



Photo: Lord Pirbright's Hall by Julia Douetil

Pirbright Girls Kick Off the Second Half of the Season with Passion and Power!

Pirbright Girls' second half of the season has started off as lively and fast-paced as the first half ended in December. The first half saw both teams averaging more wins and draws than losses, with over 50 goals scored! The Dashers (u11) and Comets (u9) continue to improve week on week, and are thriving in their leagues. The girls give it EVERYTHING – passion, skill, development, teamwork, positive attitude and tenacity!

Many thanks goes to our incredible team of coaches, our ever-supportive parents, and to our terrific sponsors **Trigon Fire Safety Limited** and **Reality Finance** for helping the club grow and continue to thrive.

We can't wait to see what the second half of the season has in store.

Come and support the teams on a Sunday match day – GO PIRBRIGHT!

Fixtures on Instagram – [Pirbrightgirls_fc](#).



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STARTING ANEW: THE GIFT OF FORGIVENESS AND NEW BEGINNINGS

The New Year is a time of returning to familiar routines—children head back to school after the Christmas holidays, clubs and activities resume and life carries on. However, the New Year is also a time of new beginnings. Businesses look to the year ahead, Pirbright Village News reveals a new look with new editors, and many embark on new projects at work or at home. Amongst all that is old and familiar there is also often something new.

I don't know about you, but there are times when I wish I could start things afresh. Looking back over the past year, we might find ourselves wishing we had done things differently, and as we step into the New Year, there's often a worry that we'll mess up again.

One of my favourite characters in the Bible is a man called Peter. Peter made some big mistakes. When Jesus was arrested, Peter denied knowing Him—not once, but three times. However, the Bible says that after Jesus died and came back to life again, He met Peter. I imagine Peter was worried. What would Jesus say to him? What would Jesus do to him? Jesus could have said, You said you didn't know me. I don't want to know you anymore. But instead, Jesus asks, *"Do you really love me?"* Peter replies, "Yes," and Jesus forgives him. He then gives Peter an important job: to pastor His church. Jesus gives Peter a chance to begin again.

Maybe we've messed up a bit over the last year, but just like Peter, there is always a chance to begin again. Perhaps we could start afresh with a friend who let us down, or maybe we could forgive someone who has hurt us. In the Bible, there is a book called Lamentations, which says: "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness."

There is always the chance to begin again. Maybe next time you feel like you've messed up, just like Peter did, you can remember that Jesus forgives people like Peter when they stumble, and He gives them the chance to begin again.

Wishing you every blessing in all things old and new.

Rev'd George

St Michaels Pirbright & St Mark's Wyke

CHURCH ON THE GREEN

Sunday 23rd Feb
10am

LORD PIRBRIGHT'S HALL

Join our relaxed
family-friendly
Sunday Service with
great coffee and
fresh pastries!

pirbrightchurch.org.uk
stmarkswyke.org.uk

WELCOME TEA AT PIRBRIGHT CHURCH

At **3pm on Sunday 9th February**, we will be holding a **'Welcome Tea' at Pirbright Church**. We will share a little more about the church and talk about the various groups and services we offer. If you have any questions about what the church does, are interested in learning more about our activities and courses or would simply like to meet some of the team, we'd love to see you there. Children are very welcome. Hot and cold drinks, along with some lovely treats, will be served.

PIRBRIGHT SINGERS

MOZART'S REQUIEM

St Michael & All Angels' Church,
Church Ln, Pirbright, Woking GU24 0JJ
Saturday, **15th March 2025** at **7.30pm**

Doors open at 7pm and tickets are available at £15 for adults on the door (cash or card), under 18s free.

With special guests: Miranda Johnson **Soprano**, Hamish Rogers **Counter-Tenor**, Philip Lawford **Tenor**, Martin Johnson **Bass**, Clive Osgood **Organ** and Eralys Fernandez **Piano**.

We hope you will come to hear us sing and join us for light refreshments served afterward in the Church Room.

St Michael's Pirbright & St Mark's Wyke

STAY CURIOUS
Try Alpha
Every Tuesday
from 28th Jan
7.30pm

8 week course (excluding halfterm)

Pirbright Church Hall
Church Lane
GU24 0JJ

To sign up and more details email
office@stmarkswyke.org.uk
07984323709/01483811777

ANGEL TOTS

Are you a new parent or new to Pirbright? Join us at **St. Michael's Church Room** on Monday mornings from **10:00 – 11:30 am** during term time. Angel Tots is a friendly, informal group for parents, grandparents, and carers with children under 3 years old. It's a great opportunity to catch up with old friends or meet new ones while your little ones play. The group is free to attend, but a small donation for refreshments would be appreciated.

Could you volunteer? Help us support parents and carers by making teas or simply having a chat.

For more information, please contact:
angeltots@pirbrightchurch.org.uk

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH PIRBRIGHT

Everything we do at St Michael's Church is made possible by your praying, by your serving, and by your giving. In order to allow us to continue the work we are doing in the community please consider making a donation via the QR code or visit the church website:
pirbrightchurch.org.uk/parishgivingscheme.htm

Thank you for your generosity.



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Pirbright Parish Council

Parish Council Finances

It is budget time for the Parish Council and it must submit its request for funds to GBC. These funds are ultimately paid by you, the parishioners for the services that the Parish Council provide. These include the maintenance of the village green, sports field and pond, trees and both village car parks and the popular village playground. The council must pay a part-time Clerk and subscribe to council bodies who are regulated by the LGA. The council must pay for internal and external auditors to ensure its accounts are in order and this fund also pays for the projects that the Council undertakes each year to maintain the village, such as the de-silting of the pond and restoring the Grade II listed war memorial. The Parish must now pay for the village green litter bins to be emptied and previously available grants have been removed. With all this in mind, Councillors considered the Council's requirement to provide essential services whilst being mindful of the on-going cost pressures our parishioners are facing and the need to enhancing our reserves to maintain the Council's assets, a budget amount of £87,820 was agreed and requested.

The amount represents a 3.5% increase on last year but Cllr Woollett, Chair of the Council, was adamant that keeping the increase at a modest level was also important. With this in mind the Parish Council will not seek to undertake any high value projects without an outside funding stream during the financial year 2025-26 and as Chair of the Trustees for the Village Hall, Cllr Woollett also suggested that a working party should be formed to consider plans for the long-term maintenance of the beloved village hall which is now over 100 years old and starting to show its age, starting with a structural survey to feed into future years' financial planning. The Parish Council will go into detail at its **annual Parish Assembly on 21/04/25** and parishioners are encouraged to attend to learn more

about where and how the Parish's money is spent. The evening event at the Community Sports Pavilion will be fairly informal to encourage residents to attend and feel included in the decision making process of their Parish

Post Box Topper

Take a wander towards the pond and you will see Pirbright's new Post Box Topper. Parish Clerk, Helen M, thought a Topper would add a little colour and interest to the village Post Box but had never crocheted before. How hard could it be! She gave it a go over the Christmas holidays and the slightly large, slightly uneven Topper is the result and her first attempt. The beautiful Robin was crafted by Helen's sister Thea.



If you want to give it a go, please feel free to add a knitted something – an Egyptian goose perhaps?

Litter Picking – It's a Piece of Cake!

The latest community clear up on Saturday 4th January was a great success with around 20 volunteers helping to keep the village looking clean and tidy with a huge pile of rubbish picked up. Tea & cake was provided by the Church volunteers and the Mayor, Sallie Barker MBE was pleased to be invited along to meet residents taking part. The Parish Council will organise quarterly clear-ups, whilst the PPC Groundsman continues with his weekly patrols.



Support Your Local Business

SAVE THE DATE – PIRBRIGHT CHARITY FUN RUN AND WALK

A charity fun run and walk for Dementia UK will be held on 23rd March by local Personal Trainer and running enthusiast Rachel

The 5km event will start at 9:30am at the Community Sports Pavilion. All participants—whether running or walking—will receive a medal upon completion. Drinks and snacks will be kindly provided by the Parish Council for everyone attending.



All proceeds go to **Dementia UK** who provide nurses for families to help and support those affected by Dementia.

More details to follow in next month's edition.

For more information, scan QR code below or visit Rachel's website: www.mounterfitness.com



Follow on social media: @ **mounterfitness**.

Come along and support a great cause!

DISCOVER AESTHETICS BY LAURA FAY

Your Personal Skin & Beauty Haven in Pirbright.



Step into the serene world of Aesthetics by Laura Fay, a unique home-based skin clinic in Pirbright, Woking. Specialising in tailored skin and beauty treatments, Laura brings over 14 years of expertise to deliver exceptional care in a welcoming and professional setting.

From bespoke medical-grade facials targeting ageing and skin concerns to fat-dissolving injections, Vitamin B12, waxing, brow and lash tinting, and soothing back and neck massages, every treatment is designed with your individual needs in mind. Trained in South Africa and with a wealth of experience from renowned clinics here in the UK, Laura has created her own tranquil space in Pirbright where expert care meets exceptional results.

Book your appointment today at **07500 307688** or explore more at www.aestheticsbylaurafay.com. Your journey to radiant skin and ultimate relaxation starts here!

Community Groups

PIRBRIGHT COUNTRY MARKET

The Country Market is open **every Thursday from 10:00am to 11:15am** in Lord Pirbright's Hall.
Come along and enjoy a variety of local produce and goods!

PIRBRIGHT WI

Our month's talk, *'Britishness – a look at some British traditions: how they started and how they changed'* by *Christopher Hutchinson*. On Tuesday **18th February 7:00pm** at The Club Room in **Lord Pirbright's Hall**. Visitors are always welcome.

Pirbright WI Trip to The National Archives, at Kew – Seats Available!

Join us for a fascinating trip to The National Archives at Kew on Wednesday **26th February 2025** £20 per person. Pick-up points: Glaziers Lane, Normandy and Goldwater Lodge, Wishbone Way, Woking. Return from The National Archives at 4:00 PM. For more details and to request a booking form contact: Irene Dredge on 01483 233279 or email iredredge@outlook.com.

The WI serve refreshments every Thursday morning from 10:00am to 11:15am. If you're visiting the Country Market, why not take a moment to join us for a warm drink and a chat?
For more information, contact **Irene Dredge on 01483 233279** or email at iredredge@outlook.com. We'd love to see you there!

RAWLINS CLUB

Join Us at the Rawlins Club

Our next meeting will be held on Friday **14th February from 2:00pm to 4:00pm** at **Lord Pirbright's Hall**. This month's talk, "Henry Morton Stanley and the East African Slave Trade," will be presented by James Grimshaw.

For further details, please contact **Denise Granger on 01483 472070**.

PIRBRIGHT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Join us for an engaging talk on *Pruning*, by our very own expert, *Helen Wellie Whitworth!* On Tuesday **11th February 7:30pm** at The Clubroom in **Lord Pirbright's Hall**. All are welcome!
For more information, contact us at Secretary@pirbrighthort.co.uk.
We look forward to seeing you there!

PIRBRIGHT TENNIS CLUB

www.pirbrighttennisclub.com



We are grateful to Pirbright Parish Council for tarmacking the car park used by Pirbright Primary School and our Tennis Club.

Save the Date: Quiz Night, Friday 14th March.

Contact: info@pirbrighttennisclub.com for more information.

TWINNING ASSOCIATION

A big thank you to everyone who attended our recent Annual Quiz Night. Over 50 people joined us for a fantastic evening.

Looking ahead, we're excited to be visiting our friends in Cagny, France this year, and we'd love to welcome new people and families to join us.

If you'd like to find out more, please contact **Jon Lopez** at **07780 066142** or email at jon.lopez@btinternet.com.
We look forward to hearing from you!

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

If you would like to learn more about the Royal British Legion, please join us at **The Fox** at Fox Corner, on Monday **10th February at 8:00pm**.

Everyone is welcome!
For more information, please contact **Anne Hawkins on 01252 404276**.

PIRBRIGHT VILLAGE FAIR

The Village Fair 'Best of British' will take place on Saturday 30th August – a late summer affair set to be a super-spiffing, tiptop grand day out for all!

Help make it a Grand Day Out!

The committee is planning an exciting day full of entertainment and activities, and we need your help to make it a success! Could you spare an hour or two on the day to assist with smooth running? No committee meetings are involved – just your time and enthusiasm.

If you'd like to volunteer, please email us at:

pirbrightvillagefair@gmail.com.

Are you a local business owner? This is a great opportunity to advertise or book a stall at the fair. Get in touch using the above email for more details.

Let's make this year's fair unforgettable – we'd love your support!



PIRBRIGHT HISTORIANS

Unusually for such a small village, the Pirbright area had 3 functioning mills from early days: Pirbright Mill (1302), Heath Mill (1516), and Rickford Mill (1680). The dates are the earliest references we know of. Pirbright Mill had the prime location as it was upstream of the others, and could therefore control the flow of water. These mills were a prime source of flour for the locals for 500 years or more. Each mill had (and still has) a large mill house close by. But during the 20th century, watermills became largely obsolete across England, thanks to cheaper electricity. Our 3 mills stopped operating between 1930 and 1960, and each was developed into



a character house. The mill wheel at Heath Mill is still a fine sight (pictured). More info on Heath Mill is at: <https://www.foxcornerhistory.com/heath-mill>

Richard Hartley (richard@pirbright.info)

GARDENING TIPS FOR FEBRUARY

Last opportunity to carry out winter pruning on apple and pear trees. Cut autumn raspberry canes to ground level ensuring you leave no stumps that could harbour disease. Prune out a quarter of blackcurrant older growth at ground level. Apply a general purpose fertiliser to tree, bush and cane fruit and mulch with well-rotted manure or garden compost. Force rhubarb by covering the crown with straw or leaves then cover with a bucket or dustbin with ventilation holes or a purpose made rhubarb pot to have early sticks in March.

Clean out existing bird boxes or put up new boxes, continue to provide food and keep bird baths topped up with fresh water.

In late February cut back ornamental grasses and other perennials left for winter interest. Prune back shrubs hard such as Cornus and Salix grown for winter coloured stems. Top dress beds and borders with a balanced fertiliser.

Cut back late flowering (group 3) Clematis such as Clematis viticella, C. orientalis and C. "Jackmannii" to a low pair of strong buds. Prune late summer flowering shrubs such as buddleia, lavatera and fuchsia hard.

Once winter flowering heathers have finished flowering, trim back with shears.

Pirbright Community Calendar February 2025



Photo: by David Greenland

Sun 2nd	9.30am	All Age Service at St. Michael's
Tue 4th	7.30pm	Alpha Course at Pirbright Church Hall
Sun 9th	9.30am 3:00pm 5.00pm	Holy Communion Service at St. Michael's Welcome Tea' at Pirbright Church Taize Service at St. Marks
Mon 10th	8:00pm	Royal British Legion at Lord Pirbright's Hall
Tue 11th	7:00pm	Pirbright Horticultural Society at Lord Pirbright's Hall
Fri 14th	2:00pm	Rawlins Club at Lord Pirbright's Hall
Sun 16th	9.30am 7.30pm	Holy Communion Service at St. Michael's Monthly Prayer Meeting at St. Michael's
Tue 18th	10.15am 7.30pm	Mid-Week Communion & Café Club at St. Michael's Pirbright WI at Lord Pirbright's Hall
Sun 23rd	10:00am	Church on The Green at Lord Pirbright's Hall
Tue 25th	9.30am	Coffee Craft and Chat at St. Michael's Church Room
Every Thur	10:00am	Pirbright Country Market at Lord Pirbright's Hall
Every Thur	10:00am	Refreshments with WI at Lord Pirbright's Hall
Every Mon	10.00am	Angel Tots at St. Michael's Church (during term time)

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