

***Pagham & District Residents' Association***  
*Supporting Our Community*

**Autumn 2021**



## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

A personal welcome to the large number of new members, please do not be a stranger and join us on one of the many events we arrange.

The period since the last newsletter has been so busy for us and our volunteers. The stewards having been busy collecting your membership and delivering the last newsletter. We have also restarted our Minibus service with the weekly trips to Bognor Shops on its Tuesday market day, shopping services to Tesco, the new Lidl in Shripney Road, Marks & Spencer in Portfield, Chichester and our twice monthly Coffee Morning on the 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month. Also included in the newsletter are all the dates for the rest of 2021.

We have just held our AGM – a personal thank you to the 50+ members for taking the time to attend.

We held the Cream Tea on Saturday 21st August, a big thank you to Janet and Rita and their very busy teams for organising such a memorable occasion.

The first Coach Trip of 2021 will have taken place by the time you read this. It will have been the largest group of members attending one of our trips in recent times, but as you will read in the newsletter, we move on and are planning to run at least two other trips later this year. We were on target for a sell out last year, so please book early if you would like to go on any of 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).

John

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## VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The Residents' Association is responsible for running the minibus, holding regular coffee mornings, organising coach trips and social events for the benefit and enjoyment of the residents of Pagham.

## MINIBUS DRIVERS & HELPERS

**We are looking for additional Drivers and helpers to operate our expanding Minibus Services**

If you are interested in the above vacancy or would like further details, we would love to hear from you. Please contact John on 268768.

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COME AND SEE OUR PANTO  
'SLEEPING BEAUTY'



PAGHAM VILLAGE HALL

7:30 ON FRIDAY, 3<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER

7:30 ON SATURDAY, 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FROM JUDY ON 264622.

ADULTS - £8.00, CHILDREN - £5.00

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS AND NIBBLES.



*Welcome in 2022*

*At Pagham Village Hall*

*The Trustees Invite You to their  
Annual New Year Dance*

*8:30pm, 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021*

*Tickets £ 14.00*

*from Judy on 264622*

*Please bring your own drinks  
and nibbles*



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# WALKING FOOTBALL

**BOGNOR REGIS FOOTBALL CLUB  
THURSDAYS  
10AM-11.00AM**



**PLEASE BOOK BY CALLING  
THE LABURNUM CENTRE  
RECEPTION ON  
01243 827185**



**REGULAR WEEKLY  
SESSIONS**

**£3.00 NON MEMBER**

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## TIM'S GARDENING NOTES

I love this time of year - the lengthening shadows, the changing colours, the crisp fresh air and the opportunity to take a rest from all that hard summer work at the vegetable plot...

Ha - who am I kidding?

There are still jobs to do, starting with overwintering dahlias. There are two ways to protect the tender tubers from winter, mulch or lift. If the tubers are staying put for next year, cut the dying foliage to ground level and then leave them be but be sure to mulch the area well with a thick layer of leaves or mushroom compost. Alternatively, if you're thinking of moving your dahlias, once again cut to ground level before lifting them using a garden fork – but be careful not to damage the tubers. Store them primarily upside down to allow them to dry out, before packing them in something dry such as straw or wood chip and put them somewhere dry and cool. I bring them out of hibernation around April time.

When the chilly days of November come around, I keep warm by raking up the leaves. There are many reasons to do this - firstly, leaf mould. Collect up the leaves, store them in large black sacks (ensuring there are ventilation holes) and in one, but most probably two, seasons' time you'll have the gold dust, that is nutrient-laden leaf mould to put on your borders. Ferns in particular like a good covering of leaf mould in the spring; secondly, I think leaves on the lawn and borders look messy; thirdly, the grass underneath the leaves can be irrevocably damaged; fourthly, leaves offer slugs a hiding place, and fifthly, when the leaves break down at the hands of the micro-organisms that inhabit the soil, this process can actually remove much-needed nutrients from the ground.

A quick word of November warning – this is the month of bonfires and not just for Guy Fawkes' night. If you do have a bonfire, please ensure there are no animals nesting or sleeping in the pile – the warmth offered by a fire stack is a delight for hedgehogs in particular.

December is a good time to move plants around the garden – as long as the ground is not frozen or waterlogged. Anything from deciduous trees to herbaceous perennials are fast asleep at this time of year, and they won't mind waking up in a different area of the garden – especially if that area is better suited to them.

Then it's time for the turkey dinner.

Finally – don't forget to keep bird tables well stocked with food and water.

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## MINIBUS SHOPPING DATES

JULY - DECEMBER 2021

Bognor Shops Tuesday	Marks & Spencer Wednesday	Lidl/Matalan Thursday	Tesco Friday
Sep 21, 28 Oct 5, 12, 19, 26 Nov 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Dec 7, 14, 21.	Oct 20 Nov 17 Dec 15	Sep 30 Oct 7, 21 Nov 4, 18 Dec 2, 16	Sep 24 Oct 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Nov 5, 12, 19, 26 Dec 3, 10, 17

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## COFFEE MORNINGS

These are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of each month.

Come and join us for tea/coffee and biscuits for 50p or perhaps treat yourself to a buttered, toasted teacake for 50p. Try your luck with raffle tickets at 50p per strip. A great way to meet new people and make new friendships in a relaxed atmosphere.



The dates for the remainder of 2021 are;

Sep 23 - (see below)

Oct 14, 28

Nov 11, 25

Dec 9 - last before Christmas serving hot sausage rolls and mince pies

## MACMILLAN WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING

Once again we will be supporting the **Macmillan Cancer Appeal** and this year our event (including a cake sale) will be held at our coffee morning on **THURSDAY, 23rd SEPTEMBER from 10.00 - 11.30 am.**

All proceeds will be donated to the charity, so please do your best to attend and help raise as much money as we can for this very worthwhile cause.

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## LADIES SUPPER EVENINGS

By the time you read this, I hope we will have all been reunited and enjoyed our first supper evening for 19 months.

Our evenings out for the next few months will be as follows:

- Thursday 21 October – The Bear, Pagham
- Thursday 18 November – The Bull's Head, Fishbourne
- Friday 10 December - The Elmer, Middleton-on-Sea (Christmas Party Night tbc)

The cost for a two-course meal with tea or coffee is currently £21 per head. Minibus return fare is £3 (14 seats only and subject to availability).

If you would like further details or wish to attend, please see Janet at the Residents' Association's coffee mornings in the village hall on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4th Thursdays of each month, or telephone 697593.

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## 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 2021 and 2022;

Saturday, 13 November 2021	The Minkees	All genres from the 60s to the 00s
Saturday, 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	The Parlophones	60s Tribute Band
Saturday, 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	Dates for your diary -	
Saturday, 10 <sup>th</sup> September 2022	awaiting confirmation	
Saturday, 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	from Groups	

All dances feature live groups and are held at Pagham Village Hall starting at 7.30 pm (doors open 7pm) and end at 11pm.

Tickets £8 - **contact 01243 266849 or 262833** between 9.00 am and 6.00 pm.

Please bring your own food, drink and glasses.



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## EVENTS, COACH OUTINGS AND MINIBUS TRIPS

### CHRISTMAS TEA PARTY

with entertainment by  
**MALCOLM THE MAGICIAN**

3-5pm, Sunday 12th December in Pagham Village Hall

Join us for a festive tea and be mystified and intrigued by our illusionist at your table

Admission by ticket only – in advance from Rita on 262814. Residents' Association Members - £5, Non-members - £7

Minibus transport available

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### COACH OUTINGS

#### **OUR OUTING TO DORSET ABOARD A DOUBLE-DECKER COACH to SWANAGE, CORFE CASTLE and WAREHAM with STEAM TRAIN JOURNEY**

79 Members gathered for an early start on Sunday, 5th September. Boarding quickly at various bus stops around the village, we were soon on our way. With very little traffic to contend with, we arrived at Norden Station with time to spare, enabling us to stretch our legs and enjoy some light refreshments in the garden before making our way to the platform.



We boarded the 11.15am steam train, splitting into two groups with 60 travelling directly to Swanage and 19 taking advantage of the option to visit Corfe Castle en-route, where they wandered through the winding streets or climbed the hill to explore the amazing ruins of the iconic castle, built by William the Conqueror in the eleventh century. Back on another steam train at 12.47pm they continued their journey to Swanage.

On such a warm, sunny day everyone took advantage of the free time in Swanage by browsing the shops, having lunch or taking a stroll along the long promenade and boosting the sale of ice-creams!

After a short walk back to the station, we all boarded our coach once more for a delightful tour through the beautiful Dorset countryside, with its picturesque villages and cottages of Purbeck stone and thatched roofs, before arriving at our final destination.



With an hour free to spend in pretty Wareham, members headed for tea rooms or seats around the bustling quayside to soak up the sun before making our way back to Pagham.

A long day, but a thoroughly enjoyable one!

*Boarding the double-decker coach in Wareham for the journey home.*

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## **BRIGHTON CHRISTMAS MARKET AND SHOPPING**

Thursday, 2nd December 2021

Residents' Association Members - £16 / Non members - £18



We will journey to Brighton where the day will be free for you to do as you wish. Options include;

### **SHOPPING OPPORTUNITIES**

Enjoy the Christmas Market in Valley Gardens offering a mixture of retail stalls selling food and drink, entertainment and attractions.

- Visit the Churchill Square shopping centre with its well-known shops.
- Wander through The Lanes packed with upmarket restaurants, quaint tea rooms and traditional pubs. At its heart lies a warren of narrow, twisting alleyways filled with independent jewellers and tiny, high-end antiques shops.
- North Laine is also well worth a visit with its unusual and unique shops and independent coffee shops.

## SIGHTSEEING

- The Old Police Cells' Museum in the Town Hall's basement offers free tours of the 200 years old underground jail.
- Admire the Clock Tower, built in 1888 to commemorate Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee
- The splendour of the Royal Pavilion. This was built in three stages, beginning in 1787, as a seaside retreat for George, Prince of Wales, who became the Prince Regent in 1811 and King George IV in 1820.

## ALONG THE SEAFRONT

- The Palace Pier
- The i360
- The Sea Life Centre

To book, telephone Janet on 697593 between 9am and 6pm or see her at a coffee morning on 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month.

Pick-ups will start at 9am from bus stops at Avisford Park; à Becketts Avenue; Church Way; The Parade and The Bear.

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

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## MINIBUS TRIP

### HASKINS GARDEN CENTRE and HOBBYCRAFT, RUSTINGTON

**SUNDAY, 12 NOVEMBER. £4 / person**

Pick-ups from 10 am – Leaving Haskins at 2 pm



To book, telephone Janet on 697593 between 9am & 6pm or see her at a coffee morning

*Please note:*

*This trip is for Residents' Association Members only*

*No booking can be confirmed until full payment is received*

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## PAGHAM GARDENING FRIENDS

Pagham Gardening Friends meets on the third Monday afternoon of most months between 2.15pm and 3.45pm, usually in the Small Village Hall. We hold interesting talks and enjoy outings. We are a friendly group and will make you most welcome. Details for our future meetings are shown below

Date	Topic	Presenter
<b>2021</b>		
20 September	A Look at Ireland's Gardens & Gardening Question Time	Geoff Peach from Radio Sussex's "Dig It"
18 October	Just Plants	David Donovan
22 November	Christmas Party & History of a Greengrocer's	Jim Field
<b>2022</b>		
17 January	Planning for Summer	Peter de Buisseret
21 February	Shoreline Safari & Arun Talks	
21 March	AGM & Quiz	

Enthusiasm is more important than experience, so call **Brenda on 263437** to find out more.

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## PAGHAM PHOTOGRAPHERS

Are you interested in taking better pictures?

Would you like to meet similarly minded people?

Would you like to enjoy improving your photography in a friendly light-hearted environment?

If so, Pagham Photographers is for you! We meet every first and third Tuesday of the month between September and June at 7.00pm in the Small Village Hall. We are looking for new members who have limited skills but would like to improve.

Our evenings are split into talks and practicals with visiting guest speakers and when the weather gets warmer, we will be going on outings to have practical sessions in the countryside.

We hope that we have interested you. If you would like to know more please phone **Barry on 263267** or contact our Secretary, **Bev Page** at [contactpaghamphotoclub@gmail.com](mailto:contactpaghamphotoclub@gmail.com)

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And finally .....

## MEMORIES OF PAGHAM & DISTRICT

I would love to hear from any of our readers who can remember the plans for Pagham becoming a centre for flying boats! Perhaps you have a relative that told you about this years ago?

I'd also like to know more about The Kings Beach Hotel  
(now the Co-Op in The Parade).

Did you stay there when it was a hotel?

What are your memories?



Please drop me an e-mail with your story - [lynne1709@hotmail.com](mailto:lynne1709@hotmail.com)

I look forward to hearing from you and space permitting will include some of your replies in the next newsletter.

Lynne - Editor