

PIXHAM POST



Newsletter of the Pixham Residents Association

Issue: 26

Editor: Brian Downing Tel: 01306 880184 E-mail: bdowning@clara.co.uk

June/July/August 2016

P.R.A. Annual General Meeting 2016

This was held on Friday, 4th March 2016 at 7.30pm in Old Pixham School.

Chairman Sue Mill welcomed everyone to the meeting. She thanked the 2015 committee for all their hard work over the year. Special thanks were given to Mary Peckham for making sure the Old School ran smoothly and to Sarah and Tony Oakley for all their work on the flower tubs and School grounds. Thanks were also given to Robert Turner and the Martineau Singers for another wonderful Christmas Concert. I was thanked for running the bar on Quiz Nights.

Sue gave out the sad news that John Derrick (NHW and first coordinator and street steward for Downsview) had passed away. The PRA has sent condolences to his family and a charity donation.

2016/17 subscriptions: Mike Williamson outlined what the subscriptions cover for the PRA – operating costs, insurance, printing and then PRA events raise funds and local community projects and Old Pixham School. Subscriptions will remain at £5 per household for 2016/17 and renewals are now due. Road Stewards will be asked to start collecting.

Plans were outlined for the PRA to apply for a permanent weekend alcohol licence for PRA events only (see opposite). There are also no plans to increase the number of events. Sue outlined the many events that have run over the last 12 months. The coffee mornings continue to be very popular – all money goes towards helping the school. The Film Clubs are still going from strength to strength (see full report over page). Sue extended a thank you to all the Shiny Side Down Committee for their commitment and keeping it going.

Election of 2015/16 committee and task members: The meeting was asked if there were any nominations for any of the roles on the Committee for 2015/16. Brian Downing was proposed by Richard Cattell and seconded by Steve Edgar to become Pixham Post Editor. No other volunteers were proposed or nominations received by the Secretary in the run up to the meeting. The rest of the Committee for 2015/16 was proposed by Sue Mill and agreed by all those present at the meeting. No objections were raised.

P.R.A Committee For 2016

Chairman	Sue Mill
Vice Chairman	Sharon Shoebridge
Secretary	Tracy Williamson
Membership Secretary	Mike Williamson
Treasurer (Interim: Sue Mill)	Vacancy
Social Secretary(s)	Sharon Shoebridge & Gayle Priestley
Neighbourhood Watch	Roger Mortimore
Pixham Fun Day 2016	Mike Williamson
Communication	John Hammond
Traffic/Community Speedwatch	Sue Mill
Property Developments/Applications	Linda Woolgar
Pedestrian Ways	Michael Anderson
Pixham Post Editor	Brian Downing
OPS Fund Raising	Jeni Mendes
Road Steward Coordinator	Ida Uwins
Honorary Auditor	Jeni Mendes

A copy of the Full Minutes of the meeting are available on the website.
Tracy Williamson

P.R.A. RAMBLERS

Unfortunately John and Linda are very sorry that they have to cancel the PRA ramble on the 19th June,. The rambles on the 24th July and the 21st August are still going ahead.

-----NOTICE-----

Permanent Weekend Licence Application

I am making an application to our local licensing authority to have a licence to sell alcohol at Old Pixham School on a Friday Saturday or Sunday (see below).

This is to allow us to hold the Film Nights, Quiz Nights, Pop-up-Pubs and Christmas Fair without having to apply for a licence at each individual event, which is proving quite expensive.

This will be in my name originally, but we intend to make a variation of the licence so that Pixham Residents Association Committee Members can be responsible people.

Sue Mill (Chair PRA)

Licensing Act 2003

Application for a New Premises Licence

I, Susan Mary Mill,
Of Old Pixham School, Pixham Lane, Dorking, Surrey, RH4 1PQ.

I have submitted an application for a new premises licence to Mole Valley District Council, Environmental Health Licensing Team, Pippbrook, Dorking, Surrey, RH4 1SJ. The record of the application may also be inspected at this address between 9.00am and 4.00pm, Monday to Friday.

Details of a New Licence to sell alcohol from 1100 hours to 2300 hours on Friday, Saturday or Sunday.

Interested parties and responsible authorities may make written representation to the relevant Licensing Authority by 15th July 2016. Such representation shall be made in writing.

It is an offence to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement in connection with an application, the maximum fee for which a person is liable assuming conviction for the offence is level 5 on the standard scale.

Pixham Speed Watch

Pixham Speed Watch has been quite active in the last few months. We try to go out a couple of times a week. The object is to try to persuade drivers to keep to the speed limit of 30mph in Pixham Lane. Needless to say, there are many offenders. We are usually out for one hour and in that time record between 30 and 40 drivers exceeding mph. This is about 10% of the passing traffic.

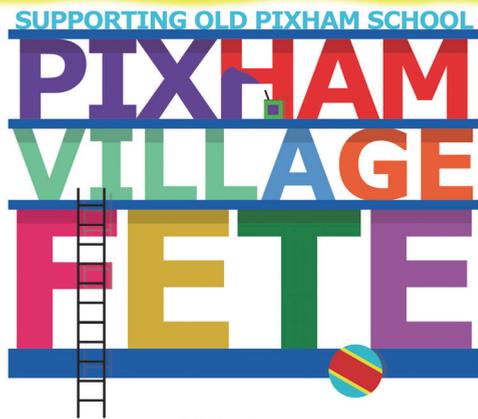
We desperately need more volunteers. It is easy to do. The Police do a training session at Reigate Police Station and a road side instruction. Then we only ask for an hour of your time when it is convenient to you with no obligation.

If you are interested and would like to join our team please contact me on 01306 885780 or email me at susan.m.mill@gmail.com

The 516 Bus Service

There has been a review of the 516 bus service which runs from Dorking via Pixham Lane to Epsom. It is proposed, with effect from September, to reduce the number from eight to seven each way. However is intended to extend the service to run through villages south of the River Mole to Crawley.

SATURDAY
25th JUNE 12 -3pm



Children's Activities, Coconut Shy, Lucky Dip, Tombola, Guess Where the Treasure Is, Face Painting, Tug of War, Gardeners Corner, Pixham Potager Produce, Cakes, Jams, Chutneys, Pop-Up Pub, Cafe, Barbecue, Picnic Area and Much, Much More...



For more information see our website
pixhamresidents.org/home/committee-pages/pixham-fete

To get involved, contact Mike Williamson at
identity@pixhamresidents.org/07733 265180

The Pixham Fete and Pop-Up-Pub

In past years has been a great attraction, not only for Pixham residents but also for many from surrounding villages. However it can only work with your help. As with all events like this, the more volunteers the better. Mike will be at the school from around 7am on the Saturday morning getting the marquee, tables etc. set up and we have miles of bunting and would appreciate as much help as possible. Mike's contact details are 07733 265180 identity@pixhamresidents.org The Fete starts at 12.00 and finishes 3.00pm.

School Report

Bookings at the School continue to be subject to change. Unfortunately Jackie Coleman's yoga classes did not attract sufficient support for her to maintain them, and pressures on public finances mean that we have lost "Jingle Bugs", the music classes for young children, and East Surrey College's upholstery classes. Sam Edwards has also moved her fitness classes away. But Cranfold's Pilates classes are still very popular, and I understand that both have waiting lists.

We have booked "Slimming World" for several Thursday evenings in the summer whilst their regular venue is being refurbished. (I am very grateful to the various people who pointed them in our direction.) This is a very large group, and whilst we are drawing the members' attention to the advantages of a summer evening walk, and to the benefits of car-sharing, it is likely that demand will outstrip the supply of parking. Please bear with us for these few weeks!

It would be good to see more casual bookings – May this year has been much quieter than last year. We need more bookings to sustain the project financially – so please consider whether you can make a booking, recommend us to others, or support some of the activities in the School.

We are grateful for the donation of a clothes rail, which will be useful for winter parties, and for shelves for the lobby alcove where the books are now so tidily arranged the casual sales have reduced almost to nothing!

Finally, thank you to the Pixham Residents' Association who paid for the carpets to be cleaned. It is clear that given the various uses to which the building is put, we shall have to undertake this regularly.

Mary Peckham

Pixham Lane Traffic Calming

We are all very aware, especially those who live along Pixham Lane, that it is used as a "Ratrun" and the traffic can be quite heavy during the rush hour and of course if there are any problems on the M25, and when traffic flows freely it is very often at speeds well in excess of 30mph.

So with the support of county councillor Hazel Watson, proposals to deal with traffic calming along Pixham Lane are being considered. The PRA Committee arranged to meet with Hazel and council officers at the old school where all the proposals were discussed.

Apart from the verge widening at the "Denbies" roundabout to reduce the speed of vehicles entering Pixham Lane, which we all agreed was advisable, the remaining proposals from the council were concentrated on Pixham Lane from A25 to the Leslie Road junction using either Build Outs or Speed Cushions with Slow signs printed on the road surface.

It was felt that build outs in this area would not be effective and cause greater congestion and restriction of parking places. Speed cushions are unpopular with bus companies and emergency services and noise to nearby residents. The PRA felt that from Chester Close to the traffic lights with the parking formed its own calming restriction. We suggested cushions between A25 and Chester Close would probably work with minimal inconvenience to residents

To our minds the main problems are from the railway bridge to the A24. The exit from Pixholme Grove is particularly hazardous especially if parked vehicles blocking the view to the right.

The stretch of road from the existing pinch point to the A24 is where most of the excess speeding occurs so additional speed cushions, build outs or pinch points were also discussed.

Of course it all depends on funds are available from the council. Build outs and pinch points are the most expensive. But we do feel the council now have an idea of the residents opinions and feelings.

Hopefully there will be a positive outcome so watch this space!

Please address any comments to Sue Mill, susan.m.mill@gmail.com

Brian Downing

Shiny Side Down

As George undoubtedly intended to say, well at least before Ira got all silly about it, 'Summertime and the living in Pixham is easy...'

So, how are you lovely Pixham folk? Had enough of summer yet? Are the endless barbecues, summer parties and the lure of Friday evenings at the Cricket Club beginning to sour? Maybe the anticipation of yet another Pixham Fun Day is all just too much. Either way, did we just catch you dreaming of autumn and colder winter months because, of course, that heralds the start of season four of the Pixham film nights!

In fact, like a caffeine fuelled episode of Spring Watch, us Shinies have already been beavering away to craft yet another season of superlative celluloid surprises. It might be comforting to know that we are planning more upgrades and our current list of potential film choices is far in excess of the number of screenings we've reserved for the season.

So, it occurs to us that maybe it's time to get some feedback from you all about the film nights and what we are screening. We'd love to hear your film ideas or if there is anything that would make the experience nicer, different or even just to tell us not to fiddle! Have you come along to one of our film nights and if not, how might we tempt you to give it a try?

We'll announce the start of the new season soon but in the meantime send us your comments or thoughts at our special new email address pixhamfilms@icloud.com. Even better, everyone who sends us an email will be entered into our prize draw to win two tickets to our first screening of the new season!

We can't wait to hear from you.

Steve Livens