

AUTUMN 2026



Daisy, our youngest volunteer, entertaining members at a recent coffee morning.

website: paghamresidents.org

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

What a summer, over 60 days without rain, but life went on. Thank you to all who took the opportunity to join us on one of our coach and minibus trips, or who made a visit to the Theatre. We ran a coach trip to Salisbury, minibus trips to Whiteley and Lee on the Solent, with Portsmouth & Southsea & Gunwharf Quays minibus trips due shortly. Because of overwhelming interest from the membership, we operated two trips for our new destination, Lee on the Solent. All trips were well received.

A big thank you to our friends at the Selsey Community Forum for their assistance in helping us to obtain our Blue Badge for the minibus from West Sussex Council and all the help they have given to our members at our coffee mornings. The Blue Badge will make life much easier for the driving team and those travelling in the minibus.

As I write this, we are due to operate our third Coach trip of 2026 with a visit to Poole in beautiful Dorset, including a cruise around one of the world's largest natural harbours. Once again we will be using Portsmouth City Coaches, thanks to Mike, Brian and the team for ensuring our travels are without issues.

The Theatre Bus in partnership with The Chichester Festival Theatre continues to grow, we thank you for your support, you continue to make the minibus your preferred choice of

transport for your visit to the theatre. Inside this edition we are announcing the Winter Festival programme. Thanks have to be made to the theatre team for meeting us so quickly after their winter launch, it has been a pleasure working with them.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year for 2027 from all at PDRA.

John

A MESSAGE FROM DOT **(our Road Steward Co-ordinator)**

I'd like to give a huge 'Thank you' to all our Road Stewards for delivering our Newsletters in July during the hottest days of the year. Well done.

VOLUNTEER REQUEST

We regularly have over 80 members attending our twice monthly Coffee Mornings, which means over 20 tables and around 90 chairs have to be put out each time.

If you are physically fit, available at 8.30am on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month, and would like to help our team please phone John on 07449 149333

CHRISTMAS TEA PARTY



Join us for our annual
Christmas Party
on
SUNDAY 20TH DECEMBER
3pm to 5pm
in the Village Hall

Food is being supplied by The Little London Tearoom and we are delighted that the wonderful **Ricky Zalez** will be back by popular demand to entertain you during the afternoon.

There will be a raffle so bring your pennies.

**Tickets cost just £12 each for members,
£14 for non members**
and can be purchased at our coffee mornings or by phoning

Rita on 262814 (9.00am to 5.00pm please)

Our minibus will be available if required, please remember to book when buying your ticket.

All aboard!



THEATRE BUS

Chichester Festival Theatre have released their Winter Programme, and your Residents' Association will take you DOOR to DOOR for FREE.

The shows we are offering are:

October

The Archers Live at 75	Saturday 31 st	7.30pm
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November

Heathers	Saturday 14 th	7.30pm
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The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time	Saturday 21 st	7.30pm
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Present Laughter	Saturday 28 th	7.30pm
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December

Christmas Concert	Tuesday 1 st	7.30pm
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Thursday 3 rd	7.30pm
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Peter Pan	Saturday 19 th	7.00pm
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January 2027

The Nutcracker	Thursday 7 th	7.30pm
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By Royal Appointment	Saturday 23 rd	7.30pm
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The Magic Flute (at the Minerva)	Saturday 30 th	2.15pm
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February

Before I Go to Sleep	Wednesday 3 rd	7.30pm
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A Tale of Two Cities	Saturday 13 th	7.30pm
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Punch	Thursday 25 th	7.30pm
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**To book contact CFT at box.office@cft.org.uk or
Phone 01243 781312**

MINIBUS OUTING

HASKINS GARDEN CENTRE and HOBBYCRAFT

SUNDAY 22RD NOVEMBER



Always a Residents' Association favourite, enjoy the extensive Christmas display and then treat yourself to the carvery.

Pick-ups from 10.00am, leaving Haskins at 2.00pm

£6 per person (Members only)

**To book, phone John on 07449 149333
9.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday ONLY
or see him at a coffee morning**

MINIBUS OUTING

STANSTED PARK GARDEN CENTRE

SUNDAY 13th DECEMBER



Always popular with an extensive Christmas display, Pavers shoes and Klass ladies fashion stores, a large gift centre and two cafés.

Pick-ups from 10.00am, leaving Stansted at 2.00pm

£6 per person (Members only)

To book, phone John on 07449 149333

9.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday ONLY

or see him at a coffee morning

COACH OUTING

CHRISTMAS MARKET IN SOUTHAMPTON

Thursday 3rd December

We will leave Pagham at 9.30am heading for the delightful city of Southampton. On arrival we will be dropped off at the rear of West Quays Shopping Centre for easy access to the market and all the shops that Southampton has to offer. The market is a festive wonderland with wooden chalets selling unique crafts and gifts plus tempting food and drink. Adults can visit Santa for just £1!! (I dare you!!)



The cost of this trip is just **£25.00** per person (members only)

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 19th October.

Tickets can be booked by phoning LYNNE on 07855464970

Monday to Friday (9.00am to 5.00pm only).

LADIES' SUPPER EVENINGS



On 18th June we returned to The Seal in Selsey where we were given a very warm welcome back after 6 years, and 18 ladies enjoyed delicious meals with very efficient and friendly service. On a very hot evening in July, 24 ladies once again sat down to very tasty food and the usual amazing service at The Walnut Tree in Runcton.

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

Thursday 15th October - The Gravy Boat, Littlehampton

Thursday 19th November - The Lion, Pagham

Thursday 10th December - Restaurant 64, 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.

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.

THEMED TABLES AT COFFEE MORNINGS

Yet again, we had a fantastic response to last month's Kitchen-themed table event which was held on 27th August. Incredibly, it raised a further £50 for Sage House.

You, our members, are amazing in your support by so generously donating and purchasing the array of kitchen paraphernalia we had on offer.

An extra table was needed in order to make room for all that was donated, so a huge thank you to you all.

Our final Theme Table planned for 2026 is:

Thursday 26th November

CHRISTMAS THEME

"BAPS" COFFEE MORNING

Thursday 22nd October



Bacon or Sausage Baps



served by Rita and her Ladies

STILL ONLY £1 EACH

MINIBUS DATES

October 2026 to February 2027

Bookings CAN ONLY be taken from 9.00am to 5.00pm
Monday to Friday on 07449 149333

Bognor Shops (Tuesday)

Oct 6, 13, 20, 27
Nov 3, 10, 17, 24
Dec 1, 8, 15, 22
Jan 5, 12, 19, 26
Feb 2, 9, 16, 23



Aldi/Lidl/Sainsbury/

Matalan (Thursday)

Oct 1, 15
Nov 5, 19
Dec 3, 17
Jan 7, 21
Feb 4, 18

Marks & Spencer (Wednesday)

Oct 28
Nov 25
Dec 16
Jan 27
Feb 24

Tesco (Friday)

Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
Nov 6, 13, 20, 27
Dec 4, 11, 18,
Jan 8, 15, 22, 29
Feb 5, 12, 19, 26

Coffee Mornings (Thursday)

Oct 8, 22
Nov 12, 24
Dec 10
Jan 14, 28
Feb 11, 25



Swimming (Monday)

Oct 5, 12, 19, 26
Nov 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
Dec 7, 14,
Jan 4, 11, 18, 25
Feb 1, 8, 15, 22



PAGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

September 2026

A decision by HMG on how the new political boundaries would be drawn in West Sussex was due by 25th October 2026. This local government reorganisation was paused yesterday (7TH September 2026). The Prime Minister has called for a review of this process. We will be advised of the next stage at some time in the future. It was confirmed that elections for Arun District Council will be held in May 2027 based on current boundaries.

Two concerns for Pagham are (1) development of housing, with which we are currently swamped and (2) coastal protection which, with the new warnings about a stormy winter to come, are serious.

Our coastal defences will be subject to serious attack in the coming winter. The international meteorological warnings issued this week caution that the very hot summer means an increase in rain and storms throughout the coming winter that will affect the whole world.

I am increasingly receiving comments about noise, heavy lorries dust/mud and even the cracking of the surface of Pagham Road, these being the result of the house building going on all over the village. Whilst we still have a District Council these problems are the responsibility of Arun District Council's Planning department.

In the case of roads, it is West Sussex County Council. Please use their websites to register your comments or complaints directly to them. In situations like this it is numbers of individual complaints that trigger action!

We now have a new Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) for the village. His name is Steven Morris and he has been well briefed as to the problems that Pagham is suffering from. Although the powers of a PCSO are not the same as those of a Police Officer, PCSO's play a vital role in reassuring the public, tackling anti-social behaviour, and gathering local intelligence. Both rely on knowledge and information from us the villagers as to any problems we feel need attention from formal authority. Contact should be made through the local police station or online to report these problems. As with complaints regarding planning matters mentioned above, the number of reports really does make a difference so please keep reporting.

Cllr Peter Atkins,

Chairman

Pagham Parish Council

Contact details for the Parish Council:

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

Email: clerk@paghamparishcouncil.gov.uk

Tel: 01243 266424

Other Village Information.....



PUSS IN BOOTS

Paghham Theatre Group
Presents
A Purr-fect Panto
By Kei Bailey



Email us for ticket enquiries at
paghhamtheatregroup@gmail.com

Visit our website at
paghhamtheatregroup.co.uk

Visit our Facebook page -
Paghham Theatre Group

PERFORMANCES	TICKET PRICES
Friday 4th December - 7pm	Adult: £15
Saturday 5th December - 2pm	Children: £10
Saturday 5th December - 7pm	All seats/table seating Bring your own snacks and drinks Please advise of your venue access requirements

Location: Paghham Village Hall - PO21 4NJ

Tickets Now Available

The Minibus is available (in the designated area) for all 3 performances at £2.50 for door to door service. Please reserve your seat when booking your ticket.

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

INFO.PAGHAMPHOTOGRAPHERS@GMAIL.COM
WWW.PAGHAMPHOTOGRAPHERS.CLUB

MULBERRIES

<u>2026</u>	Saturday 28 November	Slowburn
<u>2027</u>	Saturday 20 February	Polytones
	Saturday 15 May	Pier Pressure
	Saturday 4 September	Hightide
	Saturday 27 November	Parlophones

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



BREAD AND BUTTER PUDDING

12 thin slices of bread thickly buttered
both sides

175g (6oz) dried mixed fruit

Grated zest of 2 lemons

125g (4oz) demerara sugar

600ml (1pt) milk

2 eggs

1.7l (3pt) oven proof dish, lightly buttered



Cut each slice of bread in half and arrange 12 pieces in the bottom of the dish. Sprinkle over half the dried fruit, lemon zest and sugar. Top with remaining bread. Beat the eggs into the milk and pour over the bread. Leave to stand for 1 hour.

Bake at 180°C (160°C fan), gas 4 for about 40mins until golden and crisp.
Serve immediately.

Serves 6

GARDENING TIPS

This summer has been very difficult for our gardens but, hopefully, now we have had some rain your lawn and plants should be recovering. It's always amazing how quickly the 'dead' grass greens up. Mow lawns lightly and gently rake to remove dead grass. Apply an autumn feed.

If you've lost any shrubs now is a good time to think of replacing them with drought tolerant varieties such as Lavender, Bergenia, Euphorbia and Heuchera while the ground is still warm.

Plant spring bulbs – hopefully you know where the gaps are from last year!

Cut back dead perennial stems but be kind to wildlife and leave some for their protection over the winter. Divide and herbaceous plants that are getting too big. An easy way to get extra plants to give to friends.

Prune fruit trees after the leaves have dropped and clear leaves from ponds and lawns (use leaves to make compost, if you haven't got a bin black bin bags will do a great job in as little as a year, depending on leaf type).

A thick layer of mulch on your beds will help protect roots from frost and wind damage.

Plant winter bedding such as cyclamen, polyanthus and pansies, to ensure a continuous show of colour through the winter months.



PAGHAM LUNCHEON CLUB



Our first autumn in our new home and we look forward to what that may bring. Hoping to create more memories for the Members and continually looking for new ways to enhance the lunch club experience. We serve a 2-course hot meal (prepared by The Bear) with tea/coffee. The food is charged at cost to the Members. A raffle is enjoyed at each lunch date.

The appeal for volunteers in the last newsletter yielded two lovely helpers who came along to a lunch date and agreed to continue to be available as and when they are needed. We are grateful to them and thank them for pitching in—they seemed to enjoy the experience! If you think you might like to become involved in being a reserve volunteer please contact me (Sue—details below). Just a reminder that we are a community group that is volunteer-led and not-for-profit and as a result we continue to look for sources of grants and donations and appreciate the funds from those who already give.

Lunch dates: 1st and 3rd Wednesday in each month, 12 p.m.—2 p.m.
Pagham Football Club Hall, Nyetimber Lane.

Enquiries: Sue Miller 07845 926766 email: sue.armex@btinternet.com

DID YOU KNOW THESE 3 FACTS ABOUT YOUR RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION ?

- We maintain the defibrillator sited at Pagham Service Station.
- We are run solely by volunteers, almost 50 in all, who give tirelessly of their time throughout the year.
- We fundraise for a different local charity every year, raising £450 for St Wilfrid's Hospice in 2025.

DAY TRIPS 2026/7

Autumn Newsletter (October 2026)

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
Sunday 9 th May	Exbury Gardens	Coach
Saturday 15 th May	Arundel	Minibus

Spring Newsletter (April 2027) NOT YET BOOKABLE

Saturday 12 th June	West Dean Gardens	Minibus
*Thursday 15 th July	Eastbourne	Coach
Thursday 29 th July	Whiteley	Minibus

Summer Newsletter (July 2027) NOT YET BOOKABLE

Saturday 21 st August	Stansted Garden Centre	Minibus
Saturday 11 th September	Thames Cruise	Coach
Saturday 18 th September	Portsmouth/ Southsea	Minibus
Saturday 23 rd October	Gunwharf Quays	Minibus

Bookings not accepted until the relevant Newsletter is published.

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