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PIRBRIGHT HONOURS OUR ARMED FORCES

This year, as every year, the children of our Primary School will walk to the memorial in Brookwood Cemetery to pay their respects to members of the armed forces who lost their lives to war. Service families are an important part of our school so some of our children know better than most of us, what it means when someone you love puts themselves, quite literally, in the line of fire to protect others.

Our children will listen in quiet stillness as they are reminded of the sacrifice that others have made for their future. Then the oldest and the youngest child in the school will step forward together to lay a wreath.

As Chair of Governors, I am never more proud of our children than in that Act of Remembrance, and never more humbled than by their innocent, sincere, respectfulness.

In a troubled world we all owe a debt of gratitude to those servicemen and women who have been, and are now, willing to stand up to tyranny and aggression to protect others.

On behalf of our whole community,

Thank You.

Editor

CUNNINGHAM HOUSE Hearing Aid Clinic Sat 16th Nov 10-12am

Hear Here Clinics are offering a one-off clinic on behalf of local hospital audiology departments, for those who wear NHS hearing aids. There is no charge and it is open to anyone with NHS supplied hearing aids. We can replace batteries, clean ear moulds, replace tubes and domes (which is a regular requirement). We can advise patients, but we do not examine ears or carry out hearing tests.

The clinic is at Cunningham House, no appointment necessary, but you can enjoy a cup of tea and a chat with the delightful residents whilst you wait.



This month's banner image
Sunrise, Church Lane – Editor

ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH

What in God's Name...???

Every year as November approaches my thoughts, and no doubt yours as well, turn to the Act of Remembrance that takes place in cities, towns and villages across the country. At the church service we read out the names of all the brave military personnel and civilians who paid the ultimate price simply for doing their duty defending their country, their families and their friends. They sacrificed themselves for something they cared about and believed in: the future.

The Kohima Epitaph, which forms part of this annual event, ends with the words "For your tomorrow we gave our today". Those brave men and women who fought and died for us - for you and me - would never know about any of the amazing things that have happened in the years since: space flight, the internet and social media, motorways and almost universal car ownership...the list goes on and on. They spent their final moments being bombed, shot at or down, or drowned, or simply in unimaginable agony

because they were in the wrong place at the wrong time. For us.

Every year at the Remembrance Day service I always think about my grandfather, a lovely quiet man who fought in the trenches and was wounded three times. He was one of the lucky ones; he survived. I will always regret that I never knew anything about his experiences because, like so many of his comrades, he never spoke of them.

Watching the daily news reports about the current wars in Ukraine and the Middle East, where my grandfather also served, I just can't help wondering what *he* would have said about the world we live in today, and the terrible mess we've made of it.

But above all I wonder what those heroes, brave men and women who died to make a better world for us - a world free and at peace - would say. I think they would be greatly saddened, don't you?



In God's name?
I don't think so.

Revd Gary Williamson

YOUR PERSONAL INVITATION TO HEAR J JOHN.

Volunteers at St Michael's will be packing and hand delivering invitations to more than 900 homes in our community, to the carol service on 15th December in Lord Pirbright's Hall with J John, the charismatic evangelist. It will be a great experience, don't miss it!

THE CIRCLE OF LIFE IN PIRBRIGHT

We welcome Sam Parkin to the Family of God following his Baptism in October.

Congratulations to Andy Hudson and Emma Holland following their wedding at St Michael's in September.



BISHOP TO BLESS WAR MEMORIAL

It is wonderful to see the village war memorial back in position in time for Remembrance Sunday this year. The restoration has been superb and it will be a focus of Remembrance for decades to come.

Rt Revd Andrew Watson, Bishop of Guildford, will preside at the service in St Michael's on **Sunday 29th December** and during his visit he will bless the restored War Memorial.

Please make a note in your diary, and join us for this historic event.



CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

There is a lot happening at St Michael's this Christmas so here are some dates to get into your diary NOW!

Sun 1st December Christingle service

Sat 14th December Remembering Loved Ones Service and tea

Sunday 15th December Carols in Lord Pirbright's Hall with guest speaker JJohn, the inspirational (and highly entertaining) evangelist.

Wednesday 18th December, Carols in the Churchyard, with lights, refreshments (and a special visitor!)

Sunday 22nd December, Nine Lessons and Carols by candlelight, 6pm

Christmas Eve, children's crib services at 3pm and 5pm, Midnight mass at 11:30

Christmas Day- 10am Christmas day service with communion

CHURCH FLOWER FUND

Coffee morning Sat 30th Nov 10am

Join us for the event that kicks off the festive season in Pirbright, the Flower Fund Coffee morning in St Michael's church room.

Munch your first mince pie of the season as you browse the Christmas gifts stall, take a chance on the raffle or try to win a delicious home-made Christmas cake .

All funds raised help to pay for flowers and decorations in our lovely old church throughout the year, not just the spectacular displays at Easter, Harvest and Christmas, but week in and week out. Why not pop in and enjoy them next time you are passing? Better still, you could join the flower team and learn how it is done for yourself! Contact Pauline on pauline@normandyparklodge.com

PIRBRIGHT SINGERS

A Christmas Gloria

Saturday 30th Nov, 7.30pm

St Michael's Church



Do you love the sound of festive music and carols to get you in the mood for Christmas? Come and join us for a wonderful evening of joyful and festive Christmas music performed by the **Pirbright Singers** at St Michael & All Angels Church, .

Light refreshments will be served afterwards in the church room

Tickets are available on the door at £10 per person (children under 18 years free). Doors open at 7pm and payment by cash or card.

Co-opted Councillor Keith Rowe

Keith, who has lived in the parish for over 25 years, was co-opted by members of the parish council at a full parish meeting in October. Keith now becomes Councillor Keith Rowe with immediate effect and the parish council wish to thank Keith for stepping into this role which is a serious commitment of time and effort for all members. Keith is passionate about the environment and keen to act on the community's behalf in every way he can. PPC had interest from two other really good candidates who we hope will stay connected and become shadow councillors in the future.



Lord Pirbright's Hall

As you may have heard or experienced, the old boilers in the village hall failed a few weeks ago. Catherine worked tirelessly to keep hirers warm and worked to relocate some of the smaller classes and clubs over to the new Pavilion which benefits from an air source heat pump. Working with Guildford Borough Council, Catherine was able to secure some emergency funding and got to work quickly. By the time you read this newsletter the hall will have its new boilers installed and be up and running again. The Trustees would like to thank their hirers for those few weeks when the hall was a bit chilly, especially our regulars; the Country Market, WI, Rawlins, Horticultural, Ballet, Art, Fitness clubs and Art groups. We appreciate you.

The Pond & Green

Works to de-silt the pond have concluded. The silt had built up over 25 years and needed digging out to increase the pond's biodiversity. An unseasonably wet September made this tough going for the contractors and the original plan of piling the silt behind the playground had to be abandoned as the silt would have simply slipped back towards the pond and across the footpaths. The parish council looked into having the silt removed altogether but was quoted an additional £20,000 which made this option financially impossible, so the silt was spread across the main Green where it will dry out slowly. The parish council's own landscaping contractors will cultivate the silt into the Green and re-seed it next Spring and with the silt being such a rich fertiliser, the Green will be back to its beautiful green-grassed self by next Summer. This project to dig out the silt and keep the pond at its best has cost the parish council £9,500, which is a large portion of the council's entire annual budget. Guildford Borough Council contributed an additional £5,883, making the total project spend in the region of £15,400 and the parish council are very grateful to GBC for their contribution which will see the pond through for another 25 years. A new duck house is being constructed by our own local skilled carpenter and will be unveiled in the near future.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

PIRBRIGHT WI

Our meeting this month is on Tuesday 19 November at 7pm in the Club Room in Lord Pirbright's Hall and is our Annual Meeting when we will be reviewing the past year and deciding on the new committee.

WI serve tea and coffee on Thursday mornings 10am to 11.15am, why not visit us when you pop in to the Country Market. Irene Dredge 01483 233279 iredredge@outlook.com

PIRBRIGHT COUNTRY MARKET

Thursday mornings, Lord Pirbright's hall, for fresh home-made bakes, preserves and crafts.

PIRBRIGHT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 12th November at 7.30 in the Clubroom of Lord Pirbright's Hall. The talk will be 'Autumnal Aspirations and looking forward to Spring'. Refreshments as usual. The meeting in December will be our AGM and social. *Philip Barralet*

CARDIFF ARMS CHOIR CONCERT

Many thanks to all who supported this concert in aid of Shooting Star Children's Hospices and CureParkinson's, and to sponsors, Seymours Estate Agents, W.Davies Solicitors, Clive and Helen Watson, and Graeme Marks. Thanks too to all volunteers who helped with set up and refreshments. *Philip Barralet*

TWINNING ASSOCIATION :



Beaujolais Dinner - Sunday 24 November 6.30pm. Delicious homemade food and a taste of the 2024 Beaujolais Nouveau, with wine bar and raffle.

Tickets £16 members, £18 non-members available from George Lane treasurer.twinning@gmail.com

Payment by bank transfer to: Pirbright Twinning Association
Sort code 30-99-80, A/C No. 01174367.

RAWLINS CLUB

Our next meeting is on Friday 8th November 2.00 - 4.00pm in Lord Pirbright's Hall. The Talk will be "All You need to Know about Badgers" by Bob "the Badger Man" Shatwell.

Denise Granger 01483 472070

If nothing sticks to Teflon, how does Teflon stick to the frying pan?

Middle age is when you are faced with two temptations
and you choose the one that will get you home by 9pm

What's the one thing children wear out faster than their parents? Their shoes.

PIRBRIGHT VILLAGE PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR

Are you a crafter, a maker, a designer?
Are you looking for an opportunity to sell your wares? Sales tables are available at the Pirbright Primary School Christmas Fair on Friday 29th November.

Open to the whole community, not just school families, and with so many attractions, you are sure of a high foot-fall, Contact Jo Valentine
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PIRBRIGHT CRICKET CLUB

The outdoor season may well have finished but please remember Winter Nets at Winston Churchill School to hone your skills !

PIRBRIGHT TENNIS CLUB

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

www.facebook.com/pirbrighttennisclub



Our artificial grass courts survive most weathers, recovering quickly from rain and frost. They're easier on knees than hard courts. Playing tennis in the winter is a great way to get warm and enjoy exercise. If you haven't already, come and join the club and have fun playing anytime day or evening (with floodlights). For all activities and membership see our website and follow the latest news on our Facebook page.

Are you interested in family history?

Pirbright WI are visiting The National Archives at Kew, on Wednesday 26th February 2025. Cost £20.

Departure points The Bus stop, Glazier Lane Cross Roads, Normandy 9.15am departure. Goldwater Lodge Car Park,

Kirkland Ave, Woking 9.35 am departure
Returning 4.00 pm You/partner/friends are more than welcome to join us.

Please contact Irene Dredge
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phone 01483 233279 asap for details.

PIRBRIGHT HISTORIANS

"And what, pray," you ask, "has Allen Everitt, a Victorian brass tube manufacturer from Birmingham, to do with Pirbright?" Aha! Thereby hangs a tale.... We were tasked by a Pirbrighter with finding a descendant to donate a handsome leather-bound family photo album to, acquired on eBay. Game for a challenge and many hours of toil later, after hunting Everitts by the score, at the last gasp we unearthed an amazed 90-year-old great-great grandson living in a retirement home at Evesham, with sons & grandsons of his own. Result!

Remarkable that the photo was so early, taken before 1851, when Allen died. Also that he was born in 1783, 241 years ago, during the American War of Independence.

Jonathan Foster email: jonathan@pirbright.info



CHURCHYARD CHRONICLES

Isn't Autumn splendid!! The trees in the churchyard have been especially glorious this year, the colours were dazzling. It's times like this when living in the Churchyard feels quite a privilege. Imagine having your living room completely redecorated, by the greatest interior decorator of all time (and I don't mean the one Boris Johnson hired!) and you get to just sit in it and gaze around you to your heart's content. Then the leaves

fall off and you have a readymade trampoline! The young bunnies were first to spot the huge pile of crisp leaves, and had a jolly old bounce. Then the mice and voles played hide and seek in it, until the squirrels arrived and soon everyone was enjoying a riotous leaf fight. That's when I spotted the Operation Churchyard leader approaching, and she didn't look as if she was in the mood for bouncing, unless it was bouncing me!! I suddenly remembered, leaves don't usually fall off trees straight into big tidy piles. Time to skiddaddle I think. See you next time,

Yellow Rabbit



NOVEMBER GARDENING TIPS from Wellie

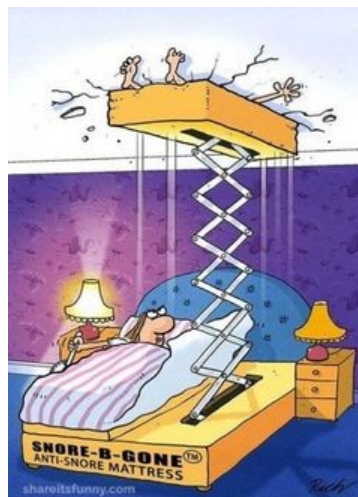
Prune roses to prevent wind-rock and this is the time to prune most deciduous trees. Deciduous ornamental grasses can be left until the spring. Prune grapevines after leaf fall, but before the end of December to avoid 'bleeding' of sap. Prune Acer (maple) species now to avoid them bleeding from cut stems once the sap rises in the spring.

Now is the ideal time to plant bare rooted plants. Plant garlic cloves and shallots, and lift and divide rhubarb crowns. The first week in November is traditionally the time to sow peas and broad beans. Start winter pruning apple and pear trees.. Stake top-heavy brassica and leafy green plants. Draw up some soil around the base of their stem to prevent wind from rocking the plant and causing damage to the roots. Tidy up your strawberry plants, cutting off any dead leaves and removing runners.

Aerate your lawn before winter sets in with a lawn aerator or simply insert a garden fork at regular intervals and lean it back slightly to let air in.

Continue to clear fallen leaves off the lawn to keep it healthy. Set your lawn mower to a higher cut-height for winter.

Encourage hungry birds into your garden by investing in bird baths and feeders. Leave the seedheads of herbaceous plants, such as fennel, verbena bonariensis, teasel and echinacea, for birds such as house sparrows and goldfinches. Use the prunings and clippings of shrubby material to create a dry wildlife stack.



PIRBRIGHT COMMUNITY CALENDAR NOVEMBER 2024

3	Sun	9:30am	All Age Service with church band, St Michael's
4	Mon	8:00pm	Royal British Legion Branch AGM, The Fox Inn, Fox Corner
8	Fri	2:00pm	Rawlins Club, 'All you need to know about badgers', LPH
9	Sat	10:00am	Operation Churchyard at St Michaels
10	Sun	10:00am	Service of Remembrance, St Michael's
12	Tue	7:30pm	Horticultural Society 'Autumnal Aspirations' LPH
16	Sat	10:00am	Hearing aid clinic, Cunningham House
17	Sun	9:30am 7:30pm	Parish Communion, St Michael's Prayer Meeting, St Mark's
19	Tue	10:15am 7:00pm	Mid-week communion at St Michael's with Café Club WI Annual Meeting, LPH
24	Sun	3:00pm 6:30pm	Church on the Green, LPH Twinning Association Beaujolais Supper LPH
26	Tue	10:00am	Craft, Coffee and Chat, in the Church Room
29	Fri	3:30pm	Pirbright Primary School Christmas Fair- at the school
30	Sat	10:00am 7:30 pm	Flower Fund Coffee morning, St Michael's Church Room Pirbright Singers, A Christmas Gloria, St Michael's Church

SURREY HEATHLAND VOLUNTEERS

The Surrey Heathland Partnership volunteers carry out practical work in the countryside to enhance and maintain the natural beauty of our area. We rely on you to help us so if you would like fresh air and exercise, and are aged over 16, why not join us on one of our Conservation Crew days?

For more information go to www.pirbright-pc.gov.uk latest news' page or contact heathlandproject@surreycc.gov.uk 07974 864 295



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