

SPRING 2025



The Salt House, Pagham Harbour

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Welcome to our Spring Newsletter. Having just held our 2024 AGM, we have to thank our out-going Treasurer, Iain Balch, who has recently stepped down after being in the role for over 10 years. We welcome Richard Bettles to the post of Treasurer. Some of you already know Richard because he has been an active volunteer for a number of years, we also welcome to the team Lynne Higson and Mary Jones.

It is great to see the fencing removed from The Parade, there is now an excellent venue to use, and Pagham is looking good, apart from all the road works, but we know that is short term.

We thank you for your continued support, with the increasingly busy Coffee Mornings and now additionally the Theatre Bus. For the Theatre's Summer Season the minibus will be operating 15 trips, more details enclosed.

Unfortunately, the first Coach trip of the year to Rochester has sadly been cancelled, with only 20 members booking. The minibus has already travelled to Rustington and Haskins Garden Centre, with an additional trip arranged because of the numbers wanting to visit these venues. The visit to Arundel in May has sold out.

Our first Coach trip this year will now be the Isle of Wight, this will be the last trip to the Isle for a while as we have basically covered most of the island over the last few years. Our plans continue in this edition for the minibus with two new trips.

John Horn, Chairman

PDRA AGM 2025 REPORT

On Wednesday 9th April we held our 57th Annual General Meeting to update you, the members, on our activities and to conclude the business for 2024.

With 36 members in attendance our Chairman, John Horn, welcomed all and presented reports including our Coach Trips, Minibus Service & Excursions, Coffee Mornings, Tea Parties, Ladies' Supper Evenings and the latest on our ventures with Chichester Festival Theatre (CFT) and our free Theatre Bus service.

The Chairman took the opportunity to thank our out-going Treasurer, Iain Balch, and his wife Helen. The Financial Report was presented by our recently appointed Treasurer, Richard Bettles. The Chairman thanked the audience for their support at last year's AGM to progress their discussions with Pagham and Arun Councils and everyone was pleased to see The Parade back in use for the villagers, visitors and, more importantly, the shopkeepers.

The Chairman officially welcomed Richard Bettles and our other new Committee members, Lynne Higson and Mary Jones. All 3 were proposed and seconded by the members in attendance. The meeting closed at 15.30pm with refreshments being served.

PDRA COMMITTEE MEMBERS

(as at May 2025)

<u>Name</u>		<u>Primary Role</u>
John Horn	:	Chairman
Richard Bettles	:	Treasurer
Sue Hunter	:	Secretary
Rita Woodgate	:	Coffee Morning Co-ordinator
John Baker	:	Membership Secretary
Mary Carpenter	:	Newsletter Editor
Dot Gray	:	Road Steward Co-ordinator
Lynne Higson	:	Coach Trip Organiser
Mary Jones	:	Publicity & Events
Mick Stanton	:	Minibus Lead Driver
Eileen Whitehand	:	Meet & Greet

CARD MACHINE



As some of you may have experienced at recent coffee mornings, we have taken delivery of a Card Payment Machine to help members who prefer not to carry much cash with them. This is a learning process for us all and we will gradually roll it out across our various services as appropriate.

It should be particularly useful when paying for coach outings, special tea tickets etc.

FIRST AID

Committee Member Mary Carpenter has recently completed an Emergency First Aid course, which included training in using the defibrillator. Hopefully we won't need to call on her but, as advice changes all the time, it is good to have members of our team with up to date knowledge.



VOLUNTEERS' TEA

On Saturday 5th April we held our Volunteers' Tea to show our thanks and appreciation for their continuous support. This was our 3rd year of holding this event and we were thrilled to attract a record 37 volunteers.

Many of those attending our get-together cover more than one volunteering role within our organisation and it was interesting to witness the mutual interest between so many on the afternoon.



A huge thank you to Rita Woodgate, Dot Gray, Barbara Upson and Sheila Horn for very generously providing the delicious array of home-made cakes and sausage rolls which

made it so difficult to choose between the lemon drizzle and the Bakewell tart, to name just a few - yummy !

DONATIONS TO OUR ASSOCIATION

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

Pagham Gardening Friends

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

NEW FOR THIS SPRING

Our Minibus visits Lidl, Aldi, BM Bargains & Matalan on 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month



**From THURSDAY APRIL 17th
the Minibus will also be calling into
Sainsbury's (see page 12 for all dates)**

Phone John 268768 to book your seat

THEATRE BUS

All aboard!



Chichester Festival Theatre & Pagham and District Residents' Association are offering free travel, door to door, to the Theatre for Festival 2025 shows:

<i>The Government Inspector</i>	6 May	2.30pm
	24 May	7.30pm
<i>The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry</i>	3 June	7.15pm
<i>Anna Karenina</i>	14 June	7.30pm
<i>Marie and Rosetta</i>	8 July	7.15pm
<i>Top Hat</i>	26 July	7.30pm
	5 August	2.30pm
	2 September	7.30pm
	6 September	2.30pm
<i>Choir</i>	9 August	7.15pm
<i>Hamlet</i>	27 September	2.15pm
<i>Lord of the Flies</i>	27 September	7.30pm
	11 October	7.30pm
	7 October	2.30pm
<i>Safe Space</i>	4 November	2.15pm

Book via email box.office@cft.org.uk or call 01243 781312

SUMMER AFTERNOON TEA

SUNDAY 22nd JUNE



3.00pm to 5.00pm at Pagham Village Hall

Enjoy a vintage themed afternoon tea with delicious sandwiches and cakes supplied by Little London Tea Rooms as you are entertained by our singer Ricky Zalez.

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 OUTINGS

Saturday 7th June

STANSTED PARK near Havant

Our first summer visit, by popular request



Stansted House & Narrow Gauge Railway (Extra Cost)

Plus: Garden Centre, Pavers Shoes, Klass Ladies Fashions, a Large Gift Centre and well-appointed Cafes.

Saturday 12th July

WHITELEY SHOPPING VILLAGE near Fareham

A firm favourite with members of the Residents' Association, enjoy the extensive range of shops, Cafes and Restaurants.



Door to Door pick-ups from 10.00am - Leaving at 2.00pm.

£6 per person for each trip

Residents' Association Members only

To book, phone LYNNE on 265360 9.00am to 5.00pm or see her at a coffee morning.



PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF CONTACT DETAILS

COACH OUTINGS

THURSDAY 3RD JULY

ISLE OF WIGHT



Always a popular destination, this year sees us visiting the beautiful Alum Bay, famous for the multi-coloured sand in the cliffs, the Needles and the glorious views across the Solent. There are shops and cafes at the top of the cliff or take the chairlift to the

beach (extra charge). We will then travel on to Yarmouth where you can enjoy the harbour, walks along the river or retail therapy in the many shops in the town. There are also a variety of cafes, restaurants and pubs for your refreshment.

The cost of this trip, which includes the return ferry journey is just **£40** per person (members only)

The coach will leave Pagham at 8.00am

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 12TH MAY.**

Tickets can be booked at our coffee mornings or phone **LYNNE** on 265360 (9.00am to 5.00pm only).



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LADIES' SUPPER EVENINGS



Our February Supper Evening was held at 47 Mussel Row in Littlehampton where 24 ladies were warmly received and served delicious food including the desserts, homemade by the owner.

In March, we once again visited Restaurant 64 at Chichester College, where 36 ladies enjoyed 3 courses of fine food, cooked and served by friendly and efficient students, with one enthusiastic young lady volunteering to help with the raffle.

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

Thursday 15th May - The Gravy Boat, Littlehampton

Thursday 19th June - The Spotted Cow, Hunston

Thursday 17th July - The Nag's Head, Chichester

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.

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

MINIBUS DATES

May to September 2025

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

Bognor Shops (Tuesday)

May 6, 13, 20, 27
June 3, 10, 17, 24
July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Aug 5, 12, 19, 26
Sept 2, 9, 16, 23, 30



Lidl/Matalan/

SAINSBURY(New) (Thursday)

May 1, 15
June 5, 19
July 3, 17
Aug 7, 21
Sept 4, 18

Marks & Spencer (Wednesday)

May 21
June 25
July 23
Aug 27
Sept 24

Tesco (Friday)

May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
June 6, 13, 20, 27
July 4, 11, 18, 25
Aug 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Sept 5, 12, 19, 26

Coffee Mornings (Thursday)

May 8, 22
June 12, 26
July 10, 24
Aug 14, 28
Sept 11, 25



Swimming (Monday)

May 12, 19
June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
July 7, 14, 21, 28
Aug 4, 11
Sept 8, 15, 22, 29

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

PAGHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS SPRING 2025

The new UK government is reforming local government radically. They propose two major reforms, devolution and removal of one layer of local government where there are currently two as in Sussex. These will change to enable local residents to be more involved in matters that influence their lives.

DEVOLUTION

Is intended to create strategic leadership with much closer links to the residents of each authority on subjects governing their lives in:-

- Housing
- Highways & Transport
- Economic Growth
- Skills
- Environment & Climate Change
- Health and Public Safety

This will be for areas such as Sussex with a population of approximately 1.5 million people. The Councils of West Sussex, East Sussex and Brighton and Hove are bidding to be part of this new programme. This was approved in February 2025.

A preliminary consultation has just closed. It covered:-

- The proposed geography
- Governance arrangements
- Economic support
- Social services
- Local council services
- Environmental improvements
- Local identity

REORGANISING LOCAL GOVERNMENT

This will begin with the removal of two tier council governance and replacing it with single tier. The new Unitary Body will replace WSCC and ADC. The PPC will then feed directly with this new body. The Unitary authority will operate the day to day services.

All strategic decisions will be handed down by the mayoralty authority using devolved powers. The aim is for each unitary authority to cover 0.5 million residents (approx.).

There are several options that have been put forward to Central government for their considerations. Once these are debated with the Government then everyone will be given the chance to comment on the options over the coming months before a more detailed proposal is submitted in September.

At present no changes will be made to local services.

The May elections for West Sussex will not take place in 2025, but be postponed until 2026. This will allow time for preparations for Mayoral elections in 2026.

For more detailed information:

www.westsussex.gov.uk/campaigns/future-of-local-government-in-sussex

Peter Atkins

Chairman,

Pagham Parish Council

STEVE'S GARDENING

Spring has certainly sprung with a vengeance....lovely hot sunny days but still with a bit of a chill in the air in the evenings.

After all your winter planning it's time to put it into action. Annual plants are readily available for that splash of colour, along with lots of glorious perennials and colourful shrubs for all garden aspects.

Keep an eye on the weather forecast as we are not out of the woods yet as regards to the threat of frosts. For those of you who have put out early veg and annual plants then please be aware of the threat of late frosts, they could potentially wipe out all your hard work.

Summer baskets are best left to early May to be put out, but don't let this stop you from planting them up as they can be left in a frost free spot for that instant colour when they do eventually go out.

Nesting birds can be a problem at this time of year, when we are all eager to get the secateurs out for that spring prune, so please be aware of where they might be nesting. As the ground is maybe harder this year don't forget to feed and water our feathered friends.

Keep an eye out for weeds and the early infestation of greenfly and blackfly...they seem to love this weather and time of year. So turn your back (at your peril) for in one minute they will soon be everywhere. Whether you're a hoer, puller of weeds or spray weeds (and bugs), if you must, do it in the evening when its cooler and not many bees around. Think bees!!!!



Steve, Planteria Manager Manor Nursery

DOT'S LUSCIOUS LEMON DRIZZLE CAKE

1lb greased and lined loaf tin Oven – Gas mark 4, Electric 180' Fan
160'

4oz stork

6oz sugar

6oz SR flour

2 large eggs, beaten

4 tablespoon milk

Grated rind of 1 lemon

For topping

Juice of 1 lemon

2 dessert spoons sugar



Beat ingredients together and pour into tin, bake for 1 hour, remove from oven and leave in tin. Mix lemon juice with 1 dessert spoon of sugar, prick cake with fork and pour mixture over. Sprinkle over remaining sugar and allow to cool.

Other Village Groups.....

MULBERRIES

Saturday 26 April

Saturday 27 September

Saturday 29 November

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



PAGHAM LUNCHEON CLUB



Spring already. Lunch club is bright and breezy in tune with the sunshine and blue skies we are experiencing currently. A few more new members have joined up and we are delighted that they are happy with their choice. This year we hope to offer a Cream Tea date and maybe some live music to entertain during one of the lunch dates, and we have a raffle every time (to help a little with funds) and occasionally a quiz to complete during the meal.

We are still seeking a new logo design and any ideas will be considered. These are certainly changing times and Luncheon Club may change also but it will always endeavour to fulfil its role to provide a regular lunch date for older people who would like to make new friends and share a wholesome meal in a safe and welcoming environment. The minibus is provided (at no extra cost to the members) for those who need the door-to-door service it offers.

1st and 3rd Wednesday in each month, 12 p.m.—2 p.m. Pagham United Reformed Church, Pagham Road. For membership: Jean Hunt (Sec.) 268818

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 PHOTOGRAPHERS

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME



Come and join us and have a very enjoyable evening.

Here's a recent comment from a member:

"Thanks I really enjoyed the evening, almost like a therapy session!"

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

DAY TRIPS 2025/6

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>

Winter Newsletter (February 2026)

Saturday 11 th April	Rustington	<i>Minibus</i>
May TBA	Canterbury	Coach
Saturday 16 th May	Arundel	<i>Minibus</i>

Bookings not accepted until the relevant Newsletter is published.

NB. All details subject to change.