

## Shifting the Boundaries

### Pixham Alert



The government wants all local council electoral wards to be the same size with around 6,000 voters. Instead of being a one-councillor ward, Pixham HAS to merge with another ward to be 3x our present size.

The PRA committee organised a meeting for all residents on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October when Hazel Watson explained the situation. The PRA Committee then wrote to the Boundary Commission and the MVDC working group

stating the meeting's preferences. Read our letter via the PRA website AND look out for Mole Valley District Council's response on 22<sup>nd</sup> November..

## School Report



Old Pixham School is open for business, and we have plenty of bookings. However, the continuing high Covid infection rate means that we have also had many cancellations. Reluctantly we shall have to introduce cancellation charges at the beginning of 2022 to keep

our finances steady.

We have invested in a new gas heater to replace the one in the area where we are currently storing furniture. This means that furniture should not be stored within half a metre of the heater. Meanwhile, please remember not to stack the upholstered chairs in stacks of more than six, as the backs are damaged when they stacked too high. These chairs were expensive so we need to take particular care of them.

We have a new method of controlling the two heaters in the west room, which means that they will switch off automatically if they are left on inadvertently. This system does not apply to the heaters in the Hall so please check that both thermostats are turned down to 5 degrees before leaving the premises.

Certain individuals – you know who you are – make sustained efforts to donate to the School in cash or kind, selling skills in needlework, cookery, etc, or doing mostly unglamorous jobs. It is much appreciated.

Mary Peckham

## The festive season is almost here

There will be lots of Christmas spirit around the village this December!

**The much anticipated Pixham Village Christmas Light-Up will take place on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm.**

“Make Christmas that little more special, with a festive Advent Window. Offer your window via the Editor.

Dig out Christmas lights, decorate your houses, trees and gardens and take a walk around the village to admire the spectacle.

Other festive activities will include letters to Santa, Old Pixham School pop-up pub, the wonderful Martineau Singers, carol singing and Scoot's Christmas Crackers Concert. Look out for the PRA



Christmas card, delivered to your door in early December with full details and keep an eye on the Pixham website and Facebook page.

## The Martineau Singers



**12th December,  
7pm, St Mary's  
Pixham**

The Martineau Singers return with their annual Christmas Concert. Kick-off your festive celebrations by joining in with their mix of favourite carols and

popular audience participation.

Tickets cost £7 and go on sale in Pixham first before being offered more widely, so place your order early not to miss out.

Contact [tturnerbic@gmail.com](mailto:tturnerbic@gmail.com) or text: 0796 242 8016 with your details for tickets.

## Exciting initiative for Pixham: New Pre-school & Nursery Opening January 2022



**At Saint Mary's Church,  
Pixham**

Welcome to Tiny Tots Preschool & Nursery!

At **Tiny Tots** we are proud to provide a “Child's World” where children's learning, development and happiness is at the centre of all we do.

We operate a home from home nursery environment,

where cuddles and a helping hand are always readily available.

### About Us

We are a brand new and exciting day care facility and early educators for up to 26 children between 12 months and 5 years in Pixham Lane, Dorking, situated close to the Dorking mainline station and walking distance to the High Street.

The setting was founded by Beverley Boyd and Blanche Fernandez who have a wealth of experience to support you and your child to make sure they have the best possible experience during their time at **Tiny Tots**. We aim to not only get your child ready for school but to also support them with friendships and making all-important healthy lifestyle choices. To extend the learning and creative opportunities for our children, we offer extra-curricular activities which are linked to the curriculum.

Please come along to our open day on:

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November from 12pm-4pm**

Meet the staff and have a look at the fun activities on offer. Blanche and Bev are looking forward to being part of the community and to meeting you and your children.

Contact: [tinytotspixsham@outlook.com](mailto:tinytotspixsham@outlook.com), phone 07469460155

# HALLOWEEN QUIZ EVENING

FRIDAY 30 OCTOBER SAW A WELCOME RETURN TO THIS GREAT EVENING EVENT.



GHOSTS, GHOULS AND HOODED MONKS FLOATED AROUND



THE OLD SCHOOL WAS TURNED INTO A CREEPY CAVERN.



## WITCH WAS THE RIGHT ANSWER?



THE SUPER FOOD WAS COURTESY OF COMMUNITY FRIDGE.



THE EVENING MADE OVER £560.00. THERE WILL BE MORE QUIZZES OF THE NORMAL KIND, TO FOLLOW.

## LITTLE SCHOOL OF HORRORS COMES TO HAUNT PIXHAM

Mist surrounded Old Pixham School as doors creaked open on the evening of All Hallows Eve, Sunday October 31st. The Little School of Horrors lurched into life.



Ghastly grinning pumpkin faces illuminated the pathway and children were greeted by a green witch, headmistress of the School. Any brave enough to enter heard shrieks and clanking chains; they confronted a lurching zombie and headless hooded monk – truly the stuff of nightmares.



Witches, skeletons and ghosts floated in the semi-darkness, encouraging their captives (sorry, visitors...) to cast spells in the cauldron of slime, pin spiders onto webs and decorate mouldy-green and black biscuits or cakes. Those who managed to dodge the spider webs and avoid the floating ghost were awarded with a goody-bag presented by a skeleton.



A tap on their shoulder – and there stood a gently smiling Dracula, huge and white-faced in the darkness. “It was wonderful to meet so many children, over 70 of them,” he said in his Romanian accent, before climbing back into his coffin. “Many of them had changed into ghosts, witches and monsters, so they made me feel at home. So kind of them. Happy nightmares, everyone. We’ll be back next year...”

Pat Smith

SCOOT THEATRE  
presents  
SCOOT'S  
CHRISTMAS  
CRACKERS  
CONCERT  
WITH WEST END STARS AARON SIDWELL AND NIKKI BENTLEY  
WEDNESDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2021  
PERFORMANCES AT 16.00 AND 19.30  
AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, PIXHAM  
RH4 1PT  
Tickets: £15 adults • £10 Under 18s • £40 Group (2 adults, 2 children)  
Box Office  
[www.scootheatre.com/christmascrackers](http://www.scootheatre.com/christmascrackers)

## Coffee Mornings



The December Coffee Morning will take place on Wednesday 8 December at Old Pixham School, from 10 am to 12 noon. (Please note the date, as this is not the first Wednesday in the month.)

As well as the usual home-made goodies, we shall have some seasonal foods to eat or take away.

The first Coffee Morning of 2022 will take place on Wednesday 5 January. Look out for the bunting!

Please support us if you can. All welcome!

Mary

## TAP Machine



Many of us are familiar with using "TAP" machines in shops, pubs etc. We are often being asked at events like The Summer Fete or Pop up Pub if we can take these payments. They are of course designed for small payments and convenient. We are looking into the costs and feasibility of acquiring a "TAP" Machine.

Although the cost of these machines is no too prohibitive. Arranging connection via either wifi or via mobile phone is a bit more involved, but not insurmountable but for the time being please do bring good old fashioned cash with you to any event that requires payment.

Ed

## St. Mary's Church



### What's On:

**Sunday 12th December:**  
Martineau Singers are back at St Mary's for the evening

**Saturday 18th December & Sunday 19th December**  
Carol Singing around Pixham, early evening

**Monday 20th December**  
- Winter Wonderland Walk - details to follow

**Wednesday 29th December**  
SCOOT Christmas Event at St. Mary's, afternoon & evening

## St. Mary's Sessions

The St Mary's Sessions Committee are currently a small core group of three local Dorking residents:

David Scoffield, Amanda Wheatland and Ivan Tucker

Who consider themselves to be responsible, mature people in our fifties, who between them have well over five decades of living in Dorking. They recognise the value and beauty of St Mary's Church architecture, and are keen to display that to its best, and subtly enhance it in ways appropriate to a musical event setting. They also recognise that this is a working church that deserves respect and would all like to see very high-quality live music in Dorking. Other than pub bands, there is a dearth of good quality music or venues in which to experience it, in Dorking. Anyone wanting to see music of a higher quality than a pub gig, would have to travel, at the nearest, to Guildford, but more likely London or Brighton.

### What's To Come:

**On 4<sup>th</sup> December 2021** will be world-famous and highly acclaimed singer Barb Jungr, bringing her unique take to her material, and continuing in her tradition as one of the foremost modern interpreters of song.

**On 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022** will be acclaimed jazz harpist Maria Christina Harper in a trio with saxophonist Josephine Davies and Evan Jenkins on Drums. For more details contact:

Ivan Tucker

T: 01306 502277, M: 07906 190676, E: [ivantuckeruk@gmail.com](mailto:ivantuckeruk@gmail.com)

## Community Fridge



We are a year old the week of the 26th November. We will be having cake to celebrate on the Friday at the usual place. So if anyone would like to join us.

Claire Isbell [claireisbell67@gmail.com](mailto:claireisbell67@gmail.com)

## Light Up Pixham and Advent Windows

As mention earlier, Pixham Light up on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December. We would also love to repeat the Advent Windows of last year from 1<sup>st</sup> December.

Ed

## Looking Ahead To 2022

Possible re-start of Table Tennis at The Old School and The Walking Group resume in March.

John Hammond [jbwhammond@googlemail.com](mailto:jbwhammond@googlemail.com)

Shiny Side Down hope to make a return in the new year, around March.

[films@shinysidedown.co.uk](mailto:films@shinysidedown.co.uk)

We are promised more Quiz Evenings in 2022

Ed

***Want to be more involved with Pixham? Use this form to join us. It's only a fiver!***

## Join/Renew Pixham Residents' Association Membership

**Do it now and your membership will last until 31st March 2023.**

Name: ..... Address: .....

Your email address for updates & local news: .....

Membership £5.00 per household. Bargain of the year!

The PRA is such good value you may wish to donate £10/£15/£20/other (delete)

Please complete this membership form to keep our records accurate. Make your life easier with a standing order every March.

### **Our Bank details and where to send this form.**

Please return form to 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, account name: Pixham Residents Association. Please give your address as the reference.

**Many thanks for your support**