

## Over 100 Gather as New Services Launch with Joy and Purpose

We're thrilled to share that last month's launch of the new services at St. Michael's, Pirbright, and St. Marks, Wyke, was a huge success! Our Traditional Services welcomed both familiar faces and newcomers—some of whom were joining us for the first time. Then our Contemporary Worship Services brought energy, joy, and heartfelt worship to a room full of people hungry to encounter God. Across both services there were over 100 people gathered—an encouraging sign that God is at work in this new chapter.

To help live out this vision, we're excited to be stepping into this new service plan—one that creates space for people at all stages of faith to worship, explore, and encounter Jesus in ways that are meaningful to them. Whether through a more traditional liturgy or a contemporary expression of praise, our aim is the same: to meet people where they are and lead them into the life Jesus offers.

At the heart of our community vision is a simple but powerful call: to see new people come. We believe that Jesus calls us to open our doors wide - to welcome in those who don't yet know Him, and to offer a place of belonging, love, and transformation.

Our community is not just for those already here, but for everyone seeking truth, hope, and a home.

Bring a friend. Invite a neighbour. Let's be bold in sharing what Jesus has given us and offer it freely to those around us.

Let's be a community that truly lives out the love of Christ - welcoming, inviting, growing.

*Revd George Watkinson*

St Michael's Church Pirbright	
<b>NEW WORSHIP TIMES</b>	
1st Sunday	9.30am Traditional Holy Communion 11.15am All Age Service at St. Mark's Church Hall GU3 2DA
2nd Sunday	8.00am Said Communion 9.30am Contemporary Worship Service
3rd Sunday	9.30am Traditional Holy Communion 11.15am Contemporary Worship Service St. Mark's Church GU3 2DA
4th Sunday	10.00am Church on the Green Lord Pirbright's Hall
5th Sunday	10.00am Joint Service with St. Mark's Church (location: see website)
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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](mailto:editor@pirbrightvillagenews.org.uk) instead of sending it via Julia.

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

St. Michael's and All Angels Church Church Lane Pirbright GU24 0JJ

St Mark's Church Wyke Guildford Road Normandy GU3 2DA

# St. Michael and All Angels Church

Explore, Discover, and Enjoy Pirbright Open Gardens Returns!  
Pirbright Open Gardens 14th June from 11am to 5pm  
(including a Family Nature Day in the churchyard)

It's back, by popular request, a highlight of the summer, and a chance to sneak a peek into the hidden gardens of Pirbright!

Another red-letter weekend for your diary, so make a note of it now. These are not show gardens, but labours of love, and visitors are not looking for perfection, just enjoying creativity, **natural beauty** and a **different view of the village** we live in. Tickets on sale, **£7 per adult – under 16s go free!** Tickets can be **purchased in advance** by contacting **helenwelliewhitworth@btinternet.com** or **on the day** from 10:45am to 4:45pm in Pirbright Churchyard.

To add to this event there will be fun activities for all in the churchyard during the day, including insect and flower idents, **scavenger hunt**, **hedgehog house building**, as well as learning more about how Pirbright church is striving to be greener. This will be led by our Eco team. We'd love you to join us and, just so you know, **cream teas** will be **on sale** during the day!



# St. Michael and All Angels Church

St Michael's Pirbright & St Mark's Wyke  
**CHURCH ON THE GREEN**  
**22nd June at 10am**

Lord Pirbright's Hall GU24 0JE  
Join us for a BBQ and a bouncy castle  
after the service



We are taking a summer break on July and August, see you again on 28th September when Church on the Green returns!

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## Pirbright Parish Council

### Annual Parish Assembly

This year's Report to all parishioners took place on Wednesday 30th April 2025. The Parish Council was disappointed at the low turn-out as a lot of work goes into putting together the event and the Reports given by the Chair of the Parish Council, Chair of the LPH Trustees and the various guest speakers. PPC does have a website [www.pirbright-pc.gov.uk](http://www.pirbright-pc.gov.uk) and also a **Facebook page**. We also use the local **WhatsApp groups to circulate news and goings-on's** so maybe parishioners feel well informed and do not feel the need to attend the Annual Meeting? If this is the case that's great however, if you do not feel informed or **have a suggestion as to how to increase communication and community liaison**, please get in touch.

## Local Hero

### Support Liv's School Mission – to Transform Young Lives!

Pirbright's wonderful Liv Dempsey is **looking for any clothing, shoes or book donations** as part of her amazing work as Head of **Farnborough Grange Nursery & Infant School**. Liv lives in Vapery Lane and is working tirelessly to make a difference to the school which she has brought out of special measures in a very short period of time. Liv and her team are looking for any clothes, shoes, books etc that you are looking to recycle. She has introduced lots of new initiatives including 'John's Plot'; a vegetable garden only made possible by a wonderful Pirbright resident. So if you are sorting through your clothing please drop it round to Liv's. Just contact the Clerk or Liv directly - anything you can give will be gratefully received.

Liv's email: [head@farnboroughgrange.hants.sch.uk](mailto:head@farnboroughgrange.hants.sch.uk)  
Clerk's details: **07485 411214**

[clerk@pirbright-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@pirbright-pc.gov.uk)

A link to the full Chair's Reports for both PPC and LPH can be found on the PPC website under the **"Latest News"** tab. The Chair of PPC is David Woollett, Vice Chair is Lindsay Graham and the other Councillors are Peter Austin, Keith Rowe, Nic Sands, Sarah Small and Mark Watson. All Councillors **welcome direct engagement** with parishioners and are happy to talk to residents about any issues that may be concerning them and you **can contact them via the website** or if you see them out and about **in the village**.



## Pirbright Village Fair Best of British

### Best of British: Join Us for

### Annual Village Fair This August!

With a 'Best of British' theme the annual village fair will take place on **Saturday 30th August**. Come and celebrate the best of us with lots of entertainment planned for the day including Morris dancing, crazy golf, vintage cars, a dog show, dog agility demonstration, local bands, field day style children's races, craft stalls, jiu jitsu - and more! If you would like to lend a hand on the day or perhaps you're a local business who would like to advertise in the programme please do drop us a line on [pirbrightvillagefair@gmail.com](mailto:pirbrightvillagefair@gmail.com)



## Community Groups

### Pirbright Twinning Association Survey

Pirbright Twinning Association has been **established for 33 years** and is based on a long-standing friendship with the people of Cagny, France. We even have a road ("**Avenue de Cagny**") named to **commemorate this valued relationship**.

We'd very much appreciate if you could take **5 minutes** to complete this survey, so that we can continue supporting the community for years to come. Please either use the **QR code below** or type this link into your browser **<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/8JTBVSNTZy>**

The survey is open to anyone receiving the Pirbright Village Newsletter. Thank you in advance!



# Community Groups

## Pirbright Twinning Association

Enjoy a delicious **summer BBQ** with fellow members and friends of the Pirbright Twinning Association on **Sunday 29th June 2025 at 12:00pm** at in **Lord Pirbright's Hall**.

New and existing members are most welcome.

Tickets are available from George Lane **treasurer.twinning@gmail.com**

Payment please via bank transfer (BACS) to account name: Pirbright Twinning Association

Account No: **93560249** Sort code: **51-81-22**

Any issues please contact **Jon Lopez**

**077800 66142** or **Alex Henneberg**

**07736596615**.

## Royal British Legion

Having enjoyed the VE Day celebrations, we are now working towards VJ Day in August, if you have **any memorabilia** you could share with us for our exhibition, we would be very grateful. We can be found in the Fox Inn, Fox Corner at our regular monthly meeting at **8pm on Monday 9th June** or via the number below.

Contact **Anne Hawkins** on **01252 404276**

## Pirbright WI

There will be no meeting this month at the hall. Instead, a planned outing has been arranged to the **Rural Life Museum** at **Tilford on Tuesday 17th June**.

**The WI serve refreshments every Thursday morning from 10:00am to 11:15am in Lord Pirbright's Hall.**

If you're visiting the County Market, why not 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

The Rawlins Club held its **first meeting on October 1951** in the school room in The Old House in Pirbright with a grand **total of 8 members!** It was the idea of **Mrs Geraldine Rawlins** to create a club for the over 60's and with the help of Sylvia Ellenberger and Margery Dowling this is where it all began.

Unfortunately, Geraldine Rawlins passed away soon afterwards hence the name of the club in her honour. Due to its success, the club outgrew the original venue and finally took **residence in Pirbright Village Hall in 1993**.

**Meetings** are held are on the **second Friday of every month** between **2pm -4pm** for a entrance fee of **£2**.

For this our members are offered **afternoon tea**, which includes sandwiches and cake with a **talk** or **occasional music session** and we **finish the afternoon with a raffle**.

In addition, we offer an **outing in May**, a **Summer BBQ in June** and a **Garden Party in July**. We have a break in August but resume in September through to December when our year finishes with a very **popular Christmas Lunch** We have a dedicated committee plus helpers who run the club. We endeavour to provide a happy social afternoon and **welcome any new members** who would like to experience what we have to offer. We look forward to seeing you!!

**The Rawlins Club Summer BBQ** at **Lord Pirbright's Hall** from **12.30pm - 3.30pm**.

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

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## Pirbright Horticultural Society

Everyone in Pirbright should by now have **received** through their door a copy of the **schedule** for the **PHS Annual Show**, which is held on **Saturday 19th July 2025**. Do read through it and try to **enter one or two classes** - the **more entries**, the **better the Show!**

Join us for our monthly meeting on **Tuesday, 10th June 7pm** at **Barn House, The Green, GU24 0JT** by kind permission of Pat and Mary Straker. We will **meet** from 7pm in their garden for a **chat with tea and cake** and with **possible plants for sale** For more information, please email **secretary@pirbrighthort.co.uk**

You can find more information on our website at **pirbrighthort.co.uk** and on **Facebook** at **Pirbright Horticultural Society, Pirbright Village, Surrey**.

## Pirbright Players present Ladies Day

For one day only on **Saturday 7th June** join us at **Pirbright Village Hall** for a **light-hearted afternoon** at **2:00pm** or **evening of entertainment** at **7:30pm**.

Dust off your best hat and get ready for a day at the races as we present our comedy about four women who take a day off from a Hull fish plant, dress up in outrageous outfits, and visit York Racecourse. Here they find out secrets about each other, place an accumulator bet, discuss love and meet various dubious characters. This is a **funny and heart-warming play about four ordinary women having an extraordinary day out**.

Tickets will be on sale through **Ticketmaster**, further information can be found on our website: **pirbrightplayers.spangleftish.org**

## June Gardening tips

Now is the time to divide bearded irises, replant sections that have two or more fans on them. Keep watering plants, especially newly planted ones, young vegetables, containers and hanging baskets. Protect plants from slugs and snails. Cut down oriental poppies to ground level after they have flowered, and they will send up new foliage. Check roses for signs of blackspot, aphids and leaf rolling sawfly damage. Cut down daffodil bulbs now as it has been at least 6 weeks since they flowered. Thin out or trim back Clematis Montana if it needs controlling. Trim evergreen hedges, but check for nesting birds first and wait until they have fledged. Keep dead heading summer bedding, early flowering perennials and repeat flowering roses to encourage more flowers.

Pinch out tips of new growth on figs at the end of month, when the shoots have 5 leaves. Stop cutting asparagus now and topdress with a general purpose fertilizer. Thin fruit on young or heavily bearing fruit trees, after the June drop, to improve size and quality. Net soft fruit bushes to stop the birds taking the fruit. Remove side shoots from cordon grown tomatoes. First early potatoes can be harvested when they begin to flower. Plant out sweetcorn in blocks, rather than rows as this will aid pollination. Prune ornamental cherries after flowers have faded. Keep pruning cuts to a minimum as they do not heal well and can allow in diseases such as canker.

Regularly mow lawns, mowing in different directions to prevent wear patterns and to encourage upright growth. A high-nitrogen summer lawn fertilizer can be applied if there isn't drought conditions.

And why not take a day off from gardening and go and see some of the lovely open gardens in Pirbright on 14th June. See advert in the edition

# Pirbright Community Calendar June 2025

Date	Time	Event
<b>Sun 1st</b>	9.30am 11.15 am	Holy Communion Service at St. Michael's Pirbright All Age Service at St. Mark's Wyke Church Hall
<b>Tue 4th</b>	10.00am	Craft, Coffee and Chat Church Room at St Michael's Pirbright
<b>Sat 7th</b>	2.00pm & 7.30pm	Pirbright Players present Ladies Day
<b>Sun 8th</b>	8.00am 9.30am 5.00pm	Said Communion Service at St. Michael's Pirbright Contemporary Worship Service at St. Michael's Pirbright Taizé service at St. Mark's Wyke
<b>Mon 9th</b>	8.00pm	Royal British Legion at The Fox at Fox Corner
<b>Tue 10th</b>	7.00pm	Pirbright Horticultural Society at Barn House The Green GU24 0JT
<b>Fri 13th</b>	12.30-3.30pm	The Rawlins Club BBQ at Lord Pirbright's Hall
<b>Sat 14th</b>	11.00-5.00pm 12.00-4.00pm	Pirbright Open Gardens Family Nature Day in the Churchyard at St. Michael's Pirbright
<b>Sun 15th</b>	9.30am 11.15 am 10.00-3.00pm 7.30pm	Holy Communion Service at St. Michael's Pirbright Contemporary Worship Service at St. Mark's Wyke Pirbright Horticultural Society Annual Plant Sale at 5 West Heath Prayer meeting St. Michael's Pirbright
<b>Tue 17th</b>	10.15am	Said Communion Service at St. Michael's Pirbright
<b>Sat 21st</b>	10.00-12.00pm	Operation Churchyard at St. Michael's Pirbright
<b>Sun 22nd</b>	10.00am	Church on The Green at Lord Pirbright's Hall
<b>Sun 29th</b>	10.00am	Joint Holy Communion Service at St. Mark's Wyke
<b>Every Mon</b>	10.00 - 11.30am	Angel Tots at St. Michael's Pirbright (during term time)
<b>Every Thur</b>	10.00 - 11.15am	Refreshments with WI at Lord Pirbright's Hall
<b>Every Thur</b>	10.00 - 11.15am	Pirbright Country Market at Lord Pirbright's Hall

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