



Local History



We can learn a lot of interesting things about the history of our local area by looking at the buildings around us. Some of Pyrford is very old, whilst some parts are new.

Key Knowledge

Local Churches

Newark Priory

Newark Priory is a ruined priory between Ripley and Pyrford. Newark Priory was one of the monasteries that was closed down during the reign of King Henry VIII. The Priory was built in the late 12th century.



St Nicholas Church

The Church of St. Nicholas was built around 1140 AD.



Church of the Good Shepherd

The Church of the Good Shepherd was built in June 1963 and dedicated by the Bishop of Guildford the following year.



The Rowley Bristow Hospital

The original buildings of the Rowley Bristow Hospital were built in 1907 and were first known as St Nicholas' Home for Crippled Children. It provided accommodation for 110 children. It was a place to look after children with broken or injured legs. It later became an orthopaedic hospital.



Pyrford Primary School

Pyrford Church of England Primary School was built in the 1950s. Originally there were two separate schools on the site but these were later merged into one unit.



Key Vocabulary

Bishop	A senior member of the church.
Crippled	Badly damaged legs.
Monastery	A home for monks.
Monk	A religious man who dedicates his life to God.
Nun	A religious woman who dedicates her life to God.
Nunnery	A home for nuns.
Orthopaedic	The type of doctors who care for people with injured bones and muscles.
Priory	A small monastery or nunnery.
Reign	Rule as King or Queen



						
St Nicholas Church	Queen Elizabeth I	The Great Fire of London	Florence Nightingale	Queen Elizabeth II Coronation	Pyrford School opened	Moon Landing
1140	1559	1666	1820	1953	1950	1969
Year 2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 1