

Pirbright Village News

PGFC Kicks Off a New Season!



PGFC is back!

PGFC is back for a new season. Alongside our returning Comets (U11s), we now have a new u9s team. Season started off with a Super Sunday of 3 home matches - Comets came flying out the blocks with a couple of dazzling displays. The Dashers in their first ever match scored two goals and had the absolute time of their lives! Their excitement was infectious.

We can't wait to see what this season brings. You can come and join us too! We are still recruiting in our u11s squad (years 5&6) so if your daughter is keen to develop more, try something new, or make new friends then please come along for a free trial! U11 training is 6-7pm on Fridays, on the village green. Contact pirbrightgirlsfc@yahoo.com for more information, or find us on instagram [pirbrightgirls_fc](https://www.instagram.com/pirbrightgirls_fc)



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St Michael and All Angels Church

SUNDAYS AT PIRBRIGHT VILLAGE

Sunday 4th October 9.30am Harvest Sunday

Sunday 11th October 8.00am Said Communion
9.30am Contemporary Worship Service

Sunday 18th October 9.30am Traditional Holy Communion

Sunday 25th October 10.00am Church on the Green
Lord Pirbright's Hall GU24 0JE

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St. Michael's Pirbright & St. Mark's Wyke

CHURCH ON THE GREEN

25th October 10am
Lord Pirbright's Hall GU24 0JE

Welcome!

ANGEL TOTS

Baby and Toddler Group

Mondays 10-11.30am

St. Michael's Church Room
Church Ln GU24 0JJ

Welcome!

(term time only)
note October only 5th and 12th

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ST MICHAEL'S PIRBRIGHT & ST MARK'S WYKE

THE PARISH DASH

Joined by Ash Social Runners

Join us on Sunday 25th October
9am Lord Pirbright's Hall

Distances 2.5K & 5K
or walk around the green with the Sunday Strollers

Free

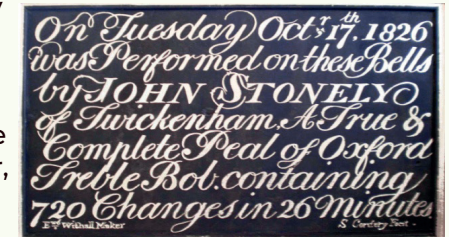
All ages and fitness levels welcome
Tea, coffee & croissants after!
Join for Church on the Green service afterwards (optional)

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St Michael and All Angels Church

200 Years Ago: One Bellringer, Six Bells, 720 Changes

In the ringing chamber at St Michael's church this plaque commemorates a feat of bellringing achieved 200 years ago this month. John Stonely was a celebrity bellringer, who visited churches across the country to show off his skills. It is impossible for one person to ring all six bells at once using the long ropes as we do today so it has been suggested that he must have positioned himself in the bell chamber at the top of the tower, among the bells, and hit them with some sort of a hammer. Even a gentle tap on one bell sounds incredibly loud when you are standing next to it, so the sound of all six bells ringing continuously for 26 minutes must have been deafening! The peal means that he had to hit all six bells one after the other, 720 times, without a pause, in a precise order which never repeated itself, all from memory.



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Pirbright Parish Council

Pirbright Parish Council's Environmental Committee who are they?!

Parish Councillors are elected on the relevant skills they bring to the community. PPC's Highways & Environment Committee is made up of Cllr Keith Rowe, Cllr Peter Austin and Cllr Nic Sands who have all lived in the village for many years and have a passion for the Environment. This Committee was responsible for the restoration in 2024 of the Parish Council's 104 yr old War Memorial which sits in St Michaels churchyard and the restoration of the Village Sign which collapsed at the end of 2025. These projects are extensive and require hours of time and research in order for them to be carried out sensitively. Obtaining permissions and financial grants and overseeing the work by specialists is labour intensive. All the Parish Councillors are volunteers and most also have full time jobs.

Another project was the desilting of the Pond. It had not been dredged for over 25 years and taking the decision to save parishioners £30,000 by having the silt spread across the Green was not an easy one for the Committee, but when the cost and the environmental impact of shipping the silt away was considered, it was felt the nutrient rich silt would be better spread here across the Green. The weather has not been on the Committee's side on this one, and the extremely dry summer we have just had has not helped the Green absorb the nutrients as well as they would have liked, but the weather is changing and the incoming rain will help. The Committee have resolved to use the money raised this year by the travelling Fun Fair, to fund another round of drill seeding. This will promote grass growth over the silty patches that remain now that the rain has set in. The Pond benefited greatly from being dredged and despite other ponds across Surrey completely drying up over the summer, Pirbright Pond remained healthy and retained its water.

What is the Committee doing today? The Committee's latest project is to rejuvenate Swallow Pond and having applied and been awarded a grant of £5,000 as part of a Community Nature Recovery Scheme, Keith, Peter and Nic hope to work with local residents to clear out the invasive Goat Willow and breath new life into this historic pond at the edge of the Village. As the photos suggest, in the early 1900's the pond was much larger than it is today and was used to cool the wheels of wagons coming to and from the many mills and farms in the Village. Many many local residents have contacted the Council to offer their time to save this smaller village Pond and Keith, Peter and Nic are looking forward to working alongside them in the months to come.



Swallow Pond 1908



Swallow Pond today



Peter Austin



Nic Sands



Keith Rowe

Pirbright Parish Council

Autumn Community Litter Pick on Saturday 3rd October from 10.00 - 12midday



Please meet at Lord Pirbright's Hall where Cllr Keith Rowe will be distributing litter picking equipment to anyone who would like to join in. This is a great opportunity to be part of the Community and clear any part of the Parish you feel needs it. Just pick up a picker, and return the equipment and the bags of rubbish to Lord Pirbright's Hall. Your help is really appreciated and tea and cake (courtesy of the wonderful BakerLou) will be served in the Club Room for all participants - Thank You !

Lord Pirbright's Hall



Adaptive Seating to Support Everyone

We're delighted to announce a purchase of four new adaptive chairs with arms. This purchase has been supported through the Your Councillor Community Fund.

A small amount of Hall users currently find it difficult to get up from the chairs we have without assistance. By providing chairs with arms, we'll help give people greater independence, comfort, and confidence, making it easier for everyone to attend events and participate fully in activities at our Hall.

This investment will make a real difference in ensuring our Hall remains welcoming and accessible for all.

Thank you Cllr Keith Witham for his support.



Community Groups

Royal British Legion

At our 8pm meeting on 12th October at The Fox, Fox Corner we shall be looking forward and discussing Remembrance Day, which this year falls on Sunday 8th November. Why not join us at our meeting or consider going to the service in the village on the 8th November.

Contact: Anne Hawkins

Tel: 01252 404276

Pirbright Tennis Club

www.pirbrighttennisclub.com

The Tournament season came to a fantastic climax with the Summer Tournament Finals on Sunday 6th September. It was a wonderful day of tennis, BBQ and cakes, well organised by Chris. It was a high standard of tennis from the mixed, men's and ladies doubles, and ladies and men's singles. Club Night is **every Tuesday** from 6.30pm. We have regular events, coaching, professional balls for sale and excellent racket stringing.

All enquiries (inc. new membership): visit website or contact Fiona Robotham: info@pirbrighttennisclub.com Coaching: Michael Jefferies on 07748 76733

Pirbright Horticultural Society

The Pirbright Horticultural Society invites everyone to our October meeting on Tuesday 13th October at 7.30pm in the Club Room of Lord Pirbright's Hall. We are delighted to welcome The Historical Herbologist, to talk medicinal herbs.

Kayleigh will be talking about the Evolution of Medicinal Herbs - explore how humans and physicians have used herbs for healing

New members and visitors are always welcome.

<http://www.pirbrighthort.org.uk>

Instagram: @pirbrighthort

Pirbright WI

Our meeting this month will be a talk by Louise Ryrie on Confessions of a Ballet Teacher Humorous Fun Across a 25-year Career. The meeting will be on Tuesday October 20th at 7pm in the Club Room in Lord Pirbright's Hall. Visitors are always welcome.

The WI is serving coffees and teas with a good selection of biscuits on Thursday mornings 10am to 11.15am at Lord's Pirbright's Hall. When you pop into the Country Market why not visit us for tea or coffee.

Irene Dredge 01483 233279 or email iredredge@outlook.com

Pirbright Country Market

Every Thursday 10am to 11.15am at Lord's Pirbright Hall.

Selling homemade savouries, cakes, preserves, honey, free range eggs and meat. Home grown plants and seasonal vegetables. Also a large selection of greetings cards and hand made crafts. Orders welcome, why not come and check us out.

Rawlins Club's 75th Birthday Tea

We will be celebrating our 75th Birthday with a cake and a glass of Prosecco on Friday 9th October between 2.00 and 4.00pm in Lord Pirbright's Hall. The programme has been changed due to illness, but we have George Kinder who is kindly going to entertain us with some magic.

Denise Granger 01483 472070

Pirbright Players – Save The Date

Cinderella Pirbright Players' pantomime, 30th & 31st January 2027! Fun, laughter, songs & audience participation for all the family. Adults £16 | Children £8 tickets available from 1st October @

pirbrightplayers.spanglefish.org Booking enquiries: 07453 106657 don't miss the magic!

Gardening and Eco Tip for the Month

Gardening tips for October

October is a lovely month to enjoy the changing colours in the garden, while getting everything ready for winter. Plant spring bulbs such as daffodils, tulips, crocuses and alliums. Plant them in groups for the best effect. Plant trees, shrubs and perennials while the soil is still warm. Autumn planting gives them time to establish their roots before spring. Collect fallen leaves and make leaf mould – an excellent, peat-free soil improver. Leave some leaves under hedges and shrubs to provide shelter for wildlife. Look after your lawn. Once the grass has recovered from the summer, October is a good time to scarify, aerate and repair bare patches. Cut back perennials that have finished flowering, but consider leaving some seedheads standing for birds and winter interest. Protect tender plants from the first frosts. Bring pots under cover and wrap vulnerable plants if cold weather is forecast. Keep an eye on containers and raise pots off the ground so they don't sit in water during the wetter months. Think about wildlife. Leave a little untidiness – piles of leaves, hollow stems and seedheads can provide valuable food and shelter for insects and birds.

And finally, enjoy the autumn colour!

Eco tip for October

Give Your Home an Energy MOT

October is a good time to **check how efficiently your home is using energy** before the colder weather arrives. An energy audit can highlight where heat is being lost, whether your heating is working efficiently and where simple changes could **reduce both your energy bills and carbon footprint**.

You can do a free check online:

- **GOV.UK Home Energy Check** – personalised suggestions for saving energy: [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk/improve-energy-efficiency) – **Improve energy efficiency** (<https://www.gov.uk/improve-energy-efficiency>)

- **Energy Saving Trust** – practical advice on heating, insulation and reducing energy use: **Energy Saving Trust – Energy at Home** (<https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/energy-at-home/>)

Why not give your home an energy MOT this month? A few small changes could make a big difference

Pirbright Historians

The Terrace has existed at the heart of Pirbright since 1897, but its roots stretch back much further. Before it became a row of housing, a bustling village smithy had occupied the site for over 200 years and quite possibly much longer. The drawing (from the late 1880s) shows what the Terrace looked like in the late 1880s. The first building on the right was the old smithy, while behind it was the smith's cottage.

A dramatic shift came in 1897 when Lord Pirbright purchased the land, clearing the historic smithy and cottage to construct a fresh block of nine houses and two storefronts. Most of the time the shops operated as a tobacconist/newsagent at No 1, and a grocery at No 2. The 2 shops (nearest The Green) remained until the early 2000s, when they were converted into houses.

A fuller history of The Terrace can be read at <https://www.pirbrightpropertieshistory.com/the-green-the-terrace> richard@pirbright.info



Pirbright Community Calendar October 2026

Date	Time	Event
Sun 4th	9.30am 11.15am 6.00pm - 7.00pm	Harvest Sunday Service at St Michael's Pirbright All Age Service at St Mark's Church Hall GU3 2DA Prayer and Worship at St Mark's Church Hall GU3 2DA
Tue 6th	7.15pm	Alpha at St Michael's Pirbright Church Room
Fri 9th	2.00pm - 4.00pm	Rawlins Club at Lord Pirbright's Hall
Sat 10th	10.00am - 12.00pm	Operation Churchyard at St Michael's Pirbright
Sun 11th	8.00am 9.30am 11.15am	Said Communion Service at St Michael's Pirbright Contemporary Service at St Michael's Pirbright Holy Communion Service at St Mark's Church GU3 2DA
Mon 12th	8.00pm	Royal British Legion at The Fox Inn, Fox Corner
Tue 13th	10.15am 7.15pm 7.30pm	Midweek communion followed by Cafe Club at St Michael's Alpha at St Michael's Pirbright Church Room Pirbright Horticultural Society at Lord Pirbright's Hall in the Club Room
Sun 18th	9.30am 11.15am	Holy Communion Service at St Michael's Pirbright Contemporary Service at St Mark's Church Hall GU3 2DA
Tue 20th	10.15am 7.00pm 7.15pm	Midweek communion followed by Cafe Club at St Michael's Pirbright WI at Lord Pirbright's Hall in the Club Room Alpha at St Michael's Pirbright Church Room
Sun 25th	9.00am 10.00am 11.15am	Pirbright Parish Dash ASR 2.5K to 5k at Lord Pirbright's Hall Church On The Green at Lord Pirbright's Hall Holy Communion Service at St Mark's Church GU3 2DA
Every Mon	10.00pm - 11.30pm	Baby & Toddler Group at St Michael's Pirbright Church Room (term time only)
Every Thur	10.00am - 11.15am	Pirbright Country Market Lord's Pirbright's Hall

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