Pagham & District Residents' Association

Supporting Our Community

WINTER 2026

Christmas Tea 2025

website: paghamresidents.org

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

May I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very Happy New Year, and to pass on the best wishes from all the team at the PDRA.

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 Dave Harris, a true entertainer with a great variety of Christmas songs, many where the audience were invited to join in, and they did. Food again was supplied by The Little London Tea Room, and was up to its usual high standard.

The 2025 Macmillan Coffee Morning raised an incredible £800, taking the donations for the last 3 years to over £3,000. The cheque has now been presented to the Fernhurst Centre at St Richards Hospital.

The last coach trip of the year was to Bath, recently voted in the Top 5 Christmas Markets in the Country. We were one of 29 Coaches visiting on the day and one of Portsmouth City Coaches' latest vehicles carried us safely there and back.

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

The Theatre bus in partnership with The Chichester Festival Theatre continues to grow and we thank you for your support.

We paid three visits in December with a further four in January.

The charity book stall, held throughout the year at our coffee mornings, raised £450 and this will shortly be presented to St. Wilfrid's Hospice. Our charity for 2026 will be the local dementia charity, Sage House, based in Tangmere.

Inside this Newsletter the first offerings for our days out programme will be Minibus trips to Haskins, Rustington and Arundel. For the first Coach trip of 2026, we will be visiting the historic City of Canterbury.

John Horn

MEMBERSHIP DATABASE UPDATE

Firstly, we must offer an apology for the confusion that was caused when the last edition of the newsletter was delivered. We enclosed a membership form but somehow omitted to provide information on why you were receiving it. As a result, we have included another form, on the reverse of which is the explanation you should have received in the last issue.

Many thanks to all those who completed and returned the questionnaire in the Autumn. If you haven't done so, we would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete this new form and return it to us. Please be assured that, to protect your data, we are fully compliant with the requirements of current Data Protection legislation.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2026

WEDNESDAY 1st APRIL 2026

3.00 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, phone *07449149333* to book)

If any member wishes to propose a resolution for consideration at the AGM, notice must be given to the Honorary Secretary, c/o 17 The Causeway, Pagham, PO21 4PG, 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 individuals very generously donated funds to the PDRA over the last few months:

Mr & Mrs Ruddock

Christine Hall

A member wishing to remain anonymous

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

HELP – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our minibus is out every day, Monday to Friday, taking members swimming, on shopping trips and to other events.

Although we have a lovely group of volunteers, we would like to strengthen our team of helpers who accompany the shopping trips, assisting with bags etc.

You need to be reasonably fit to get on and off the minibus and lift bags, but a smile is the most important qualification!

If you feel you may be able to help please contact John on 07449 149333 for further information.

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND PAYMENTS

Our membership year runs from 1st January but money is not collected from homes until April, as we don't ask our Road Stewards to go out in the inclement winter weather. If you would prefer to pay your subscription for 2026 electronically, you can make payment by BACS as follows:

Pay to Pagham and District Residents' Association
Account No. 80816280 Sort Code: 20-20-62.
Don't forget to include your name in the reference.

Subscription remains at £5 per household per year.

THEATRE BUS

The Theatre Bus continues to grow and has been well received by all those who have used the service. We have two final shows in the winter season for the award-winning showing of The BFG:

Tuesday 17th	***March***	***7.00pm***
Friday 27th	***March***	***6.00pm***

I will be meeting the team at the Theatre shortly and will update you all when I know more about the 2026 Spring/Summer season.

To book or for any other questions contact CFT at box.office@cft.org.uk or **Phone 01243 781312**

COFFEE MORNINGS

Come and meet the team at one of our Coffee Mornings

Held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month from 10.00am – 11.30am at the Village Hall in Pagham Road.

Meet friends old and new. Our minibus is available if required (in the designated area). Call John on 07449149333 (new number) to book your place .

Fancy a game of Hoy or Bingo

Try your luck in our Raffle

Enjoy a toasted teacake for just 50p

'Free Book and Jigsaw Library'

Large choice of books & puzzles (donations welcome for our 2026 Nominated Charity, Sage House).

BAPS… Remember Thursday 23rd October 2025? Yes, that's when Rita and her Ladies served Bacon and Sausage Baps for just £1 each and do you know how many were eaten? SEVENTY - how amazing is that! So, keep a look out for when they're next on the menu.

£1 entry includes tea/coffee and a biscuit

THEMED TABLES AT COFFEE MORNINGS

Due to the success of last year's themed tables, which helped bring our 2025 fundraising for St Wilfrid's to a record £450, we shall continue this year with the following:

26th February	***Garden Theme***
28th May	***Crafts Theme***
27th August	***Kitchen Theme***
26th November	***Christmas Theme***

Many thanks for your continued support in these ventures, both with donating and purchasing items. It wouldn't happen without you, our members.

VOLUNTEERS' TEA 2026

This year's get-together to say "Thank You" to our volunteers will take place on the afternoon of Saturday 28th March with personal invitations being delivered in late February – so, if you are a PDRA volunteer, then put a note in your diary!

PDRA NOMINATED CHARITY 2026

Our nominated charity for this year is Sage House which is based in Tangmere and offers local support and services for people living with dementia and their families.

A representative will be visiting one of our Coffee Mornings in the near future to give an introduction on Sage House.

COACH OUTING

CANTERBURY

SUNDAY 10th MAY

Join us for a relaxed coach outing to the historic city of Canterbury in Kent which offers so much for visitors. Take a boat trip on the River Stour, stroll through the compact pedestrian maze of small streets with independent shops and restaurants, visit the open-air Whitefriars Shopping Centre where you'll find M & S, Next, Fenwick etc., or discover some of the amazing historical architecture. The choice is yours!!

The cost of the trip will be £35 per person (members only).

The coach will leave Pagham at 8.30am and we will spend 4 hours in Canterbury.

Booking arrangements: to ensure everyone has received their newsletter and has the opportunity to enjoy this outing,

tickets <u>WILL NOT BE ON SALE</u> until <u>MONDAY 16th FEBRUARY</u>

Tickets can be booked at our coffee mornings or phone LYNNE on 07855464970 (9.00am to 5.00pm only).

MINIBUS OUTINGS

RUSTINGTON and HASKINS

Saturday 11th April 2026

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 to purchase your spring plants and other needs. Why not visit their popular restaurant, all with easy access.

ARUNDEL

Saturday 16thMay 2026

Enjoy a relaxing walk along the river, take in one of the many cafes, and then enjoy the extensive range of antique shops both sides of river via the bridge.

There are numerous other independent shops to browse, 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 late afternoon

Tickets are £6.00 each (members only)

To book, phone Lynne on 07855 464970
between 9.00am – 5.00pm
or see her at one of our coffee mornings.

LADIES' SUPPER EVENINGS

On 20th November, 20 ladies spent the evening at Bognor Regis Golf Club where they enjoyed superb food and excellent service in the delightful dining room.

In December 33 ladies celebrated Christmas in style at popular Restaurant 64. Students greeted everyone with a welcome drink, followed by a delicious, seasonal, 3 course meal with coffee, petit fours and a small gift. In a festively decorated dining room, all the ladies thoroughly enjoyed the evening in party spirit.

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

Thursday 19th February – 47 Mussel Row, Littlehampton
Thursday 19th March – The Spotted Cow, Hunston
Thursday 16th April – The Anchor, Sidlesham

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

February to May 2026

Bookings taken from 9.00am to 5.00pm
Monday to Friday (John 07449 149333)
PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF PHONE NUMBER

Bognor Shops
(Tuesday)

Feb	3, 10, 17, 24
Mar	3, 10, 17, 24, 31
April	7, 14, 21, 28
May	5, 12, 19, 26

Lidl/Matalan
(Thursday)

Feb	5, 19
Mar	5, 19
Apr	2, 16
May	7, 21

Marks & Spencer
(Wednesday)

Feb	25
Mar	25
Apr	22
May	27

Tesco
(Friday)

Feb	6, 13, 20, 27
Mar	6, 13, 20, 27
Apr	3, 10, 17, 24
May	1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Coffee Mornings
(Thursday)

Feb	12, 26
Mar	12, 26
Apr	9, 23
May	14, 28

Swimming
(Monday)

Feb	2, 9, 16, 23
Mar	2, 9, 16, 23, 30
Apr	13, 20, 27
May	11, 18

NEWS FROM PAGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

JANUARY 2026

The start of a new year gives the opportunity to review a number of issues affecting the village. The playground and open space on Summer Lane, which has been unavailable for use, will soon be under reconstruction as agreement has been reached between the developers and Arun and Pagham Councils. This will involve removal of buried asbestos, the lowering of the soil surface to repair the drainage and the removal of the hill built with surplus spoil from the housing development. We can then complete the transfer of ownership to Arun and PPC and the playground will be available for use.

The western boundary of the Hornes Lane has now been planted with trees and shrubs in preparation for the building of more houses in the field adjoining the playground.

Further South, the development of the field adjoining Pagham Road has just begun, this is likely to be a construction site for up to 10 years and half of the houses should be “affordable houses”, if the plans posted are carried out.

Also starting this January is a reconstruction of the beach at East Front Road. Thousands of tons of shingle will be harvested from the shoals off the West beach. Also on the beach, the clearance of the rubbish from the containers washed ashore continues. The 67km stretch of coastline involved makes this a major task.

Here at PPC the distribution of discretionary grants to local charities and societies is now complete. Qualifying applicants apply every Summer for a small contributory grant to help with running costs. This is to support specific charities and societies in the village. Next Summer applications will be requested.

More topically we were all really affected by the damage to the gas main at the entrance to the village. It was really annoying especially as it was joy riders racing stolen cars who caused the damage. The bus shelter which was removed by the emergency services will be replaced at no cost to the village. It will need to be purpose built to fit the space and so will be a few weeks in arriving.

Cllr Peter Atkins,

Chairman.

Contact details for the Parish Council:

The Clerk at Pagham Village Hall, Pagham Road, PO21 4NJ

Email: clerk@paghamparishcouncil.gov.uk

Tel: 01243 266424

NUTELLA MUG CAKE

Ingredients

1 egg
3 tablespoons caster sugar
4 tablespoons Nutella
5 tablespoons plain flour
2 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder
½ teaspoon baking powder

Method

In a mug beat in, one by one, the egg, sugar, Nutella, flour, cocoa and baking powder
Cook in the microwave for 50 seconds (800 watt)
Leave to rest for 1 to 2 minutes before eating

Other Village Groups……

SHOW LOVERS' UPDATE

Pagham Players are in the process of changing their name, as the founder of the group has decided to retire after many years of excellent leadership, and is keen that we move forward under a different name.
A new committee has been formed including Tom, one of your minibus drivers, as Chair, who would love you all to come and watch. A new name, and the Murder Mystery play in May, will be decided and advertised very soon. So keep your eyes peeled on the notice boards and keep the weekend of 22nd/23rd May free. The new committee would like to thank you for your past support of the shows and look forward to seeing you at the May production.

MULBERRIES

Saturday 14 February	*Louise and The Street Party Band*
Saturday 16 May	*The Polytones*
Saturday 5 September	*Slowburn*
Saturday 28 November	*Limited S*

All events are held at
Pagham Village Hall from 7.30pm and
finishing around 11.00pm
Tickets are £9.00 each

Contact Lesley 07833 971620 or Maria 01243 306655
Please bring your own food and drink
Money raised goes to local charities

NYETIMBER SHORT MAT BOWLS

Come along and give it a go!

Bowling is gentle exercise and fun with a great crowd of people. Come along and give it a try, no experience necessary, first 3 sessions are free and we have bowls you can borrow.

Tuesday	2.00pm – 4.00pm,	4.00pm – 6.00pm
Friday	2.00pm – 4.00pm,	4.00pm – 6.00pm

Pagham Village Hall

Phone Linda 07765 300406 for more details

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.

GARDENING TIPS

Jobs for February

Now the lovely spring bulbs are coming through it's time to clear away some of the dead and rotting vegetation, cut back your ornamental grasses and prune winter flowering shrubs that have finished blooming (if the rain lets you out!)
Apply mulch to help your beds get a good start to the year.
You can plant lily bulbs indoors for summer flowering and pot up dahlia tubers. Onions and garlic can be planted out if it's not too wet.

Jobs for March

Now is the time to divide up those hardy perennial clumps. It's a great way of getting extra plants, try swapping with friends to get more variety in your garden.
Fork over beds to aerate the soil and break up any large lumps of soil.
If it's dry enough, plant summer flowering bulbs and hardy veg.
Prune roses to an outward facing bud and cut back buddleia hard to promote good flowering growth.
Don't forget to check over your garden furniture so that when the warm sun shines you can sit back safely and admire your hard work.

PAGHAM LUNCHEON CLUB

Happy New Year everyone. 2026 heralds another re-birth for our Club as we move to our new lunch date venue—Pagham Football Clubhouse. Our first official date will be Wednesday 21st January and we very much look forward to welcoming the Members to our new home.

2025 was a good year for us. Recently we were entertained by the Regis Rhythms duo, Kevin and Clive (very popular, and hope to book again in the New Year), and we held our annual Christmas Lunch Party at The Bear on 10 December (much enjoyed).

Our home and base at St Ninian's (U.R.C.) for over 50 years has now, sadly, closed its doors and as we go we take with us memories of happy times and thoughts of the people who have made the Club what it is today during over half a century of service.

So, it's time to move on and we go forward with hope in our hearts and a keenness to renew and enhance our commitment to the folk who are the essence and *raison d'être* of the Club—the Members: past, present, and future.

And talking of the future … our Membership is full at the moment but it will be reopening sometime in the New Year so please watch this space.

For enquiries please contact ***Jean Hunt 01243 268818***

PAGHAM PHOTOGRAPHERS CLUB

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

"THANKS I REALLY ENJOYED THE EVENING, ALMOST LIKE A THERAPY SESSION"

"I'VE HAD A DSLR CAMERA & SMART PHONE FOR YEARS, NEVER KNEW WHAT THEY COULD ALL DO UNTIL I JOINED THIS CLUB "

FIRST VISIT IS FREE
JUST SHOW UP

1ST TUESDAY - 7:15 TO 9:15PM
3RD TUESDAY - 7:15 TO 9:15PM
(EACH MONTH)

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DAY TRIPS 2026

Winter Newsletter (February 2026)

Saturday 11th April	Rustington	Minibus
Sunday 10th May	Canterbury	Coach
Saturday 16th May	Arundel	Minibus

Spring Newsletter (April 2026) NOT YET BOOKABLE

Saturday 13th June	Stansted Garden Centre	Minibus
Thursday 2nd July	Salisbury	Coach
Thursday 30th July	Whiteley Shopping Village	Minibus
Saturday 15th August	Lee on the Solent	Minibus

Summer Newsletter (July 2026) NOT YET BOOKABLE

Wednesday 2nd September	Poole and Harbour Cruise	Coach
Saturday 19th September	Southsea and Old Portsmouth	Minibus
Thursday 29th October	Gunwharf Quays	Minibus

Autumn Newsletter (October 2026) NOT YET BOOKABLE

Saturday 14th November	Petersfield	Minibus
Sunday 22nd November	Haskins Garden Centre	Minibus
Thursday 3rd December	Southampton	Coach
Sunday 13th December	Stansted Garden Centre	Minibus

Bookings not accepted until the relevant Newsletter is published.

NB. All details subject to change.