

Pagham & District Residents' Association
Supporting Our Community

AUTUMN 2022



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AUTUMN 2022

As I prepare this latest edition of the Newsletter, it is the 13th September. My thoughts are elsewhere, still trying to come to terms with the sad loss of HM The Queen. I was a Coronation baby, so throughout my life she has always been there.

All at PDRA are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. Thank you for over 70 years of service to our country and the Commonwealth. Our thoughts and condolences are with the Royal Family during this difficult time.

Rest in peace, Your Majesty

GOD SAVE THE KING

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

Life at the Association is always busy, whether it is the fortnightly coffee mornings or our daily shopping trips in the minibus. A big thank you to the team.

Reports in this edition include our recent visit to the excellent Milestones Museum in Basingstoke, with a visit to the Whiteley shopping centre on the way home. Also, an Autumnal trip through the South Downs via Goodwood and a wonderful afternoon tea at Tilly's in Midhurst. You also have the opportunity to join us for two Christmas minibus trips.

The first is to Haskins at Roundstone for their great festive display and their wonderful Carvery for lunch.

The second is to Stansted Park Garden Centre, ideal if you are looking for that special Christmas present or just a trip out with your friends.

Our last Coach trip this year will be to the Christmas Market in the wonderful City of Oxford.

Our annual Christmas Party will be on Sunday 18th December.

Writing this report in September always seem a bit strange, but can I take this opportunity on behalf of all our volunteers to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year?

John

VISIT BY LAURA NEWELL of AGE UK

On 8th September Coffee morning we were very fortunate to be joined by Laura Newell, Community Agent for AgeUK West Sussex. Laura was so busy answering questions that we have invited her to join us again in the near future.

You may be worried about paying household bills, and not sure how you will cope?

Contact AgeUK on 0800 678 1602 to find out whether you're claiming all the benefits you're entitled to, and other organisations that could offer help. Don't delay, call today!

DO YOU KNOW?

Many of you are no doubt aware that automatic Breast screening ceases when you reach the age of 71 years and bowel cancer screening at age 74 years.

However, do you know that you can still request breast screening every 3 years and bowel screening every 2 years?

Telephone:- 01903-239757 or e-mail
wsnt.westsussexbreastscreening@nhs.net

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to make an appointment for a mammogram at St. Richard's Hospital or Bognor Regis War Memorial Hospital or Worthing Hospital.

To request a simple bowel cancer screening test kit to use at home, telephone 0800 707 60 60 or email rsc-tr.BCSPSouthernHub@nhs.net

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 & much more.
- Wednesday** Marks & Spencer in Havant (once a month)
- Thursday** Coffee morning at Pagham Village Hall, Pagham Road, 2nd & 4th of the month
- Thursday** Shopping at Aldi, Lidl, Matalan & Iceland Warehouse, 1st & 3rd of the month
- Friday** Shopping at Tesco's in Shripney Lane (weekly)

Please find enclosed the full list of dates.

Ring John on 268768 for more details.



MINIBUS DATES

OCTOBER 2022 – FEBRUARY 2023

The Minibus can be booked from 9.00 – 17.00

Contact John on 268768

Bognor Shops

Oct 4, 11, 18, 25
 Nov 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
 Dec 6, 13, 20
 Jan 23 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
 Feb 23 7, 14, 21, 28



Lidl/Matalan

Oct 6, 20
 Nov 3, 17
 Dec 1, 15
 Jan 23 5, 19
 Feb 23 2, 16

Marks & Spencer

Oct 26
 Nov 23
 Dec 14
 Jan 23 25
 Feb 23 22

Tesco

Oct 7, 14, 21, 28
 Nov 4, 11, 18, 25
 Dec 2, 9, 16, 23
 Jan 23 6, 13, 20, 27
 Feb 23 3, 10, 17, 24

Coffee Mornings

Oct 13, 27
 Nov 10, 24
 Dec 8
 Jan 23 12, 26
 Feb 23 9, 23

Swimming

Oct 3, 10, 17, 31
 Nov 7, 14, 21, 28
 Dec 5, 12,
 Jan 23 9, 16, 23, 30
 Feb 23 6, 20, 27



REPORT ON OUR VISIT TO THE MILESTONES MUSEUM AT BASINGSTOKE



@Mary Carpenter

Many memories were triggered when 38 of us enjoyed a fascinating look back in time at Milestones Living History Museum in Basingstoke. We tickled our taste buds with sweets from our childhood, reminisced at the sight of household items of yesteryear and some of us chanced our luck in the Penny arcade on the recreated seaside pier.

The Teddy Bear Museum was a great hit and it was lovely to see the beautifully presented vintage vehicles and industrial machinery. One or two may even have had a bevvy in The Baverstock Arms!

On the way back to Pagham, we stopped off at Whiteley Village for a spot of retail therapy or just to enjoy coffee and a chat.

Thank you to all for supporting our coach outings, look out for our list of trips for 2023 in the January Newsletter.

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 & 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, regular quiz just for fun?

Regular Craft stalls by invitation.

'Free Library' large choice of books
Donations welcome to The Chestnuts Tree House



LADIES SUPPER EVENINGS

On 21st July, 28 ladies spent a most enjoyable evening at The Nag's Head, Chichester - a return to this venue after several years absence and although no longer offering a weekday carvery, we were still served great food from an extensive menu and received excellent service.

Supper Evenings for the coming months are as follows:

Thursday 20th October - The Anchor, Sidlesham

Thursday 17th November - The Arun View, Littlehampton

Friday 16th December - The Elmer, Middleton-on-Sea - Christmas Party Night

Prices for a two-course meal with coffee or tea now vary from month to month but are kept as low as possible. Minibus return fares still cost £3 for door to door service but 14 seats only available.

If you would like to book or require further information, please telephone Janet on 697593



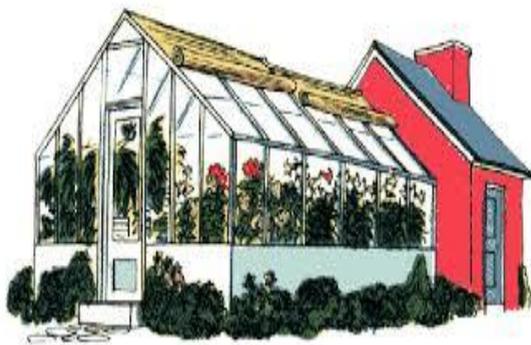
PAGHAM GARDENING FRIENDS

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

17 Oct	NGS Lordington House
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.

NEWS FROM PAGHAM PARISH COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 2022

Rain at last! I awoke this morning to the happy sound of a downpour and thought no baling water to the pot plants for a few days. I should probably write an update on our PPC activities over the last few months.

The removal of the dense hedging in front of the Village Hill has raised both approval and criticism. The village hall is now visible to all from Pagham Road and the streetlights and the security lighting of the hall give good night time visibility to all visitors. The replacement of the collapsed post and rail fence and the saplings not needed for replacement removed. Further pruning of the existing flowering shrubs and additions to their numbers will be made to give the boundary of the car park a colorful floral border. This will be delayed until the mid-winter when hopefully the drought is a distant memory. Our tree surgeon Duncan Campbell carried out all of our tree work in this year and I take this opportunity to thank he and his colleague for their work and congratulate him on a job well done!

The drought has curtailed the grass mowing for a while as growth was very slow, however we have only paused the work until the grass started growing again. This is carried out throughout the season by Andy Rodwell of Local Lawns and his team.

The area of the Village Hall car park and the playgrounds are checked and maintained by Barry Small, who also took the role of litter bin emptier at the 5 bus shelters we own. To him we owe a great big thank you for taking on such an essential task with due diligence.

The assets of the village include many memorial benches. Many are old we resumed a series of repairs in September this year. This will have these all returned to good repair over the next couple of years. A similar situation exists with the bus shelters and these will be repaired and painted as required. There are always areas of the village that fall into disrepair over the course of time at present The Parade is a current case in point. We have recently cleared the weeds and rubbish that has been causing many residents' distresses. We will spray this area for weed control during the winter and hope for a better situation next year. Unfortunately, the area of the parade is in private ownership, it is they who are responsible for the upkeep of the area. Pagham Parish Council have no powers to enforce any clearance of the area. We are however investigating how we can improve

the regularity of clearance and the return of the area to normal use as it is so central to the area of the village.

It is almost Autumn and time for our annual clearance of the main ditch that drains surface water from the village and the Paghham road. It is essential to keep this ditch clear of growth and rubbish. Each year we secure the services of agricultural contractor Simon Kennedy of MHK&Son he has been doing this work for us for several years now along with the hedges around the Paddock. I would like to thank him for all his work done and in particular his especially appreciated skill in erecting the Christmas trees for the village each year. He will shortly arrive to trim back both the verges and the ditch so that water can flow freely and we will avoid road flooding. A major benefit of this work is the removal of all thick vegetation from the daffodils which will emerge to brighten our days next spring. The erection of 2 Christmas trees by PCC has been welcomed by most residents in the last 2 years. This year we will have a third tree at the village hall.

Before I close there has been a development application submitted for appeal as it was refused in it earlier application by Arun District Council. Many of you will remember that we were notified of an application at Christmas for houses to be built on the farmland field to the north of the windmill farm and many of you got in touch with us about this. It was refused on the basis that it is outside of the ARUN district development planning. it is also way beyond the capacity of the village services to cope.

Peter Atkins Chairman PPC

TIM'S GARDENING NOTES

With apologies to the noble bard, it's autumn, so 'To mulch, or not to mulch, that is the question'. It's an argument I have had in the past with fellow gardeners, and like anything, views differ. It's not quite, you're with us or you're against us, but arguments can get heated.

First of all - let's understand what we're talking about here. Mulching is the application of a good layer of organic matter (or bark chips, etc. if we're talking aesthetics) to the borders and vegetable plots, all with a view to achieving a number of things. It helps to replenish nutrients lost to plants or via natural seepage over the previous year. It can suppress weeds, it can help to retain moisture and warmth in the soil beneath, and it can protect roots from winter frosts. Some say mulch now, now, now. Others say wo-ah there Nelly, calm your boots, wait until Spring. Me? I'm in the latter camp. Springtime is mulching time.

I should caveat this by saying I am a vegetable gardener by trade, and as a consequence the flower borders get done at the same time as the veg (and they've not complained yet).

My first priority is maintaining the nutrient levels in the soil ready for the new seedlings, and if I mulch now, there is a strong chance those nutrients will have depleted before I've even sown my seeds, yet alone transplanted the seedlings.

I leave the mulching process as late as possible in the Spring to ensure the ground has warmed up sufficiently and given the dampness of the first quarter of the year, I know the mulch will also be keeping some moisture in the earth. Conversely, if we have a hot Spring, any mulch laid in the Autumn can become so dry and dusty that it is no good to man or beast. Instead, water the earth before laying a spring mulch. Hang on! I hear you cry, what about suppressing the weeds? Well, say I, there are not many weeds that will grow over Winter and those that do can easily be dug out.

TIM'S GARDENING NOTES Contd.

As an aside - there are those gardeners who like to mulch twice in a year (but as it takes more than a week to complete the job at Crouchers Hotel, this is not really an option). But let's be clear, there is really only one deciding factor, personal preference.

And there-in lies the beauty of gardening, doing things the way you want to, the way you may have been doing for years and years. When I worked in the gardens and greenhouses of south London's rich and famous (well, rich anyway), there was one elderly chap who would not allow any tomatoes to be picked unless it was a Monday, Wednesday or Friday. He was a delightful man, and judging by the quality of his tomatoes, his eccentricity was well placed.

Tim



MINIBUS TRIP

HASKINS GARDEN CENTRE and HOBBYCRAFT ROUNDSTONE nr ANGMERING



*Always a Residents' Association's favourite.
Enjoy the extensive Christmas display and then
treat yourself to the carvery.*

SUNDAY 20th NOVEMBER 2022

£5 per person

Residents' Association Members only

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

**To book, telephone John on 268768 between 9am & 6pm or see him
at a coffee morning**

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

MINIBUS TRIP

STANSTED PARK GARDEN CENTRE ROWLANDS CASTLE nr HAVANT



New for 2022
Extensive Christmas display, Pavers Shoes and
Klass Ladies Fashion Stores, a Large Gift
Centre and a well-appointed Cafe.

SUNDAY 4th December

£5 per person

Residents' Association Members only

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COACH OUTING - OXFORD CHRISTMAS MARKET

THURSDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2022



Join us for a memorable trip to the City of Dreaming Spires and visit one of the country's leading Christmas Markets. Set in the heart of the city in beautiful, historic Broad Street you will be able to browse attractive, wooden stalls selling unusual and handmade gifts whilst, perhaps, enjoying a glass of mulled wine. The market location is close to the main shopping areas including the covered market which has over 50 traders including many local independent sellers. There is a huge selection of cafes, restaurants and pubs for all your refreshments.

If you've had enough shopping you could take a tour on the sightseeing bus where you will see many of Oxford's stunning honey coloured university buildings including Christ Church, Brasenose College and the Sheldonian Theatre or take a walk in Christ Church Meadows.

The coach will leave Pagham at 8.30am and should return by approximately 6.00pm. Tickets at only £27 per person are available at our coffee mornings, 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month or by telephoning Mary on 01243 278359.

CHRISTMAS TEA PARTY

with entertainment by

Lianna



Sunday 18th December 2022

3pm - 5pm

Pagham Village Hall

Join us for a festive tea and
listen to the wonderful voice of Lianna

Residents' Association Members - £5

Non-members - £7

Admission by ticket only - in advance

Telephone Rita on 262814

Minibus transport available

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 meet for two hours on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7:45pm in the Small Village Hall.

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 bmg7070@hotmail.com**



Christmas greetings and a very happy
New Year from us all at The Pagham &
District Residents' Association

