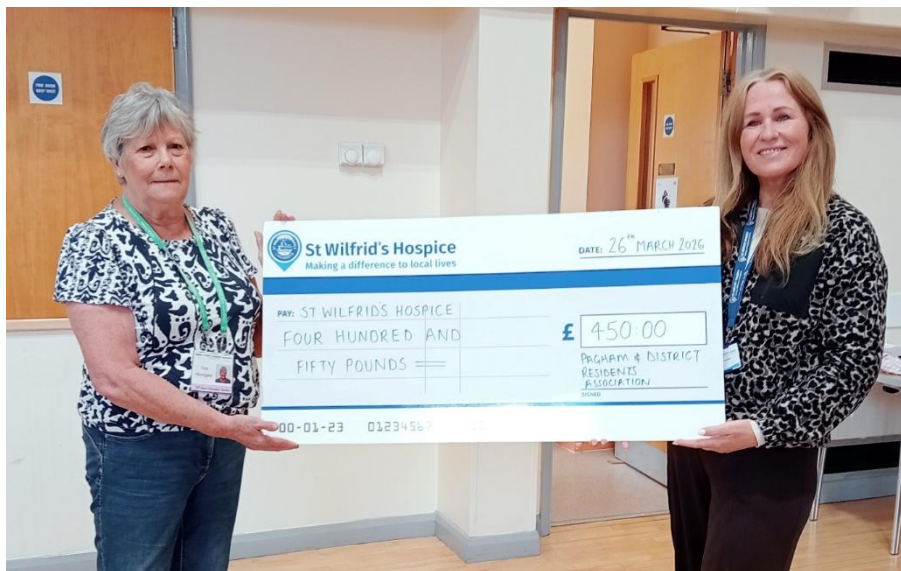


Pagham & District Residents' Association
Supporting Our Community

SPRING 2026



Rita presenting our cheque for £450 to Victoria from
St Wilfrid's Hospice

website: paghamresidents.org

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

What a fast start to the year, both Minibus trips sold out quickly, but there are another three in this latest edition including our first visit to Lee on the Solent. All tickets have also been sold for the Canterbury Coach trip in May. For our next trip, with details in this newsletter, we are off to Salisbury.

The Theatre bus in partnership with The Chichester Festival Theatre continues to grow and we have carried over 200 members so far, thank you for your support. In this edition we offer the Festival 2026 season, hopefully with something in the programme for everyone.

We recently presented St.Wilfrid's Hospice, our 2025 charity, with a cheque for £450.00. Our charity for 2026 is the local dementia charity Sage House, based in Tangmere. We have had visits to our Coffee Mornings from the team at Sage House, including one where they brought their Information Bus.

We had the pleasure of hosting our fourth Annual Volunteers' Tea, it was great to meet all who attended.

John Horn

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2026

On Wednesday 9th April we held our 58th Annual General Meeting to update you, the members, on our activities and to conclude the business for 2025.

With 40 members in attendance our Chairman, John Horn, welcomed all and gave his personal thanks to the committee and all the volunteers for their hard work over the last, very successful year.

The Financial Report was presented by our Treasurer, Richard Bettles.

In a change from previous years, each committee member plus Janet Dale (Supper Club) presented reports explaining their role within the Association, their achievements during 2025 and any future plans.

Four committee members were due to stand down under the terms of our constitution. All four were willing to serve for a further term and were unanimously re-elected.

The Chairman then gave a brief look to 2026, during which it is intended the Constitution will be reviewed and updated if necessary.

The meeting closed at 3.35pm with refreshments being served.

PDRA COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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

DONATIONS TO OUR ASSOCIATION

The following groups very kindly donated funds to the PDRA recently:

Pagham Gardening Friends

Pagham Photographers

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 Road Stewards are vital in ensuring you all receive your Newsletters on time. We are currently looking for someone to take over the round that covers the Abbotsbury area. If you think you may be able to help please contact Dot on 01243 262134

VOLUNTEERS' TEA 2026

On Saturday 28th March we held our annual Volunteers' Tea to show our appreciation of their time given in support of PDRA. This was our 4th year of holding the event and, once again, we had a record number of 43 volunteers attending.



This day is always a perfect opportunity for our volunteers, many of whom cover more than one volunteering role within our organisation, to meet up and spend time together. This year we introduced a small

free raffle which was well received, as was Alison Blenkinsop's entertaining song relating to the Pagham (litter) Pickers.

Volunteers were also shown examples of the personalised PDRA lanyards currently being produced by our Treasurer, Richard Bettles, which will be distributed to each volunteer. These include ID cards showing their name, photograph and colour coded years of volunteering.

A huge thank you goes to Rita Woodgate and Dot Gray for baking their fabulous cakes and sausage rolls, and to Sheila Horn and Barbara Upson for very kindly serving the teas and coffees. As always a brilliant example of how our volunteers all pull together - we couldn't function without them.

LADIES' SUPPER EVENINGS

Our first outing of 2026 was to The Inglenook Hotel on 15th January, where 28 ladies enjoyed the evening. In March 30 ladies visited The Spotted Cow at Hunston, which was, in fact, our 13th Anniversary.



The Supper Evenings started on 7th March 2013 when 20 ladies went to Madlows Restaurant (now Chez Moi) in Bognor Regis. 7 ladies who joined in the first year are still regular members as we enter our 14th year.

During the past 13 years we have enjoyed 132 outings varying from balmy summer evenings to Christmas Party Nights and visited 32 different venues stretching from Pagham to Singleton and from Selsey to Littlehampton. We have eaten 3,443 delicious meals amid much laughter and friendship and raised in excess of £9,500 for the Residents' Association.

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

Thursday 16th April -The Anchor, Sidlesham

Thursday 21st May - The Arun View, Littlehampton

Thursday 18th June - The Seal, Selsey

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.

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** 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).

£1 entry includes tea/coffee and a biscuit

**OUR NEXT "BAPS" COFFEE MORNING
THURSDAY 23RD APRIL - ST. GEORGE'S DAY**



Bacon or Sausage Baps served by Rita and her Ladies STILL ONLY £1 EACH - so delicious and an absolute bargain !



THEMED TABLES AT COFFEE MORNINGS

We have made a great start this year with our Gardening Theme table raising £65.84 for Sage House. Thank you for your continued support in donating and purchasing items.

Tables planned for the remainder of 2026 are:

28th May	Crafts Theme
27th August	Kitchen Theme
26th November	Christmas Theme

THEATRE BUS

All aboard!



The Theatre Bus continues to grow, over 200 members having used the service to date. Many thanks to all those who have taken the opportunity to support this new venture for us.

The new schedule for 2026 Festival Season is:

<i>Magic</i>	<i>30th April</i>	<i>7.30pm</i>
	<i>9th May</i>	<i>2.30pm</i>
<i>Eclipse</i>	<i>19th May</i>	<i>7.15pm</i>
<i>Atonement</i>	<i>4th and 19th June</i>	<i>7.30pm</i>
<i>45 Years</i>	<i>30th June</i>	<i>7.15pm</i>
<i>My Fair Lady</i>	<i>10th, 21st, and 31st July</i>	<i>7.30pm</i>
	<i>8th and 22nd August</i>	<i>2.30pm</i>
	<i>1st September</i>	<i>7.30pm</i>
<i>Atlantis</i>	<i>4th August</i>	<i>7.15pm</i>
<i>A Small and Quiet Light</i>	<i>10th September</i>	<i>7.15pm</i>
<i>Midsummer Nights Dream</i>	<i>26th September</i>	<i>7.30pm</i>
	<i>10th October</i>	<i>2.30pm</i>
<i>Antigone Exits</i>	<i>3rd October</i>	<i>2.30pm</i>

To book, please Contact CFT, box.office@cft.org.uk, 01243 781312

Remember to ask for the minibus when booking your seats

SUMMER TEA

Sunday 14th June 2026

3.00pm to 5.00pm



Join us for a sumptuous afternoon tea as we celebrate

National Strawberry Shortcake Day

As usual food will be supplied by Little London Tea Room so you are assured of a treat.

Entertainment will be provided by Debbie Cobbett who is well known to us. She will perform a variety of songs, some you will be able to join in with or dance to.

Price £10 Members or £12 Guests

To reserve your ticket please phone Rita on 01243 262814
(9.00am - 5.00pm Monday to Friday please)
or see her at a Coffee Morning.

The minibus will be available for door-to-door service (at extra cost), please reserve your seat when booking your ticket.

COACH OUTING

DAY TRIP TO SALISBURY

Saturday 11th July



Salisbury town centre is a compact, historic medieval city famous for its 13th century cathedral (boasting the tallest spire in the UK and a Magna Carta). It features a lively, historic Charter Market (Tuesdays/Saturdays) at its heart surrounded by traditional pubs, diverse shopping streets and, at Old George Mall and Cross Keys Arcade, modern retailers. There is a lovely riverside walk along the River Avon.

The cost of this trip is £25 per person (members only).

The coach will leave Pagham at 8.30am.

Booking arrangements: to ensure everyone has received their newsletter and has the opportunity to enjoy this outing, tickets WILL NOT BE ON SALE until MONDAY 27th APRIL

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

MINIBUS OUTINGS

We have three minibus day trips available to book with this newsletter: the ever-popular Stansted Park Garden Centre and Whiteley Shopping Village together with our newest destination, Lee on the Solent. **For all three outings:**

Door to door pick-ups begin from 10.00am - leaving at 2.00pm

Tickets are £6.00 each (**members only**)

**To book, phone Lynne on 07855 464970
between 9.00am - 5.00pm Monday to Friday only
or see her at one of our coffee mornings.**



STANSTED PARK GARDEN CENTRE

Rowlands Castle near Havant

Saturday 13th June

By popular request

Pavers Shoes and Klass Ladies Fashion Stores, a Large Gift Centre and two well-appointed Cafés.

Stansted House & Narrow Gauge Railway (Entrance cost not included in trip)

MINIBUS OUTINGS



**WHITELEY
SHOPPING VILLAGE
near Fareham**

Thursday 30th July

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

NEW for 2026

**LEE on the SOLENT
near Fareham**

Saturday 15th August



A leisurely visit to this very pleasant seaside town on the Gosport peninsula with extensive views of the Isle of Wight, enjoy the many independent shops and Cafes.

MINIBUS DATES

April to July 2026

Bookings taken from 9.00am to 5.00pm
Monday to Friday (John 07449 149333)

Bognor Shops (Tuesday)

April 7, 14, 21, 28
May 5, 12, 19, 26
June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
July 7, 14, 21, 28



Lidl/Matalan (Thursday)

Apr 2, 16
May 7, 21
June 4, 18
July 2, 16

Marks & Spencer (Wednesday)

Apr 22
May 27
June 24
July 22

Tesco (Friday)

Apr 3, 10, 17, 24
May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
June 5, 12, 19, 26
July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Coffee Mornings (Thursday)

Apr 9, 23
May 14, 28
June 11, 25
July 9, 23



Swimming (Monday)

Apr 13, 20, 27
May 11, 18
June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
July 6, 13, 20, 27



NEWS FROM PAGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

APRIL 2026

It is always satisfying to be able to announce success in solving a village problem. The asbestos that was buried in the playground in Summer Lane has been safely removed. Furthermore, the surplus soil from the development has been removed to enable natural drainage of surface water without it flowing through back gardens. The playground equipment, tree and shrub plantings and fences will all be replaced during the coming months as the land drains properly after such a wet winter.

A licence to place two planters alongside the entrance to Mill Farm has recently been granted. This enhancement will restrict the parking of vehicles on the pavement which obscure sight lines from the entrance.

The recent accident at the junction of Hook Lane and Pagham Road which seriously damaged the village gas supply, also caused the loss of a village bus shelter. This has been replaced by JDT the gas contractor at their expense. An open design has replaced the old shed.

Vandalism is often linked with anti-social behaviour. We have over the last few months experienced several attacks on fencing around the small children's play area at the village hall. Apart from the cost to repair, it also risks the safety of children using the play area. As with all of this behaviour we would ask residents to call the community police number and report any incidences (0800555111).

For the last 2 and a half years West Sussex County Council has been conducting a grass mowing experiment around the village. This ended on the 31st March 2026. We will now return to regular mowing by both PPC and WSCC around the major routes of the village. Results of the research will no doubt be published for future guidance on how to develop an improved system.

PPC recently had an application to join the Parish Council and the councillors have co-opted Ruth Palmer to serve. Her experience as a parish clerk for many years is invaluable to us all.

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

ARUN WASTE COLLECTION

Arun Council have started rolling out their new household waste collection scheme.

You should, by now have received a new large general waste wheelie bin, a food waste bin and a small kitchen caddy together with a starter pack of small bin liners and the new collection schedule.

If you haven't received yours or you have any questions or concerns regarding the new scheme phone the support team on 01903 737754.

SIMPLE COCONUT LOAF

170g unsalted butter (or stork)
170g castor sugar
3 large eggs
140g self-raising flour
30-50g desiccated coconut
teaspoon baking powder
2 tablespoons milk



Pre heat oven to 180C/160C Fan or Gas 4. Grease and line a 2lb loaf tin with parchment paper. In a large bowl cream together the butter and sugar until smooth. Add the sifted flour, baking powder and eggs and mix again until smooth. Mix in the coconut and milk until just combined. Pour the mix into the prepared tin and bake for 50-55 minutes.

GARDENING TIPS

Jobs for May – a really busy month as we plant up our hanging baskets and tubs, using good quality compost and adding moisture retaining granules. Tidy up those spring flowers, give a liquid fertiliser around the dying back clumps of bulbs for a good show next year. Harden off half-hardy plants by bringing them outside during the day. Divide hardy perennials such as hosta and penstemon. Trim back plants such as aubretia after flowering.

Jobs for June – Now you can start harvesting lettuce, radish and other salad plants plus those lovely early potatoes. Plant out summer bedding
Dead head roses to encourage more flowers
Hoe borders regularly to keep down weeds.
Mow lawns, but not too short, and consider leaving an area to grow and encourage wildlife.
Stake tall or floppy plants.
Make time to sit and enjoy your garden.



Other Village Groups.....

PAGHAM THEATRE GROUP (formerly Pagham Players)



Join us for a fun in-person event as we present a double bill:

Free for Hall by Cheryl Barrett is a fast-paced farce in which a local amateur dramatic group is rehearsing their pantomime in the village hall – but the venue is triple booked!

Who Killed the Postmistress by Chris Martin is a fictional, interactive murder mystery play in which ‘The Crimes from Bygone Times’ TV show present a reconstruction of a crime that took place on the same day as the hugely influential Live Aid Pop Concert, 13th July 1985.

Friday 22nd May – 7.30pm and Saturday 23rd May – 7.30pm
Tickets are £12 each

Bring your own drink, glasses and nibbles.

Apply by email paghamtheatregroup@gmail.com or in person from the Village Hall at 6.15pm Friday evenings until 15th May.

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.

MULBERRIES

Saturday 16 May
Saturday 5 September
Saturday 28 November

The Polytones
Slowburn
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 07939 865191

Please bring your own food and drink
Money raised goes to local charities

PAGHAM LUNCHEON CLUB



The Club is now happily installed at the Football Club and everyone seems happy with the new venue. While the move was not exactly seamless (for the volunteers at least), it did not take long to settle in and start to enjoy the change.

A two course meal (main and dessert) is supplied by The Bear at cost, the club provides tea and coffee and the PDRA minibus is available for those who need transport. We have a raffle each session and occasional quizzes and plan entertainment for later in the year—watch this space!

Run by volunteers, the Club provides a safe, sociable, and welcoming date on the calendar, for Pagham Parish folk, especially those who may be challenged to get out without the help and support which the Club provides.

For your diary: 1st and 3rd Wednesday in each month, 12.00pm -2.00pm. Pagham Football Club Hall, Nyetimber Lane.

Currently membership is closed as we are full, but if you would like to be added to the shortlist please contact Jean Hunt (Sec.) on 01243 268818.

NYETIMBER SHORT MAT BOWLS

Bowling is gentle exercise and fun with a great crowd of people. Your first 3 sessions are free and we have bowls you can borrow.

We meet at Pagham Village Hall:

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

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



No experience is necessary so come along and give it a go!

Phone Linda 07765 300406 for more details

PAGHAM PHOTOGRAPHERS CLUB



NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

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

'I'VE HAD A DSLR CAMERA AND SMART PHONE FOR YERS, NEVER

KNEW WHAT THEY COULD ALL DO UNTIL I JOINED THIS CLUB'

FIRST VISIT IS FREE JUST SHOW UP

1ST TUESDAY – 7.15PM TO 9.15PM

3RD TUESDAY – 7.15PM TO 9.15PM

(each month)

info.paghamphotographers@gmail.com

www.paghamphotographers.club

DAY TRIPS 2026/7

Spring Newsletter (April 2026)

Saturday 13 th June	Stansted Garden Centre	Minibus
*Saturday 11 th July	Salisbury	Coach
Thursday 30 th July	Whiteley Shopping Village	Minibus
Saturday 15 th August	Lee on the Solent	Minibus

Summer Newsletter (July 2026) NOT YET BOOKABLE

Saturday 19 th September	Southsea and Old Portsmouth	Minibus
*Wednesday 30 th September	Poole and Harbour Cruise	Coach
Thursday 29 th October	Gunwharf Quays	Minibus

Autumn Newsletter (October 2026) NOT YET BOOKABLE

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

Winter Newsletter (February 2027) NOT YET BOOKABLE

Saturday 10 th April	Rustington	Minibus
May	TBA	Coach
Saturday 15 th May	Arundel	Minibus

Bookings not accepted until the relevant Newsletter is published.

NB. All details subject to change (*indicates new date)