

COMBATSTRESS



FOR VETERANS' MENTAL HEALTH

Support Our March in March!

This year Pirbright Surgery will be taking on March in March where we will walk 10 miles to raise vital funds for life-changing mental health treatment for veterans.

Combat Stress is the UK's leading charity for veterans' mental health. For over a century, they've helped former servicemen and women deal with issues like trauma, anxiety, depression and post-traumatic stress disorder. Today, they provide support to veterans from every service and every conflict.

We are taking on March in March to help take vital steps towards ensuring veterans can get the support they need. Thank you so much for your support and together we march!



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**I'M GOING THE DISTANCE FOR
VETERANS' MENTAL HEALTH**

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ST MICHAEL'S PIRBRIGHT & ST MARK'S WYKE

THE PARISH DASH

Joined by Ash Social Runners

Join us on Sunday 22nd March
9am Lord Pirbright's Hall

Distances 2.5K & 5K
or walk around the green with the Sunday Strollers
Free
All ages and fitness levels welcome
Tea, coffee & croissants after!
Join for Church on the Green service afterwards (optional)

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ST MICHAEL'S PIRBRIGHT & ST MARK'S WYKE

CHURCH ON THE GREEN

Sunday 22nd March
10am

Lord Pirbright's Hall GU24 0JE

Welcome!



ST MICHAEL'S PIRBRIGHT & ST MARK'S WYKE

Palm Sunday Service

MARCH 29
10AM

St Michaels Church
Pirbright



PIRBRIGHT SINGERS

PIRBRIGHT Singers

An evening of jazz-inspired choral music

SATURDAY 21ST MARCH 2026 AT 7.30PM

ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH, PIRBRIGHT

Will Todd *Jazz Missa Brevis*
Bob Chilcott *A Little Jazz Mass*

Featuring the Crane Jazz Ensemble:

Eralys Fernandez Piano	Matt Jacobson-Barker Alto Sax
Marianne Windham Bass	Steve Dawes Trumpet
Tom Holister Drum Kit	Will Spencer Trumpet

TICKETS £15
Cash or card on the door
Under 18s free

DOORS OPEN AT 7PM

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH ROOM

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on Sunday 22nd March at 3pm in the Church Room. All are welcome to attend and hear about the life and activities of the church over the past year.

St Michael and All Angels Church



THE REV'S ROUND

EVERY 2ND SATURDAY
OF THE MONTH AT
THE WHITE HART
(The Green GU24 0LP)
7pm

Got a question for the Rev?
Get a free drink!

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Save the Date! June 6th 11am-4pm

Pirbright Village Fair is back, and this year's theme is "All Creatures Great and Small" so expect plenty of furry friends, feathery fun, and the odd mysteriously sized beast (usually near the cake stall).



There'll be things to see, things to do, and things to eat that you'll definitely say you're "just having a small slice" of.

If you think the theme "All Creatures Great and Small" gets your creative juices flowing

and you would like to enter a themed exhibit then we'd love to hear from you. And if you'd like to volunteer whether that's lending a hand, manning a stall, or heroically supervising something slightly chaotic—we'd absolutely love to hear from you! Pirbrightvillagefair@gmail.com Pop it in your diary, tell your neighbours, it's going to be a good one.

Church Plant Sale Saturday 9th May 11-2pm 25th Anniversary

Can you believe it! The church plant sale celebrates 25 years this year. Jay Kleinberg and Julia Douetil starting growing and selling plants to raise the money to pay for the church insurance, all those years ago, and the event has grown in to what it is now. Please put the date in to your diary and come down to Pirbright Church and celebrate with us. As we gear up for the event, can you help by donating any good quality plants by dividing your perennials, or taking some cuttings. We also need any small pots or multi pack growing boxes to grow on our seedlings. Please contact Helen 07777659138/helenwelliewhitworth@btinternet.com if you can supply any of the above. Thank you!

Volunteers Needed – Hear Here Hearing Aid Clinic

We are looking for two volunteers to join our friendly Hear Here Hearing Aid Clinic, held on the first Saturday of each month, 10am-12pm at St Mark's Church Hall, Normandy, alongside the monthly mini-market and café. The clinic, which has supported people in Normandy, Pirbright and nearby areas for 10 years, helps with simple hearing aid maintenance such as tubing, domes and batteries. Full one-day training is provided by NHS audiologists. This valuable service helps patients avoid hospital visits. For more information, contact Alan Pyzer on 07906 812381 or email alan.pyzer@ntlworld.com

Pirbright Parish Council

Annual Parish Assembly

The Council's Parish Assembly takes place on **Friday 20th March at 7.30pm in Lord Pirbright's Hall**. This is a chance for residents to find out what your Parish Council is responsible for, what projects have been completed and what are planned for the 2026/27 financial year. It is an opportunity for residents to raise issues of concern and meet the Parish Councillors who represent them. We will have Al Pinkerton MP presenting on his priorities and Cllr Keith Witham will give residents an update on the incoming Unitary Authority and answer any questions you have about the new West Surrey Authority which will come into effect fully in May 2027. There will also be time for informal questions and discussions.

Armed Forces Day Picnic on the Green

On **Saturday 27th June**, ATC (P) are joining forces with the Parish Council to host the **2026 Armed Forces Day Picnic on the Green** from 11am to 2pm. This event will be the perfect opportunity to show support for the Armed Forces, including serving personnel, veterans, reservists, and cadets. It aims to bring together military members, their families, and the local community for a day filled with fun, learning, and appreciation.

Along with caterers, information stands and entertainment we would like to open the event up to **craft vendors**. The pitch price is £20 per



stall. If you would be interested in running a stall, please email:

samantha.dyer107@mod.gov.uk

Thank You!

The Parish Council has received generous donations towards the production of this year's Newsletter from the wonderful Rawlins Club (£150) and the super Pirbright W.I. (£40). Both these donations are really gratefully received and will go towards the printing costs.

Pirbright Parish Council

David Woollett, PPC Chairman and Trustee of Lord Pirbright's Hall, is taking on the London Marathon to raise funds for our much loved village hall! From birthday parties, Weddings to Community events, LPH is at the heart of village life, but keeping it running takes ongoing care. Every £ raised will go directly to the hall's maintenance upkeep, helping preserve it for generations to come. You can support David and make a difference by scanning the QR code to visit his JustGiving page. Every donation counts and is hugely appreciated!



REMINDER: Our new Beginners Bridge Club will be running every Thursday at the Community Sports Pavilion: 19:30 – 21:00. It's not too late to join, if you'd like to participate, please get in touch with Lindsay Graham: l.graham@pirbright-pc.gov.uk



Crêpe Supper Hosted By Twinning Association: Sunday 22nd March, 2026 @ 6:30pm - Lord Pirbright's Hall

Enjoy a delicious homemade meal and an evening with your friends!

Main course of **homemade Lancashire Hot Pot**, followed by **French crêpes** with a variety of fillings **Coffee/tea Wine Bar & Raffle**.

Tickets: £16.50 for members and **£19.50** for non-members.

Payment please via bank transfer (BACS) to:

Account name: Pirbright Twinning Association

Account No: 93560249

Sort code: 51-81-22

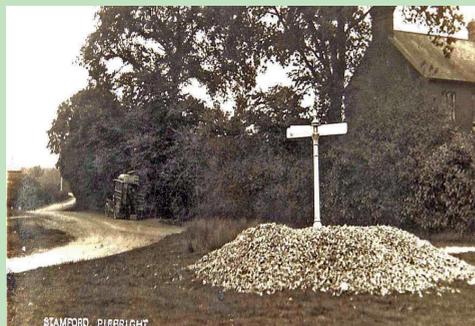
Please email Alex Henneberg, secretary.twinning@gmail.com **by noon Wednesday 18 March 2026** (catering deadline) to confirm tickets and advise any **dietary requirements**.

We look forward to seeing you on Sunday 22nd March!

Community Groups

Pirbright Historians

This month we've shown another great photograph, taken around 1910 in the Stanford area. A bit tricky to work out where it is at first, it shows Stanford House on the right, with the road to Aldershot snaking away on the left. The road on the right leads to Pirbright. The flints around the signpost in the foreground were used for pothole repairs, hence the use of solid (not pneumatic) tyres in those days.



Royal British Legion

If you are interested in hearing more about RBL or have any questions, please join us for our social meeting at 8pm on Monday, 9th March at The Fox Inn, Fox Corner.

Everyone is welcome whether or not you have served in the forces.

For more information, contact Anne Hawkins on **01252 404276**.

Rawlins Club

On Friday 13th March between 2.00pm and 4.00pm in Lord Pirbright's Hall. The talk will be "The Return of the Peregrine" by Keith Betton.

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

Pirbright Tennis Club

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/PirbrightTennisClub>

We have our Annual General Meeting at 7.30pm on Wednesday 18th March. All members and anyone wishing to join our club are warmly invited. AGM items include:

Election of Chairman and Committee members, committees' roles, club rules, finances, social, coaching

Please renew your Membership Subscriptions (on Membership Page on website) from 1st April

For more information on anything about the club, including joining our WhatsApp group, contact:

info@pirbrighttennisclub.com.

Pirbright WI

Our meeting this month will be a talk entitled Hypnotherapy and Relaxation presented by Lesleu Sceele.

The meeting will be on Tuesday March 17th at 7pm in the Club Room in Lord Pirbright's Hall. Visitors are always welcome.

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

For more information, contact Irene Dredge on **01483 233279** or iredredge@outlook.com. We'd love to see you there!

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Eco tip for March

Earth Hour - March 28th 2026

Earth Hour is a global movement to protect the planet & is celebrating its 20th anniversary in 2026 by switching off for the climate & nature.

So, why not join thousands of people world wide in celebrating this year's Earth Hour on Saturday 28th March from 8.30pm to 9.30pm.

As participants we are encouraged to use the hour to reflect on & take action for the planets future by:

Turning off your lights & televisions
Switching off your iPads & mobile phones

Having fun & hosting a "dinner in the dark"!

Talking to each other & planning your next walk to enjoy nature & listen to the sounds around you

Help protect the planet because of its importance in ensuring our health, happiness & even survival.

You know it makes sense!

Pirbright Horticultural Society

Meets on the second Tuesday of the month in the Clubroom of Lord Pirbright's Hall GU24 0JE at 7.30pm. We have an interesting programme of talks organised for the year ahead to which members and visitors are welcome.

Instagram: [@pirbrighthort](https://www.instagram.com/pirbrighthort) Tel. 07815847941

Secretary@pirbrighthort.co.uk

Gardening tips for March

March is the month to get seeds and plants going. Sow lettuce, rocket, carrots, peas and broad beans outside as soon as the soil is workable. Early potatoes that have been chitted can go out and onion and shallot sets can be planted.

Undercover/indoors sow your tomatoes, peppers, aubergines. Prune Gooseberries and currants now as the sap is beginning to rise, and cuts will heal faster.

Lift and divide overcrowded clumps of herbaceous perennials, and plant new shrubs and perennials. Lift and divide congested bulbs after they have flowered. Add a layer of organic mulch to beds to suppress weeds and retain moisture. Finish pruning bush and climbing roses and wisteria by the end of the month. Prune Buddleia to a low framework of stems to encourage new flowering growth. Feed ericaceous shrubs such as rhododendrons, azaleas, camellias and pieris with an ericaceous fertilizer.

Mow lawns if needed but start on a high setting as the new shoots will still be tender. Rake/scarify areas that are mossy but hold off if soil is very wet/clay soil. Apply a spring weed and feed.

Refill bird baths, overwintering insects will still be using hollow stems and leaf litter, so leave off clearing them until after all frosts have been and the insects will have come out of their winter lodgings.

Pirbright Community Calendar March 2026

Date	Time	Event
Sun 1st	9.30am 11.15am	Holy Communion Service at St Michael's Pirbright All Age Service at St Mark's Church Hall GU3 2DA
Tue 3rd	7.30pm - 9.15pm	Alpha Course at St Mark's Church Hall GU3 2DA
Sun 8th	8.00am 9.30am 11.15am	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
Mon 9th	8.00pm	Royal British Legion at The Fox at Fox Corner
Tue 10th	7.30pm 7.30pm - 9.15pm	Pirbright Horticultural Society at Lord Pibright's Hall Alpha Course at St Mark's Church Hall GU3 2DA
Fri 13th	2.00pm - 4.00pm	Rawlins Club at Lord Pirbright's Hall
Sat 14th	10.00am - 12.00pm 7.00pm	Operation Churchyard at St Michael's Pirbright The Rev's Round at The White Hart Pirbright
Sun 15th	9.30am 11.15am	Holy Communion Service at St Michael's Pirbright Contemporary Service at St Mark's Church Hall GU3 2DA
Tue 17th	10.15am - 11.15am 7.00pm	Mid-Week Communion at St Michael's Pirbright Pirbright WI at Lord Pirbright's Hall
Wed 18th	7.30pm	Pirbright Tennis Club Annual General Meeting
Fri 20th	7.30pm	Council's Parish Annual Assembly at Lord Pirbright's Hall
Sat 21st	7.30pm	Pirbright Singers at St Michael's Pirbright
Sun 22nd	9.00am 10.00am 11.15am 3.00pm	The Parish Dash at Lord Pirbright's Hall Church On The Green at Lord Pirbright's Hall Holy Communion Service at St Mark's Church GU3 2DA Annual Parochial Church Meeting in Church Room
Tue 24th	7.30pm - 9.15pm	Alpha Course at St Mark's Church Hall GU3 2DA
Sun 29th	10.00am	Palm Sunday Service at St Michael's Pirbright
Every Mon	10.00am - 11.30am	Baby & Toddler Group at St Michael's Pirbright Church Room (term time only)
Every Wed	7.30pm - 9.00pm	Pirbright Gospel Choir at the Pirbright School in the Stefanetti Music Suite (term time only)
Every Thur	7.30pm - 9.00pm	Beginners Bridge Club at the Community Sports Pavilion

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