

# PERI NEWS

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## PIRBRIGHT PLAYERS

### At the VILLAGE SUMMER FAIR

Pirbright Players celebrate the Paris Olympics themed Village Fair on 8th June with a game of musical chairs to the soundtrack of Vangelis's Film, *Chariots of Fire*, about the Paris Olympics, 1924.

Anyone can enter this with different age groups from under 5s to 80 plus.

Chairs are set out in the middle of a circular track in the main arena.

The runners run around the track in slow motion to the music, playing a game of musical chairs. Prizes for the winners! Look forward to seeing you running!

## PIRBRIGHT TWINNING ASSOCIATION

### French Visit - Vin d'Honneur

#### Pirbright Church Room

Friday 17th May at 6.00pm.

A warm and open invitation to all those living in the village to the formal welcome Vin d'Honneur for our friends from Cagny in the Pirbright Church room on Friday 17th May @ 6.00pm.

It is a special year for the people of Cagny as it represents the 80th anniversary of their liberation in WW2.

**A NEW DEFIBRILLATOR** has been installed in Lord Pirbright's Hall for emergency use. There is a small shortfall in the funding so we would like to propose that groups using the hall and local residents might make a voluntary contribution towards the cost. For more information on how to contribute, please contact Catherine at Lord Pirbright's Hall: [lp@pirbright-pc.gov.uk](mailto:lp@pirbright-pc.gov.uk)

*Irene Dredge, Pirbright Resident.*

## BELLTOWER OPEN DAY

Saturday 25th May 10-12am

### St Michael's Church

You've heard the bells ringing on a Sunday morning—ever wondered how they work, who rings them, why they sound so different from bells ringing in other parts of the world? Ever fancied a go.....?

This is your chance to find out about bells and bellringing, to meet our local band of ringers, and to try your hand at ringing. Take the Tenor Challenge - can you get it to chime? Come and find out.

Oh, and there will be cake!

This month's banner image  
Pirbright Pond by Simon Aldrich

### A Problem Shared...

There are times in all our lives when we're faced a problem or dilemma that we really struggle to find our way through without the help and support of someone who has 'been there, done that'. They may not necessarily have the right answer for you, but it can be comforting, as well as helpful, to talk to someone who will just listen, and not judge.

There's a great deal of truth in the saying, 'a problem shared is a problem halved'. The world today is a much smaller place than it ever has been; communication is easier than ever before, and you can talk to someone anywhere in the world at the click of a mouse. But if you don't have family close at hand and you feel more comfortable talking to a real live person you need to be part of a bigger family. A real community of people who care, who will never turn you away or shrug and say, 'not my problem'.

I read Julia Douetil's excellent and thought-provoking piece in last month's PeriNews

with considerable interest.

George, our new Vicar, has in so many ways galvanised the church – and the community. New people are coming along to church services – especially Church on the Green – and asking questions, including 'What can I do?' And in some cases looking for someone to confide in, someone to *listen*. The church is just one of many community organisations in our village. But unlike some it's open to *every-one*: whoever or whatever you are, no qualifications needed. As part of the church community you can – if you want to – offer your services as a volunteer. You may find yourself being able to share your life experiences with someone who is looking for help or guidance, and reach out to them. Or you can just come and enjoy the spirit (Holy or otherwise!) of our community. Being part of the church community is a wonderful way to guide ourselves and others through life and, one hopes, to give us some peace from the busyness around us.

Come along and see. Let's pull together to help bring a sense of real togetherness to our community. Our family. Our church. Come along and reach out to God, the Head of the family, who *never* turns you away, who *always* listens.

Let's look forward with hope to the future.

Rev'd Gary Williamson



### THE CIRCLE OF LIFE IN PIRBRIGHT

We remember with gratitude the lives of Jean Burrows, and Eric Barker .

"Remember, God loves you not for who you are or what you do. He loves you because he loves you." Trina Simpson



### ANNUAL CHURCH PARISH MEETING

Sunday 26th May 3:00pm

In the church room.

This meeting, deferred from April, is your opportunity to come and hear about how the church is run and what we have been doing in the past year. Find out what our aims and priorities are, how the money we raise is used to support the building and our work in the wider Pirbright community.

This is the meeting where you can find out about our plans for the future, and perhaps even help us to shape them.

### MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING

Is there someone, or something, that you would like to pray for? Or would you welcome an opportunity to take a moment away from the busyness of modern life, to immerse yourself in quiet prayer? Join us for regular, simple prayer meetings in the evening of the third Sunday of each month. They will alternate between St Michael's and St Mark's, starting at St Michael's on Sunday 19th May at 6:30–7:30 in the Lady Chapel.

### CHURCH PLANT SALE

St Michael's churchyard

11th May 11:00am–2:00pm

Don't miss the annual church Plant Sale in St. Michael's churchyard. Select from a wide range of annual, perennial and vegetable plants. Find the perfect hanging baskets to brighten up your walls and doorways.. With locally grown plants you can be sure they will do well in your garden, and there is plenty of expertise on hand to help you make the best of your garden, including PeriNews' resident horticultural expert, Wellie.

Pick up a bargain on the garden paraphernalia stall, maybe that perfect eye catching ornament, or a handy garden tool . Then put your feet up and enjoy the fruits of your labour with a cuppa and a slice of home made cake from the cake stall,

It's not only plants, you can enjoy refreshments as you browse, including the irresistible sausage sizzle with local Filk's sausages.

All proceeds go to support our Parish Church and its work in the community.

### CUNNINGHAM HOUSE

As we age, we generally expect to have increasing trouble with hearing and eyesight. Technology now offers a wide range of aids to help hearing, including rechargeable hearing aids and aids which are controlled on a mobile phone app. And for visually impaired people, it seems that with the right equipment, Alexa can do pretty much anything you ask! The big but for older people who haven't grown up with technology is being able to operate it to be able to benefit. For our resident with advanced AMD, her most successful aid is her talking watch. Simply press a button and it tells the time in quite a loud voice. The big but with this, however, occurred in the middle of a church service when the talking watch announced mid sermon "the time is .....". Sorry Rev George! With bad hearing too, she didn't think anyone else would hear!



### **Army Training Centre (Pirbright) comes to Pirbright Village Green for Armed Forces Day**

On 29th June, to celebrate Armed Forces Day, the village Green will play host to the Army Training Centre (Pirbright). There will be an Army-themed obstacle course, bouncy castles, cam-cream face painting and games including inflatable sumo suits and tug of war finale. All activities will be free of charge and organised in partnership with the Parish Council and personnel from the Army Training Centre, Pirbright (ATC (P)). The event will be opened by the Commandant of the Soldier Academy and attended by Senior Military personnel from ATC (P) and the Mayor of Guildford. We are fortunate that a number of local businesses are providing sponsorship to significantly enhance the event. There will be a range of information tents around the green for you to visit, many with activities or displays including a captivating Ghurkha experience, the Military Wives Choir from the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, Brookwood Primary School Choir and the Army Medical Services (AMS) Marching Band. There will also be a variety of catering vans in attendance. Free visitor parking will be available in Lawson's field.

**We look forward to seeing you and your families and friends on Saturday 29th June on Pirbright Village Green!**

### **Pirbright Parish Council Annual Assembly and Exhibition**

We held our 127<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly on 15<sup>th</sup> April in Lord Pirbright's Hall and included a very successful exhibition of 21 local Clubs and Societies. Chair, Cllr Steve Fidgett gave a report of the Parish Council's activities and financial expenditure over the past year and projections for the year ahead. This included the completion of the Community Sports Pavilion as an asset for the community and is available for hire. Chair of Trustees for Lord Pirbright's Hall, Cllr David Woollett gave a report on the village and proposed refurbishment in the coming months. Minutes of the Assembly are on the PPC website.



**ARMED FORCES DAY**  
**29 JUNE 2024**

### **D Day80 - Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June**

This nationally supported event is taking place at the Normandy Fruit Farm with details on the Pirbright Parish Council website. Councillors from Pirbright will be attending and it is open to all.

## COMMUNITY GROUPS

### RAWLINS CLUB

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May is our trip to the Weald & Downland Museum. A chance to see where they film the Repair Shop. The Coach will leave from the back of Lord Pirbright's Hall at 10.30am

*Denise Granger 01483 472070*

### PIRBRIGHT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Our daffodil competition was won by Pam Talbot who received an RHS Daffodil mug. Well done Pam and many thanks to the other competitors. The next meeting is on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May in the Clubroom of Lord Pirbright's Hall at 7.30 pm when principal judge, Geoff Peach, will host a quiz testing your gardening knowledge.

Guests, visitors and members welcome. Refreshments will be available as usual. Please visit our website for up to date details of all our activities

[www.pirbrighthort.co.uk](http://www.pirbrighthort.co.uk) .

**Plant Sale** Saturday and Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> May. This year cash, card or cheque payments possible. Please donate good quality plants or produce for sale. Plants need to be good quality and labelled please and should be delivered to Pauline Allen's by Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May please  
**Annual Show** Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July  
Schedules now available on our new website and every house should receive a hand delivered copy.

### PIRBRIGHT TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Summer BBQ - Noon on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024 Lord Pirbright's Hall  
Tickets available @ £13 for members and £15 for non-members.

### ROYAL BRITISH LEGION.

Contact - Anne Hawkins. 01252 404276  
Please join us for our monthly meeting at 8pm on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> May at the Fox Inn, Fox Corner when you can learn about the Legion. Or just enjoy a drink with like minded people. Also, a reminder about our Annual Dinner commemorating the Liberation of Cagny, at Chobham Golf Club on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> July.

### PIRBRIGHT WI

Our Birthday Meeting is on Tuesday May 21 at 7pm in the Club Room in Lord Pirbright's Hall. Members are invited to submit entries for the Birthday Competition which this year are to be for something blue.

We will also discuss the proposed resolution 'Dental Health Matters' for the NFWIs Annual Meeting at the Royal Albert Hall.

The WI serve coffees and teas with biscuits on Thursday mornings 10am to 11.15am. When you pop into the Country Market why not visit us. Irene Dredge 233279 or [iredredge@outlook.com](mailto:iredredge@outlook.com)

### NORMANDY THERAPY GARDEN

Close to Manor Fruit Farm, Glaziers Lane, Normandy, the Therapy Garden uses the power of gardening to support people going through a difficult time in their lives. It not generally open to the public, but is opening on 19<sup>th</sup> May 10:00am—4:00pm as part of the National Garden Scheme. To find out more, or to consider volunteering at the garden, go to [www.thetherapygarden.org](http://www.thetherapygarden.org) or phone 01483 813846.

### THE WHITE HART PIRBRIGHT supports serving members of the armed forces.

In recognition of the close connection between the Pirbright community and the military, The White Hart pub is offering 20% discount on food and drinks on the production of proof of being a current serving member of the armed forces.

The White Hart has been at the heart of the Pirbright community for centuries, as a meeting place and social centre. During the two world wars, it no doubt offered a welcome distraction for the thousands of conscripted soldiers passing through the Pirbright Barracks. Recently refurbished, The White Hart prides itself on being a welcoming and friendly local pub, serving the community as it has for generations past. And, with summer in sight, the garden will come into its own.



### PIRBRIGHT CRICKET CLUB

Eight Penguins descended on Lord's in March to play five matches in a round robin competition. We won two (the MCC and Valley End), losing to Notts CCC, Yorkshire CC and annoyingly Cobham by 3 runs. It was a most enjoyable day, very well organised and played in the right spirit. A big thank you to all .



I named my dog 6 miles so I can tell people that I walk 6 miles every single day.

### PIRBRIGHT TENNIS CLUB

Come and play in the American Tournament on **Sunday 19th May**.

You'll enjoy a friendly tournament and a delicious BBQ with drinks, tea and cakes. For more details visit Events/Tournaments on our website or contact [in-fo@pirbrighttennisclub.com](mailto:info@pirbrighttennisclub.com) to enter. <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/PirbrightTennisClub>



### PIRBRIGHT'S UPCOMING SQUASH CHAMPION

Congratulations to Euan Thomson, who was a pupil of Pirbright Village Primary School until last July, when he gained a scholarship to the Salesian College. Euan represented England in the recent under thirteens category of the 5 Nations Squash Tournament. England won the tournament five love and Euan won all of his games. Definitely one to watch!





## PIRBRIGHT HISTORIANS

Bakersgate is one of very few 15<sup>th</sup> century buildings in Pirbright which survive today. Unsurprisingly, it is a Grade II listed building. Several generations of the original Baker family – each named John Baker – farmed 100+ acres there for over 300 years, but the family left Pirbright in 1798, at the start of the Napoleonic Wars. The photo is of the Slaughter family at the house in 1871. Notable owners from 1928 onwards were Charles Lyle, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Baron Lyle of Westbourne, and his wife Joyce. He was a grandson of Abram Lyle, who had created Lyle's Golden Syrup in the 1880s, with its distinctive

lion and bees symbol – the world's oldest surviving brand apparently (but under threat from this year's rebranding exercise at the company). Charles and Joyce were well-known in Pirbright and lived in Bakersgate in some style until Charles's death in 1976. Joyce remarried and remained at Bakersgate until 1983. A full history of Bakersgate can be read at [www.foxcornerhistory.com](http://www.foxcornerhistory.com).



## MAY GARDENING TIPS from Wellie

Hoe borders to remove weed seedlings. Mow lawns regularly now, apply a weed, feed and moss treatment if not already done. Sow lawns or lay turf. Spray paths for weeds. Prune spring-flowering shrubs such as Choisya and Ribes after flowering. Check for nesting birds before trimming any hedges. Tie in climbing and rambling roses as near to horizontal as possible. Tie in shoots of clematis and sweet peas as they climb. Trim back Alyssum, winter flowering heathers and Aubrieta after flowering to encourage fresh growth. Plant out summer bedding towards the end of the month, after all risk of frost have gone. Watch out for slug and snail damage. Did you know that there are over 40 different types of slugs in the UK but only a few of them actually cause damage to our plants. Watch out for viburnum and lily beetle grubs. Keep earthing up potatoes, and plant any that are still remaining. Put straw around strawberry plants, then net to protect fruit from hungry birds. French and runner beans, and

sweetcorn, can be sown outside now. Start removing side shoots from the leaf axils of cordon tomatoes. Hang pheromone traps in apple trees to check for codling moths.



## PIRBRIGHT COMMUNITY CALENDAR MAY 2024

2	Thur	2:30pm	Scrabble at Cunningham House
5	Sun	10:00am	Family service with church band, St Michael's
8	Wed	2:30pm	Craft Circle at Cunningham House
10	Fri	10:30am	Rawlins Club, Trip to Weald & Downland Museum
11	Sat	11:00am	Church Plant Sale
12	Sun	9:30am	Holy Communion, St Michael's
13	Mon	8:00pm	Royal British Legion, The Fox Inn
14	Tue	10:15am 7:30pm	Mid week communion with café club, St Michael's Horticultural Society, 'Gardening Quiz', LPH
18	Sat	10:00am	Horticultural Society plant sale
19	Sun	9:30am 10:00am 12:30pm 6:30pm	Holy Communion, St Michael's Horticultural Society plant sale Tennis Club American Tournament Prayer meeting, St Michael's Church, Lady Chapel
21	Tue	7:00pm	Pirbright WI Birthday meeting, LPH
25	Sat	10:00pm	Bell tower open day, St Michael's Church
26	Sun	10:00am 3:00pm	Church on the Green, LPH Annual Church Meeting St Michael's Church
28	Tue	10:00am	Craft Coffee and Chat in the Church Room

### PIRBRIGHT VILLAGE PRIMARY SCHOOL—SUMMER FAIR—Sat 15th June

An action packed day for all the family, to help raise much needed funds for our village primary school. There is so much to do, all sorts of treats to eat and drink, a great selection of stalls, games and displays. And don't miss the epic waterslide!

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