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PIRBRIGHT'S PARTY MONTH!

In June we have **THREE**
fabulous, fun filled community events!!

PIRBRIGHT VILLAGE SUMMER FAIR Saturday 8th June 11am-5pm

Join in the fun all the way from the Church to the Village Green, with music, games, donkey rides and a petting zoo, not to mention displays, food and drink, and stalls galore. This major event helps to support our beautiful church and its work in our community.

PIRBRIGHT PRIMARY SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR Saturday 15th June 12-3pm

Featuring a giant inflatable obstacle course, water slide and Nerf shooting range (me neither) plenty of food (crêpes anyone?) and stalls galore. All in the school grounds to raise much needed funds for our children's education.

ARMED FORCES DAY - Picnic on the Green, Saturday 29th June 11am to 3pm

Come along and see the military vehicles on the Green and enjoy all the days' free events. See the enclosed flyer for details.

No need to choose - come to them all!!

KNOWL HILL SCHOOL

Knowl Hill School Pirbright is delighted to announce the recent purchase of an additional school site in Bisley. Knowl Hill School Bisley will offer a unique and tailored curriculum and teaching timetable – we will share the details shortly and a link to the new School's website. In the meantime – please do visit our website for Knowl Hill School Pirbright at www.knowlhillschool.org.uk/. We believe our motto of "Life Chances for All" is reflected in the photos, subject content and latest news activities.



This month's banner image
Rapley's Field by Carol Handyside

ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH

Not really my cup of tea!

How do you like your tea? What sort of books do you read? What kinds of music do you like to listen to? Which TV programmes or films do you prefer to watch? What's your favourite colour?

The choices available to us in these and any other areas of our lives are as endless as our preferences. If we don't like something, we might say, 'that's really not my cup of tea'.

Take prayer and praying for example. Prayer is the essential element of any gathering in a 'church' setting, wherever it is and whoever is leading it. Unlike tea, or music, or TV programmes, there is really only one essential element of prayer: it's simply a conversation with God, focusing on any sort of problem or issue that concerns us (or others) at any particular time. But as with any other activity we are able to *choose* how we do it. We might prefer to pray openly and publicly in a

worship setting, or we might sometimes prefer to be alone. We might pray out loud, or pray silently. We might make up our own prayers, or we might prefer to say a prayer written or spoken by someone else (the Lord's Prayer, for instance).

Wherever and whatever we pray, the options and variations are endless, just like our particular preferences for anything else. And of course there are people who feel that prayer really isn't *their* cup of tea. But I wonder how many of us actually pray without realising we're doing it? How often do we say, 'oh my God' when we feel angry, or frustrated, or anxious? Isn't *that* prayer too?

Just as there are four main types of tea*, there are four stages of prayer:

Pause: just stop thinking about what's going on around you;

Reflect: focus your mind, think carefully about what is really bothering you and why you feel the need to pray;

Ask: just talk to God. Even if you can't see him, he is listening, whatever we say and wherever we are;

Yield: just be patient and open to what God has to say in answer. It may not be what you hope for or expect, but there *will* be an answer.

PRAY. Just like that! Try it, it's so easy, and God will *always* listen. It's *everybody's* cup of tea! *Revd Gary Williamson*

*Black, white, green and oolong



THE CIRCLE OF LIFE IN PIRBRIGHT

We welcome Ludo Kears in to the Family of God following his Baptism in May.

We remember Michael Wright, whose funeral was at St Michael's in May.

BAT BOXES - and some batty facts!

Four new bat boxes have been placed in the churchyard, in an oak and a horse chestnut tree. Trees on the field boundary were chosen because bats navigate using straight lines, eg field hedges and guttering on high walls. They have been kept away from the church to prevent flying bats constantly triggering the security lights and to avoid the build up of droppings on walls and the church garden.

All four boxes are at the height recommended by the Bat Conservation Trust and they face south to maximise internal day time temperatures.

The PCC would like to thank Michelle and her team from the Tree Care Company for installing the bat boxes in the churchyard. Why not take a dusk stroll to see if you can spot the results of their efforts?.

Did you know?

- Bats are not blind but most have poor night-vision (a bit like humans) so they rely on echolocation to navigate, hunt and 'see' the world.
- A tiny pipistrelle can eat up to 3,000 insects in a night.
- Plants adapted to be pollinated by bats give us dates, vanilla, bananas, breadfruit, guavas, iroko timber, balsa wood, sisal, Tequila and chewing gum!
- Bats are more closely related to humans than they are to mice.
- Bats usually only have one baby a year and can live for up to 30 years

MEET JO SCHAEFER



We are thrilled to welcome Jo Schaefer to the St Michael's & St Mark's team as our Children and Families Leader. Mum of three Jo has a background in paediatric physiotherapy and many years experience as a volunteer organising activities and worship for children at St Marks. Jo is undertaking training to develop her in the role and we are already seeing her imagination, skills and talent making a difference, both at Church on the Green and in the new Children's Church on Sundays at 9:30. If you have children or grand-children, and you would like them to have the opportunity to explore faith, perhaps whilst you revisit your own faith in the adult church, then why not come along? If you would like to help Jo supporting children and families, please contact her at mmchildrenschurch@gmail.com

CHURCH PLANT SALE

Thank you to all who supported the plant sale in May, which raised nearly £2400 for the church and its work in our community. Happy gardening!

Guildford Community Transport

service provides regular transport for eligible residents in the whole Parish. The bus service helps residents to access a range of activities and services including:

- transport to The Activity Hub based at The Hive
- dial a ride including door to store shopping trips
- voluntary senior activities
- social clubs and social trips
- transport to visit friends and family
- transport to hospital and other medical appointments

The aim of the service is to promote the independence of residents. It also aims to reduce social exclusion if residents cannot access public transport. This is a door-to-door service available to any resident that meets any of the following criteria:

- people of any age with a physical

disability or mobility problem

- people of any age suffering with short-term or long-term ill health
- people of any age with learning difficulties
- people of any age with mental health issues
- people 60 years or over

Operating times

Monday to Thursday 9:00am-4.30pm and Fridays 9:00am - 4:00pm. We have fully accessible vehicles to assist passengers.

Register

Residents will need to register for membership with our service to book transport. The membership fee is only £14.60 per year. You can pay this in cash to the driver on your first visit. **To register or enquire, call 01483 458055 or email: info.communityservices@guildford.gov.uk.**

Ticket price for Community Transport members

Community Transport Journey (one way)					
1 mile	£3.30	6 miles	£5.90	11 miles	£8.50
2 miles	£3.80	7 miles	£6.40	12 miles	£9.00
3 miles	£4.30	8 miles	£6.90	13 miles	£9.60
4 miles	£4.80	9 miles	£7.50	14 miles	£10.10
5 miles	£5.40	10 miles	£8.00	15 miles	£10.60
Journeys above 15 miles are not undertaken					

THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Bob visited Pirbright Surgery for his annual check up. The Doctor gave him the once over and commented "It looks as if you get plenty of exercise!"

"Oh yes," replied Bob, "Only yesterday I walked five miles over rugged terrain, climbing over rocks and trees. I waded through a small lake, pushed my way through waist high thistles and slid down sandy slopes."

The Doctor was impressed "Wow, you really are a dedicated outdoor enthusiast!"

"No," said Bob, "I'm just a really bad golfer."



COMMUNITY GROUPS

PIRBRIGHT COUNTRY MARKET

Just a reminder that as well as our usual Market every Thursday in Lord Pirbright's Hall 10am - 11.15am we shall also be on the Village Green on Saturday June 8th as part of the Pirbright Village Fair.

PIRBRIGHT ART CLUB

We have a gazebo exhibition and sale of framed and unframed paintings, cards and prints at the Pirbright Village Fair on Saturday June 8th. More pictures by our talented members can be seen at the Quince Cottage Gallery opposite the pond - open until 2pm that day and every Saturday. Visit our website www.pirbrightartclub.co.uk or contact Maggie Read (tutor & organiser) on 07977 552780 pirbrightartclub@btconnect.com

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Our meeting this month is on Monday, 10th June at 8pm at the Fox, Fox Corner. Please do join us to hear about the Legion and its works. Watch out next month for our booking flyer for our Celebratory Dinner on 20th July at Chobham Golf Club
Anne Hawkins 01252 404276

RAWLINS CLUB

The Rawlins Club BBQ is on Friday 14th June in Lord Pirbright's Hall, between 12.30 and 3.30pm

Denise Granger 472070

PIRBRIGHT WI

There is no meeting this month at the hall. An outing to Vann Gardens is on 28th June in the afternoon, with a pub lunch beforehand.

The WI serve coffees, teas and biscuits on Thursday mornings 10am to 11.15am. When you visit the Country Market why not pop in? Irene Dredge 01483 233279 iredredge@outlook.com

PIRBRIGHT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Thanks to everyone for supporting our plant sale, either by attending or providing plants for resale.

We do not have a meeting on June 11th but a visit might be arranged.

Floral art demonstration by Elizabeth Barralet, Tuesday 9th July

Annual Show in LPH July 27th at 2.30pm.

For full details check out our website www.pirbrighthort.co.uk

Philip Barralet

CONCERTS ON YOUR DOORSTEP — dates for your diary

MUSIC FOR A SUMMER'S EVENING

Join the Purvis Singers for a concert in St Michael's Church on Saturday 13th July .

CARDIFF ARMS PARK MALE CHOIR

Saturday 19th October at 2.30pm in St Michael's Church.

Tickets are £25 and can be reserved now by email to philipc Cardiff1@gmail.com Please support this great occasion in aid of CureParkinson's and Shooting Star Children's Hospices. *Philip Barralet, Organiser*

PIRBRIGHT GIRLS FOOTBALL CLUB

Pirbright Girls FC had a fantastic first season of training, matches, tournaments and festivals. We are recruiting for next season with spaces available in what will be the u9s and u11s teams. Benefits include skill development, activity for the brain as well as the body, new friends, confidence-building, and coming together in the community. If your daughter is interested please contact pirbrightgirlsfc@yahoo.com for a free trial and more information



We are also looking for coaches, particularly female coaches. If you are interested then please do get in touch at the email above.



PIRBRIGHT TENNIS CLUB

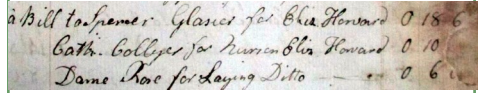
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Pirbright Tennis Club are donating 3 prizes to the Children's Olympics at the Paris Olympics Fair. Children – come and enter this race, you may win a prize!

The Mixed Summer Tournament (singles and doubles) from June till September is now open for entrants. Please visit the website for an entry form or look out for an invitation on email.

As well as our own tournament, there is a lot of tournament interest this summer, with the French Open and the Cinch Championships, where top players will be competing at Queens Club, from 15 – 23 June.

PIRBRIGHT HISTORIANS



Autumn 1814. A desperate Lizzie Howard, 5 months pregnant by a married man, dismissed from her job as a servant and probably disowned by her family. Who could she turn to? By luck, we recently discovered the Overseers of the Poor records from 1811-19 stored in the Green Hut, with payments for Lizzie including three in early 1815 for nursing and laying' (i.e. the midwife) and a grocery bill. Now, here's a coincidence –stored at the Surrey History Centre is this very grocery bill! Lizzie, who went on to marry and have more children, would have been amazed that one of her many descendants became a university professor. He, also, was amazed to discover what his 4xgt grandmother was living on 210 years ago, in Waterloo year!



Lizzie Howard's Great Great Grand-son Len manning the Hoopla Stall 1949—75years ago!

PIRBRIGHT CRICKET CLUB

From 5 to 85 you are all welcome to join cricket training sessions and matches and enjoy the fun of developing your skills and being part of the team. Graeme Marks 07821 413238

CHURCHYARD CHRONICLES

We've heard a lot recently about affordable housing, so everyone was very excited to see some rather smart new homes in the trees in the churchyard. But who would be lucky enough to live there? The mice looked up wistfully at the cosy homes, but they knew they could never climb that high. So that left the birds and the squirrels to squabble over residency, which soon led to a bit of a scuffle. But the boxes were very small and strangely flat so, squeeze as they might, neither the squirrels nor the birds could force their way inside. So who were they for? A few nights later the new owners moved in. They were very small, but they were not mice. They were furry, but they were not squirrels, and they flew, but they were not birds. Yes, we have four new families of bats as neighbours! I wonder what mischief they will get up to?

Yellow Rabbit



ECO-TIP: keeping water butts fresh in summer

Summer is here and, in spite of a very wet winter, you can bet there will still be a water shortage. Collecting rainwater means that you can use it to clean muddy bikes and boots as well as watering plants, though do make sure that wildlife has something they can use as an escape ladder to climb out. If you can't cover your water containers to keep out breeding insects, make sure you clean them regularly and, if rain is due it can be helpful to completely empty any remaining water in the bottom of the butt onto the ground, to get rid of out any mosquito larvae or eggs lurking there. They can't survive out of water, the butt can fill with fresh, moszzy free rain, and the damp ground will absorb the rain more effectively than ground which has been baked in the sun!



MAY GARDENING TIPS from Wellie

Pinch out tips of new growth on figs at the end of month, when the shoots have five leaves. Stop cutting asparagus now and topdress with a general purpose fertilizer. Regularly pinch out side shoots of cordon tomatoes. Summer prune gooseberries. Sow salad crops at two week intervals. Plant out pumpkins and squashes, put straw around strawberries.

Clip box and privet hedges, but check there are no birds nesting. Prune spring flowering shrubs such as wiegela and philadelphus. Dead-head and cut back oriental poppies after flowering to stimulate new foliage



PIRBRIGHT COMMUNITY CALENDAR JUNE 2024

2	Sun	9:30am	All age service with church band, St Michael's
4	Thur	2:30pm	Scrabble at Cunningham House
8	Sat	10:00am	Pirbright Village Summer Fair – The Paris Olympics
9	Sun	9:30am 6:00pm	Holy Communion with Children's Church, St Michael's Taize service, Lady Chapel, St Michael's
10	Mon	8:00pm	Royal British Legion meeting, The Fox Inn at Fox Corner
12	Wed	2:30pm	Craft Circle at Cunningham House
14	Fri	12:30pm	Rawlins Club Barbecue
15	Sat	10:00am	Pirbright Primary School Summer Olympic Fair
16	Sun	9:30am 6:30pm	Holy Communion with Children's Church, St Michael's Prayer Group at St Mark's, Wyke
18	Tue	10:15am	Mid-week communion with Café Club, St Michael's
20	Thur	1:15pm	Pirbright Art Club, Leisure Artists meeting, LPH
23	Sun	9:30am	Holy Communion with Children's Church, St Michael's
25	Tue	10:00am	Craft Coffee and Chat in the Church Room
27	Thur	2:00pm	Pirbright Art Club, Exhibiting Artists meeting, LPH
28	Fri	pm	WI visit to the Vann Gardens
29	Sat	11:00am	Armed Forces Day, Picnic on Pirbright Village Green
30	Sun	10:00am	Church on the Green, LPH



Why don't you ever see elephants hiding in trees?
Because they're really good at it.

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