

Pagham & District Residents' Association
Supporting Our Community

SPRING 2024



Volunteer Driver, Mick, with your new Minibus

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

The headline news for our Spring Newsletter is the long-awaited arrival of our new Minibus. An order was placed in February 2022 for the new Minibus and for reasons totally out of our control, it has now arrived and was placed in service the very next day.

We thank you, the membership, for continuing to support us through the Coffee Mornings, our day trips and also attending the Summer and Christmas teas.

By the time you receive this edition, some of you may have already been on our minibus trip to Rustington, others will be travelling to Arundel in May. Our first Coach trip will be to the New Forest and the beautiful Gardens of Exbury on 22nd May. These trips are all sold out.

Our plans continue in this edition, the minibus is off to Bosham & Emsworth, and a repeat visit to the Whiteley shopping village near Fareham. Our second Coach trip is to the Isle of Wight, this year we are visiting Shanklin, then over the downs to Cowes. More details of these outings are enclosed.

Thank you for your continued support.

John Horn, Chairman

THE NEW MINIBUS ARRIVES



**Out with the old and in the
with the new.**

On Monday 11th March, the new Minibus arrived, at first glance there seems little change, but once inside there are some major improvements. There are

different seats with a bit more padding, a different type of seat belt and there is also a rain screen fitted at the entrance (those who have sat there will know why it is called a rain screen).

In the cab there are some minor changes, Satellite Navigation is fitted, a state-of-the-art entertainment system and an all-round better cab layout. Outside there is an updated aerial, this should eliminate the problem we had with the other bus.

We would like to thank the following groups who assisted with the purchase:

***Pagham Parish Council
Sussex Community Foundation
Rotary Club of Bognor Hotham
West Sussex Travel Club***

But our main thanks go to you the members who without your continued support of the events we arrange, we could not have made this purchase.

Happy Travelling

DEFIBRILLATOR



We have recently taken over the management and service support for the defibrillator housed at The Pagham Service Station in The Parade near the Beach Café.

The defibrillator was purchased by Mrs Val Holt some time ago as she was concerned there was not one in the south of the village. Val was looking for someone to take on the defibrillator as it required some major parts and she believed the Residents' Association would be good custodians to accept the responsibility. The committee felt that we should get involved in such an important piece of kit that is so critical should someone need the use of it while the ambulance / paramedics are on their way.

For those with keen eyes, the Defibrillator is the big yellow box housed on the last wall to left hand side of the Garage.

We would like to thank Allen Miller for sharing his knowledge and Dave & Steve Carruthers at the Garage for their continued support allowing us to leave the unit attached to their premises.

CHICHESTER Area TALKING NEWS

OUR 2023 CHARITY



CATN's Chris, with Kenny the guide dog, together with their Chairman, Ken Pritchard, receiving the £250 cheque presented by our Rita. These funds were raised in 2023 from donations made by PDRA members at the books and puzzles library held at our Coffee Mornings.

DONATIONS TO OUR ASSOCIATION

The following individual very kindly donated funds to the PDRA earlier this year:

Mr Ken Pritchard

All donations are most gratefully received and assist us in maintaining and improving the service we offer to the residents of our local community.

2025 PAGHAM CALENDAR



Hopefully you have all been getting creative with your cameras and phones as it's time to start sending us your photographs for the 2025 edition of the PDRA Calendar.

We are looking for pictures from in and around Pagham in any format.

Entries can be emailed to:

iain.info@gmail.com. Hard copies can be handed in at any of our coffee mornings or posted to Iain Balch at 10 Mallard Close, Pagham, PO21 4UU

All entries must be received by Sunday 30th June.

SUSSEX DAY AFTERNOON TEA

Join us for our Sussex themed



SUMMER TEA



Pagham Village Hall

SUNDAY 16TH JUNE

3.00pm to 5.00pm

Enjoy delicious sandwiches and cakes supplied by
Little London Tea Rooms

Entertainment by Singer Guitarist Dave Harris

Just £8 for members £10 Guests

Tickets are available from Rita on 262814
(9.00am to 5.00pm) or at our coffee mornings.

The minibus will be available if required, please
arrange when booking your ticket.

MINIBUS TRIPS

Bosham and Emsworth



A new venue for the Residents' Association, our first two-location trip. Enjoy the picturesque and peaceful villages of Bosham and Emsworth

Saturday June 15th 2024 £6 per person

Pick-ups from 10.00am - Leaving at 2.00pm

Whiteley Shopping Village near Fareham

A return trip for the Residents' Association. Enjoy the extensive range of Shops, Cafes and Restaurants.



Saturday 13th July 2024 £6 per person

Pick-ups from 10.00am - Leaving at 2.00pm

Residents' Association Members only

To book, phone Mary on 278359 (9.00am to 5.00pm) or see her at a coffee morning

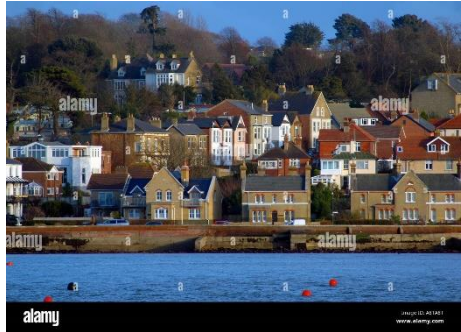
Please note, no booking is confirmed until payment is received

COACH OUTING

ISLE OF WIGHT

Thursday 4th July

After an early start (7.45am) we will travel by coach to Portsmouth to take the car ferry to Fishbourne and then drive directly to Shanklin.



Here you will have time to explore this charming town, which has many independent shops, stroll along the seafront and have lunch at one of the many restaurants, pubs and cafes on offer. Our coach will then take us on a scenic trip across the island to picturesque Cowes where you will find a selection of shops and tea rooms to enjoy.

The cost of this day out is **£40** including coach and ferry charges (members only).

To book your place please phone

Mary on 01245 278359 (9.00am to 5.00pm please)

or see her at a coffee morning

LADIES SUPPER EVENINGS

We started 2024 at The Walnut Tree, Runcton in January when 29 ladies enjoyed the usual good food and excellent service.



A warm welcome awaited us in February when 27 ladies visited 47 Mussel Row in Littlehampton where excellent food and service were the order of the day.

March saw us, once again, at the Spotted Cow at Hunston where we marked our 11th Birthday. Now under the new management of our old friends from The Bull's Head, Fishbourne, 29 ladies enjoyed delicious food with efficient and friendly service in a most attractive dining room.

Future Supper Evenings in the next few months will be as follows:

Thursday 18th April -The Bear, Pagham

Thursday 16th May - The Anchor, Sidlesham

Thursday 20th June - The Fox Goes Free, Charlton

The cost of a two-course meal with tea or coffee varies from month to month but is kept as low as possible. The minibus return fare costs £3.50 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 encouraged.

If you would like to book or require further details, 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 2nd & 4th 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). Call John on 268768 to book your place.

Fancy a game of Hoy or maybe Bingo

Regular Craft stalls by invitation.

'Free Library'

Large choice of books & puzzles (donations welcome for our 2024 Nominated Charity, The Apuldram Centre)

MINIBUS DATES APRIL TO SEPTEMBER 2024

Bognor Shops

April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
 May 7, 14, 21, 28
 June 4, 11, 18, 25
 Jul 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
 Aug 6, 13, 20, 27
 Sept 3, 10, 17, 24



Lidl/Matalan

April 4, 18
 May 2, 16
 June 6, 20
 Jul 4, 18
 Aug 1, 15
 Sept 5, 19

Marks & Spencer

April 24
 May 22
 June 27
 Jul 24
 Aug 28
 Sept 25

Tesco

April 5, 12, 19, 26
 May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
 June 7, 14, 21, 28
 Jul 5, 12, 19, 26
 Aug 2, 9, 16, 23
 Sept 6, 13, 20, 27

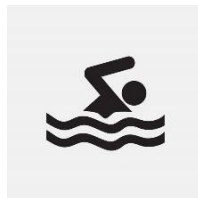
Coffee Mornings

April 11, 25
 May 9, 23
 June 13, 27
 Jul 11, 25
 Aug 8, 22
 Sept 12, 26



Swimming

April 15, 22, 29
 May 13, 20
 June 3, 10, 17, 24
 Jul 8, 15, 22,
 School holidays
 Sept 2, 9, 16, 23, 30



PAGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Spring has well and truly sprung or at least “splashed” in. After the summer drought of 2023 the daffodils, so famous on Pagham Road for heralding Spring, were not to their usual standard. Remember the drought of last summer because it starved the bulbs of enough water to set flower buds for this year.

This year is the 80th anniversary of D-Day 1944. One of the events planned nationally is a beacon chain along the coast. PPC will organise a beacon on the evening of the 6th June to be part of this commemoration. We will be working with Pagham Yacht Club and Pagham and District Residents' Association and will share details on our website and via their social media feeds. Residents are welcome to attend and mark the important role Pagham played in D-Day.

Winter has given us time to catch up on some of the jobs around the village. At the start of last year, Southern Water began work on the modernisation and expansion of the Summer Lane sewage work. As a gift to the village SW donated 2 benches for the Paddock at the Village Hall. We have now added a third from PPC and so visitors can now sit and chat in comfort whilst exercising their dogs or meeting friends.

The playground at Hook Lane is no longer at the edge of the village, thanks to the large-scale housing developments. We have recently begun to open up this green space so that it is part of an improved landscape serving its neighbourhood. The green space will have a mature trees boundary, a lowered and less invasive fencing line and improved visibility of the children's playground.

One area we have been unable to improve is the square in front of the shops on The Parade. The area is owned by a property investor and has been neglected over many years with little or no investment in maintenance. Arun District Council has served enforcement notices to ensure the safety of tenants and for the repair of the square.

Unfortunately, this has not yet resulted in any improvements or access for the village. We hope this will change this year. PPC has investigated the possibility of becoming involved in ownership and repair, but such a resolution is beyond our remit and could have resulted in higher charges for businesses.

Our next task is at the children's playground by the Village Hall. The fencing will be replaced as it has reached the end of life.

There is a new area of playground on the green open space in Summer Lane which PPC has been asked to take on. However, there are several problems with the site that need to be corrected before this can happen. Not least of the problems is the presence of asbestos there. The land has been raised without planning permission and consequently drainage flows through neighbours' gardens, the landscaping has been poorly executed and the mound that has been built is too high for safety and in a shape that does not give visibility to what is happening in the park. However, we are working with Arun District Council and the developers to rectify these problems before hopefully taking on the space.

Peter Atkins, Chairman, Pagham Parish Council



STOP PRESS - Make your views known!

Arun District Council is holding a drop in event at the **Village Hall (Small Hall)** on **Wednesday 24th April** from **2.00pm to 4.00pm** to answer questions on their Direction of Travel Regulation 18 consultation which will inform the next local plan.

Basically now is the time to start voicing your opinions – the strategic sites (Hook Lane, Sefter Road, Pagham Road) all came about from the last local plan and it is worth commenting at all stages to try and prevent more unwanted housing being foisted on Pagham.

TIM'S GARDENING TIPS

SUMMER 2024

In my role as head gardener at Crouchers Hotel and Restaurant, I am often asked for tips and advice. Sometimes I can offer sage words of wisdom, other times it is not so simple, and occasionally it is like the blind leading the blind. For example, once a daffodil comes up blind, will it ever flower again?

The short answer is yes, but the cure is not necessarily straight forward. For starters, if the bulbs have become overcrowded then it can affect flowering, so old clumps should be lifted, separated and replanted at the correct depth.

As with all flowers, they should be deadheaded to prevent them going to seed, but with daffs, even though they will not re-flower, keep as much of the foliage as possible. The more foliage, the more area for photosynthesis, the more energy goes into the bulb, the more likely they will flower again the following season. If your daffs have found their way into a shaded area, try pruning back surrounding plants to allow the sunrays in.

Alternatively, when the foliage starts to die away, try feeding with a high potash feed or growmore - it could trigger the bulbs back into life. Something else that can reduce a bulb's vigour and hence flowering, is the old double whammy of pests and disease. The larvae of narcissus bulb fly, and the narcissus eelworm are two such enemies, and if there is any sign of these it is best to lift all affected bulbs and destroy them. Conditions such as narcissus basal rot can be equally damaging, and easily spread between clumps of bulbs.

I know it can be frustrating when the bulbs you've carefully planted in your borders fail to flower, and yet the daffodils on a unpleasant roundabout in the middle of the city flower every year. But, hopefully, now we know that all is not lost, we can see a way forward, and once where we were blind, now we can see.

Tim Ashton, Head Gardener - Crouchers Orchards 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.



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

PAGHAM LUNCHEON CLUB

Pagham Luncheon Club celebrated Easter at the last meeting and the tables looked lovely and extra special for the occasion with eggs, bunnies, chicks, ducks etc., very festive and appropriate. The Bear did us proud with the food as always and the volunteers were especially happy with the choice of dessert—individual fruit jellies and ice cream, so we did not have pudding dishes to wash up afterwards!

We were lucky enough to have the Regis Rhythms musicians and singers, Kevin Agnew and Clive Ashley, to entertain us on our luncheon date on 17 January. It was a delightful event and very much enjoyed by club members and volunteers alike. Not only was the music super but the audience participation was met with enthusiasm too. We hope to arrange for a repeat performance later in the year.

The finances of the Club are such that we must raise funds for everything (except the food from The Bear, paid for at cost by members at £9 per person). Hall hire, minibus trip expenses, insurance, incidentals and extras have to be paid for and thanks to the generosity of local organisations/businesses/groups we can make this happen. If we are fortunate in the grants we receive we will make the Luncheon Club experience even better. So a big thank you to all those who support us.

Sue Miller 07845 926766 email: sue.armex@btinternet.com

Pagham Photographers



Whether you require inspiration to take more interesting Phone pictures or want to understand better the complexities of your DSLR and the technical aspects of photography; we are here to help you unleash your creative abilities and develop your photographic skills. As a friendly light-hearted club, we hope to build your confidence, push the boundaries, and together explore the wonderful world of photography? If this appeals, why not 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. Our Tuesday evenings are a mixture of talks, practicals, socials and, weather permitting, a few trips out to photogenic locations.

We meet every 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 7.15pm for 2 hours in the Pagham Small Village Hall. With a varied and exciting programme to challenge you, lots of images and ideas to inspire you, and of course a warm welcome awaiting you; we hope you will try us out. Your first visit is free.

Hopefully see you on the next evening, just turn up or contact Helen: paghamphoto.helen@gmail.com

NYETIMBER SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB



Come and join us to experience the fun of Short Mat Bowls. We currently have membership available for new and previous members.

We meet at Pagham Village Hall on Tuesday and Friday afternoons, two sessions each day, 2.00pm to 4.00pm and 4.00pm to 6.00pm

Come and give it a try for free and test yourself against our more experience members. Bowls are available to try.

Give Linda a ring on 07765 300406 for more details.

PAGHAM PLAYERS

Pagham Players
presents

CHATTER BUGS!

Careless Talk
* Costs Lives!

TELEGRAM

She had her own war to win
but doubted her friends and
put her trust in her enemy.

Friday 17 May, Saturday 18 May 2024; 7:30pm Tickets: £10 (01243 264622)
Pagham Village Hall, Bognor Regis PO21 4NJ [fb.me/PaghamPlayers](https://www.facebook.com/PaghamPlayers)

MULBERRIES



Saturday 27th April

Saturday 7th September

Saturday 23rd November

Sweeney Todd

Hattie Bond

The Parlophones 60s Night

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

Tickets are £9.00 each

Contact Lesley 07833 971620 or Maria 01243 262833

Please bring your own food and drink

MYSTERY PHOTOGRAPH



Can you identify this Pagham location? Answer next time.

DAY TRIPS 2024/5

Spring Newsletter (April)

Saturday 15 th June	Bosham & Emsworth	Minibus
Saturday 13 th July	Whitely Shopping Village	Minibus
Thursday 4 th July	Isle of Wight, Shanklin/Cowes	Coach

Summer Newsletter (July)

Saturday 10 th August	Petersfield shops and Market	Minibus
Wednesday 11 th September	Hastings	Coach
Saturday 28 th September	Afternoon Tea at 19 Fortecas Havant	Minibus
Thursday 31 st October	Gunwharf, Portsmouth	Minibus

Autumn Newsletter (October)

Sunday 24 th November	Haskins for Christmas	Minibus
Sunday 1 st December	Stansted Garden Centre	Minibus
Sunday 8 th December	Salisbury Xmas Market	Coach

Winter 2025 Newsletter (February)

Saturday 19 th April	Rustington / Haskins	Minibus
Monday 5 th May	Rochester Sweeps Festival	Coach
Saturday 17 th May	Havant	Minibus

Bookings not accepted until the relevant Newsletter is published.

Details correct at time of going to press.