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PIRBRIGHT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY 125TH ANNUAL SHOW

Pirbright Horticultural Society has been inspiring local gardeners for 125 years and on 27th July we present our 125th Annual Show in Lord Pirbright's Hall from 2:30- 5:30. Do come and support us!

Entry forms can be submitted online at www.pirbrighthort.co.uk or brought to the LPH Clubroom on Monday 22nd July between 7pm and 8pm. It only costs £1 per entry - members free - see flier for details.

At our meeting on July 9th Elizabeth Barralet will offer inspiration for the Floral Art section of our show in the Clubroom of Lord Pirbright's Hall at 7.30 pm. All welcome.

To mark our 125th anniversary we will host an afternoon tea party on Saturday 31st August in Lord Pirbright's Hall for all members and relatives past and present. Tickets £5 per head, numbers will be restricted so please apply early. Contact Philip Barralet 01483 473737 or philipbarralet@gmail.com.



THE PIRBRIGHT SINGERS

**"Music for a Summer's Evening"
Saturday, 13th July 2024 at 7.30pm
St Michael and All Angels Church**

Join us for a varied selection of uplifting pieces including Irving Berlin's "From Rags to Ritz" medley, Morten Lauridson's "Sure on this Shining Night" and Eric Whitacre's "The Seal Lullaby" to name a few.

Doors open at 7pm and tickets are available on the door (cash or card) - Adults £10 (under 18s free).

Light refreshments afterwards in the Church Room.

PIANO RECITAL

**St Michael and All Angels Church
Sat 6th July 7:30pm**

Enjoy an evening with Geoff Walsh on piano, and his special guests. Featuring the works of Mozart, Chopin, Gershwin and more.

£5 cash on the door or search 'Pirbright' on Eventbright.co.uk
Under 18s free.

This month's banner image
Blind Lane by David Deamer

ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH

Just a Thought...Ageing, aged, ageless

Age, they say, is just a number; we are, they say, as old as we feel; most of us are lucky enough to retain mental faculties, even if our physical abilities decline. Some reach the age of 100 or more and advances in medical research are doing their utmost to keep us alive for as long as possible. But sadly, even the wonders of modern science are unable to keep some people alive for anything like as long, echoing the Psalm: 'yet the best of [our years] are but trouble and sorrow.'

The **ageing** process has its downsides. Aches, pains...just living can get difficult and you are increasingly reliant on other people. But ageing does have its upsides as well; eg a lifetime of experience to share with others. Age can also offer the freedom to do things and visit places that you couldn't do when you were in full-time employment. So what if you can't walk as far or as fast as you used to? You are probably no longer shackled to the

responsibilities you may once have had.

Yes, age can be a wonderful thing, even if the ageing process may not be!

Occasionally we come across people who are described as **ageless**; usually because their life – or death – has inspired or helped hundreds, thousands or even millions. Last month we commemorated the 80th anniversary of D-Day, with memories from the few remaining veterans who, as young men, landed on the Normandy beaches to liberate France and Europe from Hitler's tyranny. So many of them died and will never know old age, but they will all live on in the grateful hearts of us all.

For many millions of people, arguably the most ageless person who ever lived was Jesus Christ, whose message of love and peace continues to resonate around the world.

The line from Psalm 90, 'Our days may come to seventy years, or eighty, if our strength endures' is still remarkably close to the mark after 3,500 years! Long or short, whatever age we are, we would do well to remember Rob Burrows' final words, "whatever your personal battle be brave and face it. Every single day is precious. Don't waste a moment. In a world full of adversity we must still dare to dream."

Rev'd Gary Williamson



THE CIRCLE OF LIFE IN PIRBRIGHT

We welcome Lily-Rose Fox in to the Family of God following her Baptism in June.

We remember Dennis Prowse and Sally Lucas



CHURCH ON THE GREEN

Sunday 28th July 3:00 pm

Running the Race of Your Life

Do you ever feel like you're running a race? One hundred years ago, Eric Liddell became a global celebrity with a dramatic victory in the Paris 1924 Olympic Games. His triumph is re-told in the film Chariots of Fire, but there is more to his story-which is written in the small booklet included in your PeriNews this month. On the 100th anniversary of his famous race, we invite you to discover what inspired Liddell and to think about how you can run the race of your life.

- *What takes priority in our lives?*
- *What controls how we live?*
- *What price are we willing to pay?*

If you'd like to consider these questions further, St Michael's Church would love to invite you to our new Church on the Green Service being held once a month in Lord Pirbright's Hall



WELCOME TO OUR NEW CURATES

A very warm welcome to Alex and Joanna Day and their daughter Anoushka. Joanna and Alex are to be ordained priests at Guildford Cathedral on 30th June and will start working as Curates with St Michael's and St Mark's on 1st July.

As well as their energy, vision and enthusiasm, Alex and Joanna bring a range of experience and skills which will greatly enhance both our worship and our presence in the community. Do look out for them and say hello.

TAIZE

This month's gentle, reflective Taize service will be on Sunday 14th July, 6:00pm at St Mark's Wyke.

PAID ADMINISTRATOR WANTED

4 days (28 hours) a week £20K salary

Are you well organised? Do you like helping people? Could you manage an office efficiently? If so, you might be just the person we are looking for. St Michael's and St Mark's need additional admin support four days a week (or equivalent) working with the Vicar and church leaders across the two parishes. For more information and application form contact julia.douetil@gmail.com **07718 610494** or go to www.pirbrightchurch.org.uk Closing date for applications Monday 15th July.

ARMED FORCES DAY

Huge thanks to everyone who volunteered their time at the Armed Forces Day 2024 event on Saturday 29th June. Working in partnership with the Army Training Centre Pirbright has been hugely rewarding and the parish council hope to continue to work with Brigadier Garner and the team on many future events. The MoD have been part of the parish for a very long time, but it was particularly important for Armed Forces Day to be acknowledged this year as it was the 80th anniversary of D-Day, which was the start of the campaign to liberate Nazi-occupied Western Europe and end the Second World War. The event on the Green was an opportunity to celebrate and show support for all the men and women who make up the Armed Forces community from serving troops to service families, veterans, reservists and cadets. With information stands, musical performances, free activities for children and in particular the obstacle course and military vehicles, we hope there was something for everyone.

THE PHONE BOX ON THE GREEN

The parish council are still looking for a local family to volunteer to take on everyone's favourite red box on the Green. The phone box just needs to be kept clean and tidy and perhaps hung with Christmas lights in December and wrapped with a yellow ribbon at Easter. Anyone interested in becoming its new caretaker, please email the Clerk.

GRANTS AVAILABLE TO LOCAL CLUBS & SOCIETIES

A reminder that Surrey County Council have grants available to allocate to Pirbrights' clubs & societies who are looking for some funding. Further details regarding the grant amounts and how to apply can be obtained through your Borough Councillor, Cllr Keith Witham or via the Clerk.

HEATH WEEK - 29th July to 4th August.

The Thames Basin Heaths Partnership offer an amazing line-up of activities to introduce families to the wonders of local heathlands. The week is packed with **free** activities in a brilliant opportunity to spend quality time together, enjoy the great outdoors, and learn about our precious heathlands. Embark on an adventurous treasure

hunt solving nature-themed clues to win a prize. Discover the beauty of butterflies on a guided tour with an expert to help you identify them, Meet the people who fight heath fires and learn how to keep countryside (and your home!) safe.! Get up close and personal with our native amphibians and reptiles. Details of all these free events at:

www.tbhpartnership.org.uk/heath-week/.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

We hope that you have enjoyed the D-Day celebrations and the Armed Forces Day events. We now hope to greet you at our Celebratory Dinner on 20th July - leaflet through your door or contact Anne below. Our regular meeting is on Monday, 8th July at The Fox, Fox Corner at 8pm.

Anne Hawkins 01252 404276

CUNNINGHAM HOUSE

Cunningham House wouldn't exist if it wasn't for the support of local volunteers. Trustees and House Committee take on roles which in a corporate organisation would come with a hefty pay packet! Other volunteers take on roles that don't involve sitting on a committee, such as gardening, befriending and advising. This is true of many organisations in Pirbright that make our village thrive. So why not dip your toe into the pool of volunteering opportunities that Pirbright offers?

RAWLINS CLUB

Our Garden Party is on Friday 19th 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. If wet, tea to be served in the village Hall.

Denise Granger 472070

PIRBRIGHT WI

Our meeting this month will be a talk by *David Wiggins* on 'James Barry: A woman who lived as a male army surgeon.' The meeting will be on Tuesday July 16 at 7pm in the Club Room in Lord Pirbright's Hall. Visitors are always welcome.

Join us for refreshments on Thursday mornings 10am to 11.15am when you pop into the **Country Market**

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iredredge@outlook.com*



The human body is 80% water. So basically we are just cucumbers with anxiety.

PIRBRIGHT VILLAGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

WANTED - After School Assistant, 15 hours per week, 3pm - 6pm Mon- Friday
Salary £7,722 per annum (£21,920 FTE)

Pirbright School's wrap around care, known as Club Class, uses the school's wonderful facilities and top quality resources so that children can have fun and be inspired as they wind down from a busy day at school. We cater for all ages from 4 to 11 years and aim to create a special 'family' feel where children are happy and want to spend time.

We are looking for an enthusiastic and highly motivated person to join the team from Mondays to Fridays during term time. Duties are very varied, there is a full job description and application form at

<https://www.eteach.com/job/extended-schools-assistant---club-class-after-school-club---full-time-role-1429590> or contact Mrs Dow at cdow@pirbright.surrey.sch.uk for more information.



PIRBRIGHT CRICKET CLUB

The Pirbright Pufferfish are a new team for women & girls which will smooth the transition between junior & adult cricket for girls in the club with opportunities to play alongside their older counterparts in both softball and hardball games. It also offers our women's softball players a space to try hardball in a more relaxed environment.

The first Pufferfish was against Pyrford - an 8-a-side softball friendly to kick off the season. This month they play on 7th July in the Women's Festival Day



Here's wishing them a great season!

Graeme Marks
07821 412138

PIRBRIGHT TENNIS CLUB



Congratulations to all those who took part in the Children's Olympics at the Village Summer Fair. Pirbright Tennis Club donated medals and prizes to the 3 overall winners. The actual tennis tournament at the Paris Olympics is 27th July to 4th August.

Our Jean Seager Tournament for over 45s is on Saturday 20th July. This is a very enjoyable and sociable one day tournament. To enter please email the address below.

Wimbledon is 1st to 14th July. So a wonderful month for tennis!

For all enquiries about our club contact: info@pirbrighttennisclub.com and like our facebook page.

clubspark.lta.org.uk/PirbrightTennisClub
www.facebook.com/pirbrighttennisclub



The junior football team hadn't scored all season. Before the last game, Eddie told the coach "At Sunday school this morning, I prayed to score a goal." and sure enough, the team scored their first goal ever! But they still lost 2-1. Eddie looked rueful, "I suppose I should've prayed to win."

PIRBRIGHT HISTORIANS JULY COMPETITION!

Here is a photo from the 1920s of Admiral's Walk, a track named after Admiral John Byron of Pirbright Lodge, grandfather of the poet. The track starts near Admiral's Walk (the house) and proceeds south-west to Crown Prince Hill. All you have to do is to take a photo from the same place as the photo (right) and send it to

richard@pirbright.info


by 31 July. Closest photo to the original will get shown in the September Perinews. Good luck.



CHURCHYARD CHRONICLES

As you know, I have led the churchyard animals for many years during which time we have grown and thrived (throve? thriven?) as a community. At times it has needed a firm paw, especially where the squirrels are concerned, but I have always listened to my fellow animals (with ears like mine I can't help listening) and acted in everyone's best interests. I have negotiated Trade Agreements with the Flower Ladies (in return for spare leaves, we won't eat their arrangements) and with the Morning Coffee Team (broken biscuit crumbs on the grass in return for not raiding the cupboard), Admittedly the agreement with the Churchwardens is taking a little longer (they don't seem to like the idea of allowing animals to shelter in the church room when it rains). If I am elected as Prime Animal I promise regular cake crumbs, more animal housing, the church heating on throughout the winter, and a free unicorn for every family. *Yellow Rabbit*



 Why is the time of the day when traffic is slowest called the rush hour?

JULY GARDENING TIPS from Wellie

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. 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. Make sure fruit trees and bushes are well watered to support the developing fruits. Stone fruit trees such as plums and cherries can be pruned this month. Remove crossing branches to maintain an open framework. Thin out the fruit on fruit trees to allow the tree to put its energy into the remaining fruits. Pinch out climbing beans when they reach the top of their supports. Water courgettes consistently so they continue to crop well. Keep tomatoes well watered to prevent blossom end rot and pinch out sideshoots to encourage the plants to put their energy into producing flowers. Avoid trimming hedges until birds have finished nesting. Always check hedges before trimming. Leave out water and meat-based dog or cat food for hedgehogs. Babies emerge this month, so the extra food will help them to fatten up before they go into hibernation in the autumn. Cut down perennial meadows this month, but check the area for creatures hiding in the area before doing so.



PIRBRIGHT COMMUNITY CALENDAR JULY 2024

4	Thur	2:30pm	Scrabble at Cunningham House
7	Sun	9:30am	All age service with church band, St Michael's
8	Mon	8:00pm	Royal British Legion meeting, The Fox Inn at Fox Corner
9	Tue	7:30pm	Horticultural Society, Floral Art Demonstration, LPH
10	Wed	2:30pm	Craft Circle at Cunningham House
14	Sun	9:30am 6:00pm	Holy Communion with Children's Church, St Michael's Taize service, St Mark's, Wyke
16	Tue	10:15am 7:00pm	Mid-week communion with Café Club, St Michael's WI meeting talk 'James Barry' , LPH
19	Fri	2:00pm	Rawlins Club Garden Party, Hogley's House, Chapel Lane
20	Sat	All day 7:00pm	Tennis Club Seager Tournament Royal British Legion D-Day Commemoration Dinner
21	Sun	9:30am 6:30pm	Holy Communion with Children's Church, St Michael's Prayer Group at St Michael's
23	Tue	10:00am	Craft Coffee and Chat in the Church Room
27	Sat	2:30pm	Horticultural Society 125th Annual Show, LPH
28	Sun	3:00pm	Church on the Green, LPH
29	Mon	11:00am	Heath Week begins with Scavenger Hunt



FUN FAIR

Thurs 4th July – Sun 7th July

Pirbright Village Green



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