

Pagham & District Residents' Association
Supporting Our Community

SUMMER 2022



Pagham Cricket Club

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT SUMMER 2022

A warm welcome to our Summer edition, and a very special welcome to our newest members who are receiving their first newsletter.

Since the last Newsletter, it has been a very busy time. A big thank you from the team to all those who attended the AGM. Please find the reports inside on our very interesting day in the Isle of Wight, the Queen's Platinum Jubilee tea, and also a list of the local businesses who supported us at the Platinum Tea.

Enclosed you will find the details of our latest planned days out. We have not advertised any of the trips elsewhere, so once you have received your newsletter, please ring Mary for the coach trip to Milestones on 278359 to book your place, and please ring myself John on 268768 for the Minibus trips to Midhurst and Gunwharf.

How great to see so many new faces at our coffee mornings, clearly the changes and additional activities now on offer meet with your approval.

John

JUBILEE TEA PARTY RAFFLE

A big thank you to the following shops who supported our Platinum Jubilee Tea Party Raffle:-

Matthew at Pagham Newsagent, The Parade

Pagham Co-op, The Parade

Nyetimber Spar, Pagham Road

Sal Leanne Hair Stylists Pagham Road

Also, many thanks to the Members who donated prizes on the day.
Thank you. John

COFFEE MORNINGS

Come and meet the team at one of our regular Coffee Mornings

The coffee mornings are held on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of each month between 10.00 - 11.30am at the Village Hall in Pagham Road.

Come along and meet friends old and new. Our minibus is available if required (in the designated area).

Fancy a game of Hoy, maybe Bingo, enjoy a game of cards with friends, a regular quiz just for fun?

Regular craft stalls by invitation

Free library - large choice of books

Donations welcome to Chestnuts Tree House

WEBSITE

Pagham & District Residents Association

Please visit our website for all up-to-date information

All our activities are located on the site.

www.paghamresidents.org

MINIBUS DATES JULY - OCTOBER 2022

The Minibus can be booked from 9.00 - 17.00

Contact John on 268768

Bognor Shops

July 5, 12, 19, 26

Aug 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Sep 6, 13, 20, 27

Oct 4, 11, 18, 25



Lidl/Matalan

July 7, 21

Aug 4, 18

Sep 1, 15

Oct 6, 20

Marks & Spencer

July 27

Aug 24

Sept 28

Oct 26

Tesco

July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Aug 5, 12, 19, 26

Sep 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Oct 7, 14, 21, 28

Coffee Mornings

July 14, 28

Aug 11, 25

Sep 8, 22

Oct 13, 27

Swimming

July 4, 11, 18

School Holidays

Sept 5, 12, 19, 26

Oct 3, 10, 17, 31



OUR MINIBUS

Our Minibus is a regular sight on the streets of Pagham & Nyetimber.
Have you ever wondered where it is going?
Why not join us.

- Monday** Swimming at Felpham baths.
- Tuesday** Bognor shops - Morrisons, Weekly Market, Banks, Coffee shops and much more.
- Wednesday** Marks & Spencer in Havant (once a month)
- Thursday** Coffee morning 2nd and 4th of the month at Pagham Village Hall, Pagham Road.
- Thursday** Shopping at Aldi, Lidl, Matalan and Iceland Warehouse, 1st and 3rd of the month
- Friday** Shopping at Tesco in Shripney Lane (weekly)

Please find enclosed the full list of dates.

Ring John on 268768 for more details.



QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE TEA ON SATURDAY 5th JUNE



On 4th June, 120 Pagham Residents and guests enjoyed a very special afternoon to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen. They were entertained by Debbie Cobbett with songs from the 1950s and ate royally from a delicious selection of sandwiches and treats supplied by The Little London Tea Rooms in Nyetimber. Some had their photograph taken with our distinguished guest (a life-sized model of the Queen!) and many arrived wearing amazingly creative headgear for our Decorated Hat competition.

The winning entry for the Hat competition was Roger Webb. Roger can be seen in the photo above at the end of table. His hat paid homage to the occasion with a band of ribbon showing the Queen's Guards around the rim and a number of Red Arrow planes appearing out of the top of the hat, all showing the appropriate colours of the day.

We were very fortunate that a number of local shops made generous donations to our raffle, which raised the marvellous sum of £318.00 to help fund this event. We are grateful to have such strong community support to enable us to continue to enrich the lives of our residents.

PHOTOS FROM THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE AFTERNOON TEA

The Catering team meet the Queen!
Margaret, Rita, Jean, Judy and Dot



Winner of the best Hat competition Roger Webb and
his wife Jackie accepting the prize from Chairman John Horn.



Photos: Richard Bettles

PAGHAM PHOTOGRAPHERS

Are you interested in taking better pictures? Would you like to meet similarly minded people? Would you enjoy improving your photography in a friendly light-hearted environment? If so, Pagham Photographers is for you! We will be restarting after our summer break on 6 September at 7:45pm in the Small Village Hall. We meet for 2 hours every first and third Tuesday of the month until the end of June 2023.

Our evenings are split into talks and practicals with visiting guest speakers, and during the warmer months we go on outings to have practical sessions in the countryside and enjoy our camaraderie. We are looking for new members, particularly inexperienced photographers who would like to improve their skills in an easy-going, helpful environment.

It doesn't matter whether you use a smartphone, a compact camera or a DSLR we are here to help you improve your skills. We hope that our club is of interest to you, if you would like to know more, please contact **Barry on 263267** or **Iain on iain.info@gmail.co**

PAGHAM GARDENING FRIENDS

Pagham Gardening Friends meet 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.

Future meetings

- 18 July *Members Garden*
- 15 Aug *City Animal Safari*
- 19 Sep *Opening for NGS*
- 17 Oct *Autumn Colour at Harbourside*
- 21 Nov *Christmas Party*
- 16 Jan *Garden & Greenhouse Pests & how to deal with them*
- 20 Feb *Growing Vegetables in Containers*
- 20 Mar *AGM*

Enthusiasm is more important than experience, so call Gill on 262687 to find out more.

REPORT ON OUR ISLE OF WIGHT COACH OUTING



59 residents boarded the coach on 9th May in glorious sunshine for our Isle of Wight trip. After a lovely calm crossing from Portsmouth and a scenic trip across the island we arrived at Godshell, a beautiful village where we had time to shop, sightsee and enjoy the delights of the many cafes, restaurants and pubs on offer.

Unfortunately, the coach had developed a problem with the hydraulics affecting the suspension among other things and it soon became apparent that we wouldn't be able to enjoy our planned visit to the Isle of Wight Pearl. Luckily after a delay during which we were able to enjoy more coffee, cake and ice cream, a local coach company came to our rescue and took us all directly to the ferry terminal. We were able to board the ferry on foot and Portsmouth Coaches were at Portsmouth to collect us for our return to Pagham.

Thank you to both coach companies and Wight Link ferries for doing all they could to help resolve our situation. Although we were all disappointed not to complete our itinerary, everyone seemed to have a good time on this lovely island.

NEWS FROM PAGHAM PARISH COUNCIL JUNE 2022

Peter Atkins Chairman Pagham Parish Council

As I sit down to write this newsletter and reflect on the newly completed Jubilee Celebrations, I am pleased to have seen so many residents of Pagham involved, with many events taking place across the parish.

Collecting my thoughts on what has been achieved since the newsletter, what have we at PPC done to improve or change the village? Work in progress is the re-landscaping and fencing of the frontage at the village hall. The leylandii trees have served their purpose and have been removed. The next stage is the replacement of the post and 3 rail fence which will take place over the next few weeks. Finally, the unwanted saplings will be removed and the bank planted with decorative shrubs to enhance kerb appeal. The saplings will be replaced by several specimen trees, to replace the current mature trees when they eventually die.

The mowing of grass throughout the village is a matter of concern to many. Where West Sussex County Council have reduced the number of cuts they provide, we have decided and already begun to supplement the number of times the grass is cut. This achieves 2 improvements. The verges are tidy and the mown grass is not so large in quantity that it spills onto the roads and footpaths. We have adopted the same policy as WSCC not to cut the whole width of the verges, only 2 m max. This allows the development of wildlife both flora and fauna in our village.

The village has 2 children's playgrounds which are paid for and maintained by your PPC. To make sure equipment is safe and maintained in a timely fashion, we have hired a professional firm to conduct regular assessments every quarter. They are able to action repairs too.

We hold regular Planning meetings, in order to advise the planning authority Arun District Council how applications for changes to a householders property impact local residents. Unfortunately despite serious discussion on every case the power to approve plans is in the hands of the District Council and so we do not always succeed in objections. This was also the case with the huge strategic developments that have begun to disturb the areas on the west and north sides of the village. We were unable to block these developments and are now attempting to ensure that at least some of our ideas for the appearance of the village are adopted.

More importantly, however, is the need for proper provision of services to these estates in the form of roads, power (both gas and electric), fresh water, waste water, schools, bus services, cycle ways and even youth facilities. We continue to put pressure on the authorities responsible where we can, making sure Pagham's voice is heard.

As you can see, there are many issues of concern but there are fewer Councillors than there were this time last year. We have 3 seats out of 12 currently vacant and really need more people to join us. We aren't political, or religious (some people are confused by our "Parish" name), we're just residents who want the best for Pagham. If you think you could help, we would really like to hear from you. It only needs a few hours a week and can make a big difference to your community. Contact the Clerk or any of the Councillors for an initial chat.

As ever, let us know your views or report anything you see or hear that concerns you. peter.atkins@paghamparishcouncil.gov.uk or phone the office on 01243 266424



THE MULBERRIES EVENTS 2022

Saturday 17 September The Smileys - Top of the Pops Night

Saturday 16 November The Minkees - 60s Pop Night

All dances are held at the Pagham Village Hall, starting at 7.45 pm and ending at 11.00 pm.

Tickets £8 - contact Lesley 266849 or Maria 262833.

Please bring your own food and drink. Proceeds to local charities

LADIES SUPPER EVENINGS

On 21st April, after an absence of several years, we returned to The Spotted Cow at Hunston. Warmly greeted by the new owner, a record 33 ladies enjoyed an excellent meal and amazing service. It was also my birthday and very much to my surprise, I was presented with pretty cards, beautiful bouquets, Prosecco and at the end of the meal, a large and delicious birthday cake, which I was delighted to share with all the ladies. A truly memorable evening - thank you again ladies.

For our next evening out, we visited The Fox in Felpham on 16th June and on such a lovely warm summer evening, were able to take full advantage of dining in the airy conservatory. 29 ladies thoroughly enjoyed a superb meal with excellent service amid much fun and laughter. Another excellent evening.

Supper Evenings for the coming months are as follows:

Thursday 21st July - The Nag's Head, Chichester

Thursday 20th October - The Anchor, Sidlesham

Thursday 17th November - The Arun View, Littlehampton

December - The Elmer, Middleton tba

Due to rises in food and energy prices, the cost for a two-course meal with tea or coffee will increase from the autumn dates. For those needing transport, limited (14) seats are available on the minibus at a return fare of £3.

To book or for further details, please telephone 697593

Janet

COACH OUTING

MILESTONES A Step Back in Time



Our next day trip will be on Sunday 4th September when we will be visiting Milestones Museum in Basingstoke. Immerse yourself in the past at Hampshire's museum of living history, exploring the maze of Victorian and 1930s streets packed with shops, factories, and houses, mostly based on original buildings from in and around Basingstoke.

Buy a ration of sweets in the 1940's sweet shop or a pint of beer in The Baverstock Arms. The collection includes vintage vehicles, a teddy bear museum and even a pier with traditional arcade games for you to try. There is a café serving hot and cold food and drinks and a gift shop selling all kinds of vintage toys, games and gifts.

On our way back from the museum we will be making a stop at Whiteley Village with its variety of shops and cafes.

The coach will be leaving Pagham at 8.30am and we should return before 6.00pm.

The cost of this outing for members only is £30 which includes your entry to the museum. To book a place please see Mary at one of our coffee mornings or telephone her on 01243 278359.

MINIBUS TRIP

AFTERNOON TEA IN MIDHURST



Join us in our Minibus for a leisurely afternoon trip through the South Downs. You will be collected from home and we will make our way through Chichester and then on to Goodwood. We will have a brief stop on top of the Downs at Trundle Hill, enjoying the spectacular views of the famous Goodwood Racecourse and surrounding countryside. Then you can sit back and enjoy the scenic drive as we make our way into Midhurst. We will visit Tilly's Tea Rooms where we have exclusive use for our Afternoon Tea.

Afterwards, you can enjoy a stroll through the village where our Minibus will meet you at the Bus Station and then take you back home.



All for the special price for members of £20. Early booking is recommended for this very special afternoon out.

Thursday 30th September 2022, first pick up 12.30pm.
Contact John on 268768 or book at the next coffee morning.

MINIBUS TRIP

GUNWHARF QUAYS PORTSMOUTH



Leisurely shopping at Gunwharf, Portsmouth Wednesday October 19th First pick up from 10.30am

Join us for a leisurely day out using our Minibus to take you to Portsmouth's premier shopping centre. Enjoy lunch while looking over the busy port of Portsmouth or just browse the numerous shops available.

You will be collected from home, leaving at 10.30am arriving at Gunwharf by 11.30am.

We will be leaving Gunwharf at 3.00 pm to arrive back in Pagham by 4.00pm.

Ring John on 268768 to secure your seat. Cost will be £6.00.

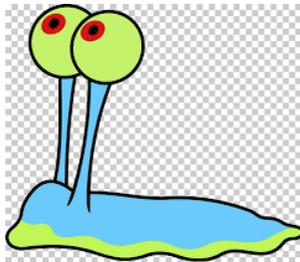
TIMS GARDENING NOTES

Robert Louis Stevenson once said: "Keep busy at something: a busy person never has time to be unhappy." Mind you, he also wrote "The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde" so make of it what you will. However, we're in the midst of summer and there is certainly no time allocated for unhappiness in the busy garden calendar.

Down the at Crouchers Hotel kitchen garden, we're incredibly busy tending to the vegetables that are about to, or already are, bursting forth with produce. Whether you have a little vegetable plot in your back garden, or a good size holding on an allotment, there is plenty to be doing.

One of the most important jobs is to keep the weeds down - not only are they unpleasant to look at, but they can be seriously detrimental to your crops. Firstly, they're taking nutrients and water out of the soil that should be going to your vegetables. Secondly, weeds, such that hideous beast bindweed, can literally drag your vegetable plants to the ground rendering them no good to anyone. Thirdly, they can harbour diseases or pests - for example, Fat Hen (*Chenopodium album*) can harbour black aphids.

Slugs can also hide away in weeds, as well as under the low-lying foliage. In crops such as courgettes, some large leaves can find themselves resting on the soil where they eventually die and rot away. By removing them, not only are you denying slugs their hiding place, you're also decreasing the risk of any rot finding its way into the plant's stem, and you're opening up the plant's centre to allow air through and decrease any risk of disease setting in.



TIM'S GARDENING NOTES Contd.

Another, very obvious job, is watering. We've had some scorchingly hot days already this summer and the plants have been crying out for a drink. I don't like simply watering from above and drenching a plant's foliage at the same time - I think this can increase rotting. Instead, water around the base of the plant or - in the case of particularly thirsty plants such as squashes - bury a plastic pot beside the plant to ground level, and simply fill it up and let the water drain through. This not only gets water to the roots quicker, but it will also encourage stronger root growth as they spread to find the water supply underground rather than near the surface.



It is also important to maintain the physical support for vegetables like runner beans or mange tout. Keep tying them in as they grow to prevent them toppling over and becoming damaged or even lost - don't turn your back on them for a second!

It's true, the list of jobs is never-ending, but on a sunny summer's day (and in my ideal world the cricket is on the radio), doing these jobs certainly makes me more Dr Jekyll and less Mr Hyde!

Tim



University Hospitals Sussex
NHS Foundation Trust

St. Richard's Hospital are looking for Volunteers for their Flower Team

If you are interested and have:

- some experience of flower-arranging (for Church flowers or local groups)
- spare time to commit to 3-4 hours per week
- a good level of fitness and able to push a flower-laden trolley along the long Hospital corridors

then please contact:

Voluntary Services @ St. Richard's Hospital

Tel: 01243 788122 Ext 32456

uhsussex.volunteers-srh@nhs.net

MEMBERSHIP

For £5 per year per household, you will receive 4 Newsletters annually that will inform you of all our activities.

Regular Coffee Mornings, Coach Outings, Minibus Trips and Ladies Supper Evenings plus our Annual Strawberry Cream Tea and the Christmas Tea Party.

The Newsletter also details the Minibus Shopping Trips on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, Swimming on a Monday, door to door for a nominal charge.

To have the use of the Minibus, you must be a member and live within the Association's boundary. If you live outside the boundary, you are welcome to become a member and attend functions but must make your own way there.

To join either telephone John, our membership secretary on 262563 or come along to a coffee morning (2nd and 4th Thursday each month) and speak to a committee Member.

Please complete the application form below and arrange to return it, as above, with your payment of £5. In return you will receive a membership card and the quarterly Newsletter delivered by your Road Steward.

Name:

Address:

Tel No:

All the money raised by the Association goes to maintaining and running our Minibus.

That's All Folks!