

Pixham Post

The Pixham Residents Association Newsletter

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Welcome to our first Post of 2024

Welcome to our first Post of 2024 and our usual call to JOIN THE PRA. 2023 was a busy year for the PRA; we helped start the excellent STAG traffic action group, have been in touch with the new owner of the Depot, has continued to support River Mole River Watch and the inimitable Supergroup, as well as all our routine activities.

Many people comment on Pixham's vibrant community – well, in all modesty, it wouldn't be the same without us.

So, please join the PRA / renew your subscription. With spiralling prices, it remains just a fiver per household. Forms are below, or you can join/renew online.

Next meeting of the PRA Committee

Monday 11th March Do you have anything you'd like discussed? If so, contact Pat via chairpra@yahoo.com

PRA AGM

There is a provisional date for the PRA AGM on Friday 17th May

Street Stewards

Street Stewards – unsung heroes of Pixham who do a superfast delivery of the Post. You're only reading this because they deliver! As a small thank-you the Committee will be inviting them to a small gathering very soon.

Coffee Mornings

Come along on the 1st Wednesday of the month at Old Pixham School, from 10 am to 12 noon for delicious home-baked scones and cakes plus excellent freshly brewed coffee and tea. The next date is: Wednesday 6th March
As always, look out for the banner and bunting.
All welcome from 0 – 100!



Susie Hurst: susie_hurst@hotmail.co.uk

Shiny Side Films

We restarted our film shows in January with 20th Century Women. For future films, All ticket bookings (£10.00) available from:

shinysidedownfilms@gmail.com

Doors open at 7.30pm start 8.00pm. Refreshments and pay bar available.

Films for the This Year, All Fridays:

March 22nd The Colour Room
April 19th Sound of Metal

For more details see Facebook or contact

Paul Turley at Email:

shinysidedownfilms@gmail.com



Defibrillator Training Could you Save a Life?

Ten people attended a very interesting, informative session on CPR



and use of defibrillator, given by a paramedic and doctor team, This was an update for some, but new to others, highly recommended. More sessions could be arranged if anybody missed this one Susie Hurst susie_hurst@hotmail.co.uk



Pixham Traffic Action Group (STAG)

Pixham Speed & Traffic Action Group (STAG) residents' meeting



Remember the article in last time's Post about traffic and parking issues? Here's an update on what's been happening:

STAG and Councillor Hazel Watson led a well-attended meeting for Pixham residents on 16 January, arranged to discuss options for traffic

calming and parking considerations.

The majority of these have been discussed with SCC Highways, and are designed to lessen speeds and reduce verge parking on Pixham Lane. People expressed their views and then voted on the options they felt would have the greatest impact. The most popular included:

- Two vehicle-activated signs alerting motorists to their speed
 - A road buildout at Pixholme Court on the southbound side (at the Denbies roundabout end), to remind motorists that they are entering a narrower/lower speed road, in conjunction with a pedestrian island opposite the entrance to the Aviva Sports ground (next to the Patchworking Garden), where motorists typically pick up speed
 - Welcome/entry signs/gates at both ends of Pixham Lane (to remind motorists that they are entering a village and a narrower/lower speed road)
 - Installation of bollards on the grass verges along Pixham Lane to prevent cars from parking
 - Double yellow lines to replace the white lines (that few people understand) to prevent people from parking along the lane, making it dangerous for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists - however we are taking further advice on this option
- The Group is submitting funding requests for the first four of these with SurreyCC and Stonegate Homes, and may also be asking the PRA. We understand that it will take time to deliver the work, but we are committed to keep up the momentum and deliver sensible and effective solutions to benefit the Pixham Community.
For more information, please visit the PRA website.

Join/Renew Pixham Residents' Association Membership 2024

No inflation for the PRA

At £5 per household it's the bargain of the year. The Membership now starts in January, but you can join any time. Pay online (preferred), cash or cheque. Join now and your membership will last until 31st Dec 2024. Membership remains at £5 per household but the PRA is such good value. You can make your life easier with a yearly standing order, see over.

St Mary Sessions



March 9th
Bex Marshall as the second date of her 20-date UK tour.

April 13th
Saints and Sinners.

May 18th
Edis / Xenpoulos quartet.

June, date tbc
A special singing

workshop and choir event will take place.

If you want any more copy, I will forward you the latest newsletter, or for a short little blurb:

St Mary's Sessions continues to go from strength to strength. Having started during the tail-end of Covid, we are now a professional operation with 20 events under our belt. We continue to put on a broad variety of events in a range of genres, so far encompassing jazz, folk, blues, world music, Americana, singer songwriters, South American music guitar wizardry and avant-garde jazz.

We bring a quality of act to Dorking that is only usually found in London, have a fantastic little bar, and a hugely atmospheric venue in the shape of our very own Lutyens masterpiece, St Mary's Pixham.

So long as our events are well supported by local folk who appreciate top-quality live music, we will continue to put on the best music in Dorking, for little more than the price of a London travelcard – and you can walk (and drink!) rather than faff about with cars and trains. So get booking, and watch out for some big announcements about season 4.

Ivan Tucker

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Hello Pixham

I'm hoping I'm not tempting fate but all seems quiet on The Pixham Front.

Thanks to an alert posted on the Pixham Facebook page there was a 'cold caller' the other day claiming he was working on a neighbour's house (?) and he could look at the gutters to see if they needed clearing whilst he was in the street.

Frequently these people carry out the work then inflate the quoted price. In addition they claim to have discovered loose tiles, guttering that needs to be replacing etc. etc.

Be very wary of these people and only use reputable tradespeople or those recommended by a friend. Without wishing to be alarmist they might also be 'casing the joint' with a view to a later return.

I also note we have a few new residents to Pixham. Firstly a very warm welcome, secondly if you would like a Neighbourhood Watch Pack which gives tips on home security etc please contact me.

Stay Safe Pixham.

Roger Mortimore - NHW Coordinator-Pixham.

Services @ St Mary's



February Services

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Sun 18th Holy Communion @ 10.30

Sun 25th Songs of Praise @ 10.30

March

Sun 3rd Holy Communion @ 10.30

Sun 31st Songs of Praise @ 10.30

David Cowan Email: david@cowanslegal.co.uk

Winter Soup with Friends

Following on from our first meeting on Tuesday 21st November with delicious home-made soup, bread, cheese and tea and a warm, welcome at St Mary's Church. We hope to repeat it in the near future.

River Mole Thames Water



The good news - work has started on the planned upgrade at Dorking Sewage Treatment Works in Pixham.

The bad news - we recently discovered that the works has one of the highest discharge consents across the whole of Thames Water region. Not just the River Mole. And it's legal!

To be precise, BOD (biological oxygen demand) is nearly 4 times, ammonia & suspended solids are twice the average for all TW's works. High BOD indicates treatment processes aren't producing

satisfactory results.

We're looking into it. Want to help out? Contact chair.pra@yahoo.com.

River Mole River Watch

Interested in improving the conditions of the River Mole more widely? Keep up to date with what's going on, and opportunities to get involved at

<https://www.rivermoleriverwatch.org.uk/>

Pat Smith chairpra@yahoo.com

Swanmill parking

Let's play 'find the traffic warden'. The PRA raised this at a recent Dorking Town Forum meeting. It's a Dorking-wide problem since Surrey County Council took over the scheme and MVDC Chair Stephen Cooksey will contact them to place a flea in their underwear...

Please inform chairpra@yahoo.com of any sightings of this rare species.

Pat Smith PRA Chair

Pixham Scouts Bid Farewell

After nine joyous years, it was with much sadness that the Pixham Scout Group closed the doors for the final time in 2023. This group was started and supported by residents who wished for the Pixham children to have the opportunity to benefit from the Scouting movement - and many children have in those years - but dwindling volunteer numbers in the latter years have forced the district management to redistribute the remaining members.



Thank you Pixham for hosting and supporting us.

Scouting is open to anyone from age 6. If you wish to get involved, please contact Julia Kielstra at dc@dorkingscouts.org.uk

Any enquiries for hall bookings should be made through

Rita pixham@dorkingscouts.org.uk

New members please submit form by e-mail to 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.