

## ***AUTUMN 2023***



Kenny the Guide dog on our Kennet and Avon Canal trip

## CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

A warm welcome to our Autumn edition.

A personal thank you for renewing your membership, and a very special welcome to our newest members who are receiving their first Newsletter.

A big thank you also to all our Road Stewards who deliver the Newsletter and collect the subscriptions, it was so good to meet so many of you at our inaugural Volunteers Day earlier in the year.

As I reported previously, 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 our wonderful volunteers.

Reports in this edition include our recent Coach trips to Bournemouth and Hungerford, we have been so lucky with the weather on all this year's trips.

The Minibus has been away from the area with visits to Petersfield, the Whiteley shopping centre, Havant Retail Park, and a return to Midhurst with a trip through the South Downs via Goodwood and a wonderful afternoon tea at Tilly's in the High Street. Thank you for supporting all our events, do not forget to look at the back page to see what we are planning for 2024.

Inside this issue you will have the opportunity to plan your Christmas shopping away from Pagham. The Minibus will be going to Gunwharf, in Portsmouth. We will also be going to a

PDRA favourite, Haskins at Roundstone for their great festive display and their wonderful Carvery for lunch, and our final Minibus trip for 2023 will be a return by popular demand to Stansted Park Garden Centre, near Rowlands Castle, again ideal if you are looking for that special Christmas present or just lunch with your friends.

Our last Coach trip this year will be to the Dickensian Christmas Fair held in the historic town of Rochester, it is always a busy day with the Christmas market, the impressive Cathedral, the volunteers in their wonderful attire and the atmosphere such an event like this brings.

Our annual Christmas Party will be on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December. It is planned as usual to be at the Village Hall in Pagham Road.

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 Horn, Chairman

## VOLUNTEERS

We are still looking for additional minibus drivers and helpers. If you think this could be you, or someone you know, please give me a call on 268768 for a chat, or drop into one of our coffee mornings and see me there.

John



## CHRISTMAS TEA PARTY



Join us for our annual Christmas Party on

**SUNDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

**3.00pm to 5.00pm**

**In the Village Hall**

Food is being supplied by The Little London Tearooms and you will be entertained during the afternoon by Tom Butterworth, vocalist and guitarist .

Tickets cost just £8 each for members, £10 non members and can be purchased at our coffee mornings or by phoning

**Rita on 01243 262814 (9.00am to 5.00pm please)**

Our minibus will be available if required, please remember to book when buying your ticket.

## COACH OUTINGS



In July 48 members spent a glorious day in **Bournemouth**.

The weather was perfect and several happy hours were spent shopping, wandering along the front, taking bus trips or enjoying the lovely gardens.

A few of the more adventurous among us rode the scenic wheel or flew in the Red Arrows simulator!

We were delighted to welcome Kenny the guide dog - and his owner Chris, on our trip to **Hungerford**, especially as Talking News is our chosen charity this year.

It was a very hot and humid day but everyone enjoyed visiting this attractive town before our trip along the lovely Kennet and Avon Canal on the Rose of Hungerford. The volunteer crew were very friendly and helpful and even served our refreshments to our tables.



Thank you as always for your continued support, look out for details of next year's planned trips on our dates page.

## COACH OUTINGS

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

### ROCHESTER DICKENSIAN CHRISTMAS

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CHANGE



Get in the Festive Spirit and experience Dickensian themed street entertainment during Rochester's Annual Christmas Festival.

Complete your Christmas shopping by visiting the Christmas Market. Set in the picturesque Castle Gardens you can browse trade and craft stalls selling unusual gifts and stocking fillers.

There will also be a Bavarian food village to tempt your taste buds with a variety of seasonal goodies on offer, including plenty of gluhwein to keep you warm. A fun fair will be on site for the thrill seekers among us!

Rochester has the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest Cathedral in England, various museums and exhibitions and with many shops, cafes pubs and restaurants you will have plenty to keep you busy.

Our coach will leave Pagham at 8.30am returning around 6.30pm. The cost of this outing is **£27** (members only)

Tickets are available at our coffee mornings or phone

**Mary on 01243 278359**

## MINIBUS TRIPS

We have 3 great outings on offer before Christmas:

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November**

**Haskins Garden Centre, Roundstone  
near Angmering**

Always a Residents' Association favourite, enjoy the extensive Christmas display and then treat yourself to a carvery.

**Pick ups from 10.00am, leaving Haskins at 2.00pm**



**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November**

**Gunwharf Quays, Portsmouth**

A leisurely day out at Portsmouth's premier shopping centre. Enjoy lunch overlooking the busy port or just browse the numerous shops available.

**Pick ups from 10.00am, leaving Gunwharf at 2.30pm**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

**Stansted Park Garden Centre  
Rowlands Castle near Havant**

Back by popular demand, enjoy extensive Christmas displays, Paver's Shoes, Klass Ladies Fashions, Gift Centre and Cafés.

**Pick ups from 10.00am, leaving Stansted Park at 2.00pm**



**All trips are £6 per person (members only)**

To book phone **Mary on 278359** between 9.00am and 5.00pm or see her at a coffee morning.

**No bookings can be confirmed until full payment is made**

## PAGHAM CALENDAR

***IT'S BACK!***



After 4 years away the Pagham and District Residents' Association Calendar is back for 2024!

Containing pictures taken by local photographers of scenes from around the village, all selected by you, this is a great stocking filler for friends and family.

With a picture for each month and space to write your daily appointments you won't want to miss out.

Perfect as gifts and priced at just **£5** each, plus 70p if you require a sturdy envelope, you can purchase your copy at any of our coffee mornings or phone

**Helen on 263584**

## OUR MINIBUS SERVICE

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

**Monday**      **Swimming** at the refurbished Felpham baths (weekly)

**Tuesday**      **Bognor Shops** - Morrisons, Weekly Market, Banks, Library, Coffee shops and much more (weekly)

**Wednesday**      **Portfield, Chichester** - Dunelm, Marks and Spencer (food), John Lewis & many others (week 4)

**Thursday**      **Coffee Morning** 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, Iceland Warehouse and, re-opening on 11<sup>th</sup> November, **Home Bargains** (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the month)

**Friday**      **Shopping** at Tesco's in Shripney Road (weekly)

### **Occasional Shopping Days**

Rustington, Petersfield, Havant, Midhurst, Gunwharf. Whiteley, Haskins and Stansted House Garden Centres

**Ring John on 268768 for more details**

# MINIBUS DATES

*October 2023 - February 2024*

**"The Minibus can be booked from 9.00am - 5.00pm"**

**Contact John on 268768**

## Bognor Shops

Oct	3 10, 17, 24
Nov	7, 14, 21, 28
Dec	5, 12, 19
Jan 24	2, 9, 16, 23, 30
Feb 24	6, 13, 20, 27



## Lidl/Matalan

Oct	5, 19
Nov	2, 16
Dec	7, 21
Jan 24	4, 18
Feb 24	1, 15

## Marks & Spencer

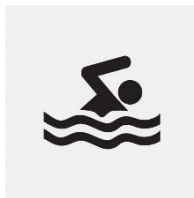
Oct	25
Nov	22
Dec	20
Jan 24	24
Feb 24	28

## Tesco

Oct	6, 13, 20, 27
Nov	3, 10, 17, 24
Dec	1, 8, 15, 22
Jan 24	5, 12, 19, 26
Feb 24	2, 9, 16, 23

## Coffee Mornings

Oct	12, 26
Nov	9, 23
Dec	14
Jan 24	11, 25
Feb 24	8, 22



## Swimming

Oct	2, 9, 16, 30
Nov	6, 13, 20, 27
Dec	4, 11,
Jan 24	8, 15, 22, 29
Feb 24	5, 19, 26

## LADIES' SUPPER EVENINGS

In July we visited The Nag's Head in Chichester where 26 ladies all thoroughly enjoyed amazing food and were treated to exceptional service, making it a very pleasurable evening. We also welcomed a new member.

Our August supper was held at The Fox in Felpham where 35 ladies, including another new member, filled the conservatory on a warm, sunny evening. Great food and friendly service, amid much chatter and laughter, was very much enjoyed by everyone.

Future Supper Evenings are as follows:

<i>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October</i>	-	The Arun View Inn, Littlehampton
<i>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November</i>	-	Restaurant 64, Chichester
<i>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December</i>	-	The Elmer Hotel, Middleton-on-Sea

(Christmas Party Night)

### **2024**

<i>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January</i>	-	TBA
<i>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February</i>	-	TBA

Costs for the 2-course meals (3-courses at Christmas) with tea or coffee, vary from month to month, but are kept as low as possible. 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 wish to book or would like further information, please telephone Janet on 697593.

## COFFEE MORNINGS

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

*Coffee Mornings*



Coffee Mornings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month from 10.00am - 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 or maybe Bingo

Regular Craft stalls by invitation.

**'Free Library'**

Large choice of books & puzzles

All donations welcome for our chosen charity for 2023

Chichester Area Talking News

## **NEWS FROM PAGHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

I believe that most residents of Pagham and Nyetimber are only too aware that the overdevelopment of Pagham is now under way. The first developers and all their contractors moved into Summer Lane in 2020 and have now departed having apparently completed the building works, the surface water drainage and a green open space with children's playground.

Unfortunately, few if any developers on this scale manage to leave the site that they promised to develop with care and consideration and in an improved state for those who already live nearby or in one of the new houses. We await with ever-increasing doubts that Summer Lane will ever be left as a good environment to live in.

The original residents of Summer Lane all have their horror stories of how they suffered once the builders arrived. However, none of us expected to have been left with incomplete surface water drainage that has caused ongoing problems. A children's playground that is incomplete and has an asbestos dump underneath it. And a green space that has trees and shrubs planted but no grass nor hard surface pathways for disabled access, despite the earlier promises. There is now a modification being accepted to remove the lighting bollards and replace them with benches after comments from PCC that the playground for small children is unlikely to be needed in the dark.

We had hoped that the commencement of work at Sefter Road and Hook Lane would be with lessons learnt with regard to problems caused for existing residents. Arun District Council are in a position to oversee working arrangements at the site, and in

theory, the developers submit plans as to how the site will be managed and operated to ensure the working conditions that they filed with Arun, prior to commencement, are obeyed. Unfortunately, this is wishful thinking on our part. The list of needless aggravations caused by the contractors grows longer by the week. Dust control and speed limits are apparently not working, generators keep lights on all night, bank holidays are working days on site, noisy work starts before 7.00am in the mornings and there are even reports that alfresco toilets are preferred by some site attendees rather than the Portaloos provided! These are all matters which were proscribed in the management plan but ignored by the actual operatives. On top of all of this the heavy lorry traffic was supposed to avoid Hook Lane, but didn't.

We have asked for updates to be able to understand that the site is being properly and adequately monitored by Arun District Council but receive no updates and even though we were advised that the Health and Safety department had the work under review, nothing changes and so we are still pressing for information and action if appropriate.

P.S. please note that at the next General Election Pagham will no longer be in the Bognor constituency. It will be voting for the MP to be elected in Chichester. This is under the Boundaries Commission new rules, but does not come into effect until the next election.

Peter Atkins

Chairman, Pagham Parish Council

## TIM'S GARDENING TIPS

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 with fellow gardeners, and like anything, views differ. First of all - let's understand what we're talking about here. Mulching is the application of a good layer of organic matter to the borders and vegetable plots, all with a view to achieving a number of things.

It helps to replenish nutrients lost to plants over the previous year. It can suppress weeds, help to retain moisture and warmth in the soil beneath and can protect roots from winter frosts. Some say mulch now, now, now. Others say 'Woah there Nelly, calm your boots, wait until spring'. Me, I'm in the latter camp, Spring time is mulching time.

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, 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. 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.

Tim Ashton, Head Gardener, Croucher's Hotel & Restaurant

## ***Other Village Groups.....***

### **PAGHAM GARDENING FRIENDS**

We meet on the third Monday 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.

16th October	Herbs
20th November	The National Garden Scheme
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Party

#### **2024**

15 <sup>th</sup> January	Making the Most of What You Have
19 <sup>th</sup> February	Wholesale Plant Production
18 <sup>th</sup> March	AGM

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

### **PAGHAM LUNCHEON CLUB**

Time is marching on, dear readers, and once again our Pagham Luncheon Club for mature Paghamites is reporting. For those of you who may not know, club membership is steady at around 35 guests and is open to Pagham seniors who would enjoy and benefit from good company, good food, transport if required, lots of chat, and a flutter on the raffle. If you are perhaps lonely, housebound, and/or would like the company of others and make new friends you are cordially invited to join the waiting list (which is constantly reviewed and updated). The cost to members is £9 only for each session—1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month, Pagham United Reformed Church hall, 12 noon—2.00pm. The volunteers aim to create a sense of occasion in a happy, welcoming atmosphere. Sue Miller (Treasurer)

**For membership:** Jean Hunt 01243 268818

**Anything else:** Sue Miller 07845 926766

email: [sue.armex@btinternet.com](mailto:sue.armex@btinternet.com)

# Pagham Photographers are BACK

## with a new and exciting programme



Would you enjoy developing your photographic skills, unleashing your creative abilities, building your confidence, and exploring the wonderful world of photography in a friendly light-hearted club environment? If so Pagham Photographers are back, and we would love you to join us:

Any skill level, any camera, any interest; age doesn't matter, nor does very much else, just a desire to have fun with fellow photographers every first and third Tuesday each month. Our evenings are a mixture of talks, practicals, socials, and weather permitting, a few trips out to photogenic locations.

We meet at 7.15pm for 2 hours in the Pagham Small Village Hall, and with a new and exciting programme to challenge you, lots of images and ideas to inspire you, and of course a warm welcome awaiting you. We meet every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month, just turn up or contact Helen: [paghamphoto.helen@gmail.com](mailto:paghamphoto.helen@gmail.com), we look forward to seeing you there.



## Unleash your creativity with us this season

## MULBERRIES

Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	Limited S, 60s-00s Night
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	TBA
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	TBA
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	TBA

All events are held at The Pagham Village Hall from 7.30pm and finishing around 11.00pm.

Tickets are £8.00 each

Contact Lesley 07833 971620 or Maria 01243 262833

Please bring your own food and drink

## SHINGLES!

Shingles is a painful rash on the torso, but can also affect the eyes. It is more common in older people.

Everyone aged 70 – 79 years is eligible for the vaccination and now a newly available vaccine is offered for those aged 65 – 70 after 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023.

You can get shingles more than once, so it's important to get vaccinated even if you've already had it.

Why not ask your GP when you book your flu vaccination – you can have both at the same time!

## BLISTER PACKS

Unfortunately we are no longer able to collect your empty blister packs for recycling as Superdrug have stopped supporting this project. If we hear of any other similar schemes we will let you know.

## COUNCIL SURGERY

Councillor David Huntley represents Pagham on Arun District Council. David has arranged to hold a walk in surgery at the Village Hall during our Coffee Mornings on the following Thursdays:

***12<sup>th</sup> October, 9<sup>th</sup> November and 14<sup>th</sup> December***

If you have any concerns you wish to raise, regarding village affairs, do pop in to see him.

## THEIR FINEST HOUR

**Your memories, photographs and World War II memorabilia are needed**

**BOGNOR U3A & THEIR FINEST HOUR PROJECT** can help preserve your family's World War II stories, memories and objects forever.

So please take them along (no unexploded ordnance please!!) to:

***Bognor U3A's Digital Collection Day***

on Saturday, 11th November 2023, from 11.15am to 5.00pm to:

West Meads Community Hall, The Precinct, Bognor Regis, PO21 5SB.

To find out more please email [finesthour@bognorregisu3a.co.uk](mailto:finesthour@bognorregisu3a.co.uk)

## WHERE IN PAGHAM WAS THIS?



Answer next time

The mystery photo  
in the Summer  
Newsletter was of  
Sea Lane, circa 1929

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### *Autumn Newsletter (October)*

November 26 <sup>th</sup>	Haskins for Christmas	Minibus	Sunday
November 30 <sup>th</sup>	Gunwharf for Christmas	Minibus	Thursday
December 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Rochester Dickensian Christmas (change of date)	Coach	Sunday
December 10 <sup>th</sup>	Stansted Garden Centre	Minibus	Sunday

### *Winter Newsletter (January 2024)*

March 13 <sup>th</sup>	Shopping in Rustington	Minibus	Wednesday
April 20 <sup>th</sup>	Shopping in Havant	Minibus	Saturday
May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Exbury Gardens / Lyndhurst	Coach	Wednesday

### *Spring Newsletter (April 2024)*

June 15 <sup>th</sup>	Bosham and Emsworth	Minibus	Saturday
July 10 <sup>th</sup>	Isle of Wight	Coach	Wednesday
Aug 10 <sup>th</sup>	Shopping in Petersfield	Minibus	Saturday

### *Summer Newsletter (July 2024)*

September	Hastings	Coach	TBA
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**Dates and times correct at time of going to press**