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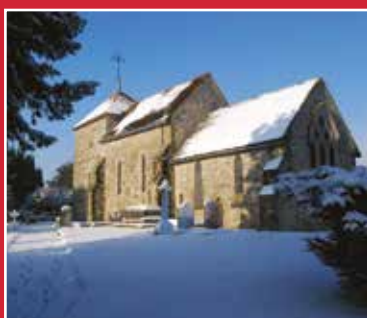
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We've got a new dog! We collected our eight year old Border Terrier just after Christmas, so as I write we have had her for just two days and are still discovering each other's ways.

When we moved here from Kent, 12 years ago, we brought our young Chocolate Labrador with us, so losing her last summer at 13¾ years old was devastating. However, time moves on and although

we will never stop loving and missing Bracken, we are starting a new phase with the adoption of our new little girl, Tikki, who is very different from Bracken.

Life is like that, isn't it? Sometimes things just plod along evenly with very little change and then suddenly a loss occurs and everything changes; we have to make a fresh start, a new beginning.

Our three Churches, as well as the Amberley and Bury groups, will all have lost their Rector or Vicar by the end of February. Life has moved on for our clergy, some to retirement, some to new areas of work, and their movement means we are all facing changes as well. We are facing a period of uncertainty, followed, in time, by new beginnings. We will all find ourselves, in time, getting used to, and working with, our new clergy, maybe even a whole new parish system.

"Change and decay in all around I see.." ?

Certainly not! Change might be a bit scary but that doesn't make it bad! Leaving school to start a training course or a new job is scary but it is a good thing, not a bad thing. A time of change is a time to face new challenges, to take fresh initiatives, to move forward into a maybe rather different future to what we had expected. Change can be good because it means that we are still alive and active. What is not good is 'eternal changelessness'; in God it is beautiful, reassuring and comforting but in people it is stagnation, leading to probable decay.

Change does hurt. Losing Bracken really hurt. Losing our clergy, our pastors and friends, is painful but through the pain and loss we have the

opportunity to explore, grow and move into the future: through fresh ideas to see new visions, dream new dreams.

Our future and the future of our clergy do feel scary but God's love and care for us don't change. He is still always alongside us and we are all moving together with him into our new future, into his future, with our hands in his and with his vision ahead of us.

With love,

JACQUIE PEAL

Retired Priest, St Mary's Church, Storrington

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

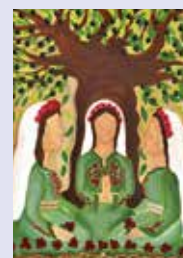


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Prayer of St Richard of Chichester

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for all the benefits thou hast given me,  
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O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,  
may I know thee more clearly,  
love thee more dearly,  
and follow thee more nearly, day by day.  
Amen.



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1 Peter 3:8

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## SOME OF OUR REGULAR SERVICES ARE CHANGING! DON'T B

## SPECIAL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, THAKEHAM



The first service in December was the Christingle Service, when many children attended. It was heart-warming to hear so many young voices in Church. David Whitehead led the service and gave a full explanation of the meaning of the Christingle. Thank you to Caroline and Trevor Bunch who made such an expert job of preparing all the Christingles.



The Carol Service at Thakeham Church was most beautiful. With many extra candles, the service was mainly lit by candlelight and took the form of readings and carols, with the Music Group blessing us with some wonderful pieces. The Church looked spectacular but with a gentleness and peace about it. Rev Jill Simpson gave the reflection and it was taken from the book *The Moment of Truth* by Samuel Wells; this Christmas story is about what matters; about people who matter. *YOU matter. You matter right now. You matter forever. You matter to me. Amen!*

The Donkey Service on Christmas Eve left the Church bursting at the seams! There really was "no room at the inn"! Over 200 people of all ages flocked to this very special service and not one but two donkeys bravely entered our Church and stayed a while! Everyone enjoyed Thakeham Church's re-enactment by adults and children of that very special



night, all those years ago. A truly amazingly special service.

Beer & Carols is proving to be a most popular annual event, hosted, as always, by David and Liz Whitehead. It is a time when we join together with the wider community to have fun with Christmas games, singing carols and, of course, the odd glass or two of mulled wine or beer; over 80 people attended. The fantastic family of musicians entertained everyone and also play in the Petworth Silver Band; an extremely talented bunch and we were so fortunate to be able to have them join us. If you haven't attended before, make a note on your calendar now for 7 December this year - you won't regret it!

The Parish Lunch was again a huge success, with a delicious meal expertly cooked, presented and enjoyed by over 70 people. A special thank you to Liz Slaughter and her hard working team of helpers who made it all possible. Also thank you to Cecily Linfield for making the Christmas puddings, and Spring Gardens who generously donated all the fresh vegetables, for which the organisers are most grateful as all profits from the lunch are donated to Crisis. There was lots of laughter, singing of Christmas carols and, of course, a Christmas quiz. Santa, having recovered from his visit to Beer & Carols, put in an appearance, so well done, Santa.



For more celebrations, see page 9.

## Thakeham Knit and Stitch Group

Next meeting is on  
Tuesday 20 February at 12 Noon

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Further information available from  
Wynn Lednor on 743025





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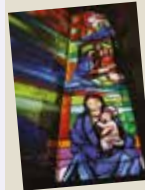
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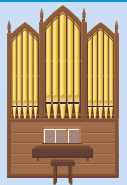
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Revd John Peal (743083)

Revd Jacquie Peal (743083)

### Verger and Sacristan

Michael Taylor (742218)

Lueen Francis

### Sacristy Team

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### Captain of Bellringers

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### Readers

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### Sidesmen

David Rice (746816)

### Church Flowers

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### Safeguarding Officer

Stephen Bloxham (743661)

### Christian Aid Co-ordinator

VACANT

The Rector, Revd Canon Kathryn Windslow, will take Friday as her day off.  
**The Rectory Office is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am – 1pm.**

## REGULAR ACTIVITIES

**Church Services** see page 18.

**Choir:** Fridays, 6.40pm – 7.45pm. Anyone interested in joining the choir please contact the Revd Jacquie Peal – 743083.

**Altar Servers:** Revd Jacquie Peal (743083)

**Bellringers:** Fridays, 7.45pm – 9.30pm.

**Church & Churchyard Maintenance:** John Butler (745091)

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**Sunday Lunch Club** (ecumenical): Second Sunday in the month. See page 18.

**SPACE:** 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 2pm – 4pm at the Old School. Contact Barbara (741236)

**Home Group:** Thursday mornings at 23 Orchard Gardens, 10.30am – 11.45am. All welcome. Contact Sonia Fox (745703) for more details.

## ASH WEDNESDAY, 14 February

The main service to mark the start of Lent, Sung Eucharist with imposition of ashes, will take place on this day at 7.30pm.

## LENT COURSE

A five week course for the season of Lent will take place 2pm at St Mary's Church, Storrington, on Wednesday afternoons on the following dates:

**14 and 21 February, and 6, 13 and 20 March.**

More details will be on the weekly Church News Sheet and Church website nearer the time.

## PARISH VISITING TEAM...

The St Mary's Parish Visiting Team contact is the Rector, Revd Canon Kathryn Windslow (742888). Please contact Kathryn, or Viv at the Rectory Office on Tuesday or Thursday mornings, if you would like to arrange for someone on the team to either speak to you or visit you.

## CHRISTINGLE AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, STORRINGTON

## The Children's Society

The Christingle service was enjoyed by many children and young families; the Church was packed, and our thanks to the Revd Jacquie Peal for organizing the Nativity Presentation.

We are very grateful to all the helpers who prepared the Christingles and also to Sainsburys of Pulborough for their generous help with the oranges.

The total collected for the Children's Society in 2023 by St Mary's Church, Storrington, was £1,583.79.

The box opening total was £1,245 and the collection taken at the Christingle Service on Christmas Eve was £338.79. On behalf of the Children's Society we would like to thank everyone who gave so generously.

If anyone would like a Children's Society box for their small change please contact me. I will be delighted to supply boxes.

*Pat Jenkins (744927)*


*St. Mary's, Storrington, Children's Society Representative*



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## MORE CELEBRATIONS IN THAKEHAM

Midnight Communion was led by Rev Richard Barron and again the Church looked beautiful in the candlelight. It was a reflective service and is always special, as Christmas Eve passes into Christmas morning.

Christmas Day family communion was led by Rev Paddy Donovan and, on this special morning, we praised God, singing carols and thanking Him for the birth of our Lord Jesus.

In the community, Thakeham Church's Worship Group sang carols at the Princess Alexandra Wing at SussexDown and David Whitehead led a Christmas assembly at Thakeham School.

Many, many people enjoyed our special services this Christmas and we pray that you found Jesus in the heart of Christmas and in YOUR heart.

We'd love to see you again.....don't wait until next Christmas -you're ALWAYS welcome to join us!



## CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH IN STORRINGTON

Christmas is a time to celebrate the friendship of family and friends.

On Christmas Day, 40 people were served a traditional two-course lunch as the Old School came to life with laughter, conversation, and music. It was fantastic to see so many people, who may otherwise have been alone for Christmas, coming together and enjoying lunch amongst friends old and new. Even Santa found time to visit, hand out a gift and wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

Of course, the day would not have been possible without the help of willing volunteers. This year the team welcomed several new helpers who thoroughly enjoyed the day and experienced the joy, company and happiness brought to those who attended. So, to the helpers who decorated, greeted, hosted, chatted, cooked, and transported thank you very much.

Local businesses and individuals were, as usual, hugely supportive of this event. We were again fortunate to have the use of the community minibus to provide safe and enjoyable transport and a thank you to Waitrose for its support. We are extremely grateful for the offers of help with decorating the tables and preparing vegetables; also for the donations of crackers for the tables and mince pies.

So, to all the amazing volunteers who helped make this day happen, a huge thank you. And to all our guests, we look forward to seeing you again.

*Sue Kibblewhite and the Christmas Day team*

## SULLINGTON & THAKEHAM CHURCHES CHRISTMAS QUIZ 2023



### THE ANSWERS

We hope everyone had some fun trying to work out the answers to this year's Quiz. Apologies for a couple of typos which may have sent you down the wrong path! Thank you to Harold Linfield for compiling the quiz, and thank you to everyone who donated to Family Support Work; we have managed to raise almost £250.

This year we have decided to award two prizes: one for the main quiz and one for those few who were in the know enough to answer the questions in the "winners enclosure". And so the winners of the main Quiz are the Curtis family and the winners from "The Winners' Enclosure" are Felicity and Charles Hadley. All the results were extremely close.

#### FIND THE TOWN - north of Gretna

1. Dumbarton
2. Elgin
3. John O'Groats
4. Stonehaven
5. Hamilton
6. Fort Augustus
7. Stirling
8. Glasgow
9. Aberdeen
10. Oban (Oburn)

#### RIVERS

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2. Dum dum
3. Findhorn
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6. Amazon
7. Arun
8. Ganges
9. Adur
10. Seine

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1. Lot
2. Adam/Eve
3. Jonah

#### 4. Judas

5. Samson
6. Young boy
7. Zechariah
8. Naboth
9. Pilate's wife
10. Jesus re Caesar

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1. Golf
2. Rugby
3. Snooker
4. Athletics
5. Chess/draughts
6. Chess
7. Billiards
8. Hockey
9. Shinty
10. Ice hockey (pukka / jolly)

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1. Harold Wilson
2. Sir Winston Churchill
3. Lord Birkenhead
4. Robert Peel
5. Frank Field
6. Liz Truss
7. Betty Boothroyd
8. George Thomas
9. Alex Salmond
10. John D Rockefeller

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- anagrams
1. Lloyds
  2. Hamleys
  3. Post Office

#### 4. Argos

5. Sainsbury
6. Hilliers
7. Homebase
8. Waterstones
9. Santander
10. Butlins

#### GARDENING

1. Spinach
2. Gardens
3. Clover
4. Catmint
5. Dog
6. Brussel sprouts
7. Conker
8. Fig leaf
9. Crocus
10. Grape vine

#### DINGBATS

1. About time
2. Highjack
3. Long john
4. Blue moon
5. Wheelwright
6. Outburst
7. Half baked
8. 3 strikes
9. High jump
10. The wise keep their head above water
11. Tutu / two by two
12. Far fetched
13. One in a million
14. Nosedive
15. Apple pie

## A VERY MEMORABLE DAY

It was 2 February 1994. Candlemas and my grandfather's birthday (died 1964!), neither of which has any relevance to this particular story!

Stuart, my husband, was Rector of Kingston Buci, and as such had received a letter a few weeks previously inviting singers from the parish to join an ecumenical event in Worthing planned for April, the first rehearsal being 2 February. Of course he passed the letter to me, and I asked around. Nobody was interested at all! Not my lovely prayer partner Ella, not members of my singing group, called Carollers, not even members of St Giles' Church Choir, of which I was a member. I asked everyone I could think of, but zilch.

The day came and I decided to go it alone. I walked into a church hall in Worthing and knew no-one there although it was quite full. I bought a copy of the music and was told where the altos were sitting so I sat down there randomly.

The performance was called *Angel Voices*, a musical by Roger Jones, a composer who lived in Birmingham. I enjoyed the rehearsal and determined to stay the course.

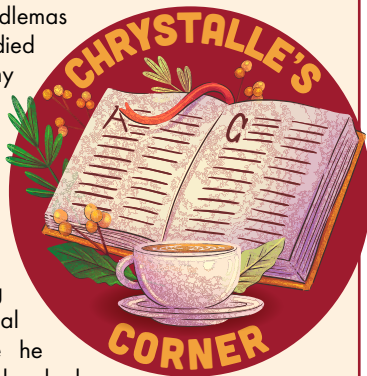
At the end of the evening the organiser asked for names and addresses of people who could provide accommodation in April to members of Roger Jones's team as he was bringing soloists, musicians, electricians etc. and we were to be the chorus. The person sitting right next to me had her name and address on the top of the paper as she was making the list. I could not believe my eyes! The address was the very same house in Lancing that the Kersley family had lived in when Stuart was a curate, the house having been sold by the Church later. I told her this, and she said she was occasionally getting mail for us, and proved it the following week.

It was not until I got my diary out on the train home, to check rehearsal dates, that I realised that it was seven years to the day since we had moved out!

I felt that God definitely had his hand on me.

By the way, we had moved to Littlehampton, where Kathryn was already a member of the clergy team. Two years later, Roger Jones returned with another new musical and this time six others from Kingston Buci joined me, and continued every other year, even when their rector and family had moved on to pastures new.

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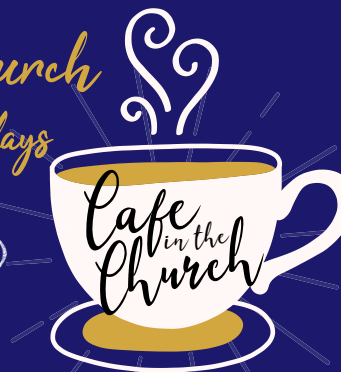
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The decorations are down. The tree is out. Another Christmas is over and a New Year has begun.



It is with great sadness that I share the news of the passing of Jean Hunt's beloved husband, Ray. He lost his battle with cancer on 30 December with Jean, his son and his daughter at his side.

Ray was a kind and gentle man, and a longstanding supporter of MU, chauffeuring Jean, myself and others members of our branch to the many meetings and events held over the years. He was a member of St Mary's Church, Storrington and also part of their gardening team.

Ray's funeral will be held at St Mary's Church, Storrington, on 23 January at 12.30pm, followed by a gathering and refreshments at The Roundabout Hotel, West Chiltington. Our love and support goes out to Jean and family at this sad time.

On Thursday 4 January, 11 of our members met at The Red Lion, Ashington for our New Year Lunch. We had a lovely festive meal in beautiful surroundings with a glowing log fire burning. Thanks to The Red Lion for extending their festive menu for us to enjoy. We raised a glass to Ray and also to Stella who we lost earlier in the year.

We look forward with hope to a more peaceful New Year in the world, and being able to continue the important work and prayer of MU in the year ahead.



Jean has asked me to remind members that £40 membership subs are now due. If you pay by direct debit no further action is required, otherwise can you please make cheques payable to Jean Hunt. Many thanks.

### Dates for your diary:

**1 February at 2pm**

AGM – West Chiltington Church Hall

**26 – 28 February**

Wave of Prayer

**1 March**

World Day of Prayer

**7 March**

Tea with Friends, at Squires Garden Centre

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Next dates are:

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## SULLINGTON 160 YEARS AGO

### EXTRACTS FROM CANON PALMER'S DIARY – FEBRUARY 1864

**Mon 1:** Fine afternoon. White frost – blows up afore rain. Accounts in papers of a fearful fire at Santiago in which over 2000, chiefly women, perishes; the occasion of the meeting was an evensong illuminated service in honour of the "Immaculate Conception" – Priests aft stands out in 'all its diablerie'. Brydges calls on me; he is about to take the curacy of Washington, and I gave him lay assistance in searching for lodgings in Storrington. Called on Whiting's and King's, saw the twins.

**Tue 2:** Stormy. Called on old Will Lindfield, who is dropsical. Coached my boy in Schleswig Holstein, with map.

**Wed 3:** Very "juicy" - rain and heavy showers throughout. Schleswig Holstein affair has reached its crisis, the Prussians, under Wrangel, crossed the Eider on Sunday night. I to Chilington, to take a funeral for Chippendale. Also very morish walk in company of Elliot and 3 dogs. Called on Cooper, who is ill in bed. We are now reading aloud, Speke's travels in Africa 1860-1 and are more amused than instructed as hitherto we have had; but the *contretemps* of a long march, chiefly caused by the treachery, deceit and cowardice of the natives and others who accompanied the caravan as posters, guards etc.

**Thu 4:** Fine and bright. Cotton's charge to the 3 Dioceses of last year, sent me by his publisher. The Prussians had their first fight with the Danes on the 2nd and got repulsed: so that blood is again shed.

**Fri 5:** Fine, but a fierce N. A snowstorm of 5 minutes at 5pm. Hardwick has lost a son very suddenly from rheumatic fever: his body was brought home this afternoon. Have worked at 'Prophets and Kings' sermon. Speke goes on in the evening, and he with much difficulty from greedy chiefs and illness of himself.

**Sat 6:** Fine; but very cold wind strong N, looks snowy. The post brought the news of Ellen's confinement: a girl is the first offering she makes to the Commander. So, as Veun says, his mother is a "real Grandma", and I a real uncle. The paper interesting; the opening of 'Parliament': some good speeches on Address, in which, Derby, Russell, Disraeli, Palmerston and Gladstone took a part: the foreign policy was vigorously attacked in the matter of Denmark: no news for seat of war. C Blakiston to Fives. Write a parish lecture on the "Life of Christ" for tomorrow afternoon. Hope that it won't snow.

**Sun 7:** Frosty and gale. There has been snow in the North of us, but though we have been threatened we have been spared it as yet. George writes of his child that it is "almost as intelligent (though not quite) as Judy...". Preached to poor congregation today: morning on the "Most Excellent Way", afternoon a first lecture on the "Life of Christ".

**Mon 8:** Frosty and dull. The question asked, is it allowable in a bricked grave to disinter a body that had been first buried and lay a fresh one above it: Ruled in the negative because in case of legal exhumation, things could be awkward: also, might the disinterred be placed inside the church pending operations; also in the negative, as, possibly, some unpleasant, if not noxious, odour might remain more over. We have a service on Ash Wednesday re "Hardwick". George writes that his bairn is to be Christened, Ellen Judy (after dog) Aurora. Annie to Fryern for 2 days.

**Tue 9:** Frosty, white, and bright. G Cartwright came over from Burpham, followed by a rustic, bearing half a draper's shop for the adornment and delectation of the female part of the family in another basket were pictures: one of 2 dogs: copy from Landseer, for me and a couple of ships for the girls. Walked to Fryen in afternoon to see after Annie. The Danes have retreated from their great stronghold the Danverk! Probably, their General saw that resistance was hopeless, but great indignation is felt against him at Copenhagen.

**Wed 10:** ASH WEDNESDAY. Fine, bright, frosty. A congregation of 10. Buried poor young Hardwick. Called with George Carew on the old Major, my visit being to the young Major, who is now there.

**Thu 11:** Fine, dry but dull. Walked with George Carew to Burpham: talked on family affairs. Dined at Highden with Erskine.

**Fri 12:** Thoroughly wet. Thermometer rises 17 degrees. Frost gales very suddenly. Had a vestry meeting to appoint constables and then a talk with old Hardwick who was much affected by the matter of his son. Erskine and I dined at the Majors meeting Chester. A letter to me from Edward, dated Dec 31. 2 marches out of Delhi.

**Sat 13:** Very stormy, with occasional driving rain. Visited Mrs Woods at the Union; found her worse - also my new couple down at the Clerk's cottage, the cowman there civil, but sad... also old Widow Clerk, who last Monday returned to her little hut, as is much rejoiced, even under rheumatism. We are in much distress, being in want of a housemaid. Annie lends me the money of Rachel's secret which has being published in "Events of the Month".

**Sun 14:** LENT 1. Fine, but damp, Downs fog. Holy Communion today, attendance thin. A nice letter from George Gibson from Oxford thanking us for the efforts in G Charman's case and giving us his plans for coming here. WSS sends me a Visitation sermon preached before Cotton. I'm after a 2nd lecture on James 'Christ's Life', into which I easily worked an allusion to young Hardwick's death.

**Mon 15:** Foggy, falling mist, with strong SW. Government picked up about their conduct of our shipping relations to America. Fitzgerald of Horsham, the speaker. Annie goes to Stopham for a few days. I to Call on Cholmely, who has been ill. (riding) Work at Sermon for masters, and Maurice Prophets and Kings.

**Tue 16:** Foggy and damp, and stormy SW. A dull day for Erskine, who is out of sorts, and showed a little temper over English history re George IV. I busy with Maurice, sermon and garden.

**Wed 17:** Cloudy, with bright intervals. NW strong. Find the ground white this morning with a sprinkling of snow: our first this winter and that nothing. Charmon and Knight busy with my little knife room. Parochial visit to Lisher and Dame Barnard, who 'very bard with a cold'. Daunell I am told is good enough at writing though not in 'compacting' composing a letter.

**Thu 18:** Stormy from NE with a short snowstorm about 4pm. Eskine get a holiday from 10.30 to be present at a meet of Lickupfield's hounds at Roundabouts: returns about dinner time and reports a good field and a good fox. Late on we hear that they killed three! In afternoon planting laurels by old pond, and hollies in Church Walk. The conservatives have won the day at Brighton (with a Mr Moor) swiftly by the tactics of their 3 Liberal (?) opponents, who could not agree and so divided the votes to the last. Blind professor Fawcett easily second, and would have won with decent management and the crowd were tumultuous.

**Fri 19:** Very cold NE. Snowstorms throughout the day to bright intervals. Annie returns from Stopham and announces Brian's engagement to Miss Bateman. Erskine and I (rather a slave to my pup) to Brighton, driving to Steyning by 8.30 in constant snow showers, almost blinding in their force driven by this wind.. Called at 4 Atlingworth Street and had an interview with the Rev RSS who reports well of his son. Miss Emily S married to a Mr Boswell, on the ship, sailed for Bombay last month. Whittings in to see about their girl, who is taken to scarlet fever. Our drive home rather heavy through ½ in snow.

**Sat 20:** Most wintry: fine, but cloudy to NE. Frost. We have 1in of snow today, and 7 degrees of frost, so that we shall not see it depart yet. Erskine and I to Parham to enquire after her ladyship, who is better, after a rheumatic cold: Beck accompanies us and asks me to write to Edward for some of the feathers of the cock jungle fowl for fly making. See Mrs Woods, who sent for me: found her much worse only sighing to be delivered from her wretched state.



**Sun 21:** LENT 2. Very cold, with NE and continued front. G sends us 2 photos of groups of officers both poorly done, but interesting. Preached to thin congregation morning and evening from the Gospel. Success in prayer and 3rd lecture on the 'Life of Christ'. Walked afterwards to Whiting's to Annie and Erskine to enquire after 'Minnie'.

**Mon 22:** A partial thaw to bright sun, but frost at night. Veun sells my wheat at £11 & 5 shillings a highish price as things go. Annie and I to see Mrs Woods, who we hardly think will live out the night: she expressed herself very gratefully to us, and spoke of much hope of her coming life. God grant that she may attain to it. Erskine ride to Chilington to enquire after Cooper "a little better" is his report.

**Tue 23:** More snow in early morning but thaw in afternoon frost frustrating. Rat-catching today, aided by 2 Charmans and 3 dogs – slew 288 small and large! They have pulled my wheat about terribly: gnawing the ears off many of the sheaves as neatly as if cut with a knife. Paid another visit and I expect the last, visit to Mrs Woods: she seems quite prepared but rather fearful of the passage. Read to her Psalm XXIII. On my asking her whether she felt strength for the last she answered very firmly and hopefully – "Yes" ----

**Wed 24:** Cloudy morning with frost: then snowfall. Again to Mrs Woods, in the snow. She very feeble, but sensible, and glad to hear of the place where shall be no more pain or trouble. Five criminals, murderers on board the "Flowsy land," all forgiven, were hanged together at Newgate on Monday, of which a horribly vivid description is given in *The Times*.

**Thu 25:** Damp snowstorm gave way under a thin rain. To Horsham, driving to Pulborough and taking the rain attended a meeting about the restoration of the church and saw amongst others Masters, who took me out in his trap to Beeding and dined with him and his fair wife and then to Church where we had a nice service with Litany and my sermon – about 50 present.

**Fri 26:** Raw and foggy. Very wretched day: as Masters was bound for town, I in with him early in the morning and took breakfast with Scott, talking over parish matters. To morning service at St Mark's, Hampshire preaching from Psalm II contrasting David's with Saul repentance: Then talked out a housemaid, lunched to Miss Ennis and so home by 5 o'clock.

**Sat 27:** Raw and foggy. Saw Mrs Woods, who was a sad spectacle: nearly gone, is face purpled and a heavy cough, she was too weak to resist her pain without cries and groans, distressing to witness: and too weak to attend to anything that exercised the mental faculty. Freddy King drove up and took Annie and me a ride. Erskine went to shoot wild duck with Beck's in Amberley brooks, but returned this evening with only a squirrel! Last year the civic authorities were fighting Sir G Gray for precedency in welcoming the Danes into London. This time we are standing with our hands in our pockets, while the Danes are being expelled from this in lawful territory by two big bullies.

**Sun 28:** LENT 3. Moist, wild. Bright in afternoon. Preached my Beeding lecture for morning and a 4th on the 'Life of Christ' in afternoon. Poor Mrs Woods died last night. Curiously enough we had in today's services the Gospel for same chapter as 2nd lesson in the evening. In a walk after Church the blackbirds and thrushes were heralding in spring with all their throats – flies appear, like-wise bumble bees is seen.

**Sun 29:** Showery. Very wild. Like April. Gardened morning pruning etc. Visited by Washington Rd. lot and started the idea of summer's service.

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'reading books' the children in her class were expected to read were very dull so she decided to write her own. These didn't get published, but were a useful tool in the classroom!!

Having escaped from teaching, she ran a Bed and Breakfast establishment with Dave, her husband, and this gave her more time to write. Actually, belonging to a writers' group with all other members concentrating on adult fiction at that time, Jill's first four published works were romantic novels, which are still in large print today! The breakthrough came with her first children's book, *Cooking with Rabbit!* Two hundred books later, Jill is still writing.

### West Chilmington Dramatic Society

Members and guests had a 'magical' time at our Members' Evening in the middle of December, when we were treated to entertainment from magician, David Croucher. This was followed by a delicious festive supper, rounded off with carols and a table quiz.

#### February Members' Evening

We are now planning our next Members' Evening, which will take place on **Saturday 17 February** at 7.30pm (doors open at 7pm) at West Chilmington Village Hall. The evening will feature a one-act comedy, *Julia Needs Pizzazz*, written by member, Jean Trew. Supper will be provided with a licensed bar and raffle. Tickets are £8 for members and £12 for guests (half-price for under-18s). For more information and to book, please contact Angela Sloan at [vicechair@wcds.co.uk](mailto:vicechair@wcds.co.uk).

If you would like to find out more about WCDS, or would like to join us on stage, behind the scenes or in support, please see our website [www.wcgs.co.uk](http://www.wcgs.co.uk) or contact Angela Sloan (Vice Chair) as above.

Angela Sloan  
Vice Chair of West Chilmington Dramatic Society

## Storrington Macular Society Support Group

**27 February**

**Fourth Tuesday of the month**

**1.30pm - 3pm**

**Chanctonbury Leisure Centre  
Spierbridge Road, Storrington RH20 4PG**

Come and join us for a hot drink and a friendly chat. Anyone affected by sight loss and their family, friends and carers are welcome.

**Contact: Sue 07460 631631**

0300 3030 111  
[help@macularsociety.org](mailto:help@macularsociety.org)  
[macularsociety.org](http://macularsociety.org)

**Macular Society**  
Beating Macular Disease





## Hever Castle Visit

On a cold but bright morning on 23 November, a group of Sullington Windmills members, together with friends and family, set off for a Christmas experience at Hever Castle in Kent.

Upon arrival there was a short walk from the coach park down to the castle and grounds. We were met by the sight of the red leaf-clad castle front and a brightly lit carousel. Here the group dispersed to explore until lunchtime. Some of the group took a quick coffee and brisk walk around the grounds to stretch their legs, whereas others went straight for a tour of the castle interior.

The castle entrance was filled with a welcoming log fire and an amazing Christmas tree, the first of many. Each room had been carefully furnished and decorated to reflect a certain era of the castle and also Christmas. There was a 1920s room with pale pink decorations and music playing on the record player. There was the medieval banquet hall set up for a Christmas feast, and the long gallery was filled with a line of individually decorated Christmas trees facing the stern and serious portraits of the castle's Tudor residents. Many more rooms were to follow, including the Astor children's attic bedrooms and the much grander bedrooms of Anne Boleyn and Henry VIII.



The castle tour took some time to appreciate all of the history, changes in ownership, the exhibits and furnishings, plus the glorious Christmas decorations.

A stroll around the grounds down to the lunch pavilion treated you to a breath of fresh air and continued Christmas-themed decorations. The grounds were really interesting and full of twists and turns, statues, ponds and fountains. The covered walkways were festooned in twinkly lights and the whole garden was lit up at 4pm.

Upon entering the lunch pavilion we were offered hot mulled wine or hot spiced apple juice, which was very much welcomed on such a cold day. Lunch itself was a jolly affair with paper hats, a turkey roast dinner and lots of chatter.

After lunch it was time for a few of the group to take their turns on the carousel whilst others browsed the shops or walked off their lunch.

It was a really festive day and put you in the right frame of mind for Christmas ahead.

*Paula Baxter*



## NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDEN UPDATE

There's plenty going on in the community this month:

### CUPPA AND A CHAT

**Thursday 15, 10.30am - 12.30pm**  
at Chanctonbury Leisure Centre.

Cuppa and a Chat is on the third Thursday of every month. The hot drinks and biscuits are free, so do come along. We'd love to see you.

### COMMUNITY FOOD HUB

**Wednesday 28, 10am - 11am**  
at Chanctonbury Leisure Centre.

West Sussex County Council is working in partnership with Biffa and UK Harvest, a food rescue charity, to reduce food waste and provide access to affordable food. The community hub is open to everyone and is designed to reduce food waste. Simply bring a shopping bag and fill it up from a selection of mixed groceries for a suggested donation of £3.50.

### WARDENS' MEET AND GREET

**Tuesday 13, 10.30am - 12.30pm**  
at Chanctonbury Leisure Centre.

Come along have a chat and let us know any concerns you have.

We would like to give a big shout out and thanks to Andi and his staff at Chanctonbury Leisure Centre for their continuing support and help. Without such a local asset a lot of projects would not come to fruition.

John would like to thank everyone for such a warm welcome, and we look forward to seeing you out and about in the village. If you are concerned about a neighbour, family member or just anyone you know, contact us and we will be able to signpost you to the relevant services.



*Chris and John*

*Chris Poore: 07795 046743*

*John Sampson: 07789 943201*

*Storrington-sullington.warden@horsham.gov.uk*

## STORRINGTON FLOWER CLUB

**Wednesday 28 February 2.30pm**  
**Sullington Parish Hall**

Demonstrator: *Alison Gillot*

Theme: *Pocket of Posies*

Competition: *Hearts and Flowers*

New members and visitors welcome



# CHURCH SERVICES AT A GLANCE

## STORRINGTON St Mary's



## THAKEHAM St Mary's



## SULLINGTON St Mary's



DATE	FESTIVAL OR SUNDAY	STORRINGTON	THAKEHAM	SULLINGTON
4 February	<b>Second Sunday before Lent</b>	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Family Communion 4pm Evensong	10.30am Joint Thakeham/Sullington Church for All Service	8.30am BCP Communion 3pm Evensong
11 February	<b>Sunday Next before Lent</b>	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion 4pm Evensong	10.30am Morning Prayer	10.30am Holy Communion
14 February	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	7pm <b>Ash Wednesday Eucharist with Imposition of ashes</b>	7.30pm <b>Ash Wednesday Holy Communion with Ashington</b>	
18 February	<b>Lent 1</b>	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion with Prayers for Healing	8.30am Celtic Communion	10.30am Joint Holy Communion
25 February	<b>Lent 2</b>	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion	10.30am Family Communion	10.30am Morning Prayer
3 March	<b>Lent 3</b>	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Family Communion 4pm Evensong	10.30am Joint Thakeham/Sullington Church for All Service	8.30am BCP Communion 3pm Evensong

**Check parish websites and Notice Sheets for up-to-date information.**

Midweek Holy Communion Service at St Mary's Church, Storrington, on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 10am followed by Café in the Church  
When there is a 5th Wednesday in the month Holy Communion at 2pm followed by Cafe in the Church

## OTHER CHURCH DETAILS

### ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Our Lady of England, Monastery Lane*

Mass – Saturday 6pm, Sunday 8am and 10am

Daily Mass: Monday – Friday 9am.

For other midweek services, confessions etc., please contact

### STORRINGTON CHAPEL

*North Street*

Sunday Services 10.30am and 6.30pm

Enquiries to Storrington Chapel Evangelical Church,

North Street, Storrington RH20 4DH

Email: [contacts@storringtonchapel.org.uk](mailto:contacts@storringtonchapel.org.uk)

### LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH, STORRINGTON

*Chanctonbury Leisure Centre, Spierbridge Road*

Family Worship – Sundays 10am

Enquiries to Katherine Edwards

Life Community Church Office, 7 The Square, Storrington

Office open: Monday – Wednesday.

Out of hours contact: Nathanael on [nat@lccstor.org](mailto:nat@lccstor.org)

Tel: 07450 176315 Email: [admin@lccstor.org](mailto:admin@lccstor.org) [www.lccstor.org](http://www.lccstor.org)

### TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH

*Thakeham Road*

Sunday Service 10.30am

Minister: Revd Dr Frank Okai-Sam

Tel: 01273 597122

Email: [trinitychurchstorrington@outlook.com](mailto:trinitychurchstorrington@outlook.com)

[www.facebook.com/TrinityStorrington](http://www.facebook.com/TrinityStorrington)

Our building is now registered for same-sex marriage

## WEEKLY EVENTS

**Wed** 9.30am Registrar of Births and Deaths – Storrington Library – pre-booking only – 01243 642122

**Fri** 9.45am Storrington Community Market – Village Hall

## STORRINGTON LIBRARY – Tel. 839050

### Opening Hours

Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm, Saturday 10am – 4pm

**Knit and natter** Adults Wednesdays 2pm-3pm

**Toddler time** Under 5s Thursdays 10am-10.30am

**Rhyme time** Under 5s Tuesdays 10.45am-11.15am

## STORRINGTON

### POP-IN LUNCH CLUB

Storrington Village Hall

11.30am until 2pm on the first Thursday of each month except January and August

Enjoy a nourishing meal with dessert

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

Buy a ticket at The Hub in Storrington

Co-ordinator: Penny Barnes (01798 815129)

*Come and meet old friends and make new ones*

All for only £3!



The Churches of Storrington invite you to

## SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB

**A CHANCE TO GATHER TOGETHER OVER A MEAL, AND BE WITH FRIENDS OLD AND NEW**

**Sunday 11 February**

at the Old School, School Lane, Storrington

**Tickets £4.00 are available from**

Louisa Austin, Church Street, Storrington





# WHAT'S ON

FEBRUARY	
<b>Thu 1</b>	
11.30am	Storrington Pop-In Lunch Club – p18
2pm	MU – AGM – p13
<b>Fri 2</b>	
2.30pm	Storrington Museum – Talk – p16
<b>Sat 3</b>	
10am	Storrington Conservation Society – Working Party – p20
<b>Sun 4 Second Sunday before Lent</b>	
<b>Mon 5</b>	
2.30pm	Reading Friends – Storrington Library – p15
2.30pm	Sussexdown Care Home – Communion – p5
7pm	Storrington Slimmers – p23
<b>Tue 6</b>	
10am	Inter-Church Prayers – RC Church – p10
2pm	SPACE – Arts & Craft Club – p 10
2pm	The Arts Society of West Sussex – Talk – p 13
<b>Thu 8</b>	
2pm	Memory Moments Café – Guide and Community Hall – p15
7.30pm	Storrington Camera Club – Meeting – p25
<b>Sat 10</b>	
9.30am	Sandgate Conservation Society – Working Party – p22
<b>Sun 11 Sunday Next before Lent</b>	
1pm	Sunday Lunch Club – Old School, Storrington – p 18
<b>Mon 12</b>	
7pm	Storrington Slimmers – p23
7.30pm	Thakeham Gardeners' Club – Meeting – p34
<b>Tue 13</b>	
10.30am	Community Wardens' Meet and Greet – p17
<b>Wed 14 ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	
10am	Holy Communion followed by Café in the Church – p10
7pm	Ash Wednesday Eucharist with imposition of ashes – St Mary's, Storrington
7.30pm	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion for Sullington and Thakeham with Ashington – St Mary's, Thakeham
7.30pm	Rotary Film Night – <i>The Great Escaper</i> – p13
<b>Thu 15</b>	
10.30am	Cuppa and a Chat – Chanctonbury Leisure Centre – p25
<b>Fri 16</b>	
7.30pm	Storrington Horticultural Society – Meeting – p 26
<b>Sun 18 Lent 1</b>	
<b>Mon 19</b>	
7pm	Storrington Slimmers – p23
<b>Tue 20</b>	
2pm	Knit and Stitch – p4
2pm	SPACE – Arts & Craft Club – p10
2pm	West Chiltington Floral Club – Meeting – p20
<b>Wed 21</b>	
7.30pm	Sullington Windmills WI – meeting – p23

<b>Thu 22</b>	
2pm	Memory Moments Café – Guide and Community Hall – p15
3pm	Tea with the Vicar – p5
7.30pm	Storrington Camera Club – Meeting – p25
<b>Sat 24</b>	
10am	Sandgate Conservation Society – Working Party – p22
<b>Sun 25 Lent 2</b>	
<b>Mon 26</b>	
	MU – Wave of Prayer ( to 28 February) – p13
7pm	Storrington Slimmers – p23
<b>Tue 27</b>	
1.30pm	Storrington Macular Society Group – p16
<b>Wed 28</b>	
10am	Community Food Hub – p17
10.30am	Trinity Sunshine Choir – p13
2pm	Holy Communion followed by Café in the Church – p10
2.30pm	Storrington Flower Club – Meeting – p17
7.30pm	Sandgate Conservation Society – Talk – p22
<b>Thu 29</b>	
7.30pm	Storrington Camera Club – Zoom Meeting – p25

Details of all church activities on pages 4,5,6, 9 and 18.

Please note – all these fixtures are subject to change, so please check with the relevant organisations.

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL DAYS

FEBRUARY	
<b>1</b>	Brigid, c. 525
<b>2</b>	<b>PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE (Candlemas)</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Anskar, 865</b> , known as 'Apostle of the North' (Europe)
<b>4</b>	<b>Gilbert of Sempringham, 1189</b> , founder of the Gilbertine Order
<b>6</b>	The Martyrs of Japan, 1597
<b>10</b>	Scholastica, c.543, Roman Catholic Saint
<b>14</b>	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>
	<b>Cyril and Methodius, 869 and 885</b> , brothers, Greek, principle Christian missionaries for Slavic people Valentine, c.269, associated with love since high Middle-Ages; this day also remembers other saints called Valentine
<b>15</b>	Sigfrid, 1045, apostle of Sweden, second 'Apostle of the North' Thomas Bray, 1730, founded the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in 1701
<b>17</b>	<b>Janani Luwum, 1977</b> , Archbishop of Church of Uganda, one of the most influential leaders of the modern church in Africa. Murdered in 1977 by Idi Amin
<b>23</b>	Polycarp, c.155, a disciple of the apostle John, who ordained him bishop of Smyrna. According to David Trobisch, Polycarp may have been the one who compiled, edited, and published the New Testament
<b>27</b>	<b>George Herbert, 1633</b> , Welsh-born English poet, orator and Anglican priest, important British lyricist



## STORRINGTON CONSERVATION SOCIETY

How many of us have made new year resolutions? If we have, how many of them are concerned with climate change and caring for the environment? If they are, we may well have been prompted by the wild and unusually mild weather at the end of the year.

By now, for many of us, COP28 last year is a fading memory, but for some it has not been of any interest at all, yet it is a vital matter for everyone. The agreement published at the end of COP28, which finished with an extra all-night session in order to reach the agreement, included a welcome commitment to transition away from fossil fuels. Disappointingly, the OPEC group would not agree to saying such fuels should be phased out. While it is encouraging to see fossil fuels belatedly mentioned for the first time in nearly 30 years, it is worth noting that a record number of fossil fuel lobbyists attended COP28 in Dubai and its chairman publicly affirmed a future for gas and oil. Refreshingly honest!

Another positive outcome was the setting up of a Loss and Damage Fund to compensate countries vulnerable to the effects of climate change. The vulnerable include communities in low lying islands which will be totally displaced, and those living in drought devastated areas. As with the funding by wealthy nations to help developing countries to decarbonise, The Fund is inadequate.

While currently countries such as China, India and the USA are the biggest producers of greenhouse gasses, figures show historically the UK is the fourth highest emitter of such gasses. We have to accept responsibility and reduce our reliance on fossil fuels; it is in our interests as climate change is a major cause of loss of nature in the UK.

So while COP28 produced some positives, we need to remember that commitments made at previous COPs have not been fulfilled. For example, the reduction of methane emissions agreed in Glasgow at COP26 in 2021 has not happened. It is up to us to put pressure on our representatives to ensure commitments at COP28 are carried out.

Now back to those new year resolutions; they ought to include our conservation of nature and our action to reduce our personal carbon footprint. As with many resolutions we may fail occasionally to keep them, but if we know they are important, we will not give up on them.

On 16 December, further birch sapling clearance was carried out on Chantry Hill. Our task on 6 January was river clearance and shrub management in Fryern Dell, part of the agreed conservation plan. We meet again on **3 February at 10am** at Hurston Warren, near the golf club. Join us for clearance of scrub to aid the recovery of the heathland. Everyone is welcome to take part and enjoy a coffee break. Share transport to help the environment.

For information about this and our other activities, becoming a member, or offering advice, please get in touch with Chairman Mick Denness on 745971, or see our website. [www.storringtonconservation.org.uk](http://www.storringtonconservation.org.uk).

Stuart Kersley



## Carers Support West Sussex

A local charity, Carers Support West Sussex (CSWS), celebrates after receiving £385,000 of National Lottery funding to run an exciting coaching programme for 720 unpaid carers, over the next 3 years, from April. The ground-breaking programme seeks to improve carer's emotional wellbeing and help achieve their personal goals.

Following on from a carer coaching pilot, funded by West Sussex County Council, an independent evaluation by the University of Kent revealed the coaching was perceived as overwhelmingly positive by participants. Several key themes emerged, such as carers gaining confidence, increased self-worth, shifting to a more 'can do' attitude, and feelings from the carers that they had more choice and control over their caring situation. Many carers identified being listened to and having the space and 'permission' to focus on their concerns in a supportive and safe environment as primary benefits.

One carer who took part in the pilot scheme said, "When I started the coaching, I struggled to believe my life could be better. Now I play a sport, have done more social activities, completed a mindfulness course, and had an established art practice."

Sonia Mangan, CEO of CSWS says, "We're delighted The National Lottery Community Fund has recognised our work in this way. Now, thanks to National Lottery players we will be able to help carers in West Sussex transform their lives to become more confident and make positive changes within their caring role. This coaching programme supports the very ethos of this charity".

The National Lottery Community Fund recently launched its new strategy, 'It starts with community', which will underpin its efforts to distribute at least £4 billion of National Lottery funding by 2030. As part of this, the funder has four key missions, which are to support communities to come together, be environmentally sustainable, help children and young people thrive and enable people to live healthier lives.

National Lottery players raise over £30 million a week for good causes across the UK. Thanks to them, last year The National Lottery Community Fund was able to distribute over half a billion pounds (£615.4 million) of life-changing funding to communities.

To find out more visit [www.TNLCommunityFund.org.uk](http://www.TNLCommunityFund.org.uk).



## WEST CHILTINGTON FLORAL CLUB (AFFILIATED TO NAFAS)

**Tuesday 20 February, 1.30pm for 2pm start**  
**We welcome Graham King with his demonstration**  
**How Bizarre!**

Visitors are most welcome, £5 entry fee.

The meeting will be held at West Chiltington Village Hall, Mill Road, West Chiltington RH20 2PZ.

For more information, please contact Brenda on 01798 813712 or Carol on 01798 813608.

Email: [wchiltfloralclub@gmail.com](mailto:wchiltfloralclub@gmail.com)



## 2023 – A YEAR OF RECORDS: FLOODS, HEAT, AND DROUGHT

There was no lack of variety to the weather during 2023 and records tumbled.

The year began very wet with 123mm of rain or over, a month's worth of rain in just the first two weeks. But then this was followed by a prolonged dry spell producing just 8mm of rain from 16 January to 6 March. February turned out to be the driest since 1956 in many localities.

Lying snow has been quite rare in our area in recent years but there was a brief 3cm fall during the early morning of 8 March but by midday it had all but vanished and no chance for any after school frolics in the snow for local children as it was washed away by rain. And rain was the story for the rest of March with a total of 149mm, making it the wettest since 1947.

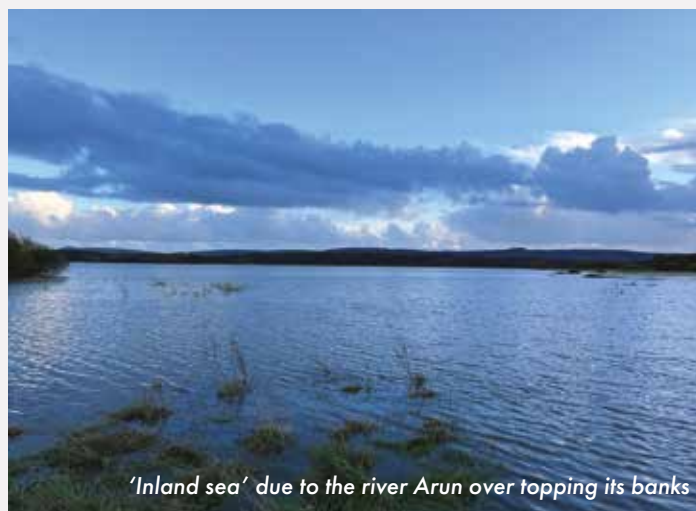
April too had copious rainfall, but May was to turn the tap off again with no rain clouds

after 14 May and this continued until just after the middle of June, a total of 33 consecutive days without measurable rain. It was not only dry conditions that made the news but also soaring temperatures; summer had arrived in earnest and in some parts of Sussex 31 °C (88 °F) was recorded. By the end of the month, Storrington had clocked up 25 days when 21 °C (70 °F) had been exceeded and it was the warmest June on record both locally and nationally.



The 3 *Heralds*' area escaped the worst of a very wet July. In Northern Ireland it was their wettest in measurements back to 1836. Flooding occurred in several areas of the UK, including Lancashire where 100mm of rain fell on 23 August, and also was disappointingly rather unsettled with no days in the hot category of 27 °C or 80 °F. However, high summer made a return centre stage in record breaking mode as the winds from North Africa and southern Europe swept northwards over us

during the first week of September. Seven consecutive days reached 30 °C across the Southeast for the first time during this month. Kew Gardens reached 33 °C (91 °F), the warmest day of the year, a rare occurrence for September. Storrington peaked at just short of 32 °C (90 °F). By the end of the month, The Met Office announced it was the warmest September, equal with 2006, in our national record. The warmth triggered thunderstorms that spread up from France and gave continuous lightning for a time late evening on 17 September. Littlehampton suffered some damage from a tornado during these storms.



October began with delightful weather. No rain fell for the first 10 days of the month and the temperature attained a summerlike 24.4 °C (76 °F) on 9 October, but the weather then turned very changeable with no let up right through to the end of the year. Innumerable Atlantic low-pressure systems swept across or close to the British Isles bringing constant unsettled weather. Littlehampton received more tornado damage on 28 October.

Early November produced, for England, a new lowest air pressure on record for the month at 954mb(hPa). In Storrington the air pressure fell to 957mb. This depth was even lower than that reached in the legendary October 1987 storm. However, it was not a great gale that it caused but copious amounts of rain and by 4 November we had already measured half a month's rainfall. The rain continued into and throughout December with few dry days. It led to a spate of potholes on our roads, and flooding closed some sections, for example at West Chilington, and fallen trees and a landslip blocked the way at Fittleworth. The Pulborough Wild Brooks became an 'inland sea' as the river Arun burst its banks. The rain clouds made December particularly gloomy with only around 30% of the average sunshine, though at least it was mild at just over 2 °C above average.



From mid-September to the end of the year a remarkable 608mm of rain had fallen at my weather station and a mammoth yearly total of 1183mm. Overall, the UK, according to the Met Office, is likely to have experienced its 2nd warmest year in an instrumental record starting in 1884, with 2022 being the warmest. Significantly the top ten have all occurred since 2003.

*Ian Currie  
Weatherman, Speaker, broadcaster, Editor of Weather Eye magazine  
and Fellow of the Royal Meteorological Society*





## SANDGATE CONSERVATION SOCIETY

February might be the month to get the circulation on the move, and not only the central heating, so if you are after a bit of invigorating exercise a morning spent with one of our conservation groups might well fill the bill.

Our volunteers are to be found on Sullington Warren on **Saturday 10 February** between 9.30am and noon, and in Sandgate Park on **Saturday 24 February** between 10am and 12noon, so come and join us as you will be most welcome. All tools, gloves etc are provided, so simply just turn up.

The Sandgate presentations will recommence on **Wednesday 28 February** in Sullington Parish Hall at 7.30pm, where Ryan Greaves will give a talk about bats. Ryan is the Events and Coordinator at the Sussex Bat Group, formed in 1984 to help conserve bats and their habitats in Sussex.

To learn more about the Sandgate Conservation Society, who work closely with the National Trust and Horsham District Council, please contact Brian Burns on 743001 or visit [www.sandgate.conservation@gmail.com](http://www.sandgate.conservation@gmail.com).

Brian Burns

## ROTARY CLUB OF STORRINGTON AND DISTRICT



### Rotary Christmas tree recycling scheme to raise funds for local charities

Rotary Club celebrates 40 years community service with gifts to the community.

In celebration of its 40th Anniversary, a donation of £40 is to be given by Storrington & Pulborough Rotary Club to 40 organisations in the local villages that it serves.

Organisations being identified from a varied age range in each area are: not for profit groups, helping to develop learning, including physical, intellectual and communication and/or are helping to combat isolation.

So far the Club has given funds for a magazine rack to the Storrington Village Hub; Campfire stools for Scouts in Fittleworth; a Salver for a Thakeham Bridge Club tournament; science experiment kits for young people supported by the Lorica Trust in Washington; table tennis bats for a club in Thakeham; Christmas decorations for the social room at the Royal Air Force Association housing complex in Storrington and a target mat for a short mat bowls club in Thakeham.

Rotary President Pippa Davies said: "Our Club is very active in Storrington and surrounding villages and we are delighted during our special anniversary year to support, in a small way, the many organisations that share our commitment to vibrant community life."



Rotary President Pippa Davies presents a magazine rack to the team at The Village Hub



## Storrington DayBreak!

**A weekly day support service for adults living with Dementia, worried about their memory, or looking to socialise and stay active**

We support our members to engage in stimulating and meaningful activities to promote their confidence and social interaction with others.

Refreshments and a two-course lunch are provided.

Family and friend carers can also benefit from the weekly respite this provides.

Taking place every **Tuesday** and **Friday** at the Trinity Centre Storrington

Call or email us to find out more and to book your free trial session.

**07753 879779 / [dementia@ageukwsbh.org.uk](mailto:dementia@ageukwsbh.org.uk)**

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Charity number: 1086323. Company number: 04146487. (DSSv1)



The President opened the festive December meeting by welcoming all members with a special welcome to visitors, including representatives from Partridge Green WI, and Pulborough Meadows WI. Following short reports from the President, secretary, and treasurer, the speaker for the evening, Margaret Watson, was introduced. Margaret is an extremely talented Harpist as well as an interesting speaker.

She had brought along her Classic Harp, and gave members all the facts and figures involved with playing the harp; each harp, however large or small, has seven pedals and all have red and black strings. The classic harp that Margaret owns weighs 90lbs, and needs a people carrier to transport it to her concerts. Harpists never use their small finger when playing as there is not enough strength in that finger.



From an early age Margaret had always wanted to play the harp, achieving her ambition aged 14 when she received her first harp. The Classic Harp she was playing has a value of £32,000, whilst the Italian harp played at the Coronation of King Charles III carries a value of around £144,000. Margaret interspersed all these facts with playing the harp, her repertoire included tunes from the Beatles, Glen Miller, through to *Jesu Joy of Mankind* and, of course, a selection of Christmas carols, something for everyone.

This was an interesting and most entertaining evening enjoyed by all present. As this was our festive meeting, after the entertainment everyone partook of a substantial buffet provided by members of Sullington Windmills, accompanied by a glass of mulled wine or spiced apple juice. It was then time for everyone to enjoy a Christmas-themed quiz, with Christmas treats for the winning table. There was also a table laden with beautifully decorated parcels donated by members for the FSW for local needy families. The President closed the meeting by wishing everyone a Happy Christmas.

Sullington Windmills WI meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm in Sullington Parish Hall. The next meeting will take place on **Wednesday 21 February**. There will be no speaker as it is planned to be a games evening. Visitors and new members always most welcome; should you require further information please contact the President on 741078.

Pat Snape

## ACTIVITIES AT THE VILLAGE HUB

Run by Life Community Church, Storrington  
7 The Square, Storrington

### TUESDAY

#### In Stitches – 1.30pm to 3pm

A fun, social group for people who like to stitch. Bring your own knitting, embroidery or another project. We can teach you if you'd like to learn!



### WEDNESDAY

#### Bible Encounter – 10am to 12pm

This is a great group for those wanting to pray and learn more and explore the Bible.



### THURSDAY

#### Baby Club – 10am to 12pm (term time only)

Join our supportive community group and connect with others. Older siblings welcome!



#### Monthly High Tea – last Thursday – 2.30pm to 4pm

Meet new friends, enjoy homemade delicacies for £3 per person. Book tickets in advance from The Village Hub.



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## STORRINGTON & SULLINGTON - REFLECTIONS OF THE PAST

### REVD HENRY PALMER AT SULLINGTON – PART 20

15 March 1867. The Rector and his sister Annie began their stay abroad, accompanied by his journal to record it all, headed "Notes of a residence in Italy". The weather smiled on them, being fine and warm with a refreshing wind. "Landed from the 'Quirinal' at 11.30 this morning and much assisted by the great kindness of Mr Pakenham, took up our residence at the Victoria and Washington Hotel, close to the Quay. We fancy that we are the only persons in this hotel as we sit down *solus* to the *Table d'hote* and the immense block of building seems untenanted. Can recommend the place for cleanliness and situation, what the charges will be is quite an afterthought. Took a walk after dinner 6 -7.30 along the Marine Terrace as we should call it, and were much amused with the tide of people out for a stroll, and the native costumes, especially of the ladies – as we passed they would shoot their black eyes right over A whose dress did not seem to be agreeable to their taste, or at all events not customary to be seen. The dogs were all very numerous and various – almost all semi-shaved, and most of them led by a string at their owners' heels: poodles, greyhounds, and little foxy curs seemed the chief classes." That was their first impression of Italy; it seems the locals found the two English tourists as strange as they found the Italians.

Going further afield the next day, they took a morning drive "to Antignano, a very delightful little drive along the sea coast for some three miles; all was blue and coloured and all new to us. The wheat about a foot high, with the vines running down the centre of the patches, here and there an orchard of figs just sprouting and almonds in full blossom. The air was delightful – the sea crowded with white sails and the hills [The Ardenza] completed the picture with a broken background: much refreshed by it." In the afternoon they went to lunch with the Pakenhams, at 6 Via della Mare, "a prettily painted and furnished house, an entertainment quite worthy of the country – soup, beef cutlets and *maccaroni* [sic] instead of vegetables and a certain wine of the area called ? After which strolled about the place, visited the Jewish synagogue – a fine marble hall, with a sort of altar at the East end, and a square pulpit in the centre – all of various marbles – and two galleries for the women, closed in with ironwork, like that in the House of Commons for ladies. The men sit in open seats on the ground floor." After all this beauty and refinement there was a great contrast. "The squalor of the streets is very striking, great filth, but everything very picturesque. A whole family is seen sitting outside their doors, about four or five looking and gossiping, dressed up very smartly and criticising passers-by. Mr P and I discussed Italian politics. He seems to say that *The Times* takes a fair view of them in its leading articles." You can take the Rector out of his parish and put him in a foreign country, but you can't take the church and his faith out of him.

17 March. Sunday 2 in Lent. "The Leghorn church which we have attended today, very nice building after Wren – vaulted, lofted, oblong with apsidal end, the roof elaborately stuccoed. Mr Loria, converted Jew, preached in the morning, I read prayers." [His holiday?] "The sermon well-intentioned but the style and delivery singular, eg he declared that the answer of Jesus was repulsive instead of repelling. In the afternoon the attendance was very meagre, and I was asked to preach" [yes, he is on holiday!] "which I did. In the evening did a little anthem and hymn singing on an old wheezy Vienna-made piano in the *Salle de lecture*!"

The next day "set Silentia to work at the Phoenissi and find him in this, as in all other things, painfully nervous a *viva voce*. Under an ordinary examiner would, I think, floor him. Paid Mr P a visit of business in his den, in the Via Bona. He changed me a circular note for £10, giving me 12 francs to the good. In the afternoon by a carriage to the foot of Monte Nero, about four miles out, then walked to summit and got a good idea of the surrounding country. Pisa in the distance, Elba and lowlands along the coast..."

"The children here are very pretty, and rush after you demanding pence almost from the cradle – some of the old beggar-men are moneylenders! The chapel on the summit to the Madonna del Monte Nero is curious from the gallery of rough pictures representing the different cures performed

by the direct interposition [sp?] and also a store of crutches etcetera hung up as votive offerings from healed cripples. It was the custom for every ship as it rounded the point of the shore opposite to fire a gun in honour of this far-famed Madonna. Among other things she winks – but the more educated (such as Mrs Pakenham's housemaid) don't believe this: but the cook calls upon the Madonna when she breaks a plate or spoils an omelette. Inspected the twins, and was not impressed with their beauty. Spent a very pleasant evening with the Pakenhams, talking over old times, criticising photographs and inspecting works of art."

"Annie's birthday. She got some earrings from me and some presents from the others. Left our hotel this morning amid scatterings of francs and centimes. Were scrutinised by the *Douaniers* at the barrier, our packages all sealed with lead: Pisa was reached in about half an hour through some low woody ground and underwood. The Pisan streets are narrow but clean. After five minutes' drive, we crossed the Arno, and arrived at our hotel, the *Victoria*, situated with a cluster of others on the riverside with a paved street and wall separating them. Mr P entered into an elaborate arrangement with the keeper of this hotel, his agent, by which he will board us and lodge us all three for 3-5 francs the day and we are free to go when we please."

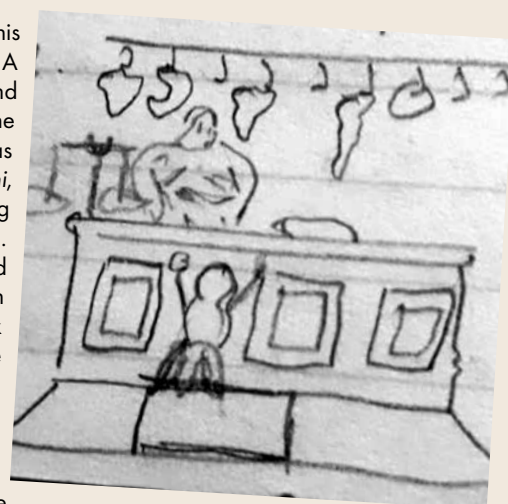
"In the afternoon we went round the main Pisan sights (more anon) and were astonished with all that we saw. I had never expected anything so elaborate, so beautiful, or so well preserved. Saw some Baptisms in the Baptistry and was astonished at the ceremony."

"Got settled down in the hotel and are now comfortably lodged, found out a *Parlatrici*, or a young lady, who will come in for 2 francs a day and plays company in Italian... we walked in and out the place this afternoon and enjoyed the beauties of the Santo Maria della Spina, a monument to the piety of the fishermen and of the paternal solicitude of the city, about 14th century all of white marble banded with black. S Paolo at the West end very like the Duomo, and the view from the Ponte al Mare, the Borgo here with its quaint Chester-like arcades very curious but the shops trashy..."

"Took a turn out this morning *solus* since A and C had colds and walked through the market, which was thronged with *contadini*, vending and buying *legumi* and *formaggio*...

of the strongest and rankest kind with *salcicci neri* or black puddings, seemed the main products, though *pollastri*, *nove* and *carne* were also in plenty. The butchers here occupy a marble

tribune [here he adds a delightful little drawing].



The meat hangs on hooks above them and they seem to dispense their goods with grand magnificence – the customer has to mount a stool to get at the counter. The ceiling is always painted."

"Our day is thus arranged:

*Dejeuner* at 8, prayers. Out from 9-10. Read from 10-12. Second *dejeuner* at 12.

*Parlatrice* from 12.30-2, 2-3.30 reading. 3.30-6 walking. 6 *table d'hote*, 8-10 reading. 10 prayers and bed." There will be no slacking or wasted time on this 'holiday'.

They walked to the Duomo... then the Lucca road, as far as the



cemetery, "a lugubrious space surrounded by arcades under which are the monuments of the wealthy. The monastery attached has a few monks left dressed like the monks of Crawley in dirty brown. They are Cappuchins. On our return saw a funeral - a queer procession going nearly at the double. Looked into the Alabaster shops."

Here, he begins the dates half in Italian:

March 22 *Venerdi*. After a morning walk *solus* getting country air "... afternoon we all went to the *Cascine* or dairy farm of the King just about three miles out." He describes the view and hearing the *Campanile* bells on the way back. Dinner was enlivened by "Four loud talking English... one a Dr Hawkins, who must be some relation to our old acquaintance of Ramsbury, so nosy was his profile." As Annie had a cold and did not get up until after breakfast, "Champ and I took a delightful walk along the Boulevard just outside the town - the Rotten Row of Pisa, it follows the bank of the Arno and has some nice elms and acacias - a little garden on each side in which are frequent marble seats." He describes the view and evidently enjoyed a beautiful walk and very fresh and pure air. "C and A went about five and report it to be the resort of the rank and fashion of the place. I visited the *Sudarium* close to the Lucca gate - a very perfect specimen with brick dome and eight apertures round the central chimney: a carpenter now uses it as his workshop." He adds a little sketch of it, a sort of aerial plan. "Then to the Campo Santo where spent two hours examining the frescoes and sculptures."

Joan Ham (Village Historian)



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**22nd February – Thakeham Village Hall at 19:30pm**  
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**29th February – virtual meeting via Zoom**  
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## A Late Summer Tour to the Isle of Wight in 1879

In late August 1879, Storrington cricketers had travelled to the Isle of Wight for a return match with the Sandown Club, which resulted in a resounding victory for the visitors. The match was played on Monday and Tuesday 25 and 26 August when the weather, bar the wind, was described as all that could be desired. The *West Sussex Gazette* provided the following report on the occasion, which must have been written by one of the tourists:

*"Play commenced at mid-day on Monday, and at the end of the day on the first innings Storrington had scored 44 more than the home team. On Tuesday the strangers again took the wickets, and every man scoring, showed a total of 145. Time appeared to be trotting on, and but little chance of finishing, but the Sandown party came out like men to the wicket, not wasting a moment, and Hammond's very slow 'slows' completely baffled the batsmen, and in 90 minutes all were disposed of."*

*"On Monday evening Messrs Dampier-Child and Linfield entertained the Storrington team and their friends at supper in the old Town Hall. It was a sumptuous repast, and all parties enjoyed themselves thoroughly, song and sentiment going round right merrily until early the next morning. The Storringtonians had a jolly time, and will look anxiously forward to another day's outing next year to give our Sandown friends an opportunity of redeeming their laurels on the tented plain."*

The home team were bowled out for 48 in their first innings, only one batsman reaching double figures. Storrington's reply was 92, Ernest Hammond being top scorer with 41. Sandown's second innings was no better than their first as they were bowled out for 45. Seven Storrington batsmen reached double figures in their second innings. The score sheet in the WSG report, unfortunately, does not record the bowlers' achievements. There were four Hammonds in the Storrington side and it's likely that the Hammond whose baffling 'slows' are mentioned

above was William Hammond. The Storrington team, as per the score sheet in batting order, comprised Edwin Hammond, W Hammond, H Challen, H Hammond, Ernest Hammond, M Neale, H Elliott, VC Yonge, H Crowhurst, AF Mant and J Sherwood.

Coming back to the present time, the U12s finished their indoor season with matches against Preston Nomads and Lewes Priory. Massimo was top scorer in the former match that was lost by 34 runs. Lewes Priory were beaten by 37 runs with Casper top scoring this time and the team taking second place in the League at the festive break. Later in December, the Cygnets U12/13 squads travelled to Brighton to enjoy Sixes Social Cricket, the world's first immersive social cricketing experience that involves batting against virtual bowlers, as seen in the photos. Two nets were hired for our 24-strong group of players. Casper and Leighton emerged as the top scores in the two games.



Indoor training for the Cygnets continued throughout January, and finishes Friday 2 February for Boys U11, U12 and U13 and Friday 9 February for Boys U9 and U10 plus All Stars, the Girls U11 to U13 having finished at the end of January.

Chris Winter



## STORRINGTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Although there was no formal meeting in December, the members had the opportunity of enjoying a Christmas Afternoon Tea, held in the Storrington Village Hall on Saturday 9 December. We welcomed Tom Brown, our President, and his wife, who, together with over 70 members, enjoyed a traditional tea with a very wide assortment of tea time goodies, plus some seasonal favourites, including mince pies.

A number of easy games were also played, such as stand up bingo and guess what this object is used for, a general quiz and raffle and the afternoon ended with some carols which all added to the enjoyment of all those attending.

Our February meeting is being held at Storrington Village Hall on **16 February** commencing 7.30pm when the speaker will be Professor Tony Booker, a member of the Society and will be presenting *Hunting for medicinal Rhodiola Rosea on the Tibetan plateau*.

Michael Webber

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Re-enactments of historical events are regularly held throughout the country, for instance English Civil War battles are regularly refought with participants donning period costumes and seeming to have a very good time. The crucial difference being, of course, that the weaponry is packed up at the end of the day ready for the next skirmish and the 'soldiers' get to their feet, dust themselves down and go home, regardless of the severity of their injuries sustained in 'battle'.

Similarly events at living museums often feature 'Ragged Victorians' pretending to live life as it was in the 1800's. Costumes are authentically distressed and urchins suitably scruffy. Lunch may have been round an open fire, huddled against the cold, but supper will be centrally heated and much more sustaining than a bowl of gruel.

Such events are popular with photographers and are sometimes staged just for their benefit. Many excellent shots are to be had and they provide enjoyable days out with the camera. They don't seem to be so appreciated by photographic judges though, probably because the pictures owe more to the set up than the photographer's skill.

My favourites are transport events, particularly railways, but also sailing both with Thames barges and classic yachts. An evening at the Great Western Railway museum at Didcot is a treat. A couple of locomotives in steam, a few chaps in overalls and grease caps wielding oily rags and I'm back to my boyhood watching the Castles and Kings on High Wycombe station. Photographically it's difficult; dark, cramped, lighting of every sort except that you'd want, with tripods and cable releases being the order of the day, and able to operate your camera in the dark. But the results can be spectacular when you get it right.

The Great Central Line in Loughborough offers mainline steam as it was, with the pyrotechnics and the music of large locomotives working hard. Large locomotives, such as the *Flying Scotsman*, look rather out of scale on the more usual preserved branch line but they look just right on the Great Central. There's even an iconic tree which might take the place of the much lamented one at Sycamore Gap in photographers' affections.

Classic Sailing photography has its own challenges. Following stately Thames Barges off Gravesend in a chartered boat is not particularly taxing but chasing racing yachts on the Solent on a brisk day certainly is. The subject matter is moving and so is the photographer, and they are in no way synchronised, difficult enough to get the whole yacht in the frame and those horizons must be level.

And sometimes there is real drama. We saw lifeboats in action on the *Round the Island* race this year and capsizes in real time. I've even seen injured sailors lifted off by helicopter, exciting stuff and no real harm done in these cases.

So photography offers the opportunity, or maybe that should be the excuse, to revisit the past for a day or to experience some pretty exciting activities. And sometimes you get some pretty good pictures too.

Chris West

All photos by Chris West



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# WHAT HAVE THE LEADERS OF GIRLGUIDING CHANCTONBURY DISTRICT BEEN UP TO IN 2023?

"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much." Helen Keller, American Author

Over the last few months you've heard about the activities of different units. What you haven't heard is what our fabulous volunteers have done. So, as the current district administrator, I think it would be nice to tell you.

Firstly, our Young Leaders. These are girls between the age of 14-18 who volunteer at our meetings for younger aged members at Girlguiding units in the district. Our current Young Leaders are also members of Rangers and have an action packed programme of their own, plus they choose to volunteer an extra evening each week.



The majority have completed first aid training and many of them will start their Young Leadership qualification this year (great for the CV!). In their units, they have taken on the running of games and other activities with gusto. Some have planned and led entire evenings around a theme on their own, such as making no-bake mini cheesecakes for Easter and organising water games on a hot summer evening. This is quite a challenge for 14/15 year olds and the Rainbows and Brownies love them.

Our adult leader roles are 'Leaders' - those who have completed training in the Adult Leadership qualification and 'Unit helpers' - who attend meetings regularly and complete a minimal level of training, but don't have to complete the Adult Leadership qualification. As well as planning and running evenings with their units, our Leaders and Unit helpers have also been busy outside of meetings.

Some Leaders attended our County Annual review this year at Arundel Castle, where a couple of Leaders were presented with their 20-year service award, with one Leader even receiving their 30-year service award. Together with these award winners, we recently calculated the current Leaders and Unit helpers have volunteered over 379 years of cumulative service. That is a big figure for our small district!!

We attended Thinking day celebrations for Olave's and Lord Baden Powell's birthdays on 22 February and in March we joined in with our district entry into an international bowling competition which ran all year. We await the results!



Leaders and Unit helpers have also completed or updated various trainings. In May, several attended a County training event in Littlehampton where there were sessions on practical things such as risk assessments and activity planning, but we also got to have a

go at scavenger hunts, have fun with music and also some adventurous activities such as axe throwing (this was a popular choice!). It was the first opportunity for our adult volunteers to get together with others outside of the district since the pandemic.

In June, some of our team attended the 'Save our Activity Centres' candlelit vigil protest outside Girlguiding HQ on Buckingham Palace Road to protest about Girlguiding closing and selling off the five adventurous activity



centres owned. Some of us also joined in protests at Blackland Farm, the Sussex centre we use regularly that was one of the five being closed. A Leader from our district was interviewed on the radio about it.

We attended the Storrington Remembrance parade in November and supported the Poppy Appeal throughout November. In December, we got involved with the Storrington Festive event and, together with young people from our units, we ran activities for the young people in the village.

For the young members, volunteers have organised visits to/from fire stations, the local RSPB reserve, Amberley museum, swimming, bowling, clip and climb, campfires, reptile handling, hair-care evening, litter picking, pottery painting, carol singing, two sleepovers, camp, a Brownie holiday, a Ranger break, an adventure activity day, a 22 mile cycle challenge, 80's disco, silent discos, Zumba and a theatre visit, just to name a few. These activities, amongst others, have enabled girls in our units to complete a total of 9 gold, 8 silver and 12 bronze awards this past year.

After finishing the term, we had a leadership Christmas meal and organised a thank you 'hot choc and chat' for our Young Leaders. With our units meeting on different days, the Leaders enjoy these times when we can get together to catch up, share ideas, experiences and celebrate.

As you can see, we have just as much fun as the girls. Our units total well over 100 girls and they are thriving, with many at capacity. We will always need new volunteers to join to support our weekly meetings and enable us to continue providing these activities for the youth of our community into the future.



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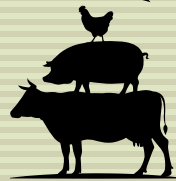
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We held our Festive Tea Party on 22 November, the final Club meeting of the year leading up to Christmas, with a quiz to test the little grey cells and enjoying a festive tea and a Christmas raffle.

We held a very successful Christmas Workshop on 16 December, making a traditional wreath which could be used as an attractive table centre or adorn your door. The workshop was a fun-filled day, as always, with everyone designing their own wreaths, and looking wonderful.

Do visit our friendly Club where you will find a warm welcome; you do not have to be a flower arranger, just come along, be entertained for an afternoon with flowers, tips on flower arranging, not to mention friendly faces and a cuppa! I look forward to welcoming members to our lovely Club as well as visitors alike.

*Chrissy Desmond, Chairman – Storrington Flower Club, tel 742102*

We now look forward to a New Year and if you would like to make a note in your diary for our next meetings they are:

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At our next meeting on **12 February**, our speaker will be Richard Withypitts and his talk is entitled *All about Dahlias*.

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