

## Christmas is Coming



Dig out those Christmas lights, decorate your houses, trees and gardens then take an evening walk around Pixham to check out the magnificent lights, esp along Leslie Rd.



Search for our annual Advent Window calendar - windows are dotted around Pixham with a special Christmas theme from Dec 1st. There'll be a poem-clue on the Pixham Facebook page for each day and a special number on the window. Other festive activities include letters to Santa (pop them through his sack outside the school from Dec 10th: include your address for a hand-written reply), Old Pixham School pop-up pub, the wonderful Martineau Singers and carol singing around Pixham. Keep an eye on our website <https://www.pixhamresidents.org> and Facebook page for updates. And join in!

## Calling all Children:

Santa's waiting for your letters! Pop them into his sack, through the letterbox at Old Pixham School from 10th - 22nd December for a hand-written reply. Remember to put in your address as Santa magic is fully used elsewhere (elf-where?) so close to Christmas.



Santa

## Want to get out more?



New Social Evening at St Mary's Church, run by the PRA from late Jan. Probably Thursdays. Modest charge to cover hire fees: your first session FREE! Table tennis, fun board games (no Monopoly!), cards, what you will: great atmosphere, surprise each session... Let us know what you'd like and when you'd like it via Pat Smith: [chairpra@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:chairpra@yahoo.co.uk) More info on FB early next year.

## Quiz Evenings

Friday October 28<sup>th</sup> was the ever-spooky Halloween Quiz Evening. With the



atmospheric tone, ghoulish costumes were encouraged.



school decked out in an

We had a milder evening on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November, which had to compete with the England v USA footie match. Judging by the result our quiz was the better option.

**Next Quiz Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January.** Usual starting time at 7.30 with doors open at 7.15. All will have the splendid meat and veggie meals to feed your brains ready for the devious questions, plus the usual bar. Tickets a snip at £8.00 each. Numbers limited to 40 so advance booking is essential via Mike Williamson.

[mikepwilliamson@outlook.com](mailto:mikepwilliamson@outlook.com) or via Pixham Facebook.

## Shiny Side Down Is Back



The film which started the return of Shines was *Faces, Places* a heart-warming French documentary made by veteran director Agnes Varda and photographer JR. We had a near capacity audience which was a great start. Our second film on Friday 18 October was *Boy* a 2010 New Zealand film, directed by Tika Waititi set in 1984.

The 2023 season starts on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January. Ticket cost will be £10 as we have to cover licence payments and other expenses. Watch

Facebook for details of what we'll be showing next year. For bookings and more info contact:

Paul Turley email [shinysidedownfilms@gmail.com](mailto:shinysidedownfilms@gmail.com)

## PRA Committee looks back at the year...

We've been very active this year, doing all we can to help make Pixham into such an amazing community.

A LOT goes on behind the scenes that most people don't know about. We're part of a group of Residents' Associations across Mole Valley who meet regularly with Council members: we run Speedwatch: we organise Neighbourhood Watch: we notify you of any planning applications / changes which would affect Pixham (eg the planned local election boundary changes) and SHOUT out about things which aren't right, such as sewage in the River Mole and tree felling at the former Aviva site. We were instrumental in forming Friends of the River Mole (Dorking) which meets Thames Water every 2 months. Next meeting is on Dec 7<sup>th</sup> and we'll keep you posted on what happens.

We support other Pixham initiatives, such as paying for the maintenance of the defibrillator outside St Mary's Church.

The Committee meets every 2 months and the brilliant Events Supergroup organises many events, regular and individual 'happenings'. The Little School of Horrors was one memorable example! And we also support Shiny Side Down, our film club.

Let's not forget our website, regularly updated with Pixham news, colour versions of the Post and the PRA committee minutes:

<https://www.pixhamresidents.org>

And of course the Pixham Post!

## Coffee Mornings

Come along at the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at Old Pixham School, from 10 am to 12 noon for delicious home-baked scones and cakes plus excellent fresh-brewed coffee and also tea. Next date is Wed January 4<sup>th</sup> (*We hope: Ed*). Sue, Margaret, Susie and Kim organise it all with superb efficiency.

As always, look out for the bunting. Come along if you can. All welcome.

Susan Nichols [senichols357@hotmail.com](mailto:senichols357@hotmail.com)

## New Year's Resolution?

### Join/Renew Pixham Residents' Association Membership 2023

We've changed our membership year to start on January 1st. Join now and your membership will last until 31st Dec 2023. Membership remains at £5 per household but the PRA is such good value you may also wish to make a donation. You can make your life easier with a yearly standing order, see over.

## Carol singing around Pixham

All ages welcome. Join this lovely, seasonal evening on Thursday Dec 15th. Wear warm clothes, bring a light. Words supplied. Voice optional!  
Contact [chairpra@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:chairpra@yahoo.co.uk)  
We need at least 10 to make it worthwhile so let us know

## Positive news Neighbourhood Watch

A new Sergeant in Dorking has joined the Safer Neighbourhood Team, Hayley Poulton. She will work with Sgt. Dan Henderson who has been involved in this area for some time. Hayley comes from a background of working alongside the Neighbourhood Watch steering committee. I am greatly encouraged by her appointment; she has already held a meeting with other coordinators and has more planned with a view to develop a more cohesive working relationship.

For some time I have been a 'thorn in the side' of the Police pressing for better communication. I'm sure we are all aware the Police have less money and fewer staff to do their difficult job however I'm confident Hayley's appointment is a step forward to better communication and liaison.

On a slightly more prosaic and topical note, please remember to take care when disposing of empty boxes that clearly display you have purchased an expensive TV, X-Box etc. It's the best advertisement to a thief that you have a new and expensive piece of kit in your home; make sure the box is well hidden in your recycling bin.

Wishing you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe 2023.

Roger Mortimore - NHW Coordinator - Pixham

## St Mary's Sessions

After a sell-out show with standing tickets added for our Jon Gomm event in November, St Mary's Sessions return with a fantastic festive celebration entitled My Darling Clementine, on 10th December.

Please join this fantastic community event and enjoy a festive Pixham Christmas amongst friends.

We'd also like to remind you that experiences rather than physical gifts make great Christmas presents, and with that in mind we are very proud to have booked our first ever jazz quintet, featuring SMS regular and favourite Nigel Price on guitar and the sensational Denys Baptiste on saxophone for January 7th. Hot on the heels of this quintet on February 4th will be an intimate trio featuring the wonderful Jo Harrop presenting an evening of great jazz songs, standards, and her own material from the album The Heart Wants.

Why not treat a friend or family member to a wonderful experience they'll treasure, in the beautiful church that we have here in Pixham?

Do. Not. Miss This Show.  
Ivan Tucker: 07906 190676 [ivantuckeruk@gmail.com](mailto:ivantuckeruk@gmail.com)

## St Mary's Church Services

**December**  
Sunday 11 Morning Worship 10.30am  
Wed. 14th Carols by Candlelight 7pm  
Sun. 18th Christmas Pixham Praise 10.30  
Sat. 24th Crib Service 5.30pm  
Sunday 25th Combined Family Service @ St. Martins 10.00am

**January 2023** Services are likely to be as follows:-  
Sunday 1st No service at Pixham, a combined service at 10am at St Martins.  
Sunday 8th Morning Worship  
Sunday 15th New Year Pixham Praise (followed by a short communion service)  
Sunday 22nd Songs of Praise  
Sunday 29th Combined Christingle service at St Martins  
The services on the 8th, 15th and 22nd are all at 10.30am and the other two are at 10am.

David Cowan [david@cowanslegal.co.uk](mailto:david@cowanslegal.co.uk)

## Martineau Christmas Concert St Mary's Church Sunday 17th Dec

**SOLD OUT**  
The Martineau Singers and the Christmas Concert is sold out. To find out if there are any cancellations available: Contact Robert Turner [rturnerbic@gmail.com](mailto:rturnerbic@gmail.com)

## Old Pixham School



Christmas is fast approaching and we are offering a present wrapping service here at The Old Pixham School. If you don't have the time or the love of wrapping those gifts we would love to help you. If you would like to supply all the gift wrap for your presents then we will happily wrap them for a donation of your choice. If however you'd like us to supply the gift wrap then we will charge £10 for the first 5 presents you need wrapping and £1 per present thereafter.

We will be offering this until 22nd December. If you would like to use our service please contact Liz: 07920 446625 [oldpixhamschool@hotmail.com](mailto:oldpixhamschool@hotmail.com)

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas xxx



Join us for the  
**FESTIVE POP-UP PUB LUNCH**  
OLD PIXHAM SCHOOL  
SAT 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER  
12.30 - 3.30pm



Delicious home-cooked food (meat & veggie), licensed bar with soft drinks, newspapers, board games & jigsaw puzzles, biscuit decorating with Santa's elves, Christmas music and delights.  
**PLUS - dare we say it - a visit from Santa with a present for YOU...**  
all ages welcomed.



**LICENSED BAR SELLING BEER, WINE. AND SOFT DRINKS**





**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

## St Mary's Church Fayre

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November saw a very busy Church Fayre lots to buy and lots to entertain children including Father Christmas. The Fayre raised an amazing £600+ for Macmillan Cancer Support.



**-New members please submit form by e-mail to [treasurer@pixhamresidents.org](mailto:treasurer@pixhamresidents.org)**

Name:.....

Address:.....

E-mail address (for updates & local news):.....

Payment is by Bank transfer to Pixham Residents Association sort code 40-19-22, a/c 61522590. Please give your House number and Road as the bank reference. If you're unable to pay online you can still pay by card, cheque or cash at any PRA event or return a form via your street steward or directly to Treasurer, David Sinden, 87 Leslie Road, Pixham, Dorking RH4 1PW. Any cheques are payable to Pixham Residents' Association. Many thanks for your support.