

Spring 2020



You'll Never Walk Alone

*When you walk through a storm
Hold your head up high
And don't be afraid of the dark*

*At the end of a storm
There's a golden sky
And the sweet silver song of a lark*

*Walk on through the wind
Walk on through the rain
Though your dreams be tossed and blown*

*Walk on, walk on
With hope in your heart
And you'll never walk alone*

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Gerry & The Pacemakers 1963

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Just as I was hoping to make the point that the awful weather of February was well behind us, we have now all been affected by the Coronavirus.

We can only apologise for having to suspend the use of the Association's Minibus. We know how important this service is to you, not only for shopping and the *Coffee Mornings*, but the fact that you meet your friends. For some this is probably the only opportunity to meet them. This also clearly affects so many others, whether it's the Monday Swimming Club, The Luncheon Club, The Chestnuts and last but not least The Ramblers.

As a Committee we take our responsibilities to you seriously and we have a duty of care to ensure all is well during your time with us, so unfortunately, we have had to make this very difficult decision.

The Annual General Meeting has also had to be suspended to a later date, hopefully in June, but we will keep you fully updated. In the meantime, the current committee will continue the great work we all know they do.

Unfortunately, the news does not get any better. Just as we have launched our excursion programme for 2020, we have to announce that we have regrettably had to cancel the early Minibus trips to Denmans Gardens at Fontwell, The Jane Austen House at Alton and the full day trip to the beautiful Leonardslee Gardens, near Horsham. Hopefully these will be the last we have to cancel or suspend. We may still be able to operate the Minibus trips at a later date and will keep you updated.

We thank you for your great support on the remaining trips, and subject to the Coronavirus we look forward to seeing you on them

Please enjoy this latest Newsletter, if you have an article you would like to see in one of the future editions, please let us know, we would be glad to include it. (Subject to the Editor's approval).

If you become aware of one of your neighbours requiring support with their shopping during these difficult times, please ask them to ring me on 268768.

John

PAGHAM GARDENING FRIENDS

Pagham Gardening Friends are cancelling meetings for the present and our talk by Geoff Peach from Radio Sussex's 'DIG IT' is now booked for 18 January 2021, when the virus will be behind us. Our meetings will resume on the 3rd Monday of the month when it is sensible to do so, with our AGM and an exciting programme of talks and visits. Please check the Pagham Gardening Friends website or call 01243-262687 for an update. Meanwhile we can resort to 'Dig for Victory' again and enjoy growing our own!



PAGHAM PHOTOGRAPHERS



Unfortunately, there will be no club meetings due to Covid19 as we don't want to spread the virus but if people would like to look at our website we will be running photo tasks throughout which anyone is encouraged to join in with. Barry

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

MINIBUS TRIPS

(for Pagham & District Residents' Association members only)

**PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE FOLLOWING TWO
MINIBUS TRIPS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED FOLLOWING
GOVERNMENT ADVICE REGARDING THE
CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC
ALL MONIES WILL BE RETURNED AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE
PLEASE GIVE US A LITTLE TIME AS THERE IS A
LOT TO SORT OUT**

Sunday 19th April - Denmans Gardens

Sunday 14th June - Jane Austen's House Museum and Petersfield

**WE HOPE TO RUN THESE THREE TRIPS BUT THEY
WILL, OF COURSE, BE SUBJECT TO GOVERNMENT
ADVICE**

Sunday, 9th August - Chichester Canal Boat Trip with Afternoon Tea

Sunday, 18th October - Tour of Bombay Sapphire Gin Distillery, Whitchurch - bookings open July

Sunday, 22nd November - Haskins Garden Centre - bookings open October

COACH OUTINGS

(all welcome)

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Sunday 3rd May - Leonardslee Lakes and Gardens with Tea

**WE HOPE TO RUN THE FOLLOWING OUTINGS, BUT
THEY ARE SUBJECT TO FUTURE GOVERNMENT
ADVICE**

Sunday, 5th July - Corfe Castle, Swanage and Wareham with
Steam Train Journey

Thursday, 3rd September - Hastings/with optional Open Top Bus
ride

Thursday, 3rd December - Bournemouth and Christmas Market

Please contact Janet on 697593 if you have any queries

LADIES SUPPER EVENINGS

HAPPY 7th BIRTHDAY!

Well it was supposed to be!

In March 2013, 20 ladies attended the first Ladies Supper Evening held at Madlows Restaurant in Aldwick and 7 of those ladies are still regular diners - 7 years later! We continue to meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month and always enjoy ourselves in a friendly and jovial atmosphere, with good food and service provided at lovely restaurants around the area from Littlehampton to West Wittering. Always a great evening out and proving increasingly popular with 34 ladies booked to attend The Bear in Pagham in March 2020! Unfortunately, we had to cancel following the Government's advice not to socialise and visit pubs and clubs. Rest assured, however, that as soon as we are able, we will begin going out again and I'm sure the first evening will be one of huge celebration that we have all made it through the dreadful months of the Coronavirus pandemic.

I have therefore, due to the uncertain length of the outbreak, made the difficult decision to cancel the supper evenings until further notice, meaning our planned trips in April, May and June will NOT take place. Ladies, as soon as our evenings can be reinstated, I will notify you all.

Take extra care and stay safe - Janet x



PAGHAM PLAYERS

Pagham Players are sorry to announce the cancellation of their May production.

Judy will contact you regarding refunds. Hopefully the panto will still go ahead on Dec 4th and 5th.

THE MULBERRIES

The Mulberries (*a small group of people who continue to work to raise funds to support Pagham Village Hall for the benefit of all users, and distribute money to various local good causes*) are pleased to announce the bands that will be playing in 2020.

Saturday 30th May Sorry - cancelled due to Coronavirus pandemic

Saturday 12th September - Smileys Road Show - Top of the Pops 60s/70s/80s

Saturday 14th November - Limited S - All genres 60s-00s

All dances feature live groups and are held at Pagham Village Hall starting at 7.30 pm (doors open 7pm) and ending at 11 pm. Tickets £8 - contact Linda on 01243-261870. Please bring your own food, drink and glasses.



SHOPPING TRIPS & COFFEE MORNINGS

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John

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS & HELPERS WANTED!

Please contact John - 268768 or Janet 697593 for an informed chat and further details.

CRIMSHAM FARM

Are selling fruit and vegetables in priced boxes from the garage at The Bear.

THE BEAR

In these unprecedented and extremely difficult times, we are supporting the kind offer of The Bear to provide our residents with hot meals at very reasonable prices, delivered direct to their homes, together with other help should anyone need it.

The Bear Inn Delivery Service of cooked and ready-to-cook food.

Main Courses - £5 each

Toad in The Hole served with Onion Gravy

Beef & Guinness Stew

Cauliflower Cheese (v)

Home Cooked Ham & Parsley Sauce

Chicken & Bacon Pie

Liver & Bacon, Red Wine Casserole

All of the above served with a choice of New Potatoes or Mash & Vegetables

Chilli Con Carne (Beef or Vegetable) served with Rice

Lamb or Vegetable Tagine served with Rice

Sweet Potato Madras (v) served with Rice

Desserts - £3 each

Vanilla Cheesecake

Syrup Sponge, served with Custard or Cream

Jam Sponge, served with Custard or Cream

Bread & Butter Pudding, served with Custard or Cream

Chocolate Brownie, served with Custard or Cream

Sticky Toffee & Butterscotch Pudding, served with Custard or Cream

On Sunday, they can also offer a Roast (choice of Saddle of Lamb, Topside of Beef, Chicken or Pork Belly) with Roast Potatoes, Vegetables and Yorkshire Pudding for £10 plus your choice of Desserts from the Main Menu above.

They will also deliver your selection of soft drinks, bottled beer and wine (subject to availability) with any meal ordered.

In addition, if you are housebound and in need of household essentials, they will try to provide these, where possible, at cost price.

Please call Bex or Archie at The Bear Inn on 01243 262157 to order

TIM'S GARDENING NOTES

May to July

Now is the time of year when the plants and flowers in the beds and borders really start to take our attention. This is not forgetting the time and work required in the greenhouse and on the vegetable plot.

However, there is another element that also requires tender, loving care, but which often goes unloved and forgotten - the lawn. By May, we should be regularly mowing the grass at least once a week aiming for a height of around 2.5cm and if you have edges get the blades out and keep them neatly trimmed. It is amazing how a newly mown lawn can give a garden a whole new and smarter appearance, it's like putting on a tie to complete the dinner outfit!

Any spring and summer treatment should have been done by now but some can be reapplied - just check the instructions. However, whenever you decide to feed, try to pre-empt rain so the granules' nutrients can be washed into the soil for the roots to take up. If there is no rain forthcoming, I suggest getting the hose out!

When mowing throughout the summer, it is a generally good idea not to cut within a whisker of the lawn's life. Instead, mow little and often to give the blades time to grow strong between each cutting. I understand on a big lawn, the little and often approach can be a bind, at our hotel, it can take a whole day to get the lawns looking perfect following this method, so needs must in some cases.

If the weather is particularly dry around summer, it can be a good idea to raise the cutting blades as longer grass can cope better with drought.

Finally, lay out a blanket on the grass, lie back and enjoy the summer sun, just remember to lay it in a different place each time to allow the grass beneath to recover.

Lovely. Tim Ashton, Head Gardener
Crouchers Orchards Hotel & Restaurant



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COACH OUTING

**SWANAGE, CORFE CASTLE and WAREHAM with
STEAM TRAIN JOURNEY
SUNDAY 5th JULY 2020
£30**

After pick-up starting at 8:30 am from the bus stops at Avisford Park, à Becket's Avenue, Church Way, The Parade and The Bear Inn, we will travel by coach to Norden where we will board a steam locomotive for our journey to Swanage, with the option to stop off at Corfe Castle (*National Trust Members remember to take your Membership Card for free entry*).



The 6-mile journey will take us through the beautiful Purbeck countryside and includes stunning views of the iconic remains of William the Conqueror's Corfe Castle. Famous authors Thomas Hardy and Enid Blyton were influenced by this region and when Enid Blyton holidayed in the area, she used the railway and would generally include a train journey (inspired by her own experiences) in her Famous Five Books.

Swanage is a delightful, small seaside town with a Victorian Pier. The time here will be free for you to do as you wish - have a meal in one of the many restaurants, pubs or tearooms, or sample handmade chocolates and local ice cream.

We will board our coach at 3-15pm for the short journey to Wareham, one of the few remaining Saxon walled towns in England. Wareham is an historic market town with pubs and restaurants on its pretty riverside quay. An effigy of T E Lawrence (Lawrence of Arabia) can be found in St. Martin on the Wall Church.



After spending approximately an hour in Wareham, we will board our coach at 4.30pm for the journey home.

To book, telephone Janet on 697593 or see her at a coffee morning

Please note, no booking can be confirmed until full payment is received.

MINIBUS TRIP

*(Pagham and District Residents' Association
Members only)*

AFTERNOON TEA CRUISE - CHICHESTER CANAL SUNDAY 9th AUGUST

£26 per person

Pick-ups from 1:00 pm - leave Chichester 4:45 pm approximately

Afternoon tea is a long-running British tradition, dating back to the early 18th century when it was used to bridge the gap between lunch and dinner. Today the custom remains extremely popular, enacted in tea rooms, hotels and households across the country.



Dainty finger sandwiches, scones with cream and jam, tasty sweet treats and a choice of tea or coffee.

The canal is a beautiful retreat and you can enjoy the reflections on the water with unique views of the Cathedral and South Downs as you glide past wildflowers and reed beds - watch out for herons and kingfishers in their natural habitat.



The boat, Richmond, has access and room for 2 people in wheelchairs, but if this facility is required, it must be notified at time of booking. There is also a lift for those who may not be able to manage steps.

The cruise lasts approximately 2 hours.

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COACH OUTING

HASTINGS

with optional Open Top Bus Ride

(free if you show your concessionary bus pass)

Thursday 3rd September

£24



After pick-ups, which will start at 8:00 am, from the bus stops at Avisford Park, à Becket's Avenue, Church Way, The Parade and The Bear Inn, we will journey to Hastings where the day will be free for you to do as you wish.

- Why not soak up Hastings' history:
 - by wandering the preserved Old Town's winding streets crammed with Tudor houses and flower-bedecked cottages, or
 - visit the hard-working fishing quarter with its towering net huts and ramshackle huts on the beach.

- Walk out onto the Pier, or

- Simply enjoy a day browsing the shops.

- Ride on one of the funicular railways
 - take the East Hill Lift (the UK's steepest funicular railway) from the fishing beach up to the Country Park, or
 - the West Hill Lift from George Street up through a tunnel of rock and explore the ruins of Hastings Castle (built by William the Conqueror) and the caverns underneath packed with thrilling history of smugglers, bootleggers and warring bloodthirsty gangs.

- Visit some of the quirky museums
 - The Shipwreck Museum opposite the Blue Reef Aquarium
 - the Fishermen's Museum with a suit made from winkle shells.
 - The Flower Makers' Museum in the High Street invites you into a world of fabrics, cutters and presses.
 - From there, you could take a short and scenic walk to admire (from the outside) the house where Foyle's War was filmed
 - Further along the seafront, tucked into caves, is the unusual True Crime Museum, a collection of criminal memorabilia such as acid baths, execution beds and knuckledusters!

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