

WINTER 2025



A chilly winter morning on the Lake

website: paghamresidents.org or see our facebook page

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

May I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a great 2025, and to pass on best wishes from all the team at the Residents' Association for a very prosperous New Year.

Thank you to all who attended our Christmas Tea, once again we enjoyed a sell-out. Our entertainment this year was the great voice of Debbie Cobbett, Debbie entertained us all with a great variety of Christmas songs, many where the audience were invited to join in. Food again was supplied by The Little London Tea Room, and was up to its usual high standard.

The 2024 Macmillan Coffee Morning raised an incredible £800, that takes the donations for the last 3 years to over £2,300. The cheque has now been presented by Rita Woodgate to the Fernhurst Centre at St Richard's Hospital.

Unfortunately, the last coach trip of the year had to be cancelled due to the concerns of the effects of Storm Darragh. Once Salisbury City Council cancelled the Christmas Market, and after discussing the weather we were about to drive into with Portsmouth City Coaches, it was agreed it was best for all not to travel.

The Minibus closed the year with trips to Gunwharf, Haskins Garden Centre and two trips to Stansted Garden Centre.

The Theatre bus in partnership with The Chichester Festival Theatre has been well received, all the trips we agreed to operate, ran.

As you can see within the Newsletter, we are now starting to offer the first trips of our 2025 programme.

It is with sadness that I must make you aware that our Treasurer of over 10 years, Iain Balch, has had to step down for health reasons. Iain has been a great stalwart of the Association and, for myself, he has been a great strength since I became involved. Through Iain's good housekeeping, as a team, we have been able to go from strength to strength with his support.

After advertising the role on a wellknown local Charity website, and making several appeals to the attendees at our regular Coffee Mornings, it was one of our own team who stepped up. Richard Bettles is one of our Minibus team and is also our webmaster. Richard has a background in banking and will ensure our accounts are in good order.

To complete the changeover Richard will be co-opted onto our committee at the next meeting and you will be asked to formally approve his appointment at our AGM in April.

John Horn,

Chairman

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2025

WEDNESDAY 9TH APRIL 2025

2.00 PM

SMALL HALL, PAGHAM VILLAGE HALL

Come and meet your Committee, hear what we have achieved throughout the year and talk to us regarding our future plans.

We can't do it if we don't know!

We welcome your suggestions - it's your community too. Stay and chat with us over tea/coffee and biscuits.

Please support us in providing the best we can for the people of Pagham.

(Minibus transport available)

Call John on 268768 for an informal chat and further details

HELP IS ALWAYS REQUIRED IN A NUMBER OF ROLES

If any member wishes to propose a resolution for consideration at the AGM, notice must be given to the Honorary Secretary, c/o 70 Church Way, Pagham, in writing, at least 28 days prior to the meeting. It must be signed by the proposer and seconded by another member. No further business will be accepted for discussion at the AGM after this date.

DONATIONS TO OUR ASSOCIATION

The following organisation very generously donated funds to the PDRA in December 2024:

The Mulberries

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

CHARITY PRESENTATION



Your donations to our book and jigsaw library last year amounted to a magnificent £250. Here you can see Rita handing our cheque to representatives from the Apuldram Centre, our charity for 2024, at a recent coffee morning.

Our nominated charity for 2025 is St Wilfrid's Hospice and we hope to raise a similar amount for them throughout the year ahead. Thank you for your generous support.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



Committee Member & Minibus Lead Driver, Mick Stanton, placing a wreath on behalf of the Pagham & District Residents' Association at the Pagham War Memorial, St Thomas a Becket Church, on Remembrance Sunday 10 November 2024.

Mick was accompanied by our Chairman and other PDRA members paying their respects.

THEATRE BUS

All aboard!



2024 was our first year operating the Theatre Bus in partnership with Chichester Festival Theatre, and it has been well received by those who have used the service.

We have now operated seven services with one of the Christmas services being a sell out, we still have two shows in January and two in February to fulfil our initial commitment.

I am due to meet with the team at the Theatre shortly and will update you all when I know more about the Spring/Summer season. Dates will be posted on our website and Facebook page when they become available.

Many thanks to all those who have taken the opportunity to use this new venture for us.

Any questions about the service, please Contact CFT at box.office@cft.org.uk

Or ring on 01243 781312

John

MINIBUS OUTINGS

New for 2025 - RUSTINGTON and HASKINS

Saturday 12th April



Two popular venues for your relaxing day out. Enjoy the extensive range of independent shops and cafes that Rustington offers, and then enjoy a short drive to Haskins Garden Centre for your spring bulbs and other needs. Why not visit their popular restaurant, all with easy access.

Door to Door pick-ups from 10.00am - Returning late afternoon.

ARUNDEL

Saturday 17th May

Enjoy a relaxing walk along the river, take in one of the many cafes, and then enjoy the extensive range of antique shops and other independent stores on both sides of the river via the bridge. Arundel is that go to place with the wonderful back drop of the Castle and Cathedral.



Door to Door pick-ups from 10.00am - Returning at 3.00pm.

£6 per person for each trip

Residents' Association Members only

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

COACH OUTING

Rochester Sweeps Festival

Sunday 4th May



Join us as we visit Rochester for their annual Sweeps Festival. The town hosts some of the best Morris Dancers and Folk Music and Dance Groups from around the country who will be performing through the streets during the day. There will be a large stage and other amusements in the castle grounds for your entertainment. Rochester has the 2nd largest Cathedral in England, various museums and exhibitions and with many shops, cafes, pubs and restaurants you will have plenty to keep you busy.

The coach will leave Pagham at 8.30am.

The cost for this trip (members only) is **£33**

Booking arrangements: to try to ensure everyone has received their Newsletter and has an opportunity to enjoy this outing, tickets **WILL NOT BE ON SALE** until **MONDAY 17th February.**

Please do not phone before then.

Tickets can be booked at our coffee mornings or phone Mary on 278359 (9.00am to 5.00pm only).

LADIES' SUPPER EVENINGS

Our September outing was held at the Arun View Inn, Littlehampton attended by 31 ladies who all thoroughly enjoyed an evening of great food and good service amongst lots of fun and laughter.

In October we visited Bognor Regis Golf Club for the first time, which proved very popular and well received by the 31 ladies who attended. Delicious food and great service was enjoyed by all.

In November we returned, once again, to Restaurant 64 in Chichester for another most pleasant evening in the lovely dining room already decorated with Christmas trees and twinkling fairy lights. 33 ladies enjoyed the fine dining experience, cooked and served by the catering students, who all did an amazing job in looking after us.

Once again, by popular demand, we ended the year at a Christmas Party Night at The Elmer in Middleton-on-Sea. 22 ladies in party mood celebrated with a delicious three-course festive meal, followed by a disco for those wanting to dance. Another good evening enjoyed by all.

We started 2025 with a visit to the local Inglenook Hotel – a first-time venue for us, which proved a very popular choice. 33 ladies thoroughly enjoyed very tasty meals and great service on 4 beautifully laid-up round tables.

Future Supper Evenings in the coming months will be as follows:

Thursday 20th February – 47 Mussel Row, Littlehampton

Thursday 20th March – Restaurant 64, Chichester

Thursday 17th April – The Bear, Pagham

The cost of a two-course meal with tea or coffee varies from month to month but is kept as low as is reasonably possible in times of rising prices. The minibus return fare costs £3.50 for door-to-door service, but seats are limited and priority will be given to those who are unable to drive. Car sharing is encouraged.

To book or for further details, please telephone Janet on 697593.

MINIBUS DATES

February to June 2025

Bookings taken from 9.00am to 5.00pm
Monday to Friday (John 268768)

Bognor Shops (Tuesday)

Feb 4, 11, 18, 25
Mar 4, 11, 18, 25
Apr 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
May 6, 13, 20, 27
Jun 3, 10, 17, 24



Lidl/Matalan (Thursday)

Feb 6, 20
Mar 6, 20
Apr 3, 17
May 1, 5
June 5, 19

Marks & Spencer (Wednesday)

Feb 26
Mar 26
Apr 23
May 28
June 25

Tesco (Friday)

Feb 7, 14, 21, 28
Mar 7, 14, 21, 28
Apr 4, 11, 18, 25
May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
June 6, 13, 20, 27

Coffee Mornings (Thursday)

Feb 13, 27
Mar 13, 27
Apr 10, 24
May 8, 22
June 12, 16



Swimming (Monday)

Feb 3, 10, 24
Mar 3, 10, 17, 24
Apr 28
May 12, 19
June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30



COFFEE MORNINGS

Come and meet the team at one of our regular

Coffee Mornings



Coffee Mornings are held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month from 10.00am - 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). Call John on 268768 to book your place.

Fancy a game of Hoy or maybe Bingo

Regular Craft stalls by invitation.

Raffle

'Free Book and Jigsaw Library'

Large choice of books & puzzles (donations welcome for our 2025 Nominated Charity, St Wilfrid's Hospice)

£1 entry includes tea/coffee and a biscuit

STEVE'S GARDENING

Many thanks to Steve from Manor Nursery for agreeing to write our 'gardeners piece'. I hope you all enjoy reading his seasonal advice.

Dark mornings and dull evenings might not seem ideal gardening weather, to which I totally agree but it is a fantastic time to hatch a plan for next year.

Not only scent and colour but also taste (imagine watching Wimbledon while munching on home-grown strawberries). Who needs big allotments when some fruit and vegetables can be grown in hanging baskets or tubs on the patio. Think roast lamb with freshly picked rosemary or a glass of gin with fresh mint. Seed potatoes can just as easily be grown in a potato bag rather than in the ground (traditionally planted on Good Friday).

Early March onwards is the ideal time to prepare your beds for that splash of summer colour whether it is planting shrubs or scented perennials. Patio tubs are also a great way to bring your garden closer to your living space with miniature conifers and small grasses, under planted with primroses and tulip, iris and the good old dwarf daffodil bulbs. Don't forget to start feeding all plants that are just waking up after months of sleep.

Summer bedding is just around the corner, April won't be far away and that is the time for annual bedding and Easter Eggs. Easter Sunday is April the 20th this year so how about an Easter Egg hunt?

Also not forgetting our feathered friends by keeping those feeders topped up and making sure they have fresh water that's not frozen on those cold winter mornings.



Steve, Planteria Manager, Manor Nursery

PAGHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS WINTER 2025

I have just returned from the dismantling of the 2 village Christmas trees, 6th January being the traditional date for all decorations to be removed after the Christmas festivities. The trees attracted many favorable comments, however the one comment which has been repeated many times has been “Do we need such high fencing?” It has always been felt that security and safety should be our first considerations. We are investigating whether smaller fences might be suitable for future years, especially now that we have secure electricity.

By now everyone must know that the shops at The Parade have been freed of the ugly fences and a new surface laid. Our thanks must go to Arun District Council for pursuing the matter through enforcement in the courts to finally force the landlords to do the required work. And to all of the shopkeepers and residents who had to live with the eyesore.

The enlargement of the village continues as more and more sites are granted outline planning permission by Arun District Council. This is regardless of the strains that are more apparent on the roads and services which are being stretched to the limit.

Not only are the permanent residents subjected to all of the strains, but the attitude of developers to terms and conditions under which planning is granted, sees them regularly flaunted or just totally ignored. The green space and playground built in Summer Lane is a case in point, as is the noise and late night flood lights that caused considerable stress to Hook Lane residents. Enforcement has been very poor by Arun District Council. We are told that unless regular and sustained reports of potential breaches are made, complaints attract little attention.

Summer Lane has just been approved for further development of 110 houses. This is despite its proximity to the nature reserve at the Harbour and the land being potential feeding grounds for overwintering geese. The land set as mitigation for these birds displaced by the development of Paghams South has been allocated on the adjoining fields to this development. A big reason given by developers and cited by Arun District Council for approving these developments is that 30 % will be affordable homes. Yes we need these homes, but we are increasingly seeing developers apply to vary the percentage on the basis of economic viability. Arun's Planning Committee are considering such a request in regard to the development of 2500 homes at Chalcraft Lane where a reduction to 10% is being requested. It would be good if this current government stopped using this "affordable homes" wording and defined a guide price.

Finally, a word about Summer Lane green space and play area. This is still not open, nor will it be until Arun District Council and the developer can agree how to sort out the drainage problems caused by the land raising. We were promised a solution would be forthcoming this time last year, and are still pushing for progress.

Peter Atkins, Chairman.

SCHOOL GOVERNOR

Looking for a rewarding volunteer role?

Rose Green Infant School are looking for people to join their Governing Body. If you are interested in any aspect of supporting and developing the education of our young people and would like to know more please contact:

Mrs Dreckmann (Headteacher) or Mrs Jenner (Clerk to Governors) on 01243 262318 or e-mail office@rosegreeninfant.school

Other Village Groups.....

MULBERRIES

Saturday 8 February

Saturday 26 April

Saturday 27 September

Saturday 29 November

Louise 60s-90s Night

Slowburn pop/reggae

Limited S

Destination Anywhere tbc

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



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 Photographers



NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

Come and join us, here's what our latest member said... *"Thanks for making me feel welcome to the group tonight. Enjoyed Anita's talk on dog behaviour & how to get the most out of them. Roxy was most relaxed as we snapped away. Great model!"*

Pagham Photographers are here to help you take better pictures, ones to be proud of just like the one above.

We meet every 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 7.15pm for 2 hours in the Pagham Small Village Hall. Your first visit is free. Hopefully see you on the next evening... just turn up.

Contact Helen: paghamphoto.helen@gmail.com
Web: www.paghamphotographers.club
Facebook: [Pagham photographers](#)

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 Jean on 07554 731956 for more information.

PAGHAM LUNCHEON CLUB

Happy New Year readers. Pagham Luncheon Club is back in business for 2025 with some fresh ideas and new members to kickstart the year. In December we celebrated our Christmas lunch party at The Bear—this has always been a special event in our Club calendar and some of us are already looking forward to the next one! It is an opportunity for us to share a special event together and a chance for the volunteers to be waited on for a change! The Chair of Pagham Parish Council was invited to speak and gave us some insightful information on our area and this was much appreciated by all.

We are currently seeking a new logo design—something eye catching and appropriate to head our stationery, advertising etc. So . . .any ideas you may have (you don't have to be a member of our Club) will be gratefully received and considered.

As always our thanks and appreciation go to our faithful sponsors for their grants and donations each year. This funding enables us to run the Club and to enhance the experience for our members. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the PDRA for offering us this platform on which we can advertise our club and what it offers. Long may it all continue.

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

PAGHAM PLAYERS

Invite You to Join Them

FOR AN EVENING OF LIGHTEARTED ENTERTAINMENT

As They Present Two One Act Plays

THE BOOK CLUB of LITTLE WITTERINGTON by JOAN GREENING

Followed by

MURDER AFTER THE GARDEN PARTY by JUDY VALENTINE

At Pagham Village Hall

Fri 16th May and Sat 17th May

7.00 curtain up

Tickets £12 from Judy 01243 264622



RITA'S YUMMY WHITE CHOCOLATE CHEESECAKE

300g Digestive Biscuits

150g unsalted butter melted, plus extra to grease

400g White Chocolate broken into pieces

250g Mascarpone

300g Full Fat Cream Cheese (I used Philadelphia)

300ml Double Cream

200g of Raspberries or Strawberries to serve

- 1.** Crush the biscuits in a food processor until completely ground. Add the butter and mix again until you have the desired crumbly consistency.
- 2.** Grease and line the base of a 23cm (9.5 inches) deep loose-bottomed cake tin. Add the biscuit mixture to the cake tin, and pat it flat. Leave to set in the fridge for about 30 minutes.
- 3.** Begin melting the chocolate in a heatproof bowl over a small pan of hot water on a low heat. Stir occasionally to prevent sticking. Remove from the heat and leave to cool for 10 minutes until barely warm but still liquid.
- 4.** Whisk the cream cheese and mascarpone together. Add the double cream and keep whisking until the mixture is just holding its shape. Finally add the melted chocolate and whisk until combined.
- 5.** Spoon the mixture over the cooled and set biscuit base smoothing the top. Return to the fridge to cool for at least 6 hours until the topping is set. Finally decorate with your chosen fruit.
- 6. ENJOY.**

DAY TRIPS 2025

Winter Newsletter (February)

Saturday 12 th April	Rustington / Haskins	<i>Minibus</i>
Sunday 4 th May	Rochester Sweeps Festival	Coach
Saturday 17 th May	Arundel	<i>Minibus</i>

Spring Newsletter (April)

Saturday 7 th June	Stansted House & Gardens	<i>Minibus</i>
Thursday 3 rd July	Isle of Wight	Coach
Saturday 12 th July	Whiteley Shopping Village	<i>Minibus</i>

Summer Newsletter (July)

Saturday 23 rd August	Southsea/Old Portsmouth	<i>Minibus</i>
Wednesday 3 rd September	RHS Garden Wisley	Coach
Saturday 13 th September	Petersfield	<i>Minibus</i>
Saturday 25 th October	Gunwharf Quays	<i>Minibus</i>

Autumn Newsletter (October)

Sunday 23 rd November	Haskins for Christmas	<i>Minibus</i>
Thursday 4 th December	Bath Xmas Market	Coach
Sunday 7 th December	Stansted Garden Centre	<i>Minibus</i>

Bookings not accepted until the relevant Newsletter is published.

NB. All details subject to change.