

**SPRING 2023**



**GOD SAVE THE KING**

## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Welcome to our Spring Newsletter. The start to 2023 has been a time of preparing for our future events and by the time you receive this Newsletter, we shall have already visited Havant, Rustington and held our AGM as well as welcomed in our new King with our Coronation Tea. As I write this, we have nearly 100 members attending this event.

Last year, through your kind donations to the free library at our Coffee mornings, we were able to present a cheque for £160 to Nicky Clark (see below) on behalf of the Chestnuts Tree Hospice.

For 2023 our nominated charity will be Chichester Area Talking News (CATN) and we recently welcomed Chris Mustchin with his wonderful guide dog, Kenny, to our February Coffee Morning to give a short presentation of the workings of this great charity.

In this edition there is the Coach Trip to Bournemouth, which we expect to be a popular location, and Minibus Trips to Havant & Petersfield which have been moved to Saturdays as they both hold popular markets.

On the back cover there is an update on the planned trips for the rest of the year for your diaries.



Presenting the cheque to Nicky Clark

**John Horn**

**Chairman/Pagham & District Residents' Association (PDRA)**

## COACH OUTING

Our trip to Osborne House is fast approaching, the tickets sold out really quickly, thank you again for your support.

### A DAY OUT IN BOURNEMOUTH



Join us for our next trip on

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July**

when we will be going to lovely sunny Bournemouth. Leaving Pagham at 8.30am we should have plenty of time to enjoy a walk along the seafront, take a stroll on the pier or amble through the beautiful lower gardens.

You may choose to take a ride on the hop on hop off open top bus, perhaps travelling to Poole to visit the historic quay, or stay and browse the many retail opportunities Bournemouth has to offer. You will be spoilt for choice



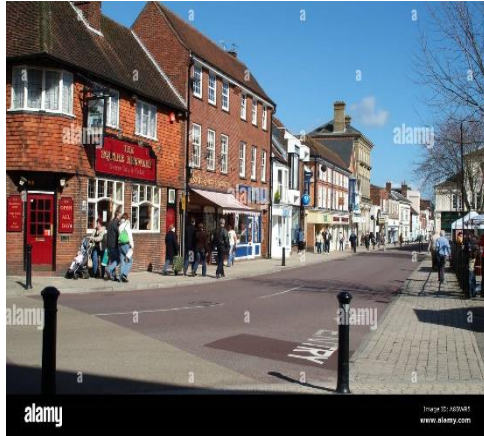
for cafes, bars and restaurants to keep you going throughout the day.

The cost of this trip is just **£21** per person (members only). To book your place join us at one of our coffee mornings or call

**Mary on 01243 278359**

# MINIBUS TRIP

## PETERSFIELD TOWN CENTRE & MARKET



A new venue for the Residents' Association, enjoy the extensive range of shops and cafes and the regular Saturday Market.

**SATURDAY 24<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2023**

**£6 per person**

**Residents' Association Members only**

Pick-ups from 10 am - Leaving Petersfield 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

### HAVANT TOWN CENTRE & MARKET



This is a replacement for last year's Marks & Spencer's monthly trip.

Enjoy the extensive range of shops at the retail park Meridian Shopping Centre and numerous other independent shops. Havant is blessed with its fair selection of cafes and restaurants with a Saturday Market and all with easy access.

**SATURDAY 29<sup>th</sup> JULY 2023**

**£6 per person**

**Residents' Association Members only**

Pick-ups from 10 am - Leaving Havant at 2.30 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**

## Day Trip to Rustington



On Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March, Laurie Lewis drove our inaugural visit to Rustington, nr Littlehampton, for first trip of 2023. This is a new venue for the Residents' Association and was very popular with those who travelled, all enjoying the extensive range of independent shops and cafes.

Please look out for the other trips in the Minibus. We have 10 planned for 2023, with Havant and Petersfield coming up soon.

## VISIT FROM CHICHESTER AREA TALKING NEWS

As mentioned in our Chairman's Message on page 2 of this edition, here are Chris and his guide dog, Kenny, visiting one of our Thursday Coffee Mornings with other members - having enjoyed toasted teacakes !



## LADIES' SUPPER EVENINGS

We continue to attract new ladies as well as retaining our existing members. We started the year on 19<sup>th</sup> January with our annual visit to The Walnut Tree, Runcton, where 35 ladies once again enjoyed good food and fast service. On 16<sup>th</sup> February, we returned to 47 Mussel Row in Littlehampton where 25 ladies thoroughly enjoyed an excellent and unusual menu with attentive service amid much laughter. Our evening out in March saw a record 41 ladies attend the supper evening at The Bear, Pagham where we celebrated our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary with more very good food. Three ladies who attended the very first supper evening at Madlows, Aldwick on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2013 were there, together with another three ladies who also joined in the first year. All six ladies being loyal and regular supporters since the first evening, with many others joining soon after who also continue to attend regularly. Not only have we grown from 16 ladies on our first outing, we have also enjoyed a more extensive and varied menu over the 10 years, whilst still keeping the costs to a minimum.

Supper Evenings for the coming months are as follows:

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April - The Anchor, Sidlesham

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May - The Spotted Cow, Hunston

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June - tba

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July - tba

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August - tba

Costs for April and May will be £25 for a 2-course meal with tea or coffee. Minibus return fares remain at £3 for door to door service, but only 14 seats are available and priority will be given to those who are unable to drive. Car sharing is welcome.

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

## VOLUNTEERS' GET-TOGETHER TEA

On Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March we held our very first Volunteers' Get-Together Tea to show our thanks and appreciation for their continuous support. To attract so many to our first event was a real pleasure and we look forward to the "2024 Get-Together".

Over twenty volunteers attended and it was so good to put names to faces. Many of those who attended cover more than one volunteering role within our organisation and so it was interesting to witness over the afternoon just how many did not realise they had a mutual interest with so many others within the Association.

A personal thank you to Barbara Upson and Sheila Horn who gave of their time to make sure there were plenty of refreshments throughout the afternoon.

With the excellent feedback received, this will definitely become an annual event!





## COFFEE MORNINGS

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



The Coffee mornings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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 (within 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 & puzzles

All donations welcome. Our chosen charity for 2023 is  
Chichester Area Talking News

## OUR MINIBUS SERVICE

Our Minibus is a regular sight on the streets of Pagham & Nyetimber.  
Have you ever wondered where it is going?

- Monday**      **Swimming** - Felpham baths.
- Tuesday**      **Bognor shops** - Morrisons, Weekly Market, Banks,  
Coffee shop and much more - weekly
- Wednesday**      **NEW Shopping** in Portfield, Chichester. Dunelm,  
Marks & Spencer's (Food), John Lewis and  
many others - week 4
- Thursday**      **Coffee Mornings** at Pagham Village Hall, Pagham Road  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> week of the month
- Thursday**      **THE SHRIPNEY LINK Shopping** at Aldi, Lidl,  
Matalan, Home Bargains, Iceland Warehouse -  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the month
- Friday**      **Shopping** at Tesco's in Shripney Road - weekly

## OCCASIONAL SHOPPING DAYS

New for 2023 - Petersfield, Havant, Midhurst, Gunwharf,  
Portsmouth & Whiteley Shopping Village

Please find the full list of dates enclosed  
**Ring John on 268768 for more details**

## MINIBUS DATES: MAY - AUGUST 2023

The Minibus can be booked from 9.00am - 5.00pm  
Contact John on 268768

### Bognor Shops

May	2, 9, 16, 23, 30
June	6, 13, 20, 27
July	4, 11, 18, 25
Aug	1, 8, 15, 22, 29



### Lidl/Matalan

May	4, 18
June	1, 15
July	6, 20
Aug	3, 17

### Marks & Spencer

May	24
June	21
July	26
Aug	23

### Tesco

May	5, 12, 19, 26
June	2, 9, 16, 23, 30
July	7, 14, 21, 28
Aug	4, 11, 18, 25

### Coffee Mornings

May	11, 25
June	8, 22
July	13, 27
Aug	12, 24

### Swimming

Felpham swimming  
pool currently  
being refurbished.



## **NEWS FROM PAGHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

*At the time of writing, I have just been advised that I have been elected to Pagham Parish Council for another term of 4 years. This is prior to the 4<sup>th</sup> May elections as the number of volunteers to serve on Pagham Parish Council did not take up all of the available places in that group. There is, therefore, no need for a ballot and all those who entered their names have been duly confirmed as Councillors. The newly elected committee will consist of the same group of Councillors who served for the last 4 years.*

*However, they do have a vacancy for someone who wishes to experience Council work to apply to the Parish Clerk to be considered for co-option to the Council for a trial period. Please contact [clerk@paghamparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@paghamparishcouncil.gov.uk) for further information if you are interested.*

*The past 3 months have not been very conducive to outdoor work on jobs around the village, but we have now started on tasks planned for this year.*

*The beach in front of the Yacht Club once contained benches for visitors to rest and relax. The erosion, due to the distortion of tide and currents, caused them to be removed by the Council for safety. Two have now been replaced. One is to commemorate the work of Ray Radmall BEM, the longtime serving member/Chairman of PPC who was responsible for many of the improvements to the village and its general upkeep. The other will commemorate the life of Paul Goodland, a lifetime resident of Pagham and a much missed Scout Leader.*

*Access to these benches will be improved shortly as the deposition of shingle by the sea, over the course of the winter, has covered the concrete base. We will maintain this area clear to enable access.*

**Peter Atkins**  
**Chairman/Pagham Parish Council (PPC)**

## NEWS FROM PAGHAM PARISH COUNCIL



*Pagham Village Hall  
where Pagham Parish Council Office is situated  
(view from Pagham Road)*



*Recently repaired by Pagham Parish Council, this bench is sited on The Causeway and was presented to the village by the Pagham & Nyetimber Residents' Association in 1976 (now known as Pagham & District Residents' Association)*

## TIM'S GARDENING NOTES

Ah - spring has sprung. It's a great time of the year to be a gardener - whether you're a professional at work, or a professional in your own back yard. I feel like I've come out of hibernation, blinking in the fresh sunshine. It is not long before the memories of the super-wet and wild winter have all but faded away, and I can look forward to another year of colour and produce. Mind you, with spring comes a multiple of jobs.....

I guess the first job is a practical one, and that's clearing away all the winter debris and mess from the flowerbeds. Take away the leaves (and compost them), cut back all the dead foliage from the previous season (and compost it) and remove any mulch protecting perennials from the frosts (and spread it on the bed, if appropriate). If they have outgrown a particular spot, then dividing is a good way to keep them under control. *Leucanthemum x superbum*, with its suckering stems of beautiful big daisy-like flowers, is a prime example of a plant that can very quickly swallow up its less vigorous neighbours. Dividing not only opens up the space, but can result in many new plants for free - either to be planted elsewhere, or for the entrepreneurs among you, sold for a small profit!

Meanwhile, you know that glass building in the corner of your garden? The one that you take for granted? Yep - it's the greenhouse. Did you know that dirty panes of glass can reduce growth in the plants by up to 10 per cent? To that end, it's time to clean them. It's very simple, just soap and water does the job. Another job is making notes of where your spring bulbs don't come up. The idea is that by keeping a record of the empty spaces, you can then fill them come November-time with m bulbs without running the risk of digging up any established bulbs. I always think I'll simply remember what areas need filling in, but when November arrives, I can't remember the 5th, let alone where I should be planting my new bulbs. Before you know it, spring will have sprung, and then sprung off, opening the door to, fingers crossed, a glorious summer.

**Tim Ashton**

**Head Gardener - Crouchers Orchards Hotel & Restaurant**

# NEWS FROM OTHER VILLAGE GROUPS .....

## PAGHAM GARDENING FRIENDS

We meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

17 <sup>th</sup> April	: A-Z of Sussex
15 <sup>th</sup> May	: Plant Sale and Police talk on security and scams
19 <sup>th</sup> June	: Visit to Dale Park House
17 <sup>th</sup> July	: Tuppenny Barn tour and cream tea
21 <sup>st</sup> August	: History of Bishop's Palace Gardens
18 <sup>th</sup> September	: Alstroemerias and commercial cut flower growing
16 <sup>th</sup> October	: Herbs
20 <sup>th</sup> November	: Xmas Party

Enthusiasm is more important than experience so call Gill on 262687

## PAGHAM LUNCHEON CLUB

We're back ! After 3 years' absence due to Covid we relaunched Pagham Luncheon Club on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023. Enthusiastic Paghamites responded, original and new members, to such an extent that we are proud to announce that we now have a waiting list. We meet 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month, 12 - 2 p.m. in the Pagham United Reformed Church hall, for a 2 course meal (supplied by The Bear, paid for by members) plus tea/coffee, catering for roughly 35 guests.

This is followed by a raffle (which helps to supplement our income). The minibus provides a door-to-door service for those who would like to use it (paid for by the Club). We are a not-for-profit organisation which has been running for over 50 years and is run totally by volunteers. We depend on grants/donations to be able to offer this luncheon experience and thank those who have supported us in the past and hope they will continue to do so in the future.

On offer, in addition to the meal itself, is an opportunity for members to come out and socialise (for some people this is otherwise very difficult), make new friends and enjoy the atmosphere that is generated by the loyal and caring volunteers.

## PAGHAM PLAYERS



Invite you to a Double Bubble!!

### **A ONE ACT PLAY and A MURDER MYSTERY**

***Mitigating Circumstance*** by Juliet Devon &  
***You Just Never Know*** by Liz Dobson

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June and Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June  
Pagham Village Hall

Tickets £10.00 Ring Judy 01243 264622  
Bring your own drink and glasses

## MULBERRIES

### **Events for 2023**

Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Limited S 60s-00s Night
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	The Minkees 60s, 70s Night
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Lightning Brothers Soul Band

Pagham Village Hall  
7.30 pm and to around 11.00 pm.

Tickets £8.00 Contact Lesley 07305 752918 or Maria 01243 262823  
Please bring your own food and drink





## Pagham Photographers Club Evenings

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 at 7.15pm for 2 hours every first and third Tuesday of the month in the Small Village Hall apart from July and August when we take a summer break.

Our evenings are a mixture of talks, practicals and socialising with a guest speaker each season. During the warmer months we go on outings to places of interest in the countryside to practise our skills and to socialise.

We are always looking for new members, particularly inexperienced photographers who would like to improve their skills in an easy-going, helpful environment. Age doesn't matter, we have members from their 20s up to their 80s, we also have a large percentage of ladies. We aim to be inclusive.

It doesn't matter whether you use a smartphone, a compact camera or a DSLR if you enjoy taking photos we are here to help you improve your skills and enjoy socialising with others who enjoy photography.

Hopefully we have sparked an initial interest in you, do come along to one of our meetings and see for yourself what fun photography can be. If you would like to know more, please contact **Iain** on **263584** or [paghamphoto.iain@gmail.com](mailto:paghamphoto.iain@gmail.com)





Medicine Blister Packs

Did you know your used blister packs (tinfoil and white plastic) can be of real use. For every blister pack collected by Superdrug, TerraCycle gives points which will be redeemed into financial donations towards Marie Curie\*. Last year £40,000 was raised in this way. There are dedicated collection boxes within the Superdrug pharmacies so why not start gathering your used blister packs and bring them to our Coffee Mornings or contact any of our volunteer helpers and we'll make sure the packs get to Superdrug.

*\*Marie Curie is the UK's leading end of life charity, there to support everyone through terminal illness and bereavement. Their nurses work night and day in people's homes, and in their hospices, offering specialist care.*

That's all for this Newsletter but we'll be back in the next edition with more snippets of information so watch this space .....

DO YOU KNOW WHERE IN PAGHAM THIS IS ?



Look out for the answer in the Summer edition of our Newsletter

## PDRA AGM 2023 REPORT

On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April we held our 56<sup>th</sup> Annual General meeting to update you, the members, on our activities and to conclude the business for 2022.

Over 30 members took the time to listen to presentations by our Chairman, John Horn, the Finance Report from our Treasurer, Iain Balch, and other presentations on the social side which included the reports on the Coach Trips, Minibus Day Trips, Coffee Mornings and the Ladies' Supper Evenings, the last presentation was on the Minibus operation by our Chairman.

The meeting finished at 3.15pm with tea, coffee and refreshments being served.

### PDRA COMMITTEE MEMBERS

(as at May 2023)

<u>Name</u>		<u>Primary Role</u>
John Horn	:	Chairman
Iain Balch	:	Treasurer
Sue Hunter	:	Secretary
John Baker	:	Membership Secretary
Sheila Baker	:	Member
Mary Carpenter	:	Coach Trips Organiser
Dot Gray	:	Road Steward Co-ordinator
Mick Stanton	:	Minibus Lead Driver
Fiona Sweeney	:	Entertainments/IT
Eileen Whitehand	:	Meet & Greet
Rita Woodgate	:	Coffee Morning Co-ordinator
Vacant	:	Member

# Dates for your Diary

## Plan your Days Out in 2023

### Summer Newsletter (July)

August 31 <sup>st</sup>	Whitely shopping village - <b>MINIBUS</b>
September 6 <sup>th</sup>	Trip along the Avon & Kennet Canal by barge - <b>COACH</b>
September 28 <sup>th</sup>	Afternoon Tea in Midhurst - <b>MINIBUS</b>
October 28 <sup>th</sup>	Shopping in Havant - <b>MINIBUS</b>

### Autumn Newsletter (October)

November 26 <sup>th</sup>	Haskins for Christmas - <b>MINIBUS</b>
November 30 <sup>th</sup>	Gunwharf Quays for Christmas - <b>MINIBUS</b>
December 7 <sup>th</sup>	Rochester Dickensian Christmas Fayre - <b>COACH</b>
December 10 <sup>th</sup>	Stansted Garden Centre - <b>MINIBUS</b>