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A NEW SCHOOL YEAR

School is back for another year and we wish all our children and young people a wonderful year of learning, discovery and fun. A BIG Pirbright welcome to all those children joining our primary school for the first time, especially those joining the Reception classes, as they take the giant step up to Big School (and to their parents on the gate, they'll be fine, honest!).

Let's not forget our young people who are going up to Secondary School for the first time, including students at Knowl Hill, and all those going on to University, College or into the world of work. It may be daunting at first, but you know that you have what it takes to succeed in whatever you put your mind to, and the love and best wishes of your whole community go with you.

Last but not least, a very warm Pirbright welcome to Mr Pete Wright as he takes over the reins as our new Headteacher.

Children and staff are looking forward to showing him what they can do, and to learning with him and from him in this exciting new era for our school and community,



ST MICHAEL'S VISION LUNCH INVITATION

Saturday 21st September

Please join us to find out about how your church plans to work in our community, and how you can be a part of an exciting future.

Places are limited so please RSVP by 14 September to Catherine Cobley on 07947 032210/ 481234

See page 2 for more information

Navigating Today's Challenges in a Stressful World

Thursday 12th September 6.30pm
Lord Pirbright's Hall

An open meeting held by The Friends of Pirbright Surgery.

Worried about a loved one, of any age? We have two expert speakers from NSPCC and Airtime CIC and a range of organisations to help. Subjects covered include mental health, social media, parental controls, online bullying, supporting mental health through nature connection, science, some practical tools and local support.

This month's banner image
Pirbright Village Primary School



Exciting times at St Michael's for Pirbright

One of my favourite verses in scripture is Matthew 6:33 which says; "Seek first God's Kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." It tells us that the most important thing that we as the church (and as Christians) can do is to first seek God and to know Him better. From there exciting new times can open up! Since I became your vicar in 2023, this has formed the basis of our prayerful discussions, with our vision **'To know Christ and to make Him known'** which underpins everything we do as a church.

We believe we are called as a church to be a blessing to the community here in Pirbright. We want to be **for the community and in the heart of the community** and to do this we have explored new ways in which we as the church can reach out and engage with our community. So what have we done so far?

Church on the Green —OK, so you have heard about the bouncy castle and the croissants and coffee, but that's just part of the story. This modern style of worship in Lord Pirbright's Hall on the last Sunday each month has enabled a whole new generation of individuals and families to find meaning and expression in church. Whilst their children are happily engaged and learning, a growing number of parents and grandparents have been free to explore ideas around Faith in a new way, with informal talks, interviews with

local people and modern sung worship. **Alpha** — so many of the people who came along to our Alpha courses in the Spring and Summer terms have told us how much they gained from the opportunity to explore Christianity in more depth, that they learned so much more about why people believe in Jesus, and how much they valued the safe space to ask those questions they have always wondered about. If that sounds something you would be interested in, we will be running an Alpha course each term, the next one starting this October.

Children and Families worker— Since Jo joined the team, we have been able to develop an exciting programme of activities for children, both at Church on the Green and at regular weekly services. Jo has also led our assemblies team, making strong links with local schools, and helping them to develop their RE curriculum.

Curates - Joanna and Alex have already started to make an impact, enabling us to provide a wider range of services, so that everyone can find the worship style that works for them and taking a lead in pastoral care for the village

Sounds good?

We would like to invite you to hear more about our Christian vision and to consider being a part of this exciting new season by coming to our **Vision Lunch** in Lord Pirbright's Hall on **Saturday, 21 September** at 12.00noon. Places are limited so please RSVP to Catherine Cobby on 07947 032210/ 481234 by 14 September.

Rev George Watkinson

CHURCHYARD BLITZ

Saturday 7th September

9:00-12:00pm at St Michael's

Join us for a mega churchyard working party on Sept 7th, clearing overgrown shrubs, tidying, and helping to make God's Acre beautiful again. You will have the satisfaction of achievement, making a difference that the whole community can appreciate. It will be sociable and fun, a little fresh air and exercise, with coffee and hot dogs to keep us all going! Please join us in the churchyard at 9am. Bring gardening gloves if you prefer to wear them, but tools can be provided. Young volunteers supervised by parents/ carers welcome.

EDWARD HASSELL PAINTINGS

Adam and Lynn Booth have given the church a set of original watercolour paintings of the building in 1829-30 by Edward Hassel. The paintings had been found among the possessions of Adam's grandmother, Margaret Guy, who once lived in Pirbright, the daughter of Basil Guy VC, and are in very good condition. Between 1820 and 1833 the artists John Hassell and his son Edward created more than 2000 watercolours and engravings of Surrey. These works are now held by a variety of collections including the British Library, the Victoria and Albert museum and the Surrey History Centre. We have taken advice about how best to preserve the paintings whilst at the same time making them accessible to the community, and hope to be able to share them with you soon.

JOHN HUNTER

My parents, John and Rosemary Hunter, came to Pirbright in the 1960's and, apart from a few years near Bristol, lived here for the rest of their lives. They loved the village very much and enjoyed very active and happy lives in Pirbright. After retiring in 1990, my father became a member of the Parish Council, helping to set up the community bus. He was a school governor and an active member of the tennis club.

My father died in October 2023 at the age of 88, having outlived my mother by five years. Since then, with sorting his estate, we have not had a chance to mark quite how much Pirbright meant to my dad and to thank all of you who knew him and looked out for him in his later years. Thank you all for so many great memories.

Chris Hunter

ALPHA COURSE

- Following the popularity of the first courses, a new eight week Alpha course will start at St Michael's on Tuesday evenings from 1st October.
- Alpha is an opportunity to relax over food and drink, to make new friends, to find out more about the Christian Faith and ask your questions in a friendly, supportive atmosphere.
- To reserve your place, please contact admin@pirbrightchurch.org.uk 07984323709



Pavement between the Surgery and Village Hall - Cllr Keith Witham has secured agreement with Surrey Highways to repair the stretch of pavement between Pirbright Surgery and the village hall. No commencement date has been given by SCC but the parish council are grateful for Cllr Witham's support on this issue.

Grants from Surrey County Council

Cllr Witham is also able to support grant applications by local voluntary groups :

- small grants usually up to £250;
- from £1,000 onwards
- from £50,000 for larger projects.

To advise further, Keith needs to know

- name of voluntary group
- basic details of proposed project
- and £ how much!

He will be very happy to signpost all enquiries in the right direction, and to sponsor more local grants for our area. Most grants are for capital costs only, ie for equipment or a project, not usually for ongoing running costs (although some smaller grants might be possible). Just email Keith at

keithwitham1@hotmail.co.uk

Recent SCC grant recipients from Keith's sponsorship include St Michaels and All Angels Church; the Pirbright Horticultural Society, the Pirbright Community Sports Pavilion (which received a major grant of £300,000) and £10,000 towards a new Boardwalk at the Fox Corner Wildlife area.

Pirbright Pond - a reminder that the pond will be emptied this month and machinery brought in to remove thick silt and debris from the pond. Anyone interested in stocking their own pond with the fish should contact the Clerk.



Pirbright Community Sports Pavilion

As part of Pirbright Cricket disability champion club project, the Pavilion team were proud to stage the first ever Surrey vs. Hampshire hardball disability cricket match. Players with various disabilities, including those in wheelchairs and with mobility issues participated in this inspirational event.



Lord Pirbright's hall. The hearing loop in Lord Pirbright's main Hall has been repaired and is now in fine working order. We are looking into extending it into the clubroom to benefit those attending society and club meetings.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

PIRBRIGHT TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Pirbright Twinning Association were honoured to be represented at the formal celebrations for the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Cagny. Cagny was liberated on the 18th July 1944 by the armoured division of the Household Guards at Pirbright. The British Army were appropriately represented by the Irish and Welsh Guards up to and including the rank of full Colonel. The people of Cagny have always respected the sacrifices made by the British military in their liberation.

The Twinning Association Chairman Jonathan Lopez presented a RBLI "Tommy" silhouette to the Mayor of Cagny in recognition of the sacrifices of all involved in the liberation. It is planned to be fixed to the Church which is the focal point of the liberation.

It reads as follows;

"To the brave civilians, resistance fighters, and military personnel who gave their lives during the liberation of Cagny on 18 July, 1944.

Your courage and selflessness paved the way for our freedom today.

We honour your memory and will never forget your sacrifice.

Pirbright Twinning Association".



PIRBRIGHT WI

Our meeting this month is a talk by Willow artist and sculptor *Sarah Holmes*, on Tuesday September 17 at 7pm in the Club Room in Lord Pirbright's Hall. Visitors are always welcome.

The WI serve refreshments on Thursday mornings 10am to 11.15am. When you pop into the Country Market why not visit us for tea or coffee and biscuits.

PIRBRIGHT COUNTRY MARKET

Join us for fresh produce, home baking and preserves, plants and crafts in Lord Pirbright's Hall every Thursday morning 10am - 11.15am.

RAWLINS CLUB

Our next meeting is on Friday 13th September between 2.00 and 4.00pm in Lord Pirbright's Hall. Nigel Edwards will talk about "My Experiences with Police Dogs." *Denise Granger 01483 472070*

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Our next meeting is on Monday, 9th September at 8pm in the Fox at Fox Corner. Please join us to hear more about the Legion or just to socialise with members. *Anne Hawkins 01252 404276*

PIRBRIGHT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

On Tuesday September 10th at 7.30 in the Clubroom of Lord Pirbright's Hall, Belinda Allen will speak on 'Companion planting'. All welcome

CARDIFF ARMS PARK MALE CHOIR .

The choir returns for an afternoon concert on Saturday 19th October at 2.30 pm in St Michael's Church in aid of Cure-Parkinson's and Shooting Star Children's Hospices. See flyer for details.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY SHOW

Our Annual Show was great success, thanks to all who entered and to the Pirbright and Brookwood art clubs, Country Market, Ballet School, Pirbright Historians, Gordon Stanley (vintage cars) and to Keith Witham for presenting the prizes, listed below.

Horticultural classes

The Briant Perpetual Cup: Mary Straker

The Dowling Perpetual Cup: Steve Hull

The Rawlins Perpetual Cup: Pauline Allen

The Sayers Centenary Cup: Jadwija Grimshaw

The Club Challenge: Paul Holt

Bernard Rose Salver: Wendy Kinder

The Jim Rice Trophy: Steve Hull

The Banksian Medal: Mary Straker

Fuchsia Society Blue Rosette: Barbara Carr

Floral Art

The Fairs Perpetual Cup: Anne Bowles

The Muriel Slorick Trophy: Anne Bowles

The Worplesdon and Pirbright Flower Club Cup: Olive Lynch

Mamie Grover Trophy: Joint Winners -
Julia Evans and Wendy Kinder

Men Only Class: Archie Evans

Handicraft and photography

The Fairs Trophy: Irene Price

The Godwin Austin Cup: Anne James

Cookery and Produce

The Moonraker Cup: Mags Lopez

The Ron Douglas Cup: Will Kinder

Boys and girls

The Lyle Perpetual Cup: Olive Lynch

The Carr Cup: Henry Schulz-Gerhardt

The Marguerite Suter Trophy: Olive Lynch

The Faggetter Cup: Tilly Schulz-Gerhardt

PIRBRIGHT TENNIS CLUB

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Sunday 22nd September is Summer Tournament Finals Day. Come and see some of our best players in action, while enjoying some food and drink.

New LED floodlights have been installed. Switching them on in the clubhouse on the back wall is the same procedure as before.



PIRBRIGHT HISTORIANS

In July we showed an old picture of Admiral's Walk and invited you to find the spot.. Here is a photo of the same spot taken around ten years ago. Many of the imposing pine trees along the path have gone now and several of the old stumps can be found in the undergrowth. There are lots of bilberry plants (also known as whortleberries or "worts") nearby and, further afield, traces of the trenches dug as training during WW1.



BROOKWOOD CEMETERY HERITAGE OPEN DAY

7th September 11am—3pm

Explore the beautiful grounds and mausoleums, visit the exhibition and Chapel of St Edward Brotherhood and exhibition at the Trench Experience. Guided walks at 12noon and 2pm, hand out trails, and a photography competition. Birds of Prey flight at 1.pm, stalls refreshments and Mizens Railway.
<https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk>



The severity of an itch is directly proportional to the reach.

GUILDFORD WALKFEST

More than 38 walks throughout September ranging from nature-based to family friendly walks - and they are all FREE. Even if you have never walked before there will be something for everyone and it is easy to join in.

Check out the Walk fest website for a list of all the walks:

www.guildfordwalkfest.co.uk/

For more information, contact Ben:

community.wellbeing@guildford.gov.uk

SEPTEMBER GARDENING TIPS from Wellie

Lawns: sow new lawns or repair damaged patches. If sowing small areas, net to protect the seed from birds. Apply an Autumn weed and feed.

Fruit and Vegetables: Harvest apples now when they easily come off the tree when gently twisted. Sow winter salads such as lamb's lettuce. Plant hardy onions eg Senshyu Yellow. Double your strawberry patch by pegging runners from the plants into pots filled with compost and keep them watered until they are rooted then cut them away from parent plant.

Trees, shrubs and flowers: Continue to deadhead. Plant spring bulbs by the end of the month. Prune late flowering shrubs. Divide herbaceous perennials if they have outgrown their space or are looking tired. Doing this will improve their flowering and shape and invigorate them. September is a good month to plant new shrubs and perennials. Give hedges a final light trim to keep them in shape over winter. Consider replacing a boundary fence with a hedge which will offer shelter and food for wildlife, can help absorb noise, capture pollution and are better wind-breaks than fences.

Wildlife: Keep bird feeders clean by scrubbing them regularly with hot water before refilling to help stop spreading disease. Try to leave some seed heads for birds to feed on.



FIRST DAY AT SCHOOL

Did you enjoy your first day at school?



First day? Do you mean I have to go back tomorrow?



PIRBRIGHT COMMUNITY CALENDAR SEPTEMBER 2024

1	Sun	9:30am	All Age service with church band , St Michael's
5	Thur	2:30pm	Scrabble at Cunningham House
7	Sat	9:00am 11:00am	Mega Churchyard clean up, St Michael's Heritage Open Day, Brookwood Cemetery
8	Sun	9:30am 6:00pm	Holy Communion with Children's Church, St Michael's Taize service, Lady Chapel, St Michael's
9	Mon	8:00pm	Royal British Legion meeting at The Fox Inn at Fox Corner
10	Tue	10:15am 7:30pm	Mid-week Communion with Café Club, St Michael's Horticultural Society, 'Companion Planting', LPH
11	Wed	2:30pm	Craft Circle at Cunningham House
12	Thur	6:30pm	Friends of Pirbright Surgery open meeting, LPH
13	Fri	2:00pm	Rawlins Club "My Experiences with Police Dogs." LPH
15	Sun	9:30am 7:30pm	Holy Communion with Children's Church, St Michael's Prayer Meeting , St Mark's Wyke
17	Tue	7:00pm	W.I. meeting with Sarah Holmes, Willow Artist, LPH
21	Sat	12:00pm	St Michael's Vision Lunch, LPH
22	Sun	9:30am All day	Holy Communion Vision and Giving service, St Michael's Tennis Club Summer Tournament Finals
24	Tue	10:00am	Craft, Coffee and Chat, in the Church Room
29	Sun	3:00pm	Church on the Green, LPH



RAIDERS PERFORMING ARTS - did you see them at the Village Fair? Weren't they brilliant! If you are interested in joining as a performer or volunteer, contact Paul Newman on 07773 058317

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