

Pirbright Village News

April 2025

Celebrating Julia Douetil 18 Years of Dedication to PeriNews

On Friday, 14th March, a special drinks gathering was held to thank Julia Douetil for her remarkable 18 years of service as editor of PeriNews. Members of the Parish Council, St Michael's PCC, newsletter deliverers and local artists came together to celebrate her dedication and contribution to the publication.

As a token of appreciation, Julia was presented with a beautifully crafted book of Churchyard Chronicles, featuring all her clever Yellow Rabbit stories. Brought to life with wonderful illustrations by local artists, the book serves as a fitting tribute to her creativity and storytelling.

A heartfelt thank you to Julia for her years of commitment and inspiration!



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New Email Address for Pirbright Village Newsletter

Pirbright Village Newsletter now has a new email address!

Please send all content to **editor@pirbrightvillagenews.org.uk** instead of sending it via Julia.

Huge thanks to Julia for all the support during this transition.

St Michael and All Angels Church

He Is Risen!

This Easter, we celebrate the greatest victory in history—the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ! On the third day, He rose from the grave, conquering sin and death, and bringing hope to all who believe in Him.

Because He lives, we have the promise of new life, the assurance of forgiveness, and the hope of eternity. In a world often filled with uncertainty, Christ's resurrection reminds us that darkness does not have the final word—His light shines forever.

May this Easter fill your heart with the joy of His victory, the peace of His presence, and the hope that only He can bring.

He is risen indeed!

Wishing you a blessed and joyful Easter!

Revd. George Watkinson

Annual Parochial Council Meeting

Join us on **Sunday 27th April at 3pm** in St Michael's Church for the Annual Parochial Council Meeting. This is **our church's Annual General Meeting**, where you'll hear updates from our various church groups and committees, including how funds have been used to support our mission and activities. It's a great opportunity to reflect on the past year and look ahead to the future of our church community.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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St. Michael's 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: www.pirbrightchurch.org.uk/parishgivingscheme.htm

Thank you for your generosity.



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St Michael and All Angels Church

Calling all gardeners!

Join us on **Saturday 10th May, from 11:00am to 2:00 pm**, for the **Annual Church Plant Sale** at St Michael's churchyard. Find a fantastic selection of locally grown annuals, perennials, fruits & vegetables.

Treat yourself to homemade cakes, preserves, a cuppa, or sausage in a bun.

All proceeds go towards maintaining our beautiful church and supporting community work.



St. Michael's & St. Mark's Church

Maudy Thursday

Bring & Share Meal

17th April

5-7pm

St. Mark's Church Hall Normandy
GU3 2DA

Welcome

stmarkswyke.org.uk
office@stmarkswyke.org.uk



RUNNING THE RACE

St. Michael's Pirbright & St. Mark's Wyke

CHURCH ON THE GREEN

27th April

10am

Lord Pirbright's Hall GU24 0JE

pirbrightchurch.org.uk



St. Michael's Church Pirbright

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE

20th April

9.30am

With Easter Egg Hunt

pirbrightchurch.org.uk

Pirbright Parish Council

PIRBRIGHT PARISH COUNCIL 128TH PARISH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

VENUE: PIRBRIGHT COMMUNITY PAVILION

DATE: Wednesday 30th April 2025

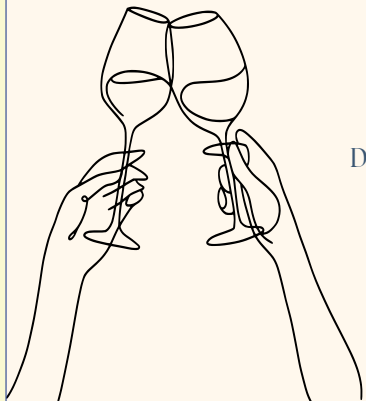
TIME: 7.30pm – 9.00pm

Come and meet your Parish Councillors over a glass of wine
(soft drinks also available)

Find out what is happening in your village
and see how you can help

Informative talks also given by:
Dementia UK and Thames Basin Heaths Partnership

For more information contact the clerk
clerk@pirbright-pc.gov.uk / 07485 411214



Pirbright Surgery

Pirbright Surgery is introducing a triage-based appointment system in line with NHS England's recommendations. This new approach is designed to improve accessibility to Primary Care services and enhance access to care by ensuring patients are directed to the most appropriate healthcare professional as efficiently as possible.

For further information on how the system will work, please visit:

<https://patienttrriageinformation.tiiny.site>.

We are hosting a 'Question & Answer' evening on **Wednesday, 21st May**, from 19:00 to 20:00 in the Clubroom at Lord Pirbright's Hall. This will be an excellent opportunity for you to ask any questions about the upcoming triage system.

Support Your Local Business

Pirbright Ballet School

Pirbright Ballet School has been running at **Lord Pirbright's Hall** since 1971, with **Heidi Marshall** as Principal since 1994.

We have 3 types of classes:

- **Children's Classes**

for ages 2½ - 18

- **Adults Classes**

- **Silver Swans Classes** for those over 55, whether they have danced before or not

Ballet classes provide a wonderful opportunity to move, exercise and enjoy music. While students of all ages can take **Royal Academy of Dance** ballet exams, many adults participate simply for the enjoyment of exercise and socialising.

We welcome everyone to try a ballet lesson! To book a class please contact

Heidi on **01276 709393** or email **HLM@ssballet.co.uk**



It's never too late to shine!

Ballet classes for over-55s



Pirbright Ballet School

RAD Ballet

Ballet From
2 ½
Years Old

Adult Ballet
Silver & Swans

Pirbright Ballet School

Classes For
Boys & Girls

2 Free Trials
For Children



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www.pirbrightballschool.co.uk



Community Groups

Twinning Association

Cagny Trip 2025 Friday 23rd May to Sunday 25th May. 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. It's always good fun and the only self-funding part is the foot passenger ferry costs. If you'd like to find out more, please contact **Jon Lopez** at **07780 066142** or email **jon.lopez@btinternet.com**. We look forward to hearing from you!

Pirbright WI

Our talk this month is '**Confessions of a Saturday Girl**' by Wendy Kinder. On **Tuesday 15th April 7:00pm** at The Club Room in **Lord Pirbright's Hall**. Visitors are always welcome.

We look forward to seeing you there and supporting this fantastic cause together!

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 **iredredge@outlook.com**. We'd love to see you there!

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!

Rawlins Club

Join us at the Rawlins Club

Our next meeting will be held on **Friday 11th April from 2:00pm to 4:00pm** at **Lord Pirbright's Hall**. There will be a very short AGM followed by this month's talk on **"The History of Squires Nursery"** by Sarah Squire

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

Pirbright Horticultural Society

Join us for our free monthly talk on **'the history of Brookwood Cemetery and the interesting planting that can be found there'** by Ms Kim Lowe Chair of Brookwood Cemetery Society. On **Tuesday, 8th April at 7:30 PM** in The Club Room at Lord Pirbright's Hall. We'd love to see you there—no need to book, just come along and learn more about our local Cemetery! email **secretary@pirbrighthort.co.uk**

Pirbright Tennis Club

Time to renew your membership! Existing members can renew online via the membership page, and new members are welcome to join via our website. If you have any issues, please contact Fiona Robotham.

Join us on **Tuesday 15th April at 6:30pm** for Club Night Special with an evening of tennis, food, and drinks. Club Night runs every Tuesday, and everyone is welcome.

We offer a range of regular activities and tournaments for all skill levels, plus League Matches for Men, Ladies, and Mixed teams for those interested in competitive tennis.

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/Pirbright-TennisClub>

www.facebook.com/pirbrighttennisclub

For further details, please contact Fiona Robotham at **info@pirbrighttennisclub.com**

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

14th April at 8:00pm. Everyone is welcome! For more information, please contact **Anne Hawkins** on **01252 404276**.

Community Groups

Craft, Coffee and Chat

Join us on **Tuesday, 22nd April at 10AM** in the **Church Room at St Michael's**. Crafters of all kinds welcome. Bring your own project and enjoy a relaxed morning of creativity and coffee. New members always welcome!

Works at The Pirbright Institute

Construction work is due to start on a new veterinary vaccine centre at The Pirbright Institute from **26 March 2025 for 12 months**. The development may create modest additional site traffic along Ash Road. The facility will be a single-story building with laboratories, offices and a roof-level plant room on the existing site.

This project is funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the Foreign Commonwealth Development Office and the UKRI Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC). For further information, visit the Pirbright Institute webpage.

Pirbright Cricket Club

The new season beckons!

The excitement is building as the new cricket season approaches! Mark your calendars for our opening matches on **Friday 25th and Saturday 26th of April**

We'd love to see you there to cheer on the cricket and enjoy the atmosphere at the bar. We'd love to see you there!

Who can name all these players from 2000?!



Gardening tips for April

Check roses for blackspot, remove any infected leaves and treat with a fungicide. Sow hardy annuals and wildflowers in gaps in the garden. Feed borders with a general purpose fertiliser such as Growmore and mulch with compost or well rotted manure. Plant summer bulbs such as alliums, eucomis and lillies. Cut back Penstemons now. Take a close look before pruning, some produce a mass of new shoots at the base of the plant, so old stems should be cut back close to the soil. When new growth is visible only along the stems, trim them to 15-20cm from the ground, just above a shoot. To encourage bushy growth on Marguerites, Pelargoniums and Fuchsias in the greenhouse, pinch out the tips. Spray weeds on driveways and paths this month when they are actively growing. Use a spring/summer feed on the lawn (it should be high in nitrogen to encourage strong leafy green swards) Carry on sowing vegetables directly into prepared soil including carrots, turnip, peas, broadbeans, spinach and lettuce. Sow tender courgettes, cucumbers and pumpkins in a heated propagator or sunny window sill. Plant out autumn sown sweet peas.

Soil on the Village Green

Concerns have been raised in the community about the continuing state of the village green following the dredging of the duck pond. Given the cost of removing the silt, it was felt that it could be put to use to improve the soil. Following discussions with the Horticultural Society, a proposal has emerged to take advantage of the increased fertility of the green for cultivation. The soil ridges are perfect for growing potatoes, ready for harvest in the autumn. Funds raised from the sale of the crop will help to pay for other community resources, with the advertising slogan 'Pir-tatoes - Super Surrey Spuds'. Given global warming and the increasingly wet winters, the Little Green has been earmarked for growing rice. Planting begins on April 1st

Pirbright Community Calendar April 2025

Date	Time	Event
Sun 6th	9.30am	All Age Service at St. Michael's
Tue 8th	7.30pm	Pirbright Horticultural Society at Lord Pirbright's Hall
Fri 11th	2.00pm	Rawlins Club at Lord Pirbright's Hall
Sat 12th	10.00-12.00pm	Operation Churchyard at St. Michael's
Sun 13th	9.30am	Palm Sunday Service at St. Michael's
	5.00pm	Taize Service at St. Mark's
Mon 14th	8.00pm	Royal British Legion at The Fox at Fox Corner
Tue 15th	10.15am	Mid Week Communion
	6.30pm	Pirbright Tennis Club Evening
	7.00pm	Pirbright WI at Lord Pirbright's Hall
Wed 16th	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross St. Mark's Church
Thu 17th	5.00pm	Bring & Share Meal with Communion St. Mark's Church Hall
Fri 18th	2.00pm	Good Friday Reflective Service at St. Michael's
Sun 20th	9.30am	Easter Sunday Service with Easter Egg Hunt at St. Michael's
Tue 22nd	10.00am	Craft, Coffee and Chat Church Room at St Michael's.
Sun 27th	10.00am	Church on The Green at Lord Pirbright's Hall
	3.00pm	Annual Parochial Council Meeting at St Michael's.
Every Mon	10.00 - 11.30am	Angel Tots at St. Michael's (during term time)
Every Thur	10.00 - 11.15am	Refreshments with WI at Lord Pirbright's Hall
Every Thur	10.00 - 11.15am	Pirbright Country Market at Lord Pirbright's Hall

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