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ENO v PCC CRICKET CONCERT

The annual visit to Pirbright by the English National Opera Cricket Club is on Sunday August 25th, with the cricket beginning at 11am, the BBQ firing up in time for food around 5.30pm and the fun and fabulous performance beginning around 6.30/7pm. As ever there will be the usual blend of sublime singing, superb instrumentalism and completely silly nonsense.

There will be a BBQ, salads and a full bar with all proceeds benefiting Pirbright CC during what is an extremely exciting time for the club. We've had a rainy summer so far, but if it's a bit gloomy don't be put off, we've never been cancelled by the weather yet, we always find a way!

Spectators are welcome all day, so please bring a chair or rug, some friends and family and enjoy this unique event, there's nothing like it!



PIRBRIGHT VILLAGE FAIR



What a wonderful community feel there was in Pirbright on 8th June when the village went Olympic mad. The fair raised a whopping £11,000 for St Michael and All Angels Church. This money will be used to buy a portable PA system for Church on the Green and other outdoor events, such as the ever-popular Carols in the Churchyard at Christmas. The money will also go towards repointing the church and boundary walls which were highlighted as requiring attention in our recent five yearly inspection. A huge thank you to all who helped to make it a special day, not just for the church but for the whole community—thank you!

If you enjoyed the fair, please consider joining the organising committee for next year! Contact Helen for more details helenwellie-whitworth@btinternet.com

This month's banner image
Pirbright Cricket Club

ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH

We Don't Need Another Hero ...or do we?

Who was your childhood hero? I went



through quite a few, footballers (Jimmy Greaves), musicians (Eric Clapton), film stars (Clint Eastwood), teachers (Mr Monk – 'Jammy'). Each of them was a

hero to me because they were so good at what they did; I just wished that I could be as good.

But what is it that makes a real hero?

Courage or bravery in war, maybe? Someone who faces adversity, or stands up to bullies, or becomes a role model for others in a particular field, or devotes their life to others?

Well all of the above, I suppose, and I'm sure we can all think of people who meet those criteria, what about Tim Peake, or Rob Burrow, or Volodymyr Zelensky, or Mother Teresa? The tag 'hero' will be applied primarily and properly to human beings who are essentially just like us but who really, really excel in what they do.

And I can't ignore the so-called super-heroes whom we read about in books or watch in films. But these are not real people; their super-powers are confined exclusively to fiction; no matter how hard we try we will never fly like Superman or swing from building to building like Spiderman. We'll certainly never be able

to deliver presents to every child in the world in a single night on Christmas Eve! Some years ago Tina Turner sang that 'we don't need another hero'.

I beg to differ.

Over the past few weeks at St Michael's we have been looking at the lives of people from the Bible who are referred to in the letter to the Hebrews as 'heroes of faith'. Some of these are people who really lived; in his or her own way each of them has taken a step into the unknown, relying only on their unshakeable faith in God to lead them.

And of course there is another hero – arguably even super-hero. 'He had no servants, yet they called Him Master. Had no degree, yet they called Him Teacher. Had no medicines, yet they called Him Healer. He had no army, yet kings feared Him. He won no military battles, yet He conquered the world. He did not live in a castle, yet they called Him Lord, He ruled no nations, yet they called Him King, He committed no crime, yet they crucified Him. He was buried in a [borrowed] tomb, yet He lives today !' His name?

Jesus.

Come join us at St Michael's or St Mark's to find out more about my *real* hero.

Revd Gary Williamson

¹Lyle C Rollings III, 2008.

<https://gracequotes.org/quote/the-greatest-man-in-history-jesus->

THE CIRCLE OF LIFE IN PIRBRIGHT

We welcome Isla Bradley and Chloe Garcia to the Family of God following their Baptisms in July.



YOUR CHURCHYARD
Mega working party
Saturday 7th September 9am -12

St Michael's churchyard is important to the whole Pirbright community. For some it is a resting place for our loved ones, a place to visit and remember them. For some it is a beautiful place to walk, to sit on a bench and contemplate. For others it is a sanctuary for wildlife. A (very) small team of volunteers meet once a month to tidy the area, but now we need extra help to tame some shrubs which have become overgrown. Please could you spare a few hours on Saturday 7th September 9am -12 to help with pruning and clearing? With more hands we can really make a difference, and the more volunteers we have the more we can do to keep our churchyard beautiful and to respect the last resting place of those we have loved.



It will be sociable and fun, a little fresh air and exercise and there will be hot dogs to keep us all going!

ST MICHAEL'S STEWARDSHIP LUNCH
Saturday 21 September
in Lord Pirbright's Hall

We are inviting all our lovely Pirbright community to a buffet lunch as we report back on the last year and look ahead to the next. There has been a lot happening and we would like to share our vision for the future! More in September's PeriNews but please book this date in your diaries.

CUNNINGHAM HOUSE
Calling all Scrabble fans!

If you enjoy word games and can make a decent cup of tea, Cunningham House would love you to get involved in our monthly Scrabble afternoons. On the first Thursday of every month, residents and friends get together for a game or two, joined by some younger friends (ahem....78 years young!) who make the tea and pass the cake around. If you are interested in joining us as a player and tea maker, please give us a ring on 488751, or email cunningham-housepirbright@gmail.com.

There is no Church on the Green or Children's Church during August but we will be back in September - look out for details in the next edition of PeriNews or on the church website www.pirbrightchurch.org.uk



PIRBRIGHT POND

Further work on the pond will begin in September. The fish will be removed and rehomed by a licensed contractor and the pond will be drained and emptied. The silt in the pond will be dug out with heavy machinery and piled behind the play-ground to dry out over the following months. Some of you may remember when this same maintenance operation was carried out 25 years ago. The pond will then be left to naturally refill over the winter months. The reason this is being done is the build-up of silt which is now so deep that only around 30cms-45cms of water is present. With so much silt and so little water, the oxygen levels are incredibly low and when we have any periods of hot weather the fish begin to suffocate. This will be an expensive project and the parish council is grateful to GBC for helping with grant aid towards the task. The pond is such an important feature of the village green but the council recognise that this maintenance is necessary once more to retain such a beloved feature. The council would also like to move with the times and try to increase the biodiversity of the pond and has been working with SWT for months on when and how best to do this. We hope to create new habitats for invertebrates and amphibians with the introduction of the relevant flora to provide breeding grounds and safety for a wider range of creatures over the next 5 to 10 years.

WELL DONE ELSIE & OLIVIA

A round of applause please for local girls Elsie and Olivia who set up and ran their own lemonade shack at the Armed Forces Day, to raise funds for the World Wide Fund for Nature. It was hard work but they raised a whopping £250! These young entrepreneurs will go far!



THANK YOU!

The council wish to thank a local hero who enabled the Armed Forces Day event to go ahead at the end of June. The security bollards to the Green had jammed and an expensive emergency lock smith was being summoned when a Fox Corner resident stepped in to help. It was not an easy job, but within two hours, the expensive locksmith had been cancelled and the bollards were down, enabling the military vehicles to gain access for the next days' event. Huge thanks - you know who you are !

COMMUNITY GROUPS

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Thank you to everyone who joined us in commemorating the Liberation of Cagny at our dinner at Chobham Golf Club. We hope you enjoyed the evening. If you would like to meet us again, please join us at the Fox Inn at Fox Corner on Monday, 12th August at 8pm.

Anne Hawkins 01252 404276

PIRBRIGHT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

On the Bank Holiday of August 1899 Lord Pirbright formed the Pirbright Horticultural Society. It has been in existence ever since having only been suspended during the wars. So this year we are celebrating our 125th anniversary.

Whether you are a current, past or lapsed member we would love you to attend our celebration tea party on 31st August in Lord Pirbright's Hall.

Tickets £5, please reserve from Philip Barralet on 01483 473737 or preferably by email to philipbarralet@gmail.com

Please respond as soon as possible as places may have to be limited.

PIRBRIGHT WI

Our barbecue on 10th August will again be at Judy and Richard's place near Henley Park. This is for members only. A map of the location will be sent out in due course and lifts will be arranged as needed.

Irene Dredge 01483 233279 or iredredge@outlook.com

PIRBRIGHT COUNTRY MARKET

It was good to see so many new faces at Market on the day of the General Election. Now that you have found us why not pop into Lord Pirbright's Hall on a Thursday morning between 10am and 11.15am. The ladies of Pirbright WI will be there to serve coffee and biscuits

FRIENDS OF PIRBRIGHT SURGERY

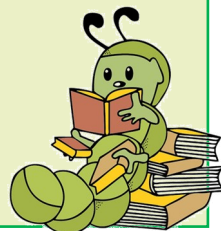
Save the Date - Thursday 12th September at 6.30pm in Lord Pirbright's Hall. The Friends of Pirbright Surgery will have an Open Evening with speakers and experts to discuss the help available in the community for all ages, from children to the elderly. Anyone concerned about a loved one of any age is welcome.



Behind every angry woman is a man who has absolutely no idea what he did wrong.

PERI-BOOKS CHILDREN'S BOOK SWAP

While the schools are closed for the summer it is important that our children are encouraged to keep up their reading and that means they need access to books. We would like to refresh the Children's Book Shed, so if you have any suitable books for young readers, which are in good condition so that children will want to read them, please bring them along to the children's book shed, in Blind Lane, off Church Lane, just behind the church tower. And if you have youngsters at home this summer do encourage them to come and borrow books, they can take as many as they would like, and bring them back or swap them for books they no longer need.



SUPPORT OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES

– The Beauty Shed by Diana Lötter

Looking for the perfect pamper right here in Pirbright? The Beauty Shed by Diana Lötter stands out for its cosy, quiet/garden home setting, coupled with high quality results, offering a relaxing experience, all at affordable prices. Diana provides a variety of treatments including facials, massage, reflexology, waxing services, eyebrow and lash services out of her Pirbright home.



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PIRBRIGHT TENNIS CLUB

Anyone for walking tennis!

Listen out for more details ☺



I hope you've been inspired by watching Wimbledon. We don't have a roof on our courts but we do have floodlights and we've just had new LED floodlights installed. We look forward to seeing them on later in the year.

Our coach, Michael Jefferies, is holding **Junior Summer Courses (Years 1 to 6)** throughout August. **Book now!** Contact: Michael Jefferies for these courses and all coaching: 07748 767339 or email: info@tiger-tennis.co.uk

If you're a member of **any standard** do come to **Tuesday Club Night**, from 6.30pm, for ladies and men. It is relaxed, friendly and a good way of meeting new people. Just come and join in. We have a WhatsApp group that you can join but it is not necessary. Contact Paul Kelly: info@pirbrighttennisclub.com

PIRBRIGHT HISTORIANS

Pre-WW2, if you ordered bread from Boylett's Stores (now Old Bakery Cottage, opposite LP Hall), it would be delivered in a Rolls Royce van! Alas, no picture survives. But next door at The Bungalow, Fred Cripps kept this fine charabanc, maybe not the last word in comfort or speed! Edwin Clarke, once a cycle repairer, leased 2 acres for £20 a year at Cove Bridge, where he built a bungalow & corrugated garage in 1925 (now the much-expanded Squire Furneaux). For a time, Clarke's dealt in Royces & Bentleys, so Boylett's Rolls may have been serviced there. Much earlier, in 1912, 8-year-old Elsie Cartwright remembered Dr. Fleming being chauffeur driven on his rounds, but after the First World War, "Black 'Arry", as he was known, drove a Bullnose Morris with a dickey (aka mother-in-law) seat and gave a young Marjorie Wheeler joyrides around the Green.



PIRBRIGHT CRICKET CLUB – a typical club week in June ..

Tuesday – our mixed youth (5 players) and coaches team played and won, with debuts for 2 u13/14 players and saw mum, dad and son from the same family all playing.

Wednesday – saw 2 midweek teams at the same time, one featured 2 youth players (one county u13 player) 6 parent coaches including Cara, one of our women's captains for her midweek debut. The other featured 2 youth players and 4 parent coaches Plus a walking cricket match with two players in their 80s taking part!

Thursday – saw the women's league team win convincingly at Farncombe, the first youth girls being selected and playing really well.

Friday We heard that Abbie White and Vidit Mulye of our youth girls had been awarded 2 of the 6 places for children 8-16 in Woking schools on the Surrey Bedser Scholarship for developing up and coming players.

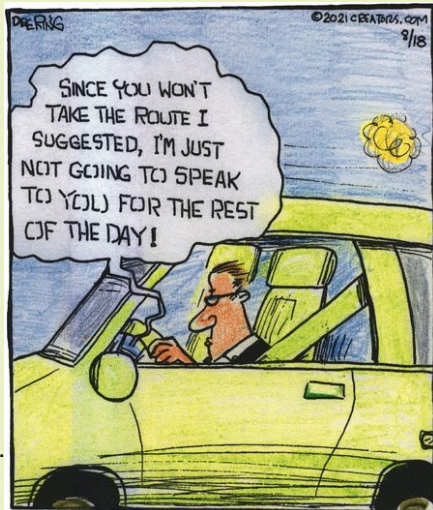
Saturday – a full 11 for Saturday's League match.

Village cricket is thriving for all the family from 5-86!



AUGUST GARDENING TIPS from Wellie

Dead head faded blooms, but leave some to turn into seedheads for the birds. Trim lavender plants by removing flower stalks and about 2.5cm of the current year's growth.. Hoe to keep on top of any weeds. Prune the wispy growth on wisterias, back to 5-7 leaves. Prune climbing and rambling roses after they have flowered, unless they are repeat flowering. Prune summer flowering shrubs after they have flowered. Cut down wildflower meadows. Ensure Camellias and Rhododendrons are well-watered to encourage good flower bud formation next spring. Water plants thoroughly when needed instead of every day. Thorough watering can support plants for up 14 days, while just wetting the surface wastes water, encourages weeds and can lead to surface rooting making the plants more vulnerable. Feed containers and tired perennial borders with a liquid tomato food each week to encourage them into early autumn. Lift and store onions, shallots and garlic when the tops have gone brown and bent over. Continue to pick fast maturing vegetables such as beans, peas and courgettes to encourage further cropping. Pinch out the tips of climbing beans when they reach the top of their supports. Make sure you leave a shallow container with water for wildlife.



PIRBRIGHT COMMUNITY CALENDAR AUGUST 2024

1	Thur	2:30pm	Scrabble at Cunningham House
4	Sun	10:00am	Joint Communion Service at St Michael's
10	Sat		WI BBQ, Richard's Wood
11	Sun	10:00am	Joint Communion Service at St Mark's, Wyke with BBQ after
12	Mon	8:00pm	Royal British Legion meeting at The Fox Inn at Fox Corner
18	Sun	10:00am	Joint Communion Service at St Michael's
25	Sun	10:00am 5:30pm	Joint Communion Service at St Mark's, Wyke ENO Cricket concert, The Cricket Pavilion
27	Tue	10:00am	Craft, Coffee and Chat, in the Church Room
31	Sat	2:30pm	Horticultural Society 125th birthday, tea party, LPH

PERINEWS EDITOR

In September, I will have been editor of the village newsletter for 18 years and the Christmas 2024 edition will be my 220th, and my last. I have loved my time as Editor, it has given me a privileged insight into our community, a finger on the pulse. It is wonderfully creative and there is a real sense of achievement when the print copy comes back from the Printers. But now PeriNews needs a fresh perspective, some new ideas and maybe a bit of a shake up for a new generation of readers.

You know where this is going.... do you, or someone you know, enjoy creative writing, desktop design, communication? Perhaps you could be part of a small team who work together to produce it? Could it be a first step to a career in publishing?

It is a job that you can get on with wherever you can plug in your laptop, you can pick it up and put it down to fit around your schedules and other commitments.

Please think about who you know who might enjoy this role, and contact me (details below) for a chat about it if you are interested. Thank you, *Julia*

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