



WISHING ALL OUR CHILDREN A WONDERFUL SUMMER

PARISH COUNCIL BY-ELECTION - WEDNESDAY 9TH AUGUST 2023

at Lord Pirbright's Hall Polling Station. A plea from the Parish Council to all residents of the parish to cast a vote in the first BY-ELECTION for a number of years. Please see Page 4 for more details and this month's FLYER.

PIRBRIGHT TWINNING ASSOCIATION—membership drive

Pirbright Twinning is a long-established community group with over 30 years of friendship with the people of Cagny, France. Our organisation exists to promote exchange visits for families, couples, and individuals. We charge a nominal annual membership per family of £10.00. We are self-funding through our fundraising events which are renowned for good, home cooked food, sourced locally. Members of Pirbright Twinning Association for three days every other year have the enjoyment of staying with French families. During this time, we are wined, dined, and entertained as well as experiencing different culture and lifestyle perspective that Normandie can offer. In the intervening years our guests are able to experience our culture and lifestyle whilst we host and entertain them in our houses, and show them the sights of the Southern England.

We welcome new members especially young families and people new to Pirbright. Let us know if you would like to find more about Pirbright Twinning Association please get in touch by email or on the number below to find out more.



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TRAVELLING PENGUINS

A man was driving down the road when a policeman stopped him. The officer looked in the back of the man's truck and said, "Why are these penguins in your truck?"

The man replied, "They are my penguins, they belong to me."

"You need to take them to the zoo," the policeman said.

The next day, the officer saw the same man driving down the road. He pulled him over again. He saw the penguins were still in the truck, but now they were wearing sunglasses

"I thought I told you to take these penguins to the zoo!" the officer said.

"I did," the man replied. "And they had a lovely time, so today I'm taking them to the beach."



ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH



Just a thought.....

To be honest with you...

How often, I wonder, do we say that or does someone say it to us? It has often occurred to me that many of the story lines in TV soap operas, or films, or books, would be a great deal shorter, probably less interesting, and certainly much less frustrating if characters were really honest with each other from the start.

Just watch a politician – irrespective of party – being interviewed: how many have you seen or heard giving a straight answer to a straight question? No, neither have I! On the international stage, how can we forget Russia's indignant denials that they were about to invade Ukraine?

'Let your 'yes' mean 'yes,' and your 'no' mean 'no.'¹

The same is true in real life: hiding the truth about a serious illness, or being in debt, or



struggling with a personal dilemma from your wife/husband/partner, family or friends can be very damaging, hurtful even, to that relationship. Or if someone says or does something that really upsets us, why not tell them? Be *honest*.

I doubt that anyone who was in church last month will ever forget the searingly personal, frank and honest announcement that Revd George made after we had celebrated his baby son Albie's baptism. Concern and uncertainty had been spreading about George's health, and could so easily have led to distortions of the truth. But Revd George's honesty dispelled all uncertainty in a moment.

It's true that the truth can be painful. But the pain that might come from dishonesty – our own or others' – can cause a lot more pain, if only because we'll be found out in the end. 'There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known'.²

Let's be honest...honesty *is* the best policy.

Revd Gary Williamson

¹Matthew 5:35, *Christian Standard Bible*

²Luke 12:2, *New International Version*

THE CIRCLE OF LIFE IN PIRBRIGHT

We welcome Elodie Hatton-Evans and Albion Watkinson to the family of God following their baptisms in July.

Our warmest congratulations to James and Zoe Savundra (née Travis) on their marriage in July.



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OPERATION CHURCHYARD

This summer, why not join us for fresh air and gentle exercise (and cake) and at the same time help to keep the churchyard the beautiful, wildlife friendly open space that we can all enjoy. Operation Churchyard welcomes any help, from all ages, on the second Saturday of every month, 10am to midday with a coffee (and cake) break.

Tools and support are provided, and you'll learn quite a bit about gardening too!

And did we mention the cake?



ANGEL TOTS

Our parent and toddler group has been such a special place this term, a sociable group for little ones to meet and play, and for parents to relax. We're having a summer break just now but we'll be back on Monday mornings on 4th September from 10am to 11:30am during the term time in the church room at St Michaels.

Do come and join us.



Come and join our new joint Prayer Group!

To build onto the success of the Prayer Course, a small prayer group from St Mark's and St Michael's will meet regularly on Monday mornings, at 10:30 in the Lady Chapel at St Michael's. A warm welcome awaits anyone who would like spend a quiet time in prayerful reflection, anyone who would like to be supported to pray for someone or something, or anyone who would simply like to spend time with God.

We anticipate that the group will evolve naturally and informally so please come and join us. It really couldn't be a better time to join together in prayer!



***'Again, I will tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For when two or three come together in my name, there I am with them.'* Matthew 18:19-20**

CUNNINGHAM HOUSE

Our newest resident at Cunningham House is a fantastic lady who enjoys a very competitive scrabble game, writing letters to her family and friends and a good old natter. Her sunny outlook on life is admirable as she has very poor eyesight due to advanced age-related macular degeneration. She perseveres with scrabble using a large print board and spotlight, and writes her letters by guesswork, guided by special writing paper. For her 95th birthday, she received an echo dot so that she can simply ask Alexa to play audiobooks or music. Having had great fun finding out what Alexa would play, her daughter got a phone call that evening..."I've forgotten her name, how do I ask her to stop?!" The dot now has a name tag....just in case!



PIRBRIGHT PARISH COUNCIL



PARISH COUNCIL BY-ELECTION - WEDNESDAY 9TH AUGUST at LORD PIRBRIGHT'S HALL

Pirbright Parish Council was formed in 1895 to promote the health, vitality and well-being of the community, to protect and enhance the environment of the village, the countryside around it and the quality of life for residents and visitors. It encourages community engagement, promotes inclusion and supports the activities of its community through planning, the environment and community initiatives.

The work of the Parish Council is funded by a council tax called a Precept which enables it to maintain the village green and pond, the sports field, its two car parks, three bus shelters, hundreds of trees, the children's playground, memorial benches and the war memorial which is currently being restored.

The BY-ELECTION on WEDNESDAY 9th AUGUST will elect a 7th Councillor and is the first BY-ELECTION for a number of years. The three candidates are as follows:

Mrs Lindsay Graham, Mrs Jane Hill and Mr Keith Rowe. Please support the democratic process by coming to the Village Hall to cast your **VOTE** for one of the candidates. The Hall will be open from 7am - 10pm. Voter ID will be required.

Overgrown Verges, Hedges obscuring view?

Surrey County Council have reduced their grass cutting schedule, partly to encourage wild flowers and insects. However, if you spot an obscured road sign or an overly neglected verge please email: highways@surreycc.gov.uk or call Surrey County Council on 0300 200 1003



Pirbright Parish Council

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You can't please everyone. But it is possible to make 'em all mad at the same time.

PIRBRIGHT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Thank you to everyone who supported our Annual Show on the 29th July by either visiting on the day or entering some of the classes. Thanks too to all those who advertised in the Show Schedule and to our sponsors. Results will be published in the September or October editions. Thank you too to all those who gave up so much time in order to stage this show.

REMINDER: Just to remind you that we DO NOT meet in August, so our next meeting will be on September 12th in the Clubroom of Lord Pirbright's Hall at 7.30 pm when our speaker will be Andrew Halstead talking on 'Beneficial insects in the garden'. Refreshments will be available as usual. Do come and join us for another interesting evening.

Philip Barralet



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Our meeting this month will be on Monday, 14th August so this is an opportunity for you to come and hear all about the Legion and its work. We meet in the Fox Inn at Fox Corner.

Anne Hawkins 01252 404276

PIRBRIGHT COUNTRY MARKET

August brings the lazy hazy days of high summer with afternoon tea in the garden, and here at Pirbright Country Market we have all the ingredients. The most delicious fresh baked cakes, pastries and savouries for miles around.

You will find us at Lord Pirbright's Hall every Thursday morning between 10am and 11.15am; where you will also find a vast selection of crafts, greetings cards and plants to suit all tastes and pockets.

Rosemary Richmond

PIRBRIGHT WI

Our barbecue will be held on 19th August and will be at Judy and Richard's place near Henley Park. This is for members only.

A map of the location will be sent out in due course and lifts will be arranged as needed.

The WI are still 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

RAWLINS CLUB

No meeting in August.

Denise Granger 01483 472070



ELEPHANT

A man with an elephant walked into a Cinema. "I'm afraid I can't let your elephant in here, sir," said the manager. "Oh, I assure you, he's very well behaved," the man said.

"All right then," the manager agreed, "if you're sure. ..."

After the film, the manager said to the man, "I'm very surprised! Your elephant was very well behaved, and he even seemed to enjoy the film!"

"Yes, I was surprised, too," said the man. "He hated the book."



PIRBRIGHT HISTORIANS

Confidence is growing that Howard's Farm, Cowshot, shown here in a 1905 photo, is the likeliest candidate for Edydyns, the property from June's article. Rescued from near ruin over 60 years ago by the present owner (there was a tree growing through the building), it is obviously of some antiquity by the timber framing and a 12ft oak main beam measuring some 12 inches square. At the Surrey History Centre, the last record for Edydyns is in 1748 and an assignment two years later shows Solomon Dayrolle of Henley Park as the owner of 'Cowshott House', from later records probably the same building.

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PIRBRIGHT GIRLS FOOTBALL CLUB

Pirbright Girls FC have had an incredible first season with a fantastic 26 girls joining us along the way. We now have three teams within the club, with our U9s registered on the Surrey Women & Girls League. Our inaugural season ended with the U9's first friendly match in which they earned a well-deserved 2-2 draw with Pirbright boys U9s. Both teams had a fantastic first match, working really hard together, we are proud of them all. The day was rounded off with trophies, and some celebratory cake-pops from the Waffle Station. Thank you to everyone that has helped the club take off: Founders Glenn (Head Coach) & Jennie (Chair); coaches Emma, Russ, Lottie & Ollie; Lee and everyone at Pirbright Football club; our very supportive families; and our sponsors - thank you to Fulk's for sponsoring our new goalposts, and to our lead sponsors Trigon Fire Safety who have enabled this local club to thrive. Without their contribution, we simply could not have made this happen. If you are interested in the club, or could volunteer with coaching or first aid, please contact us at pirbrightgirlsfc@yahoo.com or on Instagram @pirbright-girls Pirbright boys are also recruiting players from Years 4 & 5 – contact Rob at 07572681531 for more information.



FRIENDS OF PIRBRIGHT SURGERY Date for your diaries

Find out how the NHS can help you at a public meeting in Pirbright School on Thursday 14th September at 7pm. Hear speakers and visit a number of stalls with advice on where to go for what. Open to all.

PIRBRIGHT TENNIS CLUB

I watch Wimbledon and try to understand how these players hit the ball so hard with top spin. Hold the racket differently, drop racket below the wrist, brushing the ball and swinging the racket across the body. That's the technique, but can I do it? No! I suppose it's coaching and lots more practice I need. But I still love tennis. The other thing that amazes me is how all these talented players from different countries speak English when interviewed after their win. I'd struggle to speak schoolboy Spanish after my win in Spain!

Tennis is fun for all age groups and for beginners and experienced players. So



come along to our regular relaxed Tuesday evening Club Night from 6.30pm. All welcome. Join our WhatsApp group to see who's playing – contact Paul Kelly on info@pirbrighttennisclub.com

New members: please contact Fiona Robotham: info@pirbrighttennisclub.com

David Greenland

PIRBRIGHT CRICKET CLUB

Don't miss the English National Opera cricket match, on Sunday 3rd September, a high-light of our cricketing year! Play is from 12:00 followed by musical performances and BBQ from 17:00 where all are welcome ... bring a chair !



Graeme Marks 07821 412138

CHURCHYARD CHRONICLES

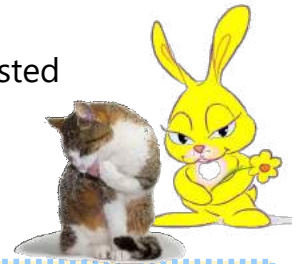
Beware children carrying sick animals, that's my motto. But the child in front of me was insistent. 'I've come to see Harold, because my cat's poorly.' Harold? 'Yes, Harold the farmer, the one who paints pictures!' I was about to make my excuses and escape when that vagrant appeared. You know the one, long hair and beard, wears an old dressing gown and sandals. He's often around the church, and oddly enough, even though he's very scruffy and no one knows where he comes from, everyone seems to trust him. So I wasn't surprised when the child thrust her sick cat into his arms. He looked at the limp cat, stroked its ears and rubbed its tummy. The cat suddenly shook itself, coughed some stuff out of its mouth, then it jumped down, stretched and started to wash.

'Just a fur ball', said the vagrant, 'He should be fine now.'

The child hugged the cat and then, to my horror, hugged the vagrant.

'Shall we say thank you, with those special words that you know?' suggested the vagrant gently. At which, they both put their hands together, closed their eyes and began,

"Our Farmer, who does art in heaven, Harold be thy name....."

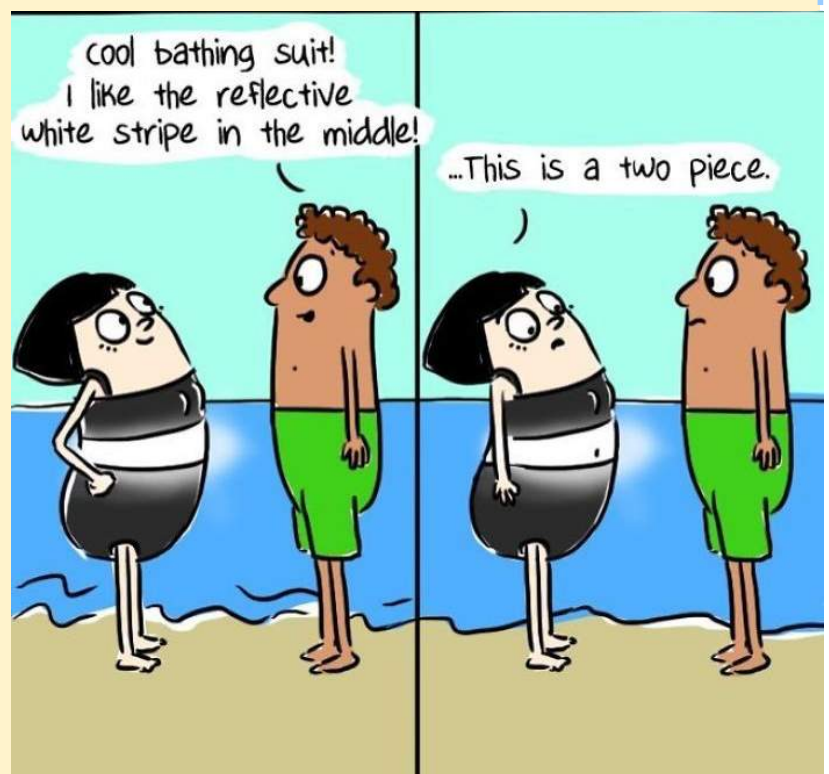


AUGUST GARDENING TIPS from Wellie

Raise the cutting height on your mower so that lawns can cope better in the hot dry weather. Feed your lawn with a high phosphate feed which will strengthen the roots for the winter. Mow meadows now to help scatter established wildflower seeds.

Water containers, new plants, rhododendrons and camellias. Continue dead-heading faded blooms but consider leaving some seedheads for the birds to eat. Cut back herbs now to encourage new growth which you can then harvest before any frosts. Trim lavender plants now. Keep harvesting vegetables as they are ready which will then encourage the plants to put energy into new vegetables. Pinch out the tips of climbing runner and French beans when they have reached the top of the frame they are growing on.

Continue to summer prune wisteria, cutting back the wispy growth. Check levels in ponds and water features, top up if necessary. Take cuttings of tender perennials such as fuchsia and pelargoniums. Prune climbing and rambling roses after they have flowered unless they are repeat flowering types. Prune summer flowering shrubs after flowering. Continue to keep bird baths filled with water for visiting birds.



PIRBRIGHT COMMUNITY CALENDAR AUGUST 2023

2	Wed	2:30pm	Scrabble at Cunningham House
6	Sun	9:30am	Family service with Church Band, St Michael's
7	Mon	10:30am	Prayer group, Lady Chapel, St Michael's
9	Wed	7am-9pm 2:30pm	By-Election, Lord Pirbright's Hall Craft circle at Cunningham House
13	Sun	9:30am	Holy Communion, St Michael's Church
14	Mon	10:30am 8:00pm	Prayer group, Lady Chapel, St Michael's Royal British Legion Meeting, The Fox Inn at Fox Corner
19	Sat		WI Barbecue
20	Sun	9:30am	Holy Communion, St Michael's Church
21	Mon	10:30am	Prayer group, Lady Chapel, St Michael's
22	Tues	10:00am	Craft Coffee and Chat in the Church Room
27	Sun	9:30am	Holy Communion Service St Michael's Church
28	Mon	10:30am	Prayer group, Lady Chapel, St Michael's



Bread is a lot like the sun—it rises in the yeast and sets on the waist

PERIBOOKS BOOK SWAP

Whether you are travelling abroad or holidaying at home, don't forget to stock up with great reads at Pirbright's community book swap, opposite the bell tower gate in Blind Lane. And if you bought a great book at the airport, do drop it into the book swap for others to enjoy afterwards. Children, especially those early in their life as a reader, can really benefit from keeping up the good reading habits they have learned at school, which can be a little difficult during the long summer holiday. So please do bring any books that your children have outgrown, which are still in good condition, to help others develop the joy of reading.



CHILDREN'S KITCHEN GLOSSARY

Boil: The point a parent reaches upon hearing "Yuck" before a food is even tasted.



Casserole: Combination of favourite foods that go uneaten because they are mixed together.

Desert: The reason for eating a meal.

Evaporate: Magic trick performed by children when it's time to clear the table.

Fruit: Something that is never to be confused with dessert.

Refrigerator A very expensive and inefficient room air conditioner when not being used as an art gallery.

Table leg: Percussion instrument.

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