

Pirbright Village News

Rain Fails to Dampen Spirits at Village Fair

Thank you to everyone who braved the wet weather on Saturday 6th June to join us at the Pirbright Village Fair. Despite the rain, the atmosphere was wonderfully upbeat.

Our thanks go to all the volunteers, stallholders, car parking stewards and sponsors, and an enormous thank you to the Village Fair Committee for all their hard work over the past year. St Michael's is deeply grateful for your support.

The fair raised an impressive £6,000, which will go towards supporting the church's work in the community and the upkeep of the church building. There were many detailed and thought-provoking entries in both the floral and on-the-green displays. The standout floral displays, pictured below, were awarded as follows:

- 1st prize – The Zoo All Around You by Julia Doueitol
- 2nd prize – Just Swanning Around by Liz Earle
- 3rd prize – Hedgehogs in Bloom by Jo Schaefer



The winners of the All Creatures Great and Small displays were:

- 1st prize – The Greatest Small Creature by the Shultz family
- 2nd prize – Knowl Hill Hotel by Knowl Hill School
- 3rd prize – Noah's Ark by Hugh Dennis and St Michael and All Angels Church
- Judges' Choice – On Guard by Tony Garland



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St Michael and All Angels Church

ST MICHAEL'S PIRBRIGHT & ST MARK'S WYKE

PRAYER & WORSHIP EVENING

Sunday 5th July
6-7pm

St Mark's Church Hall GU3 2DA
Welcome!

ST MICHAEL'S PIRBRIGHT & ST MARK'S WYKE

CONTEMPLATIVE TAIZÉ SERVICE

Sunday 12th July
5pm

St Michael's Church GU24 0JJ
Welcome!

ST MICHAEL'S PIRBRIGHT & ST MARK'S WYKE

SUMMER SUNDAY SERVICES

JULY 26TH	10:00 AM Holy Communion St Michael's Pirbright
AUGUST 2ND	10:00 AM Holy Communion St Mark's Wyke
AUGUST 9TH	10:00 AM Holy Communion St Michael's Pirbright
AUGUST 16TH	10:00 AM Holy Communion St Mark's Wyke
AUGUST 23RD	10:00 AM Holy Communion St Michael's Pirbright
AUGUST 30TH	10:00 AM Holy Communion St Mark's Wyke

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Pirbright Village Fair 2026 photos



Pirbright Girls FC

Pirbright Girls FC Flying High in Festival Season — and We Want You!

The girls are now firmly in festival season... two festivals down, 2 second place spots achieved... here's keeping all crossed for the third and final festival!

The festivals really highlight the number of girls playing football locally. Seeing the talent, teamwork and camaraderie on display is really something to witness and feel proud of.

Don't forget we are recruiting! Alongside strengthening our current teams (U10 and U11) we want to provide the opportunity for even more girls to play football, and experience the power of sport, so we are forging ahead with new age groups for the 2026/27 season.

We are inviting girls **CURRENTLY** in years 1-6 to join us!

PGFC is a fun, friendly and safe environment for girls to play. We have FA-qualified coaches and focus on fun, confidence and development. Training is on Friday evenings, matches on Sundays once teams are ready

All abilities welcome! If your daughter is keen to develop existing skills, or wants to try something new, bring them along!

Come join the PGFC family.





Energy Report Highlights Next Steps for Lord Pirbright's Hall

A recent energy assessment of Lord Pirbright's Hall has highlighted both the progress already made and opportunities for further improvement.



The report recognises the Hall as a well-managed much loved community building, with recent upgrades such as LED lighting, modern boilers, and improved heating controls helping to boost efficiency.

However, as a historic building, heat loss, heightened ceiling and draughts, particularly in the Main Hall area remain a key challenge which is all contributing to higher heating demand over the winter periods.

The report recommends practical steps including improving draught-proofing, enhancing insulation where possible, upgrading energy monitoring such as electric smart meters, and continuing LED improvements, particularly for stage lighting. The Trustees would also like to highlight that the main access side door and rear fire exit doors are due to be upgraded this summer, which will help improve the Hall's energy efficiency.

Looking ahead, there is also strong potential for solar panels and battery storage, subject to further surveys.

The Trustees would also like to Thank local resident Paul Baker for prompting the Hall to undertake this assessment, following his insightful speech at the Annual Parish Council meeting.

Overall, the findings confirm that while the Hall faces challenges typical of older buildings, it is well positioned to make further energy and cost savings through phased improvements.

Support LPH for Free While You Shop online!

After our fantastic launch at the Pirbright Village Fair in 2025, we're thrilled to share that we've already raised an amazing £292.00 but we can do better!

This has all been raised at **no cost whatsoever** to those who've signed up, just by shopping online as they normally would!

If you haven't joined yet, it's super easy to get involved. Simply sign up to Easy Fundraising or scan the QR code, select Lord Pirbright's Hall as your chosen cause, and every time you shop online, a donation will be made to us, at **no extra cost to you**.

It really is that simple, and every contribution helps us maintain and improve the Hall for the whole community to enjoy.

We'd love for you to be part of it. Every click makes a difference!



Community Page

Pirbright Horticultural Society

The Pirbright Horticultural Society invites everyone to our July meeting, which is taking place a week earlier than usual on Tuesday, 7th July, at 19:30. We are delighted to welcome Elizabeth Barralett, who will be presenting an inspiring floral art demonstration.

With our Annual Show just around the corner, Elizabeth's demonstration is the perfect opportunity to gather creative ideas and inspiration for entering the show's floral art classes. She will be sharing expert techniques and practical tips, making this an ideal evening for both complete beginners wanting to try their hand at arranging and seasoned competitors looking for fresh concepts.

The meeting will take place in the Club Room of Lord Pirbright's Hall. New members and visitors are always warmly welcome to join us.

<http://www.pirbrighthort.org.uk>

Instagram: @pirbrighthort

Community Groups

Pirbright Tennis Club

The American Tournament on Sunday 10th May was a great success with a high level of participation. We can now look forward to another tournament: **The Jean Seager Tournament** on **Sunday 12th July**, for all members over 50. Enter the tournament and enjoy a delicious BBQ. To enter, email address below.

Remember we have Club Night **every Tuesday** from 6.30pm. All members welcome. Also there are regular events, coaching, professional balls for sale and excellent racket stringing.

All enquiries (inc. new membership): visit website or contact Fiona Robotham: info@pirbrighttennisclub.com

Heath Week 2026

Saturday 25th July - Sunday 2nd August. The team are busy preparing for Heath Week 2026 and we cannot wait to share the magic of the Thames Basin Heaths with you!

Join us for a week of free, engaging events and walks and talks that celebrate heathland history and wildlife. Explore the fantastic variety of butterflies at Chobham Common, learn all about our native reptiles at Ockham Common, or step back into the stone age on the heathland near Blackbushe Airport.

You'll find lots of fun and engaging activities for all ages! Keep an eye on our events calendar for full details at <https://tbhpartnership.org.uk/events/>

Royal British Legion

We hope you all enjoyed Armed Forces Weekend. We are now back to our regular meeting at 8pm at The Fox, Fox Corner on Monday 13th July. Everyone welcome you join us to hear more about the Legion.

Contact: Anne Hawkins

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Rawlins Club

On Friday 17th July. **The Garden Party will be at Brook Cottage**, Guildford Road between 2.00 and 4.00pm by kind permission of Mr& Mrs Graeme Marks. If anyone is unable to get themselves there and would like a lift, please ring Nicola Main on 01483 473223. If wet, tea to be served in the village Hall.

Denise Granger 01483 472070

Pirbright WI

Our meeting this month will be a talk by Tony Painter and will be on *The History and Mystery of Maps*. The meeting will be on Tuesday July 14 at 7pm in the Club Room in Lord Pirbright's Hall. Visitors are always welcome.

The WI is serving coffees and teas with a good selection of biscuits on Thursday mornings 10am to 11.15am. When you pop into the Country Market why not visit us for tea or coffee.

Irene Dredge 01483 233279 or email iredredge@outlook.com

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Gardening tips for July

July is the month to really enjoy your garden, and to make a note of what might need splitting or moving in the Autumn. If tall perennials are flopping a bit, put some stakes around them to help them and tie in and train any new growth on climbing plants. Give your beds, pots and baskets a feed which will help them to stay looking lush and healthy for longer. Prune early-summer flowering shrubs, such as Philadelphus, once they have finished flowering.

Cut back flowered growth to a strong lower shoot and thin out up to a fifth of old, woody stems. Prune whippy summer growth of Wisteria to within 5/6 buds of the main stem. Make sure they are well watered in July and August because this is when they set their flower buds. Cut back hardy geraniums to ground level after they have had their first flush of flowers to encourage new foliage and more flowers later in the year. Divide congested clumps of bearded iris after flowering.

Dead head bedding plants, roses and herbaceous plants to encourage more flowers. Raise the height of the mower blade to keep the lawn greener for longer if we have not had rain. Harvest potatoes, carrots, lettuce, tomatoes and salad leaves. Harvest garlic when the tops of the foliage turn yellow and the stems start to bend, hang them somewhere warm and dry to ripen. Keep bird baths topped up.

Think about sowing or planting wildlife friendly plants such as honesty, teasels and foxgloves. Check hedges for nesting birds before giving them annual cut. If you have hedgehogs in your garden then leave out water and meat based dog or cat food (ideally chicken flavour). Babies should be emerging soon and this food will help them before they hibernate in the Autumn.

Eco tip for July

Why spend money on expensive canned drinks when you can easily make your own cooling drink for very little money and reduce tin can wastage. Cut half a fresh lemon in slices and put them in a litre jug, Cover with hot water and then squash the slices for a few minutes. Add one table spoon of sugar, stir in more water to about 750ml. Let this mixture cool and you have a cheap and refreshing summer drink.

Pirbright Community Calendar July 2026

Date	Time	Event
Sun 5th	9.30am 11.15am 6.00pm	Holy Communion Service at St Michael's Pirbright All Age Service at St Mark's Church Hall GU3 2DA Prayer and Worship Evening at St Mark's Church Hall GU3 2DA
Tue 7th	7.30pm	Pirbright Horticultural Society at Lord Pirbright's Hall
Sat 11th	10.00am - 12.00pm	Operation churchyard at St Michael's Pirbright
Sun 12th	8.00am 9.30am 11.15am 5.00pm	Said Communion (BCP) at St Michael's Pirbright Contemporary Service at St Michael's Pirbright Holy Communion Service at St Mark's Church GU3 2DA Taize Service at St Michael's Pirbright
Mon 13th	8.00pm	Royal British Legion at The Fox Inn, Fox Corner
Tue 14th	10.15am 7.00pm	Said Communion at St Michael's Pirbright followed by Cafe Club Pirbright WI at Lord Pirbright's Hall
Fri 17th	2.00pm - 4.00pm	Rawlins Garden Party at Brook Cottage
Sat 18th	2.30pm - 5.30pm	Annual Horticultural Society show at Lord Pirbright's Hall
Sun 19th	9.30am 11.15am	Holy Communion Service at St Michael's Pirbright Contemporary Service at St Mark's Church Hall GU3 2DA
Sat 25th	10.00am - 12.00pm 10.00am - 2.00pm	Chobham Common History Walk at Chobham Common Surrey Bramshill Forestry Fun at Bramshill Plantation Hampshire
Sun 26th	10.00am 10.00am - 2.00pm	Joint Holy Communion Service at St Michael's Pirbright The Wild Senses Trail at Caesar's Camp Surrey
Mon 27th	10.00am - 2.00pm 10.00am - 2.00pm 8.00pm - 10.30pm	Butterflies and Other Things with Wings at Chobham Common Wildfire Roadshow Berkshire at Wildmoor Heath Berkshire Chobham Nightjars at Chobham Common Surrey
Tue 28th	8.30am - 12.30pm 10.00am - 12.00pm 10.00am - 2.00pm	Discovering Scentwork Heathland Hounds at Yateley Common Pirbright Heathland Safari at Pirbright Common Surrey The Wild Senses Trail - Wildmoor Heath, Berkshire
Wed 29th	8.30am - 10.30am 10.00am - 2.00pm 10.00am - 2.00pm	Heathland Hounds Heathland Waggy Walk at Horsell Common Heathland Insect Walks at Horsell Common Family Nature Day (Hampshire County Council) at Yateley Common
Thur 30th	9.00am - 11.00am 11.00am - 3.00pm	Heathland Wildlife Filmmaking at Yateley Common Hampshire Reptile and Amphibian Roadshow at Ockham Common Surrey
Fri 31st	9.00am - 1.00pm 8.00pm - 10.30pm	Wildfire Roadshow Surrey at Barossa Whitmoor Nightjars at Whitmoor Common Surrey
Every Mon	10.00am - 11.30am	Baby & Toddler Group at St Michael's Pirbright Church Room (term time only)

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