*

## SUPPORT OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES

Did you know that there is a new yoga class at Lord Pirbright's Hall every Saturday morning at 8.30am? Local yoga instructor Janet Ashton's classes aim to build strength, stamina and flexibility whilst enhancing your ability to unwind and relax. Janet weaves together yoga postures with elements of other yogic practices such as pranayama, mantra, meditation and philosophy. One hour classes cost £12 to £15. To enquire or join contact Janet on 07788977526 or email [janeteashton@btinternet.com](mailto:janeteashton@btinternet.com)



## BROOKWOOD CEMETERY job opportunity

Administrator needed for Brookwood Cemetery to help with quarterly meetings on site at Brookwood. This is a paid role, £20 per hour, usually 4 or 5 hours each meeting to compile attachments and take minutes.

Meetings are during the school day, some experience of Minute taking helpful. Help and support given by the friendly team. For more information please email Avril Kirby ([avril@brookwoodcemetery.com](mailto:avril@brookwoodcemetery.com)).

## PIRBRIGHT TENNIS CLUB

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

Welcome to the new tennis season. We've got some exciting events coming up, Download our Annual Newsletter from our homepage. **Tuesday 16th April.** Spring into Club Night with delicious food, drink and tennis from 6.30pm. All welcome.

### Coaching for Adults or Juniors

contact Michael on 07748 767339 or [jefferiesmichael@hotmail.com](mailto:jefferiesmichael@hotmail.com)

**Racket Stringing:** Contact Daniel Garcia: 07449310077 [dangarcol@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:dangarcol@yahoo.co.uk)

**New members:** go to 'Membership' on our website. All enquiries go to [info@pirbrighttennisclub.com](mailto:info@pirbrighttennisclub.com)





## CHURCHYARD CHRONICLES

I know its April Fool's Day but this year I am staying well out of it. Last year I thought I had the perfect wheeze. It was the wedding in church that gave me the idea, more specifically the boxes of confetti that were left behind in the porch. It took a bit of persuading and the promise of a biscuit or three from the kitchen, to get the squirrels to help pour the confetti into the organ pipes, but it was worth it when Mr West turned the organ on and a cloud of confetti blew out and completely filled the church!

It was hilarious ....until I looked up. There was Churchwarden No 1, and she wasn't laughing. Instead she handed me a dustpan and brush. I looked around, there was confetti everywhere, on every pew, every window ledge, and in every corner of the floor. Clearing it all up took hours and I learned my lesson, April Fool Jokes are not for me!

*Yellow Rabbit*



## PIRBRIGHT CRICKET CLUB

Calling all cricketers! The new 2024 season opens at the end of April with Youth cricket, Adult Saturday league, Friendly

Adult Sunday, Women's, Walking and/or Wednesday evening Twenty 20 cricket  
Any interested players please contact Graeme Marks on 07821 412138

## APRIL GARDENING TIPS from Wellie

Sow hardy annuals and wild flower seeds in pots to provide colour in the garden. Sweet peas can be sown outside now. Prune penstemons and other slightly tender plants, divide herbaceous perennials. Put supports in place for perennials before they get too big. Protect fruit blossom from late frosts, tie in climbing and rambling roses. Feed shrubs and roses. Keep weeds under control. Start feeding citrus plants, increase watering of houseplants. Sow seeds such as carrots, beetroot and peas directly outside, plant out potatoes, onion sets and garlic. Last chance to sow your aubergine, chillies and tomato seeds. Start your courgettes, squashes and cucumbers in pots and plant out when all risk of frost has passed. Mow lawns whenever the grass is growing to maintain a constant height throughout the year. If you have bulbs in the lawn, wait six weeks after flowering before you mow the area. Re edge lawns. Apply a spring lawn fertiliser. Sow new lawns or repair bare patches. Avoid removing caterpillars from plants if you can as they are a good food source for nesting birds, Keep your bird feeders topped up. Leave out water and meat based dog or cat food for hedgehogs. Make a bee hotel for solitary bees such as mason bees.



## PIRBRIGHT COMMUNITY CALENDAR APRIL 2024

4	Thur	2:30pm	Scrabble at Cunningham House
7	Sun	10:00am	Joint all age service with Wyke and church band, St Michael's
8	Mon	7:30pm 8:00pm	Horticultural Society, ' <i>Growing foraging for bees</i> ', LPH Royal British Legion meeting, The Fox Inn at Fox Corner
10	Wed	2:30pm	Craft Circle at Cunningham House
12	Fri	2:00pm	Rawlins Club, ' <i>Life as a Research Vet</i> ', LPH
13	Sat	10:00am	Operation Churchyard
14	Sun	9:30am	Holy Communion, St Michael's
15	Mon	6:00pm	Parish Council Annual Meeting, LPH
16	Tue	10:15am 7:00pm 6:30pm	Mid week communion with café club, St Michael's Pirbright WI, <i>The Indian diaspora</i> , LPH Pirbright Tennis Club, Club night
18	Thur	1:15pm	Pirbright Art Club - Leisure Artists
21	Sun	9:30am 2:00pm 3:00pm	Holy Communion, St Michael's Community Litter Pick LPH Annual Church Meeting at St Michael's Church
23	Tue	10:00am	Craft Coffee and Chat in the Church Room
25	Thur	2:00pm	Pirbright Art Club - Exhibiting Artists
28	Sun	10:00am 2:00pm	Church on the Green, LPH Twinning Association French Boules, LPH

### PIRBRIGHT TWINNING ASSOCIATION Conversational French language course

We are seeking to offer a course of 12 sessions of 1.5hrs for a maximum of 15 people, Thursday evenings, 7:30—9:00pm at Lord Pirbright's Hall. Course fee yet to be finalised but no more than £140.00. For information or to register an interest please email [jon.lopez@btinternet.com](mailto:jon.lopez@btinternet.com).

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