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CUNNINGHAM HOUSE

It transpires that our newest resident is quite a dab hand with a ditty! Our favourite is, appropriately, about old age.



When I am old, by Eunice Hawkins

*When I am old,
I'll be jolly and bold,
With freedom to wear what I please;
Large flowers on my hat,
Flapping cape like a bat,
And boots that come over my knees.

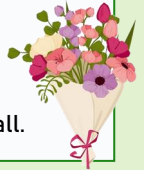
My hair may be greyed,
And my faculties fade,
But my garden will flourish and grow.
My pumpkins and marrows
Will flatten wheelbarrows,
My beans will be best in the Show.

If missing my mate,
I shall sit at the gate,
And call to young men, "Hello handsome!"
Or I'll kidnap the man
In the Meals on Wheels van,
Eat dinner, then hold him to ransom.

Oh when I am old,
I'll be jolly and bold,
A champion of children and pets.
And, like an old horse,
When I've run the full course,
They can put me to sleep at the vets!*

MOTHERING SUNDAY 10th March

Thank you to all Pirbright's Mums, Step Mums, Mums to be, would-be Mums and Grandmums. We love you all.



CLOCKS SPRING FORWARD
at 2am on 31st March



Sleepless Saving Time

Twice a year, we change the clocks for daylight-savings time. And twice a year, my normally punctual assistant arrives late to work the following Monday. I finally had to find out why. "Do you have a problem remembering whether to spring forward or fall back?" I asked. "Oh, no," she said, pouring herself a cup of coffee. "What gets to me is staying up until 1 a.m. to change my clock."

This month's banner image
The Gardens, Pirbright

ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH

CHURCH ON THE GREEN

What a wonderful experience we had in January and February at Church on the Green! 103 people came to the first event, with 22 children! A huge thank you to all of you who came to support this new initiative of Church in the heart of the community.

Also, a huge thank you to everyone who helped to make it happen.

We're really excited that there will be many more to come; March 24th at 3pm (note the slightly later time), April 28th at 10am, May 19th at 10am and June 30th at 10am.

Children's activities, a bouncy castle, a good breakfast, and alternative Christian worship.

If you missed it, I was interviewed on BBC Radio Surrey to talk about this new initiative the church is involved with. Please catch up on the website and www.pirbrightchurch.org.uk/aboutus.htm

We have also had a great response to the Alpha course, which has been regularly attended by up to fifty people. It has been a wonderful opportunity to explore and discuss the Christian faith, with no questions out of bounds.

If you missed it this time around, don't worry, we will be running another course later in the year - more details to follow.

Every blessing, Rev'd George

MOTHERING SUNDAY 10th March

Join us to say thank you for all Mums - past, present and future.

St Michaels Church at 9:30am

PALM SUNDAY CHURCH ON THE GREEN 24th March

Bouncy castle *and* palm waving - this one is not to be missed! At the special time of 3pm in Lord Pirbright's Hall



GOOD FRIDAY 29th March

A soulful reflection on the sacrifice Jesus made for each one of us.

St Michael's Church at 2pm

EASTER SUNDAY 31st March

A joyful celebration for young and old of the Risen Christ. St Michaels Church 9:30am followed by an egg hunt in the churchyard.



When summer comes, if the children have ice-cream at Church on the Green, will that be Sundae School?

THE CIRCLE OF LIFE IN PIRBRIGHT

We remember Margaret Rosie Whicher, who died in January 2024 and whose life was celebrated in a memorial service at St Michael's Church in February.



TAIZE WORSHIP

Taize (pronounced tay-zay) is a simple, reflective form of worship, combining gentle music, repetitive chants and prayers, with readings and space for thought. It is often candle lit, so it is atmospheric and deeply moving. It is an opportunity to step outside the bustle and stress of modern life, and to focus on God in a different and fulfilling way.

Our first service is on Tuesday 26th March, at 6:00pm, in the Lady Chapel at St Michael's Church.

Do join us – you would be so welcome!



CHURCH PLANT SALE 11th May

Pop the date in your diary and if you have any small pots or multi pack growing boxes for seedlings, please leave them by the church kitchen door. Thank you!

PIRBRIGHT VILLAGE FAIR

June 8th



Want some help with ideas for the Paris Olympics themed exhibition on the Little Green?

Join us at one of two practical sessions on **Saturday 6 April at 10 and 11am in the Church Room**. We will give you practical ideas and materials for simple scarecrow construction, examples from the past and ideas to inspire you. You will go home buzzing with excitement and confidence and raring to go!

Calling small time crafters!

Have you ever fancied selling your treasures at the Village Fair, but don't produce enough to justify a stall?

We are hoping to have a craft mini-market in LPH on the day of the Fair.

If interested, please contact Sara, at sara_dennis@talktalk.net or call 07745 417137, or 473108 to discuss.

PIRBRIGHT HISTORIANS - Annie Livingstone-Wilson

The journalist Henry Morton Stanley is best known for his immortal "Dr Livingstone, I presume?" line. But to Pibrbright people he is remembered for living at Furze Hill and being buried in St Michael's Churchyard, marked by an enormous granite stone. Much less well-known is that David Livingstone's last-surviving child, Annie Livingstone-Wilson, lived in Malthouse Lane between 1929 and 1933 when she was in her early 70's, in a house she named Ulva Cottage, Ulva is the island where David Livingstone's father had been born in the 1780's. After only four years in Pibrbright, she returned to Scotland, where she died in 1939. Ulva Cottage is today named Derry Cottage, and looks very different to how it did 90 years ago.

Calling all Pirbright Clubs & Societies Monday 15th April and Annual Parish Meeting

The Parish Council's annual report to our community will take place in Lord Pirbright's Hall on the evening of 15th April. This year, as a change in format, the Council will be hosting local clubs, societies and associations to publicise their organisations to members of the public from 6.30pm. The aim is to encourage as many residents as possible to come and see just how many opportunities exist to get involved in sport, recreation and other activities in Pirbright. There really is something for everyone!

If you are part of a book club, bridge club or other interest group, and would like to increase your numbers or are looking for somewhere to start a group, please contact the Clerk as the Pavilion or Village Hall would be perfect venues!

At 8pm Parish Councillors will give a short report on the projects that have taken place around the Parish in the last year and those planned for the year ahead.

It will also be an opportunity to ask questions and find out about what the role of a Councillor entails.

Refreshments and nibbles will be served throughout the evening.

Lord Pirbright's Hall

In response to local requests, a defibrillator has been installed on the outside wall of the Hall. The equipment has a step-by-step guide and is conveniently located close to the playground, main Green and of course the hall. The Trustees would like to thank all those who have made the funding possible to purchase this hi-tech equipment.



Yellow Lines

As you will have noticed, Guildford Borough Council have now installed double yellow lines along Avenue D'Cagny and its junction with The Green. Notices have been posted and enforcement officers will be patrolling over the coming weeks, so hopefully this should ease movement around the Green.

Date for the Diary - Saturday 29th June

The Parish Council are working with the MoD to host a Community Picnic on the Village Green to celebrate Armed Forces Day. More info to come in the April PeriNews.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

If you would like to learn about the Legion the please join us on March 11th at 8pm at The Fox, Fox Corner and we will be happy to tell you all about it.

Anne Hawkins. 01252 404276

PIRBRIGHT WI

'*Murderous Women*' is our talk this month, with David Chaveh on Tuesday March 19 at 7pm in the Club Room in Lord Pirbright's Hall. Visitors welcome.

The WI serve coffee & tea with biscuits on Thursday mornings 10am to 11.15am at the **Pirbright Country Market**. Do pop in!

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PIRBRIGHT COUNTRY MARKET

*March brings breezes loud and shrill,
Stirs the dancing daffodil.*

Lord Pirbright's Hall every Thursday 10am to 11.15am, for home made cakes, savouries, preserves, plants and crafts,

COFFEE, CRAFT & CHAT

Tuesday 26th 10:00am in the church room

PIRBRIGHT TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Crêpe Supper - Saturday 09 March at 6.30pm at Lord Pirbright's Hall.

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

RAWLINS CLUB

On Friday 8th March, 2.00 - 4.00pm in Lord Pirbright's Hall the talk will be "The River Kwai Railway: The True Story" by Paul Whittle

Denise Granger 01483 472070

PIRBRIGHT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

On Tuesday 12th March Jim Arbury talks on 'Fruit for small gardens', in the Clubroom of Lord Pirbright's Hall at 7:30pm. Hopefully we will be able to judge the Daffodil competition!

Subscriptions are now overdue so they would be very much appreciated. You can pay by cash, card or cheque at the meeting. Refreshments will be available as usual. Members, visitors and guests always welcome. Looking forward to seeing you all,
Philip Barralet



God created March to show people who don't drink what a hangover is like
~ Garrison Keillor

The Pirbright Singers present John Rutter's *Requiem* and other pieces on Saturday, 23rd March 2024 at 7.30pm in St Michael's church. Doors open at 7pm and tickets are available at £15 for adults on the door (cash or card). We are delighted to once again welcome James Norton *Organ*, The Crane Ensemble and guest soloist Clare Aldrich *Soprano*.

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



PIRBRIGHT GIRLS FOOTBALL CLUB

It's been a fantastic first half of season for Pirbright Girls FC. Both teams (U10s & U8s) have had some exhilarating games and well-earned wins – most notably a 6-1 away win for the U10s, and 10-3 for the U8s. However, the focus is firmly on fun and development, learning from the losses as well as successes to develop week on week.

Both squads are fully subscribed but we are accepting new club members on a training-only basis. We are looking for more coaches to help (in particular more female coaches). If you're interested, or know someone who is, please get in touch pirbrightgirlsfc@yahoo.com

Special thanks to our sponsors: Trigon Fire Safety Ltd, Reality Finance and Fulks Bros. Their continued support helps provide 27 girls with this incredible opportunity to play the sport they love. Thank you!



PIRBRIGHT VILLAGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Some wonderful volunteers have been helping to make our school a bright and inviting environment for all our children.

First up a huge cheer for Mrs Jess Sawyer who has created a stunning mural for the Art Suite. It took her several weeks, but she has transformed the space into a room which will inspire everyone—not just the children! You are a star Mrs Sawyer!



During half term a team of volunteers from BOC Linde Group came to paint the school hall. They did a wonderful job and the hall now looks fresh and bright, an inviting environment for our children and a terrific back drop for their art!



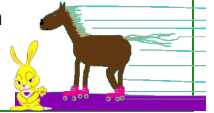
Heartfelt THANKS to all our volunteers!

I was watching a dog chasing its tail, and thinking “Dogs are easily amused”
Then I realised I was watching a dog chasing its tail.



CHURCHYARD CHRONICLES

Shhh, pretend you haven't seen me! I'm hiding from my cousin Harold, the Mad March Hare. He has A Plan, and Cousin Harold's plans are always trouble. One Shrove Tuesday he invented an automated pancake maker with super-sprung tossing facility. It took days to scrape the pancakes off the ceiling and of course everyone blamed me. Then there was the Palm Sunday when he decided to speed up the procession by putting the donkey on roller skates. Who could have predicted that the donkey would be so good at skating?! It was off down Church Lane like rocket with the child playing Jesus hanging on for his life. I got the blame, *again*. But last year was the worst, with his plan to train sniffer dogs to find all the Easter eggs missed by the children in the churchyard Easter Egg Hunt. Unfortunately the dogs got out a little early and there were none left for the children to find. (Actually, that might have been me, and the eggs were delicious.) His latest plan is something to do with Church on the Green and burrowing under the bouncy castle to get to the croissants. Hmmm, now I come to think about it, he might just be onto something!



PIRBRIGHT TENNIS CLUB

[https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/
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www.facebook.com/pirbrighttennisclub

Subscriptions for members need to be renewed by 1st April. No increase. Please renew online. New members can also join online by going to 'Membership' on our website. Any problems contact Fiona



Robotham info@pirbrighttennisclub.com

We will welcome Spring on Tuesday 9th April with a BBQ all welcome. Put it in your diary now!

If you need coaching for adults or juniors contact Michael on 07748 767339 or email: jefferiesmichael@hotmail.com or visit the *Coaching* page on our website for regular coaching.
David Greenland

MARCH GARDENING TIPS from Wellie

Dead head daffodil bulbs, but leave the foliage to die back naturally. Plant lilies and other summer bulbs in pots or borders. Feed ericaceous shrubs such as rhododendrons, azaleas, camellias and pieris with an ericaceous fertilizer. Finish pruning roses early in the month. Cut dogwoods, willows and cotinus to promote vigorous new growth. Sow tomatoes, chillies, sweet peppers and aubergines indoors. Plant onions and shallot sets. Plant first early potatoes, sow parsnips when the soil starts to warm up. Give lawns a spring feed. Cut back winter flowering jasmine after it has finished flowering. Lift and divide overgrown clumps of perennials.



PIRBRIGHT COMMUNITY CALENDAR MARCH 2024

3	Sun	9:30am	Family Service with Church Band, St Michael's
6	Wed	7:30pm	Alpha Course session 7, St Mark's Church, Hall Wyke
7	Thur	2:30pm	Scrabble at Cunningham House
8	Fri	2:00pm	Rawlins Club, "The River Kwai Railway" Paul Whittle ', LPH
9	Sat	6:30pm	Twinning Association Crepe Supper, LPH
10	Sun	9:30am	Mothering Sunday Service , St Michael's Church
11	Mon	8:00pm	Royal British Legion meeting, The Fox Inn at Fox Corner
12	Tue	7:30pm	Horticultural Soc, 'Fruit for small gardens', LPH
13	Wed	2:30pm	Craft Circle at Cunningham House
		7:30pm	Alpha Course session 8, St Mark's Church Hall, Wyke
17	Sun	9:30am	Holy Communion, St Michael's Church
19	Tue	10:15am	Mid-week Said Communion and Café Club, St Michael's
		7:00pm	Pirbright WI, ' <i>Murderous Women</i> ', LPH
23	Sat	7:00pm	Pirbright Singers, Rutter's Requiem, St Michael's Church
24	Sun	3:00pm	Palm Sunday Church on the Green, LPH
26	Tue	10:00am	Craft, Coffee and Chat in the Church Room
		6:00pm	Taize service , St Michael's
30	Sat	bedtime	Don't forget to turn your clocks forward!
31	Sun	9:30pm	Easter Sunday service (with Easter Egg hunt)

RETURN OF THE CARDIFF ARMS PARK MALE CHOIR! Save the Date, Philip Barralet

This wonderful choir will be back for a concert in St Michael's church on Saturday 19th October at 2:30 pm. The event will raise funds for Shooting Star Children's Hospices and Cure Parkinson's charities. More info to come but put it in your diary now.

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