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Calendar

CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19 FOR THE TIME BEING

As soon as restrictions are lifted we hope to reorganise events again.

P R A Notice of Annual General Meeting

We have deferred the AGM until the Old Pixham School re-opens and we have time to publicise the event again. In the meantime, we are having our accounts for the year audited and if anyone would like to put forward suggestions for new Committee members we will be pleased to hear from them.

A letter from the Chairman

Pixham in Lockdown

'It was the best of times, it was the worst of times'.

Quoting from Charles Dickens's 'A Tale of Two Cities', in 12 words this master of literature has summed up what we're all going through right now. Moments of worry, fear, despair and grief, which contrast with more positive thoughts as we treasure what we hold dear and hope for a brighter and better future. Whatever celebrations we've missed, people we've not seen, things we weren't able to do – when this is over we'll have memories of these months which will last a lifetime.

The PRA is asking you to keep a record of these times in whatever way suits you – a video or written diary, photos of that special project you've at last started, photos of what you see or do during your daily exercise session, poetry or writing about your brightest and darkest moments, any artwork, etc etc. If you're still working, how has your working life changed, especially if you're one of our tremendously valued key workers? The leaflet recently delivered to every Pixham household contains more ideas and children have received letters from us. We want to create an archive of this strange period in Pixham's history, one that children and grandchildren will wonder at, one that we can all contribute to.

Please spend some lockdown time in helping create a permanent record of history in the making. No matter how small or large, your contribution will be valued and can be anonymous if you wish. We hope to hold a special exhibition once the lockdown ends.

Contact patvoice@yahoo.co.uk or leave a message on 01306 889278 if you have questions

The Good Neighbour Scheme If it's a particularly lonely time for you, perhaps the best and most hopeful thought for lockdown is the well-loved song by Shirley Jones, 'You'll Never Walk Alone' from 'Carousel'. To my mind it's far better than the Gerry and the Pacemakers version (sorry, Gerry) [*I should think so!*- Ed.]

And every person can bring the song to life by phoning others, making sure they're OK and supporting them with a friendly voice which helps them realise they matter.

We can all be good neighbours. Over 30 people stepped forward to join the Pixham Good Neighbour Scheme which covers all of Pixham. If you need some help or just a friendly voice on the phone, we are only a phone call away. We can help with shopping, collecting prescriptions, etc etc.

Every part of Pixham has at least one Good Neighbour who will be pleased to help out. You should already have their details but if not, email patvoice@yahoo.co.uk or leave a message on 01306 889278.

Try to shop local Cafes and pubs with take-aways, small shops delivering fresh produce, even a milk round from a local farm – there are many ways in which you can help local businesses survive this difficult period. Food Float now delivers locally sourced fresh produce three days a week: deliveries have soared from 50 to 240 per week. Aldhurst Farm in Capel delivers farm-

fresh milk (they have had to pour milk away as it hasn't been collected <https://aldhurstfarm.co.uk/>) and of course Village Greens at Denbies is a short walk away.

The PRA website has a regularly updated list of contacts.

The Easter Bunny was a key worker And it showed! Every Pixham child should have received an Easter Egg courtesy of the National Trust and Easter Sunday walks were enlivened by Egg Hunts provided by generous Pixham residents.

NB: To all wobbly-toothed children: the tooth fairy is also a key worker.

Notes from the Pixham Residents' Assn Committee We're continuing with our normal business via Zoom, with extra meetings when needed. All events have been cancelled but we hope to re-book as soon as we know when the lockdown will end, with a few new events.

We send out frequent information updates by email to our members (if you'd like to receive them, now's your chance to join the PRA for only £5 per annum: see below) If you can offer practical help for emergencies, please email the PRA help@pixhamresidents.org as we're hoping to set up a list of local traders, eg plumbers, electricians who can help out.

Our website is regularly updated with useful information and we can often point people in the right direction. If you have a specific problem you can email us via the website or help@pixhamresidents.org

There's also the Surrey County Council community helpline: 0300 200 1008, open Mon – Fri 9-5.

The Food Bank is open Tuesdays & Fridays at the Christian Centre, St Martin's. More info via <https://dorkingarea.foodbank.org.uk/get-help/how-to-get-help/>

Community Fridge Bags are available on request each Wednesday afternoon. They're filled with a variety of essentials like eggs, milk, bread, vegetables, with a few surprises. The food would otherwise go to landfill. Contact your Good Neighbour or email patvoice@yahoo.co.uk.

Keep in touch Pixham Facebook Page is an excellent way to keep up with local happenings. The PRA has also started the Pixham Good Neighbours What's App group.

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[*God Bless Us Everyone!*- Ed.]

VE Day

The UK government changed the May Day Bank Holiday from May 1st to Friday May 8th this year to mark the 75th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day. Street parties etc are obviously not going to happen but it might be good to decorate houses and lamp-posts etc with bunting if you wish.

There's planned to be a 2 minute silence at 11am and a 3pm celebration and national toast to the heroes of WW2 exactly 75 years after Churchill announced the end of the war in Europe. Perhaps stand outside to mark these two moments with glasses at the ready for 3pm. The Queen will also give a message to the nation at 9pm.

A golden chance for streets / areas to 'get together'. See you there!

Please take photos / videos and send them to the PRA website help@pixhamresidents.org to mark Pixham in Lockdown.

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Future Mole Valley Draft Local Plan

Our Chairman, Pat Smith has written a PRA official letter to Mole Valley and received an acknowledgement



Join/Renew Membership of the Pixham Residents Association!

Return form to either your street steward or Sue Mill, 50 Leslie Road, Pixham, Dorking RH4 1PS

Cheques payable to Pixham Residents Association Bank transfer to a/c 61522590 sort code 40-19-22

If you are already a member of the PRA your membership lasts until 31st March 2020. You can renew at any time from now onwards and your membership will then last until 31st March 2021.

If you are not already a member, please join now, and your membership will also last through until 31st March 2021, almost 15 months for £5! Many thanks for your support.

