

Newsletter - Winter 2022



Photo of Pagham Mill taken between 1900-1904
(The sails were removed in 1915)
photo courtesy of Gravelroots

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

May I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a great 2022 and also pass on the best wishes from all the team at Pagham and District Residents' Association for a very happy and prosperous New Year.

Since the last Newsletter, the time has passed so quickly. The 2021 Macmillan Coffee morning raised an unbelievable £715 which was increased to £750.00 by the Association, thank you to all who attended and were so generous with their donations.

We have been to Swanage. As the bookings kept coming in, the size of the coach increased. Come the day of departure, 79 members boarded the double decker coach for the trip across the New Forest on what seemed like the warmest day of the year. A day that will last long in the memory of all who travelled.

Since then, we have had further trips to Brighton, Haskins near Worthing and more locally The Chalcraft Craft Cabin for Christmas shopping.

Our planning has already started for the 2022 day trips. Please keep 5th May spare as we are planning a trip to Isle of Wight, always a popular location. Also we are extending our monthly minibus trip to Marks & Spencer to the store in Havant, a much larger store.

I have to finish with some sad news as Janet Dale has decided to step down from the committee. Janet was our Hon. Secretary until last year and been a committee member for over 9 years. She is still planning to be involved by carrying on with the very successful Ladies Supper Evenings. We cannot thank Janet enough for all the sterling work she has done and I would like to thank her personally for helping me when I took over the Chair, Thank you Janet.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

2.15 pm on Wednesday, 27 April 2022

Small Hall, Pagham Village Hall

(Minibus transport available)

Come and meet your committee, hear what we have done throughout the year
and put forward what you would like us to do in the future,

We can't do it if we don't know!

We welcome your suggestions - it's your community too.

Stay and chat with us - tea and cake provided!

Please support us in providing the best we can for the people of Pagham.

HELP ALWAYS REQUIRED IN A NUMBER OF ROLES

Contact **John on 268768** for an informal chat and further details



MINIBUS DATES - JAN to APRIL 2022

The Minibus can be booked from 9.00 - 17.00

Contact John on 268768



	Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Thursdays	Fridays
	Swimming, Felpham	Bognor Shops	Marks & Spencer	Aldi / Lidl / Matalan	Coffee Mornings	Tesco
January	10, 17, 24, 31	4, 11, 18, 25	26	6, 20	13, 27	7, 14, 21, 28
February	7, 14, 28	1, 8, 15, 22	23	3, 17	10, 24	4, 11, 18, 25
March	7, 14, 21, 28	1, 8, 15, 22, 29	23	3, 17	10, 24	4, 11, 18, 25
April	4, 25	5, 12, 19, 26	27	7, 21	14, 28	1, 8, 15, 22, 29

TIM'S GARDENING NOTES

January to April

Winter is a funny time in the garden - you might be fooled into thinking you can hang up your secateurs, store away your wellies ... but no! There is plenty to be done and most of it will not bear fruit until much later in the year. So, no, there is no time for rest but at least you can rest safe in the knowledge you've given your garden the best possible start the new growing season.

First of all, and if you haven't done it already, protect your tender perennials by covering them in fleece and/or bringing them indoors or putting them in a greenhouse. Then you can concentrate on those plants that have simply gone to sleep for the winter - dead head those autumn flowering plants and prune summer flowering shrubs.

Secondly, now is a good time to take hardwood cuttings of, for example, Forsythia or Buddleia. Select some fresh growth and cut at an angle above a bud and cut straight below a bud so you're left with a length of around 25cm. Dip the straight edge (marking the bottom of the cutting) into some hormone rooting powder, and then push into a potting media with excellent drainage. Forget about them, and then come autumn, fingers crossed, you'll have some nicely rooted new plants.

Thirdly, and if you didn't do it at the beginning of autumn, late winter is a good time to lay down a good mulch - as long as the soil is not heavily frosted or waterlogged. I prefer to lay down about an inch of good, well-rotted manure and then dig it in - the professionals will tell you a good layer is about 3", but unless you're fortunate to have your own supply, it can get very costly.

As we enter March and April, I start to consider my sowing season. Check the instructions on individual packets to work out your own calendar and ensure you use a good quality sowing compost.

And, finally, do not forget our little wildlife friends. They may be struggling to find food and water in freezing temperatures, so please lay out a picnic for the birds and anything else you can think of!

Now you can hang up those secateurs ... but not for long!

Tim Ashton, Head Gardener - Crouchers Orchards Hotel & Restaurant

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.

We have decided to go ahead with meetings, but face masks need to be worn, and coats, as we will have some windows open for ventilation. Please bring a bottle of water as teas won't be served at present.

Future Meetings

17 Jan	Pruning and care of roses
21 Feb	Shoreline Safari
21 Mar	Small garden design and AGM
16 May	Plant Sale
20 Jun	Visit to Apuldram Roses

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

LADIES SUPPER EVENINGS

We were all delighted to be able to go out together again and started back on 16th September at The Arun View Inn in Littlehampton, with 28 ladies celebrating our return. This was followed by The Bear, Pagham on 21st October with 33 ladies attending and at The Bull's Head at Fishbourne with 23 ladies. At all 3 venues, we were treated to delicious food and great service with lots of happy laughter and chatting - we had 19 months of catching up to do!

On Friday, 10th December, 18 ladies enjoyed another Christmas Party Night at The Elmer, Middleton-on-Sea. Following a superb meal with maybe a glass or two of something alcoholic (well it was Christmas!) we were entertained for the rest of the evening by a DJ playing many of our favourite tunes.

Currently the cost for a two-course meal (main and dessert) with tea or coffee is £22 per head. A minibus return fare is £3 (14 seats only and subject to availability).

Future supper evenings are as follows:

Thursday, 17th February - The Walnut Tree, Runcton

Thursday, 17th March - 47 Mussel Row, Littlehampton

Thursday, 21st April - venue to be arranged

If you would like further details or wish to attend, please telephone Janet on 697593 to arrange.

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and take this opportunity to wish you a very happy and healthy 2022.



PAGHAM PLAYERS

Would like to tempt adults only, to an evening of
Laughs and Intrigue with three plays

'The Iceberg' by Dawn Cairns

'Blood on Canvas' by Richard James

'Fidelity Farce' by Gary Diamond

On Friday, June 17th and Saturday, June 18th at 7:30pm

Pagham Village Hall

To get your ticket at £10.00 each, Ring Judy on 264622

REPORT ON OUR CHRISTMAS TEA PARTY

On Sunday 12th December over 80 members attended the Annual Christmas Tea Party at the Parish Hall. Members were entertained by Malcolm the Magician throughout the afternoon visiting each table with a selection of card tricks at close quarters,



Members enjoyed an excellent tea, supplied by the London Tea Room in Nyetimber village and were suitably served by the Residents' Association very own Snow White and her team of Elves, Thank you ladies.

The members were also delighted by a festive raffle, kindly donated by an anonymous member, and £201 was raised plus an extra £5 was donated by one of the members.

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 March and July at 7.45 pm in the Small Village Hall and then start again in September 2022 through to June 2023. 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 by email on contactpaghamphotoclub@gmail.com**.

COACH OUTING

Ticket to Ryde Thursday, 5th May 2022

£30 per person

We are proud to announce our first Coach trip of 2022 -join us for a memorable day trip to the Isle of Wight. The coach which will be our transport throughout day will be leaving Pagham at 8.30am for the journey down to Portsmouth to board the 10.20am sailing. Once on board the Wightlink Ferry, you will have time on our 40-minute crossing to use the facilities on board and enjoy the departure from historic Portsmouth.

Once we arrive at Fishbourne and leave the ferry, you can sit back and enjoy the tour of the south of the Island until we arrive at our first stop of the day, the Isle of Wight Pearl. There, you will be able to enjoy every shape and size of pearl, have the opportunity to purchase a bespoke neckless, earrings or bracelets or just enjoy the window shopping around the cabinets and the views out towards France are just stunning.

Our next destination will be the wonderful village of Godshill. This will be an opportunity for you to enjoy some retail therapy or enjoy the cafes and Restaurants throughout the village.

We will be leaving Godshill to complete our tour of the Island heading north to make our way back to Fishbourne to meet the 16.40pm ferry back to Portsmouth. We will arrive back on the mainland before 17.30pm and then make our way back to Pagham.

For bookings contact Mary Carpenter on 278359

THE MULBERRIES

Due to the varying Covid restrictions we are uncertain as to what we will be able to offer you this year but here is our proposed programme for 2022.

We look forward to seeing you at the events but please contact the numbers below to book and obtain further information.

26 February - cancelled
7 May - The Parlaphones
17 September - Simleys Road Show
19 November - tba

All events are held at Pagham Village Hall starting at 7.30pm (doors open 7pm) and end at 11pm.

Please bring your own food, drink and glasses.

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

NEWS FROM PAGHAM PARISH COUNCIL
THIS NEW YEAR 2022
Peter Atkins, Chairman Pagham Parish Council

Last Autumn Nicola Swann (the Parish Clerk) and I met with Iain Balch and John Horn your Chairman. The intention was to discuss co-operation between the two village groups wherever there might be mutual benefit. We are after all, a small village that is about to grow very rapidly, and 2 heads are better than one when serious change to village life must be developed to the benefit of the village residents. We have worked closely together in the past. Currently we have vacancies on the Parish Council and we would welcome anyone who is interested to contact myself or Nicola and we can explain what is involved.

The first idea was a newsletter to be inserted in your quarterly publication that would give you an insight into what the PPC has been doing and what plans are in view for the near future. I hope that a two-way dialogue will develop that enables residents to be informed and councillors to be advised of villagers' opinions. This is my first attempt to open dialogue and critical comments are welcome. That way I hope to improve the usefulness of the communication.

Starting in Spring 2021 the PPC adopted a policy and actions to compensate for the reduction in some services that were previously the sole responsibility of WSCC. The change in the frequency of mowing grass verges is a very visible example. The verge/green space cutting program has been reduced to 3 times per year and on main road verges to a max width of 1 m. As an experiment we asked the grass mower to extend his work.

At the Parade, we trimmed back the edges of all verges and cleared the paths of overgrowth. Then all of the grass was cut every 2 weeks throughout the period April to November, except on the 3 occasions when WSCC did it. This received very favourable comments from residents.

Pagham Road was always a special case as PPC cut the full width of the verge to allow the growth of the planted daffodils every spring. The main routes through the village we organized to top up the 3 WSCC cuts after their first cut was so late that it looked like a hayfield. This mowing was repeated several times throughout the season so that our village did not look unkempt. In 2022 we are arranging 5 cuts of all of the verges around the main routes of the village and the 3 by WSCC.

If there is a serious need in any area of the village during next year we will look at what we can do ensure we get it sorted. A quick phone call to the village hall council office will alert us to any problem that you feel needs attention.

One important point to note is that the reduction in the width of cut grass on verges between villages is also a constituent of the "Green Trust" - a fund holding group initially chaired by the vicar to allow natural development of plant, insect and small mammal species to thrive. This, once established will enable more birds and larger mammals to survive.

Seven years ago, Ray Radmall started a campaign to try to ensure that the sea did not erode the gravel bank on the beach and break through flooding the lower sites of the village and taking homes off the beach. At the end of October 2021 the first stage of this adaptive management plan was carried out by Pagham Flood Defence Trust in partnership with Bourne Leisure. Although at this time the Trust is not under the control of the PPC, it is from the initiative of Ray that this has now been achieved.

The foresight of Ray and the founders and the supporters of the trust ensured a substantial fund was set up in Trust to enable the whole village to be protected from sea ingress. After many years of discussion which included both Chichester and Arun District Councils, the Marine Management Organization, Natural England, the Environment Agency, The RSPB, local landowners and several other interested parties, a plan was formalized to cover as many of the possible scenarios of beach erosion. This is now known as The Adaptive Management Plan (AMP). It's aim is to protect Pagham but with the minimum disruption to the natural conditions of the beach.

The evolution of the final plan to cut the Church Norton Spit that had built up due to sea action was from this AMP. Planning permission was granted in early Autumn and then the work was completed within a 2 week window. The in/outflow of the sea to Pagham Harbour is now direct and the turbulence caused by tides meeting harbour flows has ceased to erode the beach in a damaging fashion. However, with all projects involving nature there is always a degree of uncertainty and so going forward the development of the harbour entrance and the various shingle banks out to sea will be monitored regularly.

The Parish maintains 2 playgrounds for children, with the development of the Summer Lane housing there will be an extension to the Village Hall playground and green space of about 1½ acres. This will allow an area of parkland with trees and a walkway to be developed and some extra equipment to enable disabled residents to access some specialized play equipment.

For many reasons the current ambition of many organizations including government and members of the general population is to plant trees. Thanks to the inspiration of one resident, we have begun to plant new trees this winter in the village. However, the cost of doing so on land controlled by WSCC (i.e. grass verges and open spaces) is exorbitant, £200 per tree and we are trying to develop ways of planting many more without such high costs. These costs however include all of the responsibility for the trees going forward. For example, the planting, staking, tying, pruning, watering, guarding and insuring. It is suggested that we could avoid most of these costs as a council by planting trees under the control of residents. In simple terms perhaps we (PPC) should sponsor a scheme to supply suitable trees to residents to plant and grow in their own gardens (free of charge), advice and guidance and saplings.

I would love to hear from you if you would think this a good idea and whether you might be willing to help us set up such a scheme. Please contact me with views and comments. Similarly, any comments or opinions can be expressed via the same address on any subject regarding the village.

Peter Atkins - Chairman Pagham Parish Council

Council office phone: 01243 266424



PAGHAM PONIES

Please support us!

Your donation is important and it will help us to care for these ponies.

Please contact Nigel Mundy on the numbers below.

Volunteers always needed

Mobile Number 07514 034837

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Website. paghamponiesrescue.com

Please support this important local project



And finally.....from the Editor.

In the previous edition I asked if anyone had any memories of the Kings Beach Hotel. Jean Mitchell actually worked at the hotel for two different landlords and thoroughly enjoyed her time there.

Does anyone else have memories from Pagham long ago that they would like to share? Please e-mail me at lynne1709@hotmail.com.
