

Pixham Post

The Pixham Residents Association Newsletter

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PRA AGM



Thanks to everyone who came along to St Mary's Church on Friday May 19th to hear what we've been up to. It was an interesting meeting with lots of discussion and we're pleased to welcome 2 new members of Speedwatch and 2 new Street Stewards.

We continue our work for Pixham. We've bought a cooker (£500) and a banner for coffee mornings at Old Pixham School; we also pay hire fees for coffee mornings, so support OPS through community activities held there. We also take an active part in informing residents what's happening in Pixham – recently the Aviva planning applications, sale of Pixham Depot and developments re the River Mole. We'd like to point out, though, that we do not normally comment as PRA on planning apps because people have different opinions.

Last year's accounts & AGM minutes will go onto our website very soon: <https://www.pixhamresidents.org>

You suggested 2 actions at the AGM. First, to hold a meeting about traffic through Pixham with Surrey County Council and police. Hazel Watson said she would attend and we have provisionally arranged Wednesday September 13th, 7.30 for 8pm start.

Second, to hold a First Aid course to teach people how to use the defibrillator and for general first aid. We've looked at the Red Cross but it will cost around £100 per person. If anyone knows of a cheaper option, please contact us.

Chairman Pat Smith chairpra@yahoo.com

Next meeting of the PRA Committee

Monday August 15th. Do you have anything you'd like discussed? If so please contact Pat via chairpra@yahoo.com Please join the PRA if you haven't already! It's easy on the bank.

Street Stewards

Without you the Post would not be delivered. Many street stewards quietly get on with being the PRA's link to residents, which is invaluable. We're planning a 'thank you' gathering of Street

Stewards in early September to find out if you're happy with your role and how to improve things. So, watch this space. account at £5 per household and easy to do. See below.

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 fresh-brewed coffee and also tea. Next few dates are: 5th July, 2nd August, 6th September.

As always, look out for the banner and bunting. All welcome.

Susan Nichols senichols357@hotmail.com

Calling all Pixhamites

Small field to rent in Pixham with space for perhaps 2 sheep or some beehives. Lovely riverside location with lots of trees, well fenced, with water and a well-built night shelter. £200 per month. Please contact Jan on 01306 883505. He will be pleased to answer your questions.

Join/Renew Pixham Residents' Association Membership 2023

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 2023. 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's Sessions

Well that was quite the season, hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. We met last night for a planning session and should be announcing our first couple of dates for season 3 in September and October very soon. Pencil in 7th October for the return of our first ever band, the mighty Touki!

Ivan Tucker: 07906 190676 ivantuckeruk@gmail.com

Hello Pixham,

For those of you who are eagle-eyed you may have noticed the replacement of some of the old Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) signs plus some brand new signs in new locations in the village. There are 8 now with their locations designed to raise maximum awareness that we are a NHW area.

On an amusing note the old metal NHW signs were actually manufactured by prisoners as part of their rehabilitation.

I hope those individuals who may visit our area with criminal activity in mind will spot them and stay away!

You may be aware that, as Pixham is registered as a NHW area, your Insurance Company may give you a discount (worth asking).

I have a small supply of window stickers declaring that you do not wish to buy at the door and to 'move on'.

If you are a newcomer to Pixham I also have some packs that contain useful information on how to protect your property. Please text me on 07753818700.

Roger Mortimore - NHW Coordinator-Pixham".

Old Pixham School



The Old School is ticking along nicely; with our regular bookings and classes happening as well as private hires.

The soon to be @PixhamPlaycafe will be holding some taster days in

readiness for the opening in September so please look out for that.

The PRA recently donated £500 so we could replace the oven in the kitchen with a lovely shiny new one! They have also continued to kindly donate all Quiz Night and Shiny Side Film Club profits.

The Coffee Mornings every month involve 4 amazing ladies, Sue Nichols, Susie Hurst, Margaret Simmons & Kim Simmons (in no particular order) who give up their time, bake the most incredible cakes, sausage rolls and treats and have built up an incredible following since their residency. Every month they raise around £200 for the school and we can't thank them enough! They welcome everyone from far and wide so make sure you pop along. Also, a big thank you to Michael Anderson for helping to set up the event every month without fail and putting all the tables and chairs in the right place.

We would also like to thank Susie Hurst for her very kind donation in memory of her late husband, Roger. We'll be using it for a special feature at the school very soon.

We are also in the middle of discussions on improvements and updates to the facilities at the school – we'll update you.

Bookings: Please contact Liz: 07920 446625

email: oldpixhamschool@hotmail.com

Pixham Sports Ground

The sports ground is a great facility in Pixham and we want everyone to enjoy it. If you have any comments, concerns or questions about the ground and facilities please email info@pixham.co.uk. We'll discuss your points at committee meetings and reply.

Please don't use social media or committee members that live in Pixham as a point of contact as it's not fair and can make them feel uncomfortable. We have recently had a member step back from their role due to the stress/anxiety it can put on individuals being used as a regular contact.

Dog owners please note: if you use the ground to exercise your dogs PLEASE, PLEASE pick up their mess. There have also been a few incidents recently where dogs have frightened small children. This is deeply regrettable so please keep them under your control.

The Bar

Summer is finally here!! Opening hours are:

Tuesday: 6pm – 10pm

Friday: 5pm – 11pm

Saturday: 12pm – 11pm

Sunday: 1pm – 6pm

This can occasionally change and may differ at times. Follow us on Facebook/Instagram to keep updated with what's going on @thebarpixham

New Event: Pixham Summer Music: Sat 8th July at Old Pixham School

We'll be entertained by some very fine live music, organised by Jon Weller in aid of OPS. The bar will be open and nibbles provided. Tickets will be on sale soon.

Full details to follow on Facebook and emails sent to members of the PRA.

Jon Weller jon.weller@btinternet.com

Do You Need A Compost Bin?



Surrey County Council are giving huge discounts on a range of compost bins - take a look: Surrey Councils - Great Green Systems
E.g.: Green Johanna 330 Litre Hot Composter reduced from £150 to £80.

Door-to-Door Bus Service Expands Mole Valley Connect

Surrey's first on-demand, shared bus service has been extended across the south of the District [south of the Guildford – Redhill Railway line] to improve bus provision for residents.

The four electric mini-buses can be booked on the Surrey connect APP, online at www.molevalleyconnect.org.uk or by telephone on 0300 123 7751, Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm. They run Monday to Friday from 7am to 7pm and on Saturdays from 8am to 6pm and journeys can be booked with 30 minutes notice or up to seven days in advance.

The service is especially designed to help residents who may be isolated due to their rural location or have had to be heavily car dependent. The service is open to everyone and could enable people of all ages to reach GP surgeries, attend hospital appointments, access further education and training or go shopping.

Hazel

Hazel Watson County Councillor for the Dorking Hills

-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.