

SUMMER 2026



Photo: R Bettles

Members enjoying Summer Tea

website: paghamresidents.org

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Thank you to all those who took the opportunity to escape the village with us, and enjoyed a dry day out in Canterbury, but it was a bit chilly. The first two of this year's minibus trips to Rustington, Haskins and Arundel were both full and I am reliably told that a good time was had by all.

The trip to Lee on the Solent in August has caught your imagination with an extra trip now arranged, over 30 of you will be travelling with us.

In this edition, for our third coach trip of 2026, we are off to Poole in beautiful Dorset. After travelling through the New Forest, we will arrive in Poole with a chance of some retail therapy and then you will cruise around one the world's largest natural harbours.

The minibus will be making a return to Southsea and Old Portsmouth after last year's very successful day. The second minibus trip is to my favourite location, Gunwharf, with its spectacular views and some of the south coast's best restaurants, don't miss a trip round the harbour.

The Theatre Bus in partnership with The Chichester Festival Theatre continues to grow, we thank you for your support. In this edition the festival 2026 season continues, hopefully there is something in the programme for everyone.

Enjoy the summer,

John Horn

JEAN CARDY



It is with great sadness that we must report the loss of our dear friend and fellow volunteer, Jean, who passed away recently, after a short illness, at the age of 90.

Jean started volunteering for our Association in 2020 and was a stalwart in the kitchen, serving tea and biscuits at our coffee mornings, always with a gentle smile. A regular helper at our Summer Teas and Christmas Parties, Jean was seen in various costumes (who can forget the fairies last Christmas) wheeling the tea trolley up and down the aisles.

The funeral has been held and it was pleasing to see so many of our members paying their respects to this lovely lady.

SUMMER TEA



Over 90 members and friends recently enjoyed a sumptuous summer tea in the village hall. Food was, once again, supplied by Vicky, from Little London Tea Shop, who even came along to help serve the feast of sandwiches, quiche, scones, cake and shortbread biscuits.

We were entertained by singer Debbie Cobbett, who sang a selection of well known songs that everyone could join in with and even dance to.



The raffle, of 30 great prizes, consisted mainly of items you have so kindly donated at coffee mornings over the last few months.



Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make this a success, and to all who attended. Look out for details of our Christmas party in the next Newsletter.

Photos: R Bettles

DONATIONS TO OUR ASSOCIATION

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

Sarah Wyatt

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

THEMED TABLES AT COFFEE MORNINGS

We continued this year's great start with our second themed-table event which was held on 28th May under the theme of "Crafts". Incredibly, we raised a further £64.05 for Sage House. Once again, a huge thank you to our members for so generously donating and purchasing the marvellous array of "all things crafty". We needed to add an extra table in order to make room for all that was donated!

Tables planned for the remainder of 2026 are:

27th August Kitchen Theme

26th November Christmas Theme

Donations for our Kitchen Theme table can be brought to our Coffee Mornings in advance or saved for the day.

LADIES' SUPPER EVENINGS

On 16th April, 25 ladies enjoyed the delicious carvery and desserts at The Anchor at Sidlesham and, on 21st May, 19 ladies enjoyed excellent food and service at The Arun View Hotel at Littlehampton.



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

Thursday 16th July - The Walnut Tree, Runcton

Thursday 17th September - Bognor Regis Golf Club, Felpham

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.

Fancy a game of Hoy or Bingo

Try your luck in our Raffle

Enjoy a toasted teacake for just 50p

Regular Themed Tables

'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 minibus is available if required (in the designated area).

Call John on **07449 149333** to book your place.

THEATRE BUS

All aboard!



The Theatre Bus arrangement with Chichester Festival Theatre continues to prove popular. Many thanks to everyone who has taken the opportunity to support this venture.

For those new to the service, free door to door travel on our minibus is offered for selected shows.

The schedule for the 2026 Festival Season is:

<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

or phone 01243 781312

Remember to ask for the minibus when booking your seat

COACH OUTING

DAY IN POOLE WITH HARBOUR CRUISE

Wednesday 30th September

We will be travelling by luxury coach to the delightful town of Poole in Dorset and will be dropped off at The Quay. From there it's a short walk into the town centre where you can discover some of the many attractions including Dorset's largest indoor shopping centre, The Dolphin, and adjacent is Kingsland with independent shops. Poole High Street is pedestrianised and in the Old Town there are several medieval and Georgian buildings.

At 2.00pm we will meet back at The Quay for a spectacular harbour Cruise which will include the harbour, harbour islands, harbour entrance and Sandbanks, with a live commentary.

All passengers must be able to walk the gangway which has high rails for assistance. Folded wheelchairs can be stored on board or left at the kiosk. Electric wheelchairs or scooters are not allowed to be taken on board.

The cost of this trip is £40 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 20th JULY

**Tickets can be booked by phoning LYNNE on 07855464970
Monday to Friday (9.00am to 5.00pm only).**

MINIBUS OUTING
RETURN BY REQUEST FOR 2026

Southsea & Old Portsmouth



Saturday 19th September

A return visit for the Residents' Association to these two locations, enjoy South Parade Pier, the Rose Garden, or maybe a visit to the Model Village and Canoe Lake. Then step back in time as you visit Old Portsmouth, experience the Hot Walls, the scene of many famous departures and arrivals of the Royal Navy, Portsmouth Cathedral and then experience walking through Sally Port on the cobbled streets, once walked upon by our Ancestors, unchanged for centuries.

£6 per person - Members only

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

To book, telephone John on 07449 149333 between 9.00am and 5.00pm (Monday to Friday) or see him at a coffee morning

MINIBUS OUTING

Shopping at Gunwharf Quays, Portsmouth



Thursday 29th October

Join us for a leisurely day out using our minibus to take you to Portsmouth's premier shopping centre, enjoy lunch while looking over the busy port of Portsmouth, enjoy a harbour cruise or just browse the numerous shops available.

£6 per person - Members only

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

To book, telephone John on 07449 149333 between 9.00am and 5.00pm (Monday to Friday) or see him at a coffee morning

MINIBUS DATES

July to October 2026

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

Bognor Shops (Tuesday)

July 7, 14, 21, 28
Aug 4, 11, 18, 25
Sept 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Oct 6, 13, 20, 27



Lidl/Matalan (Thursday)

Jul 2, 16
Aug 6, 20
Sept 3, 17
Oct 1, 15

Marks & Spencer (Wednesday)

July 22
Aug 26
Sept 23
Oct 28

Tesco (Friday)

July 3, 10, 17, 24
Aug 7, 14, 21, 28
Sept 4, 11, 18, 25
Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Coffee Mornings (Thursday)

July 9, 23
Aug 13, 27
Sept 10, 24
Oct 8, 22



Swimming (Monday)

July 6, 13, 20
Aug No Service
Sept 7, 14, 21, 28
Oct 5, 12, 19, 26



Pagham Parish Council Newsletter July 2026

Local Government Reorganisation - The Future of Our Local Government Structure

At our latest meeting, Pagham Parish Council formally considered Central Government's modified suggestion for Local Government Reorganisation (LGR).

LGR will dissolve the current two-tier system (Arun District Council and West Sussex County Council) and split West Sussex into two single-tier unitary authorities. Latest central government proposals would see Arun district merge with Adur and Worthing to create a Coastal Authority, while Chichester district would join Mid Sussex, Crawley, and Horsham to form an Inland Authority. Because Pagham sits within the Arun district, this move automatically places our village into the Coastal Authority. The reality is that residents of Pagham use Chichester for shops, medical care, social care, for travel to and through Chichester and for leisure. Pagham Harbour is geographically more aligned with Chichester district's coast than a Coastal authority. We were even moved into Chichester's parliamentary constituency in 2023 following a boundary review. Following an in-depth discussion of the advantages and disadvantages of the proposed changes, members resolved that the interests of Pagham and its residents would be best served by being part of the Chichester District Authority. The Council has directed the Clerk to formally submit our official objections to the government consultation based on four critical areas of concern, and to request a boundary review to establish the best fit for Pagham.

Infrastructure and Service Access

Our daily lives, roads, and vital public services are overwhelmingly focused on Chichester rather than the towns to our east. Our community relies heavily on St Richard's Hospital for healthcare, while adult social care and education links are tied to Chichester, and many residents commute directly to or through Chichester for work. Shifting Pagham into the Coastal Unitary Authority creates a real threat of service disruption for our residents.

Economic Alignment

While the Coastal Authority promises a maritime focus, Pagham's commercial landscape is vastly different from urban seaside towns. Our local economy is built upon tourism and horticulture. These sectors share a direct, natural alignment with the Chichester district - particularly the Manhood Peninsula - rather than the urban economies of Arun, Adur, and Worthing.

Pagham Harbour

Managing a highly protected Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) requires a completely different approach than managing standard coastal resorts. The coastal management challenges faced by Arun and Worthing do not match the unique environmental needs of our harbour. Pagham Harbour currently straddles two districts. While the original LGR plans would have helpfully unified the harbour under a single authority for a consistent management approach, this modified plan keeps it dangerously divided.

Community Identity

Pagham's history, culture, and identity are structurally linked to our neighbours to the west. Historically, Pagham fell within the Chichester district. This connection was officially reinforced as recently as July 2023, when Pagham was formally moved into the Chichester parliamentary constituency.

Other News:

At the end of May we hosted a Q&A session for residents and our MP Jess Brown-Fuller. It was well attended and a vigorous debate was enjoyed by all, with an exchange of views that should benefit us all.

Finally, we are experiencing an increase in mindless vandalism around the village. Please be alive to this and advise our local police of any untoward activities.

Peter Atkins, Chairman

Email: clerk@paghamparishcouncil.gov.uk *Tel:* 01243 266424

GARDENING TIPS

Our plants have had a difficult time lately, a very dry Spring ending in a heatwave, followed by a wet, cold and windy start to Summer, leaving our flowers battered and weary. Make sure you deadhead regularly, remove any damaged stems and stake those taller border perennials, such as dahlias.



Cut newly opened lavender flower heads and hang in a cool, dark place to dry out. Pick sweet peas often to prolong their season. Cut back early flowerers such as delphinium, to encourage a second flush. Sow biennials such as foxgloves.

Harvest tomatoes as they become ripe, continuing to cut out side shoots. Pick courgettes, unless you want marrows! Runner beans are very thirsty, make sure you soak the roots and apply mulch to retain moisture.

Thin out heavy cropping pears, apples and plums, removing any damaged or deformed fruits.

Hoe your borders to prevent weeds seeding.

In the greenhouse, open the vents on warm days, take cuttings of fuchsias, pelargoniums, water tomatoes daily and damp down the floor in hot weather to improve humidity levels.

Now it's time for a gin and tonic in that recliner – cheers!

TEMPTING TEA BREAD

Ingredients

4oz, 125gm light brown sugar
4oz, 125gm currants
4oz, 125gm sultanas
1/3 pint cold tea
3 eggs, beaten
8oz 225gm self raising flour
2 tsp mixed spice



Method

Soak the fruit and sugar with the tea in a bowl over night with a plate on top.

Heat oven to 320f, 160c, gas 3.

Add the eggs, sugar, flour and spice to the fruit and combine well.

Turn into a greased and lined 2lb loaf tin and level top.

Bake for 1 hr until golden. Leave to cool in the tin.

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 Jean on 07554 731956 for more information.

PAGHAM THEATRE GROUP

★ *Coming This Christmas!* ★

Puss in Boots

A purr-fect panto

By Kai Bailey

Pagham Theatre Group proudly presents
our festive family pantomime for Christmas!

- ★ Comedy ★ Music ★ Audience Participation
★ Villains to Boo ★ Heroes to Cheer ★ Magical Fun!

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- Email us for ticket enquires at paghamtheatregroup@gmail.com
 - Visit our website at paghamtheatregroup.co.uk
 - Visit our Facebook page - Pagham Theatre Group



Friday 4th December - 7pm



Saturday 5th December - 2pm (Matinee)



Saturday 5th December - 7pm



TICKET PRICES

Adult: £15

Children: £10

Tickets will be available from 4th September

MULBERRIES

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 07939 86 5191

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

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 LUNCHEON CLUB



The Club continues to evolve at its new home at Pagham Football Club Hall. We have grown and find that extra work is generated due to this and our new surroundings, so . . . CAN YOU HELP? The Club is seriously in need of volunteers—ideally people who can be on a reserve list to cover for absences. In particular we need help with dishing up of meals, washing up, and/or clearing up after service. A couple of hours or so would be so helpful on the occasions when we are short-staffed. It is rewarding work and can be fun—all volunteers are much appreciated. Please contact Sue Miller (details below) if you are interested and for more details.

Minibus is running smoothly and reliably as usual—we are so grateful, especially to Mick the Driver. We continue to enjoy food supplied by The Bear and this is currently charged at cost to members (£9). This comprises a 2-course hot meal (main and dessert) and in addition the club provides tea/coffee etc. On 6 May lunch was provided by Vicky of Little London Tea Shop and volunteers Mo and Trudi—big success and thanks to all.

We continue to look for sources of grants and appreciate the funds from those who already give.

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

Membership shortlist: please contact Jean Hunt (Sec.) 01243 268818.
Sue Miller (Treasurer) 07845 926766

email: sue.armex@btinternet.com

DAY TRIPS 2026/7

Summer Newsletter (July 2026)

Saturday 19th September Southsea and Old Portsmouth *Minibus*

*Wednesday 30th September Poole and Harbour Cruise *Coach*

Thursday 29th October Gunwharf Quays *Minibus*

Autumn Newsletter (October 2026) NOT YET BOOKABLE

Sunday 22nd November Haskins Garden Centre *Minibus*

Thursday 3rd December Southampton *Coach*

Sunday 13th December Stansted Garden Centre *Minibus*

Winter Newsletter (February 2027) NOT YET BOOKABLE

Saturday 10th April Rustington *Minibus*

Sunday 9th May Exbury Gardens *Coach*

Saturday 15th May Arundel *Minibus*

Spring Newsletter (April 2027)

Saturday 12th June West Dean Gardens *Minibus*

Saturday 10th July TBA *Coach*

Thursday 29th July Whiteley *Minibus*

Bookings not accepted until the relevant Newsletter is published.

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