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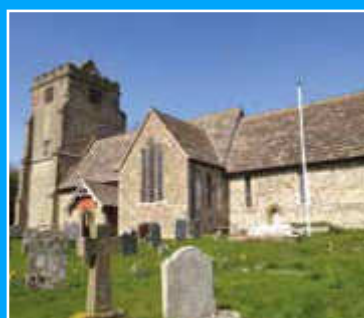


SULLINGTON



THAKEHAM

Thakeham Festival
28 to 30 July
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St Mary's Church **SULLINGTON**St Mary's Church **STORRINGTON**St Mary's Church **THAKEHAM**Holy Sepulchre **WARMINGHURST**
(Churches Conservation Trust)

THE PARISH CHURCHES OF

**St Mary
STORRINGTON**



**St Mary
SULLINGTON**



**St Mary
THAKEHAM**

IN THE DIOCESE OF CHICHESTER

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SULLINGTON AND THAKEHAM WITH WARMINGHURST

Rector Revd Derek Spencer, BA
The Rectory, The Street, Thakeham RH20 3EP

Bishop's General Licence Revd Tessa Holland, MA (741904)

Information about study and prayer groups, and requests for baptisms, weddings and home communions, for Storrington contact Revd Kathryn Windslow and for Sullington and Thakeham contact Churchwardens – details on pages 4 & 5.

All telephone numbers are 01903 unless otherwise stated.

A Dog leads to God

I've been mulling over the use of the description "It's a dog's life", especially after the Revd Christine Spencer's article in last month's magazine. I looked it up. A dog's life equates to unhappiness, plenty of problems or unfair treatment. Christine's new acquisition seems to present the very reversal of the description at the present time.

It's odd the effect dogs have on our lives. The inter-relationship between ourselves is a God-given gift with caring for dogs reacting with healing for others.

Access to those in need is facilitated at hospitals along with the risk of attack in an unfriendly world. From outside I find people find comfort and safety in the presence of a dog collar!



A therapy dog visiting patients in hospital

A doctor from the Glebe Surgery in Storrington had such an awareness of the interaction that she looked after the pets of clients no longer able to manage them. A first citizen of Storrington was so concerned about her dog Cassie that she asked one of her walkers whether they would care for her dog when she died. They agreed and she left this life in peace in the full knowledge that Cassie was in good hands.

There was one couple in the area that spent much time at the tennis club and left in a hurry forgetting to take their dog Lucy with them. Some time later, worried silly by their stupidity, they returned and found their beloved Lucy on court admiring the excellent play of Storrington's dog-loving doctor.

Do you recollect Greyfriar's Bobby? Bobby's owner died and the dog stayed by his grave until the end of his life. So moving yet so tear making. The owner a tramp – Bobby a lifeline.

At Sullington last month one well-known Oscar joined the congregation, behaved beautifully, but I wasn't sure if he was added

to the congregation number. Perhaps he should have been.

Dogs aren't top of the pops in biblical times but nowadays, having received a name, they are very much part of the family. Do they go to heaven? Why not?! God's love embraces all creation and a few years ago a blessing of animal service on Sullington Warren went down a treat. Perhaps it's a thought for the future!

Quiz question: What was Rabbi Blue's dog called? (answer next month)

In mid-winter on the Warren another dog owner stopped, took off his gloves to stroke my dog. A sign of trust and friendliness. Often we dress up defensively avoiding cold and direct contact with others.

What a reminder of Jesus touching a leper unafraid in a moving act of humanity and of healing!! What a friend we have in Jesus.

HAROLD LINFIELD
Thakeham and Sullington Churches

PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

Grant to me, O Trinity of grace
from whom all life freely flows,
that no tie over-strict
no tie over-dear
may be between myself
and this world.

As it was
as it is
as it shall be evermore,
with the ebb
with the flow
O Trinity of grace.

Celtic Prayer from Iona ... J Philip Newell



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What's happening at

St Mary's Thakeham

Thakeham and Sullington share this verse for the year. We're a joint benefice which means we also share our priest - although our styles are different.

Rev'd Derek Spencer www.thakehamchurch.com

Churchwardens:

David Peacock (745595)
5 Dean Way,
Storrington RH20 4QN
Allison Goodfellow (740499)
Lyndene
Newhouse Lane
Storrington RH20 3HQ

Treasurer:

Margarita Smith (01798 817376)
Staddle-stone, The Street,
Thakeham RH20 3EP

PCC Secretary:

Allison Goodfellow (740499)
Lyndene, Newhouse Lane
Storrington RH20 3HQ

Child Protection Officer:

Karen Arkle (744844)
5 Jubilee Way, Storrington RH20 3NZ

Electoral Roll Officer:

David Peacock (745595)
5 Dean Way, Storrington RH20 4QN

Organist:

Beryl Hardie (892349)

Church Bookings:

Wynn Lednor (743025)
4 Crescent Rise, Storrington RH20 3NB

Bellringers: Tower Captain

Roger Watts (01798 813775)

Gift Aid Officer:

Bob Timms (01798 813807)
Cootes, The Street, Thakeham RH20 3EP

PASTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THAKEHAM: In the first instance, all enquiries for Baptisms, Weddings and Banns of Marriage should be directed to the Churchwardens, David Peacock or Allison Goodfellow, contact details above. Times of Church services can be found on page 18.

TEA IN THE GARDEN

3pm to 5pm All welcome

16 July

Elke and Chris

Harbour Lights, Thakeham Road
Storrington

13 August

Allison and Cliff

Lyndene, Newhouse Lane,
Storrington, RH20 3HQ

Thakeham & Sullington Church Youth Groups

MILESTONES is a youth group for those in school years 6,7 & 8. It meets at Thakeham Rectory every other Friday between 6.15pm and 7.30pm.
(Contact Ruth on 01798 813121)

TEIF is a group for those in year 9 upwards. It meets every other Friday at 7pm - 9pm at the Church Rooms in The Street, Thakeham
(Contact Matt & Pippa Harder 01798 817522)

THAKEHAM BRIDGE CLUB

meets at Thakeham Village Hall

Tuesdays - 7.10pm for 7.20 pm start

Fridays - 1.10pm for 1.20pm start

Duplicate is played and so please come along and give us a try!
Some help sessions are being considered if needed

Contact:

Harold Linfield (Chairman)

01798 812276 or

Inge Garside (Hon. Secretary)

01403 782814



ST MARY'S CHURCH THAKEHAM

THAKEHAM ROCKS!

featuring **The Other Brothers, Domi Hawken**
and **The Boxwood String Band**

Friday 28 July 6pm to 10.30pm

Glebe Field arena

Hog roast and bar available or BYO picnic

Tickets adults £5, children free.

Tables available £10

ST MARY'S CHURCH THAKEHAM
Thakeham Festival 2017

FASHION SHOW

Featuring new and retro fashion

7.30pm

Friday 7 July

Thakeham Church

TICKETS £9

including a
glass of prosecco
and nibbles



Knit and Stitch Tea on Tuesday



Come along, meet with friends and catch up over your favourite stitch-craft project.

Thakeham Church Rooms

18 July between 2pm and 4pm

All welcome. Enquiries to Wynn Lednor - 743025



Church in the Pub

1st Monday of the month

The White Lion Pub, Thakeham - 8.30pm

Come along and enjoy

A gathering of people meeting and sharing together. No fixed agenda - the aim is just to meet, chat, be real and have a bit of fun - with maybe a few 'god gems' thrown in!

'Forget about what's happened; don't keep going over old history. Be alert, be present, watch for the new thing I am going to do. It is happening already – you can see it now! I will make a road through the wilderness.' Isaiah 43: 18-19

What's happening at

St Mary's Sullington



Rev'd Derek Spencer www.st-marys-sullington.org info@st-marys-sullington.org

Churchwardens:

Jo Graves (742586)
Highwinds,
Washington Road,
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Sullington
RH20 4AF

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Heather Cotton (742587)
Douglas Parkes (743106)
Ann Salinger (01798 813481)

Treasurer:

Gail Kittle (745754)
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Pastoral Care:

Ann Salinger (01798 813481)

PCC Secretary:

Gail Kittle (745754)

Freewill Offering & Gift Aid Officer:

David Baxter (744346)

Electoral Roll:

Margaret Slinn (746769)
Beeches, Heather Way,
Sullington RH20 4DD

Organist:

Beryl Hardie (892349)

Church Flowers:

Altar Rota Muriel Astley (01798 812706)
Special Occasions Jo Graves (742586)

Child Protection Officer:

Jane Williams (742956)
Sandgate Lodge, Washington Road,
Sullington RH20 4AF

Lifts to Church:

Anne Owen (743973)

Church Fabric Officer:

Douglas Parkes (743106)

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Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in us

Change of Churchwarden

At the end of April we had our Annual PCC Meeting for Sullington where we gave our thanks to Heather Cotton, who has stood down as Churchwarden after almost six years. We welcomed John Williams who will replace Heather as Churchwarden, working alongside Jo Graves.

Tea with (or without) the Vicar

27 July at 3pm

Cedarwood, Wisborough Lane,

June & Doug Parkes. Call 743106

No booking necessary, but please let us know for catering numbers!



The Wild Fortune Quiet Garden



Jesus said, 'Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.' Mark 6:31

Rooted in the Christian contemplative tradition of prayer and hospitality, the vision of the Wild Fortune Quiet Garden is to provide space for stillness and quiet prayer in accompanied silence in the surroundings of our home and garden and the adjoining woods of Sandgate Park.

We are open monthly on a Wednesday from 10am -12.30pm

5 July (a week earlier than normal)
CLOSED IN AUGUST

Spaces are limited to 8 and booking is essential

To reserve a space, please contact:

Tessa & Mark Holland Tel: 741904

Email: wildfortune@btinternet.com

Blog: www.wildfortuneblog.blogspot.co.uk

Affiliated to the Quiet Garden Trust. Details of other Quiet Gardens in West Sussex and worldwide are available on the Trust's website. www.quietgarden.org

SUMMER EVENSONG AT SULLINGTON CHURCH

Evensong is held at 6pm on the first Sunday of each summer month at St Mary's, Sullington, and ending in September.

The subject each month will be Christian Sports People ranging from athletics to soccer to rugby.

Heaven's Door

I was shocked, confused, bewildered as I entered Heaven's door,
Not by the beauty of it all, or the wonderful décor;
It was the folks in Heaven who really made me stare -
The ones I knew as sinners, now why should they be there?

That man who made me angry,
he'd been in prison twice;
And there was my old neighbour
who was anything but nice.
I thought that all these people
should be rotting down in hell,
But here they were in heaven,
looking smug and very well.

"God," I said, "I can't accept you
loved these people too;
I can't believe they made it here,
so how did they get through?"
Everything went quiet and I
started then to fear,
When God said "Well, they're all
in shock at seeing you in here."



GUIDED TOURS OF SULLINGTON CHURCH AND FARMSTEAD

At 2pm every Wednesday

Guided tour of the
ancient farmstead and
Church at Sullington.

Meet by the Rector's
parking space.

No charge but donations
to ongoing repair work greatly appreciated.





What's happening at

St Mary's Storrington

For Clergy see page 3 www.storringtonparishchurch.org.uk office@storringtonparishchurch.org.uk

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Treasurer:

David Rice (911179)
Little Tregullas,
Bracken Close, RH20 3HT

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Vivien Stuart (742888; home 745913)
Rectory Office,
Rectory Road RH20 4EF

PCC Secretary:

Val Rice (911179)
Little Tregullas, Bracken Close RH20 3HT

Verger: Michael Taylor (742218)

Sacristy Team:

Rosemary Wills (01798 813206)
Stella Hastings & John Taylor (745477)

Captain of Bellringers:

John Taylor (745477)

Pastoral Scheme:

Sylvia Hyams (745878)

Recorder:

Rob and Alison Wall (743713)

Readers and Sidesmen:

Vera Blake (743974)

Electoral Roll Officer:

Michael Taylor (742218)

Director of Music:

George Jones (850019)

Assistant Organists:

John Henville
Chrystalle Kersley
Peter Lewis
James Phillips
Simon Whitchurch
Keith Smithers

Footsteps (Sunday School):

Jackie Lee (743661)

Church Flowers:

Jean Minter (741668)

Child Protection Officer:

Jackie Lee (743661)

Bible Reading Fellowship:

Amanda Hislop (743700)

Bible Society:

Jean Hunt (01798 813681)

Christian Aid co-ordinator:

Sue Kibblewhite (745325)

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Church Services see page 18.

Footsteps (Sunday School): 9.45am every Sunday, except 1st Sunday of the month, half term and school holidays.

Choir: Fridays, 6.40pm - 7.45pm. Adults or children interested in joining the choir please contact the Director of Music or clergy.

Altar Servers: Bridget Vickerstaff (743346)

Bellringers: Fridays, 7.45pm - 9.30pm.

Handbells: Mondays, 10am. Kathleen Osgood (01403 780928)

Church Cleaning: Jeannie Watten (742542)

Church & Churchyard Maintenance: Ray Hunt (01798 813681)

Mothers' Union: Jean Hunt (01798 813681)

Bible Study / Home Groups: Tuesdays, 10am Sylvia (745878).
Tuesdays, 7pm Chrystalle (744269). Thursdays, 10am Alison (743713)

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

STORRINGTON REGISTERS

Baptisms - we welcome into the Lord's family ...

21 May Lee Alexander Carter (adult)
21 May Gemma Carter (adult)
21 May Mark Turley (adult)
21 May Alfie Roy Peter Carter (son of Chloe and Lee)
21 May Elodie Kate May Yates (daughter of Hannah and Nicholas)
28 May Hamish Tobias Joseph Steele (son of Hannah and Tobias)

Funerals - we commend to God's nearer keeping...

2 May Daphne Marguerite Kenny (93)
5 May Margaret Shields Collins (87)
1 June Brian Charles Hurst (67)

Interment of Ashes.

27 May John Douglas Thorn (86)

SUMMER SONGS OF PRAISE Sunday 23 July

The evening service at 6pm on **Sunday 23 July** will take the form of **Songs of Praise**. If you would like to suggest a hymn please contact the Rector on 742888. During the service you can explain why your choice is meaningful to you, or ask a member of the clergy to talk about the hymn on your behalf. The service will be followed by light refreshments in the Rectory garden, if fine.

St Mary's, Storrington will be holding a Christmas Bazaar on 9 December.

We will also be having a Grand Draw, tickets for which will be available for a few months beforehand. Gwen Fisher, contactable via email at: office@storringtonparishchurch.org.uk is collecting prizes for this draw and would be very grateful for any contributions. We are particularly looking for a *STAR* prize! Any donations of gifts or help with the bazaar will be gratefully received though - just contact Gwen.



St Mary's Church Storrington

CONCERT COMMITTEE

are pleased to announce the following Concerts
at St Mary's Church, Storrington

2017 7 October The Swing Band

2018 6 January Taylor Maid

16 June Detworth Town Band

Please make a note of the dates in your diaries!

ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS RAFA CHAPEL SUSSEXDOWN

Communion with the residents
27 July and 24 August at 11.30 am

BCP Holy Communion in the Chapel at Sussexdown
Please do come and join us; visitors are welcome

For more details phone Jo Graves on 742586

ST SWITHUN'S PROVERB

*St Swithun's day if thou dost rain
For forty days it will remain
St Swithun's day if thou be fair
For forty days 'twill rain nae mare*



When he died in 862, Swithun was initially buried out of doors, rather than in his cathedral, apparently at his own request. William of Malmesbury recorded that the bishop left instructions that his body should be buried outside the church, *ubi et pedibus praetereuntium et stillicidiis ex alto rorantibus esset obnoxius* [where it might be subject to the feet of passers-by and to the raindrops pouring from on high], which has been taken as indicating that the legend was already well known in the 12th century.

In 971, it was decided to move his body to a new indoor shrine, and one theory traces the origin of the legend to a heavy shower by which, on the day of the move, the saint marked his displeasure towards those who were removing his remains. This story, however, cannot be traced further back than the 17th or 18th century. Also, it is at variance with the 10th century writers, who all agreed that the move took place in accordance with the saint's desire expressed in a vision. James Raine suggested that the legend was derived from the tremendous downpour of rain that occurred, according to the Durham chroniclers, on Saint Swithun's Day, 1315.

However, there is a scientific basis to the weather pattern behind the legend of St Swithun's day. Around the middle of July, the jet stream settles into a pattern which, in the majority of years, holds reasonably steady until the end of August. When the jet stream lies north of the British Isles, then continental high pressure is able to move in; when it lies across or south of the British Isles, Arctic air and Atlantic weather systems predominate.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN THE ST MARY'S, STORRINGTON, BAND OF HANDBELL RINGERS?



Come and learn to play handbells – we practise in Storrington Church on Monday mornings at 10am.

New players are very welcome.

Kathleen Osgood (01403 780928)

Christians in Storrington

Monthly Inter-Church Prayer Meetings Everyone welcome

Do join us in the side-chapel at Our Lady of England RC Church – 10am - 10.30am on the first Tuesday of each month.

Tuesday 4 July – Church of England will lead

Tuesday 1 August - Trinity Methodist Church will lead

One in faith and love and praise

THINKING OF TAKING UP A HOBBY OR CRAFT? Why not try bell ringing?

There is nothing like the sound of the bells at a wedding or special occasion. The art of ringing bells dates back hundreds of years and has given pleasure to countless people. Ringing bells...

- Helps keep you fit;
- Is good exercise;
- Keeps your mind alert;
- Helps you meet people and so much more.



To find out more or to ring a bell at one of our practice evenings call Steve on 07761 019875.

You will be made very welcome at St Mary's Church, Storrington.

On a beautiful, hot and sunny evening in May the Brownies and Leaders from 1st Sullington Brownies, 2nd West Chiltington Brownies with some Storrington Trefoil members joined together in a Sullington Manor field to enjoy the Girl-guiding tradition of a campfire sing song around a real camp fire and the fun of toasting marshmallows to create s'mores. Many melodious rounds, action



and repeat songs and combined songs were sung with stunning views to enjoy over Storrington and beyond in the process. We were so lucky with the weather. Thanks go to Gail and Graham Kittle for allowing us to use the field and to Jane Williams for tending the fire whilst we sang.



St Mary's Church, Storrington, needs your

STAMPS PLEASE SAVE ALL YOUR STAMPS

and leave in the box in the Church porch...

they can be converted to much needed funds for our Church.

Please pass the message to all your friends and neighbours.



LIVE BETTER TOGETHER

Thursday 21st September 2017

Join us at Chichester Cathedral to celebrate the **International Day of Peace** observed around the world on 21st September.

This day of engaging activities that explore the ideals of peace and reconciliation will include:

- Speaker Dr. Justine Huxley, Director of St Ethelburga's Centre for Reconciliation and Peace
- 'How can we live better together, for the wellbeing of all?' Interfaith panel discussion
- 'Make Art Not War' printmaking workshops, led by artist Cath Bristow
- Peace trail, candle lighting and prayers in the Cathedral
- Film screening introduced by the Cathedral's Chancellor, Anthony Cane

Booking in advance is essential. Tickets (free to £10) at www.chichestercathedral.org.uk or call Ticketsource on 0333 666 3366 or from Cathedral Friends Office Tuesday and Thursday 10am-12pm.

To find out more contact the Learning and Engagement Department
booklearning@chichestercathedral.org.uk
01243 812997

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

Facebook: ChichesterCathedral
Twitter: @ChiCathedral
Instagram: #PeaceDay

Thakeham Flower Festival 2017

Thakeham Church

Friday 28, Saturday 29 & Sunday 30 July

ENTRANCE FREE

Donation for our three beneficiaries:
St Barnabas Hospice, Macmillan
Nurses and Thakeham Church

There will be 20 floral arrangements, involving 25 arrangers.

The Theme of the exhibition is "Let's Celebrate".

Please take a few moments to read the list of events planned for the weekend as outlined below.

There's sure to be at least one event to suit everyone! Should it be the Lively evening on Friday *Thakeham Rocks* or finding peace in the beautifully decorated Church, a Fashion Show, musical evening, visiting the open gardens, listening to the Brass Bands, watching the Morris Men, even something for our canine friends in the dog show on Sunday, these are naming but a few of the planned events!

Should all this activity prove too much, take a break in the tea rooms where refreshments are served each day. Finally, the last event is to be the Songs of Praise held in Church on Sunday evening at 6.30pm.

Everyone is most welcome to this final event to close what is to be a wonderful weekend.

FRIDAY 28 JULY

10am – 5pm



Art Show

in the School Hall,
Thakeham First School

Flower Festival
"Let's Celebrate"
in the Church



Refreshments

in the Church Room

Bric a Brac

In garage at the bottom
of church path



The Market Place Arts and Craft Stalls

Bramble Lane and
Thakeham School



6pm – 10.30pm

Thakeham Rocks

with live music, bar,
BYO picnic, hog roast
in the Glebe Field



7.30pm

Fashion Show

in Thakeham
Church



SATURDAY 29 JULY

10am – 5pm

Art Show in the School Hall,
Thakeham First School

Flower Festival
"Let's Celebrate"
in the Church



Refreshments

in the Church Room

Bric a Brac

In garage at the bottom
of church path



The Market Place Arts and Craft Stalls

Bramble Lane and Thakeham School

10.30am – 5pm

Open Gardens

The Street, Thakeham,
map available,
£3.00 entry to all gardens



2pm – 4.30pm

Open Bell Tower

Thakeham Church



7pm

**Musical Celebration by the
Hawken family and friends**
Thakeham Church

SUNDAY 30 JULY

10am – 5pm

Art Show in the School Hall,
Thakeham First School



Flower Festival
"Let's Celebrate"
in the Church

Refreshments

in the Church Room



Bric a Brac

In garage at the bottom
of church path



11am

Dog Show in the Glebe Field

entries from 10.30am
£1.00 per class



1pm

Morris Dancing
in Crays Lane



2pm

Worthing Steel Band
near the Church Room

2.30pm – 3.30pm

**Teddy Bear
Parachute Jump**
Thakeham Church



3pm

Petworth Youth Band
near the Church Room



6.30pm

Songs of Praise

**Tickets for Fashion Show,
Thakeham Rocks and
Musical Celebration
available from Bob and
Andrea Timms 01798
813807, The White Lion
Pub, Wynn and Tom
Lednor 01903 743025.**



SULLINGTON 122 YEARS AGO

EXTRACTS FROM CANON PALMER'S DIARY – JULY 1895

Wed 3: Generally fine, fresh cloudy. Was not home till 2am then to Chichester – meeting. Riding to Arundel where my train “was not” (12.15 having been removed on July 1st. Mrs and Nancy Paget came in. May to Fenwicks. George and Ellen send us a pretty silver sugar bowl.

Thu 4: Overcast with some light showers. Rural canal meeting at Wiston: a talk on a paper relating to “Long Pastorates”, which elicited a general expression of opinion, fairly balanced. The Wisdens came over here and sang French music.

Fri 5: Dull and windy. Last morning in school. 26/30 present. Called registers. Mr, Mrs and 2 Misses Forbes LCD arrived about 5pm from Lavington, with the object over the house: hope they will take it.

Sat 6: Dull, fine, warm. Cleaning up copse and Church walks. Clara and May drive into Worthing early. Then take tea up the Downs with the Paget from Wantly. I take a long round of parish. Two Slaughters, Richardson, Miles and Gent who are leaving.

Sun 7: Trinity IV. Fine and warm. Only fair congregations and only 7 to Holy Communion. Preached an old address on Food in the Wilderness and on the study and travel of the Magi to find the King. The Forbes decline the house as being not large enough.

Mon 8: As yesterday. Mrs Marten departs after a stay of seven weeks and a day. Drive Cicely and May to the usual missionary meeting at Pulborough, duller than usual – one Paige from New Zealand and Holland chief speakers.

Tue 9: As yesterday. Long Council meeting ending about 2.30; roads etc forming the chief item. George C Gibson lunched, pleasant as usual.

Wed 10: Cooler. Sent off a missive to the “Department” on the necessity now for a school here. To Cobden and High Tittens, beginning to dry up badly.

Thu 11: Fine and fresh. Dull and windy evening. Our school feast. Inspect scene with SFJ. Mrs Felton teaed us all at Sandgate. Kate and Rose Wood and Miss Malvise came over and S Hardwick.

Fri 12: Fine, strong wind. Countess Gleichen from St James Palace makes queries about the house for her Mother. Drive Clara and May to the Ingrams where a big garden party. To the top of the hill with the 2 boys in the evening to try and see the fireworks at Spithead (Italian Fleet).

Sat 13: Fine, strong wind. Meet WBC at Pulborough in afternoon. The boys go down to Portsmouth for the day to see what they can of the Naval doings there.

Sun 14: Trinity V. Fine and fresh. Took 3 services today. Parham in afternoon and very hot: preached on “Sanctify the Lord God in great heart” (notes) (Epistle) the others were on Job XXVIII 28 “Confederation of Church Schools”

Mon 15: St Swithun. Cool, cloudy. Sam Stringer trimming the hedge of his own making – WBC and self to Cottage and Rowdell.

Tue 16: As yesterday. Take WBC to Pulborough – on return to Greatham where Duke only about Parham roads. Elections run strongly against radicals.

Wed 17: Generally fine, a few thunder drops. Cleaning and smartening up for our Princely guest who came about 1.00. Homely folk. Countess Gleichen and daughter Countess Helena soon left them to attend club dinner at Washington: Andrewes in chair, Knight, Cunliffe, Graham and a good muster. I had to give the Societies, a Boanerges called the Chief High Ranger was mercurious. Pony strayed.

Thu 18: Fine to some thunder. Rain in the evening. Some rain fell this evening at last – oh! what a boon. Mrs Ingram, the Hoares, Austin and O’Neil to tennis.

Fri 19: Fresh with broken sky. Called on various parishioners. Played some tennis. Had all roads and walks rolled and front field harrowed.

Super Intendant Bridger and Constable Wood “talk much about the pony, which returned on his own account”.

Sat 20: Gale with some rain. Rather a rough sequel to our fine season – but how enjoyable this rain and general moisture. Parker the first to arrive again on the scene.

Sun 21: Trinity VI. Very heavy rain, cleared at midday. Only a dozen in church today. Spoke in morning from the lectern on “Saul’s disobedience”. Better in evening and gave a written sermon on “Saul’s armour and body in the hands of his enemies”. Miss Jarman spent the evening, her last week.

Mon 22: Some tropical thunder showers. To Cobden with young Parker: went over the new house there, admirably built and furnished and saw the tank holding 25,000 gals.

Tue 23: Fine, clearing all round. The party from the Palace don’t come, for which I am not unthankful. Had a long session of Board of Guardians and Council. Flint tenders. Some tennis people up here Godmans, Braces, Everett and the usual Storrington contingent.

Wed 24: Dull, foggy with fine rain. To Steyning riding to interview Mr School Visitor and to pick his brains about our steps to take to get a mistress: he was worth a visit. Teaed at Wiston Rectory on way back where a dampish school treat: old N all agog about Barwell for Proctor. Clara takes May to a dance at Storrington.

Thu 25: Dull and foggy with drifting rain. Parker left this morning, a good-hearted youth but idle. Mrs Felton at home but only indoors; the charm of the afternoon lay in a Hungarian Band.

Fri 26: Thundery, close, dull. To Horsham County Council. Much confusion over an amendment. I spoke on the Storrington footpaths. Give F. Parker Lord Derby’s Homer as a parting present.


Sat 27: Fine until sundown when rain. Had a visit from a Miss Fox from Iford applying for a Mistress’ place: may do, but has no music in her soul. Called on Richardsons and Humphreys.

Sun 28: Trinity VII. Heavy wet blanket all day. Had a large contingent from Sandgate or our gathering would have been poor. Preached on St Paul’s voyage second lesson. In evening on Religion from the collect. Said “Vale” to Miss Jarman.

Mon 29: Fine, dull, warm. Off by 7.30 riding to Amberley. To Chichester where second Barwell v Masters in election of Proctor. Lunched with Smith and went over the Asylum. Home just in time to dine at Sandgate. Green leaves – a pleasant, dull fellow.

Tue 30: Fine dull close, a little rain. Mrs Marten tells us of the death of dear old Lord Verulam. Parker leaves after a period of one and a half years study. We walk *en famille* (3) and find Knight giving a tennis re-union. Hear of our old servant Harriet Rapley.

Wed 31: As yesterday. A hunt after Cicely: driving to Amberley and Arundel and walking to Ford where got a train at 12.30 and home on delightful evening by 7.45.



St Barnabas House

Hospice Outreach Project

Our staffed HOP vehicle converts into a cosy drop-in centre providing information and support related to end of life care.

The next visits to Storrington will be in the library car park.

Wednesday 5 July and 2 Aug – 10am to 2pm

For more information about the project please visit our website or email HospiceOutreachProject@stbh.org.uk or call 706357.

SHOEBOX DELIVERY DIARY 2016

In the January issue of 3 Heralds, we reported on how young people from Sullington and Thakeham Youth Groups produced over 150 beautifully wrapped shoeboxes for the Link to Hope appeal, then assisted in packing the shoeboxes for distribution in Romania.



This is part of the diary the Shoebox team wrote when they went out to Western Romania to distribute the shoeboxes:



The team from Link to Hope, consisting of Lisa, Maria, Malcolm, Sylvia, Harold, Val and Judith, arrived in Oradea, Romania. The first stop was the village of Varga. We had to cross a rickety bridge in the snow and then climb a steep slope to get to the family we were visiting. We met a grandmother

who has been left to look after her grand-children as the mother had gone. When we arrived, the grandmother starting thanking God that we had come and that He had not forgotten her. This elderly lady received glasses in her shoebox and was crying as she could now see her surroundings more clearly.

We visited a mother and her 4 children. The father had been violent and an alcoholic and she had been forced to leave him. As we arrived at the house, it turned out that it was one of the little girls Stephanie's birthday, so we sang to her. The family already had four children of their own and took on another little boy (very shy) from a family member who had also wanted to leave another child as they were leaving the area to seek employment and didn't want their children. We were told the boy hadn't smiled since his parents left, so we were all shocked when a smile appeared as he was given the shoebox and opened it. Lovely presents were inside.

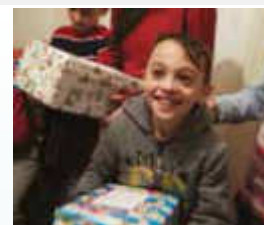


The next house we visited had one grandmother and 8 children. The parents had been trafficked, presumably having been promised a job and were now begging in Spain. The 8 children were living in three small rooms with no water (that came from the neighbours), or electricity. The house is not theirs and attempts had been made to remove them. A new toilet had been built for them outside but the grandmother is unwell with cirrhosis. They adored the presents which was something extraordinary for them to receive.

The next lady had lived in the South of Romania with her husband and 7 children. They moved to Oradea to escape his abuse. They have no income but survive with help and donations. They all live in 3 rooms in a house owned by someone in Italy, who now wants to sell it and remove them. Two of the girls are in high school and are doing well. The older son has webbed and shortened fingers, but is brilliant at school. Another has missing bones from his rib and hands – a deformity from birth. They were over the moon with their boxes.



Next stop was the old people's (men) home which was an extraordinary place. It looked like a very ramshackle barn, run without any state aid but financed by a private individual, but with considerable care for the people there. The cook makes and prepares the food as the elderly men have no other home. Many have a missing limb. However a smile from a man with no legs who got socks (amongst other gifts) and a toothless man getting a toothbrush (maybe it can be used for gums and tongues!) They were so lovely; one man had made lots of cardboard models of houses and churches and kept trying to give them to us as a gift to say thank you. Malcolm gave a shoebox to a man who reminded him of his brother – his appearance, his age and the same name! Amazing place.



We went to visit 2 villages where the crowds were ALREADY gathered and the local pastor had a very strict list of names and gave the boxes to the child of the family. In the next village we were surprised to go into the church to be greeted by a full gathering and children's choir – over 300 people

were inside! The lady Mayor was there organising things with the community leaders. It was frightening to think that these people had made such an event of something so simple as receiving a shoebox – the contents of which we would think little of! They were genuinely delighted to receive them and it showed.

We visited two further hostels for the homeless. The first housed men and women homeless for a variety of reasons – break-up, alcohol, thrown out by family, financial problems etc. One of the men was an excellent accordionist, who accompanied a group of the residents who wanted to sing to us to say thank you. We responded with *We wish you a Merry Christmas* which is the only song we all knew. The second home was similar but also included some people developing dementia – and a family of children completely unsuited to such an environment, but with nowhere else to go.



One little boy, on being told that it was a "family" parcel, came up to Cornel and said "I don't have a mum or a dad, so I can share it with my neighbour...." – what can you say to that? They sang to us before we left. The next school we went to was so small it only had one classroom (it felt as if this was the only room in the block being heated) with one teacher, trying to teach all four lower-school grades together (including special needs) – an impossible educational position. Again, they were overjoyed to receive their shoeboxes.

The final act was delivering Judith's parcel! One of our number, Judith had recognised a shoebox as one she had packed, from the writing and the notes of the content. As it was so special we wanted to give it to someone special. Three years ago, a woman in the village had been given a shoebox. She was so ill that the room she lived in was almost too unbearable to go into as the smell from her incontinence was so bad. It was mentioned in the Link to Hope



BRIGHTON TO STORRINGTON CHARITY WALK

IS OPEN FOR REGISTRATION



Sign up for this year's Terry's Trekkers Brighton to Storrington walk, TBFT's sponsored stroll through the South Downs to help build the link between good mental health and good physical health.

Registration for the annual Terry Trekkers walk is open now and the charity is hoping many of you will join in over the three-day event starting on Friday 21 July. Each day's walk is finished with a fun event, completing on Sunday at TBFT's main site in Storrington, promising to be a fun filled family friendly occasion!

The walk which starts from BBC Sussex in Brighton passes along the seafront to Worthing then heads up through the beautiful South Downs across three days. Walkers can start at any of points and for any or all three days. A free minibus will take walkers to and from our base in Storrington to the walk's start each morning and home at the end of the day.

Whether you love walking, the beach, the Downs or the entertainment, there is something each day for everyone on this year's special walk and you'll be helping sufferers with depression and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) every step of the way.

Walkers can sign up online on the TBFT website or collect a form from TBFT's hub in Storrington, either as individuals or as a group. There is no registration fee, but a minimum sponsorship of £50 would be greatly appreciated. Participants receive a welcome pack with sponsor forms, a route map and a certificate at the end of the walk.

This year's top fundraiser will receive a gorgeous limited edition TBFT Rugby Top. Top child fundraiser will receive a TBFT logo soft toy. A raffle will also be held with a variety of prizes.

The Terry Bedford Foundation Trust hopes to raise £5000 from the walk to help fund its programmes of providing relief across Sussex and help sufferers with mental & physical support.

Register online at www.terrybedfordfoundationtrust.com or email terrybedfordfoundationtrust@outlook.com

Terry Bedford and his wife Angela set up the trust after Terry's accident two years ago. The Terry Bedford Foundation Trust has been opened to help people with depression and PTSD, providing the link between mental and physical health. Run in association with West Sussex based counsellors Time to Talk and Physical Health professionals, TBFT provides both counselling and fun group sessions or one-on-ones with a professional instructor.

Newslink and sponsors came forward who bought a new bed, mattress, cover and pillow cases to make her life easier. Recently she died and her husband wanted to meet the people who had helped his wife. He himself now had Parkinson's Disease very badly but we went to visit him and Judith gave him her box and opened it with him. He was overcome and so grateful and surprised and every gift in that box was perfect for him.



To read the full report, or find more information about volunteering or supporting this charity, please see their web site www.linktohope.co.uk or call the Worthing office on 01903 529333. Do watch out for notices in churches later this year to see how you can help with donating a shoebox.

1ST STORRINGTON RAINBOWS AND 2ND STORRINGTON BROWNIES

Earning interest badges has always been an integral part of the Brownie programme. We often work as a unit towards particular badges, but we always tell the girls to look in their badge book to see what they can achieve at home.

Encouraged by being awarded a certificate at school, one Brownie decided to work for her Writer badge. There are various clauses and options, but one is "Write an article for a magazine about something exciting you have done in Brownies". I'm sure Lexi-Mai will be very excited to see her article in print.



Hello my name is Lexi-Mai Francis and I am 8 years old.

I am part of the 2nd Storrington Brownie unit and on 12 May we had a very fun evening at brownies.

We had Keith and Colin from Amberley Museum come and join us for the evening and they taught us how to do wood turning. We all made our own mouse - it was extremely good fun.

We had to design our mouse then we all had a turn on the wood turning machine (even the grown-ups). We had to wear a safety shield on our face as it can be very dangerous.

We also designed some posters for our mini fete we are holding on 26 May, all money raised at our fete will be donated to the Air Ambulance Service.

I really enjoy being a Brownie and I also enjoy our meetings as we get to do a lot of fun things and meet new people and we also get to help others.

We are also pleased to say that the mini fete raised £161.

Joan Parkes

Editor's note: Well done Lexi-Mai ! A lovely piece – keep up the good work!



Girl guiding, the UK's leading charity for girls and young women, offers a hugely varied programme of events, activities and adventures for girls aged between 5 and 25.

Toddlerific



...more than a toddler group

Fridays ... 9.30 – 11am (Term time)

Trinity Methodist Church, Thakeham Rd, Storrington

Cost: £2.50 per family



Toddler Crafts



Teas, coffees and healthy snacks

Toddlerific is run by Splash! in partnership with local churches.

For more information contact 01903 744821

Email: admin@splashschools.org.uk

www.splashschools.org.uk

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STORRINGTON FIRST SCHOOL



At the end of July, works are scheduled to commence at Storrington First School in preparation for the school to re-open in September as a Primary School. Earlier this month, the school hosted an information evening for parents and neighbours to come along and see the plans for the proposed Year 6 classrooms. Two of the school's young reporters, Amelie and Malaika, interviewed Head teacher, Marion Smith, about the excitement and challenges of the upcoming changes:



How did you choose the new logo?

The logo was chosen out of Year 5 entries, and staff, parents, Governors and School Council looked at the entries and decided our favourite, which was chosen because we felt it represented the beautiful countryside where the

school is set and also reflected our SHINE motto: 'succeed, be happy, independence, never give up and excel'.

What is different about having year 6?

We are very excited for our current year 5's to become our first ever year 6's. Year 6 is such an exciting year when the children are mature and can take on new responsibilities. It will also mean our primary children can finish their primary curriculum in our school. We are very much looking forward to all the new opportunities planned for year 6, in particular our new house system and year 6 Heads of Houses.

Do you have any worries about having year 6's?

No – we can't wait!

Have you taught year 6 before?

Yes, I have spent a lot of my past-career teaching year 6 and also older children in secondary school. I love the buzz of being a year 6 teacher.



What is happening with the building work?

The building plans are progressing well and is due to commence during the last week of the Summer term and throughout the Summer holidays.

Is there anything else happening?

The school is planning an exciting event at the end of term for the Year 5's to celebrate them becoming the first Year 6's. Lots of work is going on behind the scenes to make sure our website, uniform and branding is changed to read Storrington Primary School and reflect our new school. We are also planning a commemoration quiet garden for which we have been donated money by Hooper Downer Educational Foundation – thank you! Also a kind parent is redesigning our school mosaic which children will help create.

It certainly will be a very busy term!

Family Activities@Chichester Cathedral

Up, Up and Away!

Friday 28th July 2017 from 10.00am – 3pm

(last entry 2.30pm)

Join us to create your own flying beast or peregrine falcon, butterfly, frisbee, hot air balloon, kite or aeroplane

Find out about some of the many things that fly in the Cathedral by following a trail before collecting a prize on completion from the shop.

£2.50

per child suitable for children aged 3-12, who must be accompanied by an adult

No need to book just drop in!

Why not take advantage of the Cloisters café offer of Kids Meals for £1.50. When an accompanying adult buys a lunch item with a valid voucher?

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

Come along and join in all the fun!

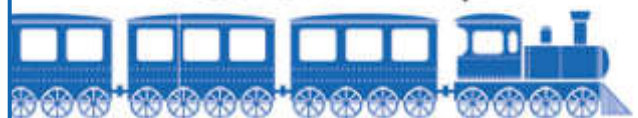
For further details contact Sue on 01243 812497 or email sue.poil@chichestercathedral.org.uk

Next Event: Tuesday 22nd August Beside the Seaside! 10am – 3pm

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families
Diocese of Chichester

ADVANCED TICKET SALES ONLY!

FAMILY FUN DAY
Saturday 8 July
10am – 5pm



Amberley Museum & Heritage Centre

Houghton Bridge, Station Rd, Amberley, Arundel BN18 8LT

Displays by Hawking About
Rail Gala – Craft Activities
and more!

TICKETS

Adult/Senior £4.00 – Children (4–15) £5.00 – Carers FREE



MAGNIFICENT JEWELS FOUND IN TREASURE ISLAND!

I was given the privilege and honour to be invited to Storrington First School's production of *Treasure Island* in May, and what an absolutely delightful treat! I thoroughly enjoyed this - the children were amazing and obviously enjoyed themselves, judging by the smiles on all their faces.

The set was very well designed and captured the feeling of being on the high seas. From the very start, I was captivated by the choreography, singing and acting - the children were extremely well-rehearsed and delivered their lines with confidence and enthusiasm.

There were some outstanding individual performances but it would be wrong of me to pick these out - all the children came together and supported each other to put on a truly entertaining evening.

The singing with the whole school was brilliant - I could hear every word - it was so well rehearsed.

And I must say the back stage crew were fantastic - having been stage manager, prompt and in charge of sound and lighting with Storrington Dramatic Society, I know how important and demanding these jobs are - an excellent job done - and I may be recruiting them in a few years' time!

Congratulations to each and every one of the performers - everyone played their part, no matter how small - all of them were important and every child should be proud of themselves.

And I suppose a pat on the back should also go to the teachers! I bet they had a big sigh of relief when it all finished!

A lot of hard work, dedication and commitment by everyone - and it certainly paid off!

A very big thank you to the school and all the pupils - I had a wonderful time. And I am sure I speak for all the parents and children in the audience.

We have a school in Storrington to be proud of!

And good luck in September as you become Storrington Primary School; I am sure you will all rise to the new challenges - and don't forget my invite to your next extravaganza - whatever that may be!

Amanda Hislop, Editor, 3 Heralds



THE MALAWI SCHOOLS PROJECT



Amberley Summer Craft Tea Party *teas, crafts and more!*

Amberley Place, The Alley, Amberley
Sunday 13th August 2-5 pm

Malawi crafts. Paintings by local artists. Quilting materials and fabrics. Designer clothes. Books, cakes, and more!

Activities for children

All profits to the Malawi Schools Project, supporting education for the children of the Mpasa district of southern Malawi

afrogarden.com & themalawischoolsproject.org



Family Activities@Chichester Cathedral

Beside the Seaside!

Tuesday 22nd August 2017
from 10.00am - 3pm
(last entry 2.30pm)

Join us to create your own shark hat, fish mask, seahorse, octopus, or jelly fish.

£2.50 per child suitable for children aged 3-12, who must be accompanied by an adult

Track down some of the many things linked to the seaside in the Cathedral by following a trail before collecting a prize on completion from the shop

No need to book just drop in!

Why not take advantage of the Cloisters cafe offer of Kids Meals for £1.50, if kids Meals for £1.50, if an accompanying adult buys a lunch item with a valid voucher?

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

Come along and join in all the fun!

For further details contact Sue on 01243 812497 or email sue.poil@chichestercathedral.org.uk

Next Event: Friday 27th October 2017 Fall into Fun! 10am - 3pm

CHURCH SERVICES AT A GLANCE

DATE	FESTIVAL OR SUNDAY	STORRINGTON St Mary's	THAKEHAM St Mary's	SULLINGTON St Mary's
2 July	Trinity 3	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Family Communion 11.45am Baptism Service 6.00pm Evensong	10.30am Joint All-age Family Communion (with Sullington)	6pm Evensong
9 July	Trinity 4	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion + Footsteps 6pm Evensong	9.30am Morning Prayer	8am Holy Communion (with Thakeham) 11.30am Morning Prayer
16 July	Trinity 5	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion with Prayers for Healing + Footsteps 4pm Church@4 6pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion (with Sullington)	10.30am Family Communion (with Thakeham)
23 July	Trinity 6	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion + Footsteps 11.45am Baptism Service 6pm Evensong	9.30am Family Communion	8am Holy Communion (with Thakeham) 11.30am Family Communion
30 July	Trinity 7	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion 6pm Evensong	6.30pm Songs of Praise	10.30am Joint 5 th Sunday Service (with Thakeham))
6 August	Trinity 8	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Family Communion 11.45am Baptism Service 6pm Evensong	10.30am Joint All-age Family Communion (with Sullington)	6pm Evensong

Midweek Holy Communion service on Thursdays at St Mary's Church, Storrington at 10.30am.

Monthly Holy Communion Service (fourth Thursday in month) at Sussexdown at 11.30am.

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

Parish Priest: Fr Charles Howell
2 St. John's, Fern Road, Storrington RH20 4LW
Tel: 740338

STORRINGTON CHAPEL

North Street

Sunday Services 10.30am, 6.30pm

Church Elder: Graham Thrussell

Tel: 01243 545737

COMMUNITY CHURCH

at Rydon Community College

Family Worship – Sundays 10am

Enquiries to Mrs Val Augustine

Community Church Office, PO Box 1020, Storrington RH20 3UY
Tel: 01798 817596

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH

Thakeham Road

Sunday Service 10.30am

Minister: Rev. Graham Locking
24 Ashurst Drive, Goring-by-Sea BN12 4SW
Tel: 245799 (Church Office: 746390)

WEEKLY EVENTS

Tues	10am	Coffee Morning – Storrington Chapel
Wed	9.30am	Registrar of Births and Deaths – Storrington Library – pre-booking only – 01243 642122
	2pm	Knit and Knatter Club – Hanover Walk
Fri	10am	Storrington Community Market – Village Hall
Storrington Library Opening Hours – Tel. 839050		
	Monday to Friday	9.30am – 5.30pm
	Saturday	10am – 4pm

SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB

1pm on second Sunday in the month (except August)

at the Old School, School Lane, Storrington, for those who would like to join us for friendship and food.

Tickets (£4.00) are available from:

Louisa Austin, Church Street, Storrington



STORRINGTON POP-IN LUNCH CLUB

Storrington Village Hall –

First Thursday of each month

COFFEE served from 10.30am

LUNCH available: £3.00 12 noon – 1pm

(Soup, Ploughman's and home-made puddings)

ALL ARE WELCOME. Come and meet old friends and make new ones. No need to book – just turn up.

Co-ordinator: **Pat Webb (893145)**



WHAT'S ON

JULY

Sat 1	
10am	Storrington Conservation Society – Working Party – p20
Sun 2 Trinity 3	
11.45am	Baptism – St Mary's, Storrington, of Minnie Simone Whittaker (daughter of Samantha and James)
6pm	Summer Evensong - St Mary's, Sullington - p5
Mon 3	
8.30pm	Church in the Pub – p4
Tue 4	
10am	Inter-Church prayers – RC Church (side-chapel) – p9
2pm	SPACE – Arts and Craft Group – p28
7.10pm	Thakeham Bridge Club – p4
Wed 5	
10am	Wild Fortune Quiet Garden – p5
10am	St Barnabas Outreach – Library Car Park – p28
Thu 6	
10.30am	Pop-In Lunch Club – p18
	Fryern Ladies Probus – Meeting – p33
2pm	Open Garden – Ringmer Park – p21
	MU – Annual Garden Party – p27
Fri 7	
1.10pm	Thakeham Bridge Club – p4
7pm	Thakeham Fashion Show – p4
Sat 8	
10am	Sandgate Conservation Society – Working Party – p23
1pm	Wedding – St Mary's, Thakeham: Martyn Richardson and Elizabeth Brown
Sun 9 Trinity 4	
1pm	Sunday Lunch Club – p18
Mon 10	
7.30pm	Thakeham Gardeners' Club – Meeting – p32
Tue 11	
7.10pm	Thakeham Bridge Club – p4
Thu 13	
7pm	Mary How Bingo – p32
Fri 14	
1.10pm	Thakeham Bridge Club – p4
Sat 15	
12 noon	Family Fun Day & Hawaiian Night – p20
12 noon	Wedding – St Mary's, Thakeham: David Hillman and Sophie Levett
1pm	Behind the Scenes at Chichester Cathedral – p32
2.30pm	Wedding – St Mary's, Sullington: Richard Kerslake and Taryn Paten
Sun 16 Trinity 5	
3pm	Tea in the Garden – p4
Tue 18	
2pm	SPACE – Arts and Craft Group – p28
2pm	Knit and Stitch Tea – p4
7.10pm	Thakeham Bridge Club – p4
Wed 19	
7.30pm	Sullington Windmills WI – Meeting – p32
Thu 20	
2pm	Storrington Conservation Society – Working Party – p20

Fri 21	
1.10pm	Thakeham Bridge Club – p4
7.30pm	Storrington Horticultural Society – Talk – p27
Sat 22	
10am	Sandgate Conservation Society – Working Party – p23
	Wedding – St Mary's, Storrington: Arran Elliott and Millie Garden
2pm	Thakeham Gardeners' Club – Flower Show – p28
6.30pm	Sandgate Singers – Summer Concert – p33
Sun 23 Trinity 6	
6pm	Summer Songs of Praise – St Mary's, Storrington – p6
Tue 25	
7.10pm	Thakeham Bridge Club – p4
7.30pm	Mary How Trust Film Society – <i>Hidden Figures</i> – p31
Wed 26	
2pm	Storrington Flower Club – Meeting – p31
Thu 27	
3pm	Tea with the Vicar – p5
Fri 28	
	THAKEHAM FESTIVAL – p10
10am	Family Fun Day – Chichester Cathedral – p16
1.10pm	Thakeham Bridge Club – p4
6pm	Concert – Thakeham Rocks – p4
Sat 29	
	THAKEHAM FESTIVAL – p10
Sun 30 Trinity 7	
	THAKEHAM FESTIVAL – p10
10am	Storrington Classic Vehicle Show – p33
6.30pm	Thakeham Festival Evensong at St Mary's, Thakeham

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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL DAYS

JULY	
Sat 1	<i>Henry, John and Henry Venn the Younger, 1797, 1813 and 1873, father, son and grandson, Henry (senior) founded the Clapham Sect of Anglican Church, John was founder of Church Missionary Society</i>
Mon 3	THOMAS, APOSTLE
Thu 6	<i>Thomas More, 1535, scholar and author of Utopia</i> <i>John Fisher, 1535, Bishop of Rochester, Reformation Martyrs</i>
Tue 11	Benedict of Nursia, c.550 , patron saint of Europe
Fri 14	<i>John Keble, founder of Keble College, Oxford, and Patron of St Mary's Church, Storrington</i>
Sat 15	<i>Swithun, c.862, reputation for posthumous miracle-working and if it rains on his day, it will rain for 40 days!</i>
Sun 16	<i>Osmund of Salisbury, 1099, Bishop of Salisbury</i>
Tue 18	<i>Elizabeth Ferard, 1883, revitalized the deaconess order in the Anglican Communion</i>
Wed 19	Gregory and Macrina, c.394 and 379, Gregory was one of the 3 Cappadocian Fathers, and his sister, Macrina, was a nun
Sat 22	ST MARY MAGDALENE
Sun 23	<i>Bridget of Sweden, 1373, founder of the Bridgettines nuns and monks</i>
Tue 25	ST JAMES, APOSTLE
Thu 27	<i>Brooke Foss Westcott, 1901, Bishop of Durham and author of many influential writings</i>
Sat 29	Mary, Martha and Lazarus, Companions of our Lord
Sun 30	William Wilberforce, 1833 , leader of the movement to abolish the slave trade
Mon 31	<i>Ignatius of Loyola, 1556, founded the Society of Jesus (Jesuits)</i>



STORRINGTON CONSERVATION SOCIETY

Early in June there was something cheering about seeing children feeding ducklings at the Village Memorial Pond. Family responsibilities: Mallard mum fussing around her brood while watchful parent provided scraps for toddlers to distribute. In the background, attractive fountains aerating the water completed the picture. Nothing extraordinary, but reassuring. Healthy ducklings indicated a healthy pond. A good environment for wildlife, and ourselves, and perhaps the feeding of ducklings will inspire the toddlers to value and care for the natural world as they grow up.

Clearly, Michael and Jane Joseph were inspired to create their wonderful wildflower meadow near Adversane. On 31 May, a party of about 25 of us were delighted to be shown the meadow in all its glory. With so many such meadows having been lost to agriculture and development, it is good to see some are being carefully restored. Thank you to Michael and Jane.

Our Saturday work party on 3 June, joined by welcome new volunteers, spent the morning in The Glade laying wood chippings and clearing back undergrowth to keep the paths accessible. It is good to see dog walkers and others enjoying the woodland. On **Saturday 1 July** we will be at the West Street Garden preparing it for the *In Bloom* judging later in the month. For details of the Thursday work party on **20 July at 2pm**, please refer to our website. We are not an exclusive group; anyone interested in caring for our local natural amenities is welcome to join us. Young or old, no age limit.

For information about this and all our activities, or becoming a member, please get in touch with Mick Denness on 745971, or see our website www.storringtonconservation.org.uk.

Stuart Kersley

GARDEN HELP FROM LEAF AND SEED!



Hello, and let me introduce myself! My name is Heidi Hurwood and I run my own gardening business, Leaf and Seed.

Although I have long been a plant lover, my interest in all things horticultural took off in 2004 when I first got an allotment, producing fruit, vegetables and

flowers for my family and home. I enjoyed gardening so much that in 2010 I decided to study horticulture, and after gaining several Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) qualifications, and with passion undimmed, I made the decision to turn my hobby into my profession and Leaf and Seed was born!

I enjoy working on both small plots and the challenge of shaping and maintaining up to a couple of acres. I know how personal a garden is to my clients so I work closely with them, discussing their exact needs and outcome for their garden with a friendly, personal approach. I am a conscientious gardener who will treat your garden with the same care and attention as if it were my own.

My specialities are a particular focus on plant health, gardening for biodiversity and getting the right plant for the right place. So, if you have trouble with a particular plant, do get in touch.

Storrington is a favourite place of mine to work as parts of it has such sandy soil it makes a welcome change from the heavy clay of much of the low Weald and a joy to garden in, certainly from my back's point of view!

So, whether you are too busy, but still want a fabulous garden, or less able to manage your garden, please don't hesitate to get in touch; I look forward to forging a great relationship with you and your garden!

For further information, see:

<https://leafandseed.co.uk>, or contact Heidi on 07952122228 or heidi@leafandseed.co.uk.

Editor – Heidi will now have a regular feature in 3 Heralds – see page 32.

DOWNLAND ENSEMBLE

A community orchestra for string and woodwind players of all ages

Our final rehearsal before the summer break is on **Saturday 1 July** in Arun Hall, Pulborough Village Hall 9.45am to 11am



At 11am family and friends are welcome to come and join us to listen to a play through of the pieces we have learnt this term and then a reviving cuppa at Oddfellows Arms afterwards!

Rehearsals will begin again on **Saturday 9 September**

For enquiries about joining the orchestra contact Ros on 01798 875804 • downlandensemble@gmail.com

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COLIN RETIRES AS DENTIST AFTER 38 YEARS

Colin Buck has retired from the Old Mill Surgery, Storrington after practising dentistry there for 38 years.

Colin grew up on a farm in Rotherfield, East Sussex. He trained at University College, London and after a short time working in London,



Colin with practice staff

came to Storrington in 1979. The staff, many of whom have been working there for over 20 years, will miss his wicked sense of humour and kind, caring nature. Colin will fill his retirement with his many hobbies, including playing squash, gardening, fishing and looking after his grandchildren.

The staff are delighted to welcome Edmund Gazala, who has taken over the practice. Edmund qualified in Sweden in 2003

and has postgraduate diplomas in prosthetics, oral surgery and implants. He has practised in Sussex since 2013. He will continue the caring ethos of the practice.

Edmund Gazala with practice staff



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Garden kindly opened by Mr Bedford



WEST CHILTINGTON DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Auditions for our November (23, 24 and 25) production are on Monday 31 July and Thursday 3 August in the West Chiltington Village Hall at 7.30pm. *Quartet*, by Ronald Harwood, is an extremely amusing play with four very different characters ranging from the prima donna through the eternal rake to the self-effacing. No singing is required! For more information contact the directors, Geoffrey and Jennifer Steward on 01798 874932

This year our August Members' Evening is at 7pm for 7.30pm on Saturday 19 August. It will start with the world premiere of a new play by Edwin Preece, *Hanging on by a Thread*, followed by a supper. A bar and raffle will complete the event. Tickets will be strictly limited on a first come first served basis as it is a one-night production.

The review, by Amanda Hislop, of our May play, *Party Piece*, follows:

"In May, audiences were once again thoroughly entertained by the latest production from West Chiltington Dramatic Society, *Party Piece*, by Richard Harris. This was a very fast-paced and funny play set in the back gardens of feuding neighbours. The set was, as always, spectacular and very realistic, and an especially wonderful achievement given the relatively small size of the stage compared to what needed to be set out.

This was a very demanding play as there were lots of fast one-liners, and so much rushing on and off stage, but the cast coped very well. John Pounder, as Michal Smethurst, did extremely well, upholding the character of the snobbish but pompous doctor and owner of his new house, accompanied by his rather anxious wife, Roma, played by Penny Walker. It was very moving to see how events developed as Roma became more agitated as their invited house-warming guests cancelled over the course of the evening.

The house owner next door, Mrs Hinson, was played by Betsy Rimmer, who did an amazing job portraying a dotty old lady, wielding a Zimmer frame, and obviously not very enamoured with her daughter-in-law, Jennifer, played by Angela Sloan. The relationship between Mrs Hinson and Jennifer was quite hilarious as there was obviously no love lost between the two characters and this was expressed so well between these two with comical animosity.

Then came the very placid son of Mrs Hinson and Jennifer's husband, David, played by the newcomer to WCDS, Colin Penfold. My heart went out to him as David tried to make peace between his mother and Jennifer, to no avail! As the 'party' gets into full swing, we were introduced to the delights of John Rimmer appearing as Toby, very much a ladies' man looking for his next victim, and Janet Methley as Sandy, an extremely brightly-coloured, single, party-goer, loving life. These two characters added another depth to the play, and continued with those fabulous witty lines.

The cast really worked well together, with a very difficult task of fast delivery of lines, a huge number of props to cope with and numerous dashing in and out of doors, but still managed to create an extremely funny, entertaining and captivating evening. Miq Kelland, director, has done a great job bringing the actors together to produce this fast-moving and well-delivered play, supported by his assistant, Jennifer Steward. Congratulations go to a fantastic set, brilliant lighting and sound effects and a well-organised team in coordinating all aspects of this production.

Once again, West Chiltington Dramatic Society has put on a thoroughly enjoyable and challenging production. Well done to everyone, and thank you to all involved."

John Rimmer, Chairman

STORRINGTON & SULLINGTON – REFLECTIONS OF THE PAST

MEMORIES OF TRAFFIC

Charles Mant was the village vet, son of the Mant family of solicitors, who were greatly disappointed in him when he decided that the Law was not for him, as his interest was in animals and the countryside. He was born in 1888 and saw great changes in the village which he recorded in his old age between 1959 and 1962. Although he remembered a great deal, some of his historical memories are gossipy and not entirely accurate, but show a wonderful picture of the village in which he grew up and had his livelihood. Let him tell the stories of traffic through the changes from his beloved horses to the motor car.



Charles Mant with pony, Emmie, about 1911

"...they, [the White Canons] ran a large chocolate factory ... many village people worked in this factory - Frank Piper worked there for many years as a general head man and 'factotum'. He used



Mrs Richardson' milk round

to drive a waggonette to Pulborough Station to put the chocolates on the rail and also to take the monks to and from the station. They had here at the monastery one of the first motor cars in the district. Later on, Frank drove this, I suppose it was sometime about 1898 or so ..."

"...there was a harness-maker's and saddler's shop run ... by a Mr Collyer who was a Liberal, a terrible thing in those days of staunch Conservatism. After, Collyer gave up his shop; he had to in the end as he had lost his trade through his politics as 'the Gentry', when they knew he was a Liberal, would not employ him. At election time he always wore the Liberal colours on his pony's bridle and whip, and this annoyed old General Godman who ceased to employ him and also 'passed the good word around to all the others'. Percy Challen took over the shop, first as a saddler, then a cycle shop and finally, as motors generally came along, as a motor garage."



Southdown Garage, top of The Square

"The bottom yard near the back of the [White Horse] hotel there was a loose box and four stables, this is partly converted into garages - the old coach house half way up the yard has gone completely. Ernest Hammond ran this yard for years; old John Lucas ... was in charge in those days when I first remember it ... Old George Butcher helped Lucas for years, then Miles of Findon took over the yard with Bert Cooper as chief 'fly driver' ['fly- by-nights' were horse-driven cabs for hire, like taxis]. Bert Cooper worked there for years afterwards and became a chauffeur, driving the first Flanders car that I ever saw - I remember Bert, long before the 1914-18 war driving a party of us to Imber Court Trotting Races near Esher ... on the way home somewhere near Capel, the back axle of the Flanders broke and we had to walk eight miles late at



Chauffeur with early car

night back to Horsham to get help ... I had it then [the yard] paying only 10/- per week - I let the office to the Bus Company for 7/6 per week so easily showed a profit ... Mrs Powell ran a hire service business there for a while with Cooper and Ron Mitchell as car drivers."

"I bought my first car, a Ford - I had to buy a second-hand one because at that time [1919] no new ones could be obtained.

'Wag' Stocker [owner of the garage at the corner of North Street and The Square] bought it for me from Linfields of Thakeham and it was a terrible old thing, worn out actually ... I got so disgusted with this car that I sold it, fortunately without loss. and bought another pony, 'Snowball' who worked with old Joe [pony]."



'Wag' Stocker in a post-war car



Coal delivery

"The various coachmen who drove for both Lord Leconfield and Mr Vanderbilt were truly 'knights of the road' - they were polite and courteous [sic] users of the road or Turnpike as it was called in the past - giving and receiving all salutations to and from other users of the road, both pedestrians and horse

drivers and riders and at times, also the new and latest users of the road - I refer of course to the Motorist - unfortunately those driving motor cars have a very high percentage of people who do not know or understand - even if they tried - to consider the problems of the road and cannot, I fear, except a very few, be called that wonderful name, 'a knight of the road'. It was through this terrible thoughtless state of affairs that, so far as the Highway, a new word and probably not found in the dictionary, was found and amply described many road users of today - in case my reader cannot recognise the way I have described it, I say it now, the word I refer to is the word 'Roadhog' and how aptly described --- I have seen it, or rather saw it myself when I drove ponies, altho' at that time motors were scarce compared with what they are today - I gave up driving horses in my practice first of all at the end of 1919 ... I returned to ponies again for some months and then bought a Rover car --- this was the first type of new car that was put on the market after the '14-'18 war. I bought it in 1922 immediately they were put out for sale and it cost me £220 plus £10 for a spare wheel and tyre. This to us was a great little car and we had much pleasure from it. I was able to carry on with my practice, with no trouble feeding horses &c.



The Square about 1907

The last case I attended by horse transport was at Findon - this was at Albert Short's farm and Joe was turned out to rest (he is now resting at the bottom of the garden of The Dawes, poor old chap). This call came in about 12.30am. Something had gone wrong with the Rover and I could not drive it ... I had to go down, catch Joe from the meadow in North Lane, now built over, harness him up in the yellow American waggon ... I think we lost about three out of the four shoes on the road, but as many cases before ... Joe and I got there, did the job and got home safely - I think that was the last time that old Joe came into the yard via West Street [the old pony lived to 43 years, eventually destroyed by CMB himself when he [the pony] suffered digestive problems, getting up from a sickbed, and bringing him up to the yard and burying him where he fell. He would not allow anyone else do this - [CBM's father had bought Joe in 1904-5 from Sinclair, the first landlord of Downsview Hotel opposite Worthing Station.]"

Writing of the old coaching days and renowned famous coach drivers, he named several, including Dick Hunt who lived at Brighton and drove a team to Goodwood and who was "... a very

A GROWING NUMBER OF RESIDENTS TELL US ONCE

Around 5,800 recently bereaved West Sussex residents used a service last year which helps alleviate some of the strain when a loved one dies.

Used for more than two thirds of all registered deaths in the county, the free Tell Us Once service notifies multiple government and council agencies about a recorded death from a single point of contact. Residents in West Sussex also have access to a more unique service via the Coroner's team.

County Council Cabinet Member for Stronger, Safer Communities, Debbie Kennard, said: "When the cause of death is unknown then it is referred to our Coroner but this can take a bit longer to process. In the past, this meant that when a death is 'registered' it was too late to use the Tell Us Once service. But with around 3,000 deaths referred to the Coroner each year, the team decided to take matters into their own hands and register the deceased's details onto the Tell Us Once website so families can use it straightaway. We are one of the few local authorities that offer this special service and it has already made a difference. It can help make a stressful situation that little bit easier."

The Tell Us Once resource notifies organisations including the HMRC, DVLA and council services through the Department of Work and Pensions with a single phone call or online registration.

Last year, in 2016/17, there were 8,730 deaths in the county and 5,845 used the Tell Us Once Service.

The Tell Us Once Service then went on to notify individual County Council services – a total of 9,500 notifications across libraries, adult social services, Blue Badge services and concessionary travel. This meant 9,500 fewer times that residents have had to contact individual County Council departments plus even more contacts avoided with other organisations, including Council Tax and Identity and Passport Services.

Debbie Kennard said: "I'm pleased to see so many people in West Sussex continuing to use the service nearly two years after it was first launched here. We want to relieve our residents' minds of worry at a sensitive time when their thoughts should be with loved ones."

For more information, please visit www.westsussex.gov.uk and search 'Tell Us Once'.



Early bus which opened the Worthing-Pulborough service

motor vans &c, &c, all tearing along as if they had not a minute to live, also this is true for the death rate on the roads is terrific - 'Speed and Greed' is the thing today - timber carriers get bigger and bigger. At the saw mills in Thakeham Road trees are lifted off the carriers by great cranes and put in a heap, as if they were so many sticks - again see great quantities of electric apparatus - transformers, boilers &c., that are taken by road from the factories to the sites where they have to be erected for industry, perhaps so big that they spread nearly over the road and have to be led by a police car to warn oncoming traffic of their approach. I saw one at the foot of Washington Bostal the other day, it had partly fallen off its lorry (a great transformer) and Police and RAC men were

broken-hearted man when horses were driven off the roads by the motor cars - Dear me, how he hated the motor car and its' drivers - the roads of today [1970s], look what they carry,

Buses in every main and remote part of the countryside - great timber transports, 6, 8, 10 wheeled vehicles, motorcycles, motor cars, all tearing along as if they had not a minute to live, also this is true for the death rate on the roads is terrific - 'Speed and Greed' is the thing today - timber carriers get bigger and bigger. At the saw mills in Thakeham Road trees are lifted off the carriers by great cranes and put in a heap, as if they were so many sticks - again see great quantities of electric apparatus - transformers, boilers &c., that are taken by road from the factories to the sites where they have to be erected for industry, perhaps so big that they spread nearly over the road and have to be led by a police car to warn oncoming traffic of their approach. I saw one at the foot of Washington Bostal the other day, it had partly fallen off its lorry (a great transformer) and Police and RAC men were



SANDGATE CONSERVATION SOCIETY

Normally the Society has a break from working on Sullington Warren during July, but it has been decided to field a work party this month, with a break in August.

It will be interesting to see if we get the number of volunteers hoped for, so if you have an hour or so free on the **8 July**, why not come and join us ?

Work parties in Sandgate Park continue throughout the year with a break during December.

We will be at Sullington Warren on the second Saturday and Sandgate Park on the fourth Saturday of each month, where work starts at 10am until 12 noon, with a break for coffee or lemonade and delicious cake, just to keep the energy flowing.

Any time that you can spare for the conservation of these local areas of outstanding natural beauty will be greatly appreciated.

To learn more about the Sandgate Conservation Society, who work closely with the National Trust and Horsham District Council, please contact our Chairman, Jacinta White on 01798 813545 or see www.sandgate-conservation.org.uk

Brian Barnes



controlling a single line of traffic - it happened at a narrow part of the road too, just where the big road turns up to the limekilns at the bottom of the hill ... [re accidents].



The Number 1 Bus service in the square 1905, Sussex Motor Road Car Co.

Another great source of danger on the roads is the number of poor dogs which are allowed to roam about. Dogs cause more accidents than we ever dream about - poor things. In my profession, I see such a lot of it - dogs injured, dead or dying are constantly being picked up by myself and my colleagues - some we manage to save but many are injured beyond all hope of recovery..."

I must add one last anecdote from another source. A man sitting in the White Horse at a window saw his very first car go past. The sight of a driver perched up there without reins or a horse to pull the vehicle had him helpless with laughter.

So much for a glimpse of life over the change from horse to horse-power. What has really changed?

Joan Ham (Village Historian) Ron.ham@talktalk.net



STORRINGTON & DISTRICT MUSEUM

'Life Moves On' is the title of our current exhibition. I once thought my grandmother's generation had lived through all the changes possible. She saw the coming of the internal combustion engine and the consequent carving up of the land to make massive roads; she saw the first aeroplanes; she experienced electricity and the wonder of tap water delivered to almost all homes in the United Kingdom; she was given penicillin; she had a telephone and wireless and, although she never owned a television, they were invented long before she died.

Now I know I was wrong. Change is perpetual, with renewable energy, melting glaciers, and global warming, providing the impetus. We have personal telephones and general surveillance, cyber-crime and drones, everything is on line so that paper-loving people like me are left far behind. But have we gone forwards, backwards or merely sideways? Our exhibition looks at items from our Museum collection which illustrate the changing scene. This exhibition will continue **until Sunday 17 September**.

In the last edition of 3 *Heralds*, I mentioned that we have a small reference library at the Museum. I would like to enlarge on that statement and tell you some of the books we have that can be useful to young and old in research about Storrington and its neighbouring villages, and possibly tell you about your own family if you come from Sussex.

When people come to the Museum with enquiries, the first books we usually look at are either those by Florence Greenfield, *Round About Old Storrington*, written in 1972, and *More About Old Storrington*, or those by Joan Ham *Storrington in Pictures* (1979), *Storrington Through the Twentieth Century* (2002), and *Storrington in Georgian and Victorian Times*. We also have her book on Sullington as well as *Yesterday in Sullington* by R L Hayward.

We have a *Kelly's Directory* and a *Blue Book* from the early 20th century, and have photocopied the most relevant pages to allow easier reference. We have *Melville & Cox* for 1858 which gives the names of residents and businesses, street by street and village by village. We have guides for most of the local churches and the records of the Storrington Deanery for the years 1885, '86 and '88 which, sadly, do not appear to cover the actual Storrington parish but are good for places further afield.

We have copies of Storrington Parish Magazine from 1931, so if you are looking for christenings, marriages, or deaths, you might find them here. We also have all the census records from 1841 to 1901.

The Victoria County History is an invaluable source for early history and we have a complete set and also have a copy of *Castles and Mansions of Western Sussex*, printed in 1879. It has little to do with castles and mansions as such, but tells exactly who owned the land in West Sussex from the Conquest up to the date it was published. Storrington itself has a very short entry compared with Washington or Sullington, but it has a larger entry than Steyning! Some names mentioned in the Storrington entry are Henry, Earl of Arundel, John Apsley, James Butler, William Batcock, the family Byne, Thomas Barttelot, and Frederick King. These people owned the land; everyone else's land was leasehold from them. It is interesting to see, for how short a time historically, ordinary people have actually been able to own freehold land.

We have Martin Mace's books about Sussex and the Second World War, as well as books on many aspects of Sussex life; its industry, iron workings, sand pits, crafts, agriculture, and wild life. There are books about Sussex people and some of their writings, for example, Hugh de Selincourt's *Cricket March*, Francis Thompson, Alice Megnell and Arthur Bell's poetry, Antonia White's *Diaries*, and Sheila Kaye Smith's novels. If you have never read any of Sheila Kaye Smith's novels you might find them interesting, as she lived in

East Sussex and her stories are based in that area, but occasionally she wanders into West Sussex. In her day (1887-1956), she was favourably compared with Thomas Hardy, but her star has faded. Her book *Sussex Gorse* is one of the most relentless and harrowing I have ever read; it was probably this sort of novel that Stella Gibbons' *Cold Comfort Farm* poked fun at.

So why not come and see what books we have.

The Museum is trying to find out about a local potter named Quinlan. We have several pieces by this person and would very much like to know more and the potter who made them. If you have any information we would be very grateful if you would share it with us.

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SOUTH DOWNS PROBUS



At the Annual Meeting in May, the retiring President, Brian McConnell, reported on another successful year with good attendance at luncheons and social events. Finances are sound showing a small surplus. The meeting approved the President's recommendation that this year a donation of £200 be made to the Chestnut Tree Children's Hospice.

A new Committee was elected for the forthcoming year, with Peter Gillam as President and Roger Arthur as Vice President. Brian McConnell was warmly thanked for his service over the past year, as was Mike Newton, who retires after two years as Club Secretary.

At the Black Tie Dinner on 23 June, South Downs Probus celebrated the 25th Anniversary of the founding of the Club. At that time, Storrington Probus, the only Club in the area, had reached its membership capacity of 40. It was therefore agreed that a small group of its members should leave and set up a new Probus to be named South Downs. The Probus movement was originated from Canada and the first club in the UK was at Caterham, Surrey about 40 years ago. Since then it has spread rapidly.

Membership is for retired and semi-retired Professional and Business People, hence the acronym PROBUS. A programme of meetings and social events is a welcome means of providing interest and friendship with the like-minded.

The activities of South Downs Probus comprise a monthly luncheon meeting followed by a speaker, and regular attendance is expected. A social programme, which includes wives and partners, consists of monthly coffee mornings, three ladies' luncheons and a black-tie dinner each year, as well as events such as quizzes, skittles and croquet. Visits are arranged, usually by coach, to the theatre and places of interest, such as museums and National Trust properties.

The Club has lost, through deaths, a number of its older members this year, including only recently John Varney and Guy Ruffle, who have both been members for many years and we send our condolences to their widows and families.

The Club now has a few vacancies and any person interested in membership is invited to contact Mike Newton on 742044.

Derek Down

WEST CHILTINGTON AND STORRINGTON MOTHERS' UNION

Mothers' UNION Christian care for families

On Sunday 21 May, Sonia Fox, along with Jean and Ray Hunt, visited the MU caravan at Selsey, where they were welcomed with delicious refreshments. Amongst those visiting were our Diocesan President and Treasurer, Kathryn and Andy Anderson, the Diocesan President and her husband from Rochester Diocese, who would like to make use of it for their AFlA scheme, and then ladies from Selsey who look after the caravan and welcome visitors each week. As a result of doing this work, Selsey's MU Branch is to re-open on 10 September.

At our meeting on 1 June, Sally Boyland very kindly prepared and led our service. Jean Hunt then proceeded to relate her experiences of Safari in South Africa, aided with a collage of photos. Daughter-in-law Melanie was born in South Africa and was keen that her new family should see where she grew up, so put a wonderful itinerary together, covering nearly three weeks.

"Five of the family flew to Johannesburg and stayed the first night in a wonderful B&B on the outskirts near Melanie's relations. On arrival, it was a little off-putting to see all the properties had electric gates with "Armed Response" notices on them. However, the accommodation was superb, with bananas growing in the garden, and across the road, Aunt Ros welcomed us with a veritable feast to meet all the relations. Our first experience of wild life was an ibis, about the size of a small goose, with a very long beak, sitting on the garage roof.

"The next day we flew to Richard's Bay, picking up a car to get to Thanda Game Reserve, Melanie teaching James the etiquette of driving in South Africa *en route*. We arrived in the dark with a terrific thunder and lightning storm raging. The three days there were full of delights: luxurious accommodation; wonderful food at every meal; two thrilling drives at 6am and 3pm every day with an excellent driver and tracker; and seeing the animals at close quarters. As well as impala, kudu, water buffalo, cheetahs, wildebeest, zebras, giraffes

and white rhino, we had two sightings of lions. The first occasion was a sister and brother lion feeding off a wildebeest carcass, although sister had to wait for brother to eat his fill. The next day at dusk, we found a lioness with her three year old daughter and two month old cubs, feeding off a carcass, the lioness on guard no more than six feet from our truck. Even more awesome was the herd of elephants with a very small baby, and at our approach they formed a circle around the baby and we could hear them rumbling to each other. When they were sure we were not a threat, they carried on grazing. The next day they crossed our path with one of the matriarchs, going behind our truck to investigate Sarah with her trunk!

"Our journey continued via Durban to fly to Cape Town, staying in an apartment overlooking the sea, affording us views of amazing sunsets. From there, we made several visits: Table Mountain by cable-car on a clear, sunny day, to be greeted by a dassie, like a big hamster, at the top; Robben Island where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned, with a former inmate as our guide; we saw penguins and went whale watching; enjoyed the liveliness of the Victoria and Alfred Waterfront; visited five vineyards in the Winelands; and stayed on an eco-farm where the water was natural, only being filtered through sand, and came out brown from the tap!

"There were many more memories and experiences but time at the meeting had more than run out; however it was such a joy to recall such an amazing trip"

Regrettably, no enquiries were received for tickets for the MU Fun Day at Amberley Museum & Heritage Centre on 8 July. Concessionary tickets will NOT be available on the day.

On 6 July, our Annual Garden Party, with invited guests, will be held at the home of Jean Hunt, or West Chiltington Church Hall if wet. There will be a raffle, cake stall and bring-and-buy, to raise funds for *Away From It All* Holidays, the two MU caravans at Winchelsea and Selsey.

Jean Hunt

STORRINGTON COMMUNITY MARKET Village Hall, opposite Stable Antiques

Open Friday July 7, 14, 21, 28
from 10am to 11.15am.

Please come along and support your Local Community Market selling delicious home-made cakes and savouries, jams and marmalades, eggs, local free range pork, mushrooms & vegetables, plants, flowers & perennials. Also a wide range of handicrafts, cards & jewellery and Aloe Vera skincare and health products. Stop for a coffee or tea and cake and browse our second hand book stall.

All are welcome
and we look forward to
seeing you, especially
if you are new to the
village, it's a great way
to meet people!



STORRINGTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

To a packed hall, Derek Dexter gave an interesting talk about Fuchsias. He started by thanking his wife, who, after his heart attack in March, had taken 2500 cuttings!

He started in 1998 growing and showing with his local club in Woking. He has entered many premier shows and at Hampton Court Flower Show he won a Silver Gilt.

He showed the audience by putting small cuttings into 2" pots with leaves not touching and then placing into a small propagator which could be made from a large plastic bottle or even a 3" sandwich bag. Anyone can take cuttings, which is easy and may be taken anytime from spring to autumn. Currently he is using B & Q Verve compost, nothing fancy.

The major enemy of Fuchsias is Gall mite, which are minute animals that cause abnormal growth, as well as white fly, red spider mite and thrips.

When the cuttings show leaves, pinch out the tips which results in a bushier plant. Another useful idea was to attach a clothes peg to a leaf to make the plant achieve a rounded shape.

The evening was most entertaining and enjoyed by all.

On 21 July, Adrian Thomas from the RSPB is giving an illustrated talk on 'Gardening for Wildlife'.

The Summer Show at Storrington Village Hall is on **5 August**.

Barbara Hunt

STORRINGTON FLOWER CLUB



New Chairman, Chrissy Desmond, opened the meeting, with new members and visitors particularly welcomed.

The meeting marked the new Club year. A programme for the year had been planned, and this year the Club hopes to include some practical workshops in addition to Club meetings.

The demonstrator was Kathryn Austin Goddard. She commented first of all on the Club members' entries to the competition entitled Spring Fresh. She applauded the Club still holding competitions and considered the entries of a good standard. Her demonstration was entitled *Damsels and Dragonflies*, with two contrasting arrangements, the first depicting the flame of a dragon.



Club member's
competition
arrangement

The tall triangular shape was based on twisted Hazel forming height and Fatsia leaves as a base. The flowers were all of an orange red or yellow hue depicting the flames from a dragon's mouth. Flowers used were Orange Lilies, Red Gerbera, miniature Gerbera and Yellow and Red Roses. The second arrangement was homage to Madam Butterfly, dominated by a white Phalaenopsis Orchid, with White Roses forming a curve



Flame of
a dragon

through the arrangement and cut down Fatsia leaves at the base.

The arrangement was enhanced by some gold curly sticks which added movement. Kathryn made five attractive arrangements in total.

Allison Goodfellow gave a warm vote of thanks, commenting on the lovely arrangements and the useful tips regarding getting the stamens off Lilies (using a plastic fork), reminding us Oasis now contains flower food, and suggesting TKMax is a great place to find unusual containers.



Homage
to Madam
Butterfly

The Club is pleased to welcome visitors and new members. You do not need to be a flower arranger to come and join us. The meeting is informal, welcoming a monthly demonstrator whose arrangements are raffled at the end of the meeting. We have a second-hand bookstall and an accessory stall for flower arranging. Refreshment and chats end a pleasant and informative afternoon.

Susanne Carter



Winner of
beginners'
entry



THAKEHAM GARDENERS' CLUB

Our speaker at the May meeting was Dr Stephen Millan who talked about new ideas for fruit and vegetables. Apologies to those who were expecting a talk on dahlias but that speaker cancelled. Stephen is head of department at Brinsbury, having been principal up to last year. His horticultural career after university encompassed 28 years in Dundee for Scottish crops research, who are responsible for Maris and Pentland potatoes, all 'Ben' prefixed black currants and 'Glen' raspberries. West Sussex is famous for crop growing; 50% of both peppers and culinary herbs are grown here. Home grown vegetables have high levels of both nutrients and vitamins and some crops can be very quick to mature, such as rocket micro and salad greens. The popularity of Kale has increased and it is now very trendy; in Germany it is celebrated with its own festival. The shortage of hops was mentioned and we were surprised to learn that Sussex has 60 breweries. Stephen also talked about Brinsbury College and the success of its students, who won gold medals as Young Gardeners of the Year in 2012/13/14 and a silver-gilt last year. Many other crops and growing techniques were talked about in what was a very interesting evening, and Dr Millan was thanked for stepping in at the last moment to speak to us.

Our Spring Plant Sale was held on 13 May and was our most successful to date. The hall was brimming with plants which sold quickly, as did the cakes on the homemade cake stall. Thanks to all those who supported this event by donating plants or purchasing.

Our speaker at the next meeting on **10 July** will be Patricia Liechti-Clarke who will be talking about unusual hardy plants.

Our Flower Show is on **Saturday 22 July**. Doors open at 2pm, with trophy presentations at 3.30 pm. Schedules are available from Gatleys, Village Nurseries and show chairman, Janet, on 744980. Entries are open to all, so don't be shy to have a go! There are several classes including cookery and preserves, art and photography, and crafts for those less green-fingered.

Meetings take place at 7.30pm on the second Monday in the month at Thakeham Village Hall. We welcome new members and guests; come along to the Hall on Club night or ring our Chairman Bruce on 892466 for further details.

Sandra Jenkins



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CRICKET IN STORRINGTON



Colin Harrison: 50 Years a Player

We raise our glasses to Colin Harrison, affectionately known by everyone as 'H', who, playing in the match against Worthing on 13 May 2017, celebrated exactly 50 years of playing cricket for Storrington Cricket Club. Colin was 14 years old when he played his first game for the seniors on 13 May 1967, already having been a junior member of the Club for several years. Colin was a pupil of Steyning Grammar School from 1964 to 1970. When the Sussex Invitation Cricket League was formed in 1977 (Storrington was a founder Club), Colin was Vice Captain of the Club's 2nd XI. He subsequently captained the 2nd XI for three years in the period when the Club celebrated its 200th anniversary in 1993. Colin was more accustomed to bowling, with a deceptive left arm medium action, but with the bat his highlight achievement was partnering Steve Watkins, our current chairman, in an unbroken opening partnership of 178 runs for a 10 wicket victory over Southwater in a League game, toppling the previous record of an unbeaten 167 by Malcolm Dillworth and Chris Winter at Wisborough Green a few years earlier. As a bowler, Colin has achieved that rare feat of taking a hat trick. For some 40 years, Colin has been preparing wickets week in, week out, for the Club, which unstinting service has been recognised by a Club Man award. His gentlemanly approach to cricket is a fine example to all at the Club, both young and old, and moreover he is a great ambassador for the game as well as a fount of knowledge about Storrington cricket. We salute you, and thank you 'H'.



'H' holding his presentation tankard

Our senior team has made a very good start to the league season, winning four out of its first five matches. Victories have been achieved over Findon, Worthing, Lancing Manor, and Portslade. Our only defeat has been by Warnham, and we will have the opportunity to turn the tables in August! In the first game against Findon, veteran Mark Haggart scored an unbeaten 80, which he followed up the next week with 69 against Worthing. Skipper Ian Homewood scored the first century of the season with 115 in that game. Andy Livermore has been our leading wicket taker so far, and has made useful contributions with the bat. His two sons are also welcome additions to the Club, and it's been good to see the Pickard brothers back in action for us. A big morale booster is that the skipper has created a strong nucleus of players, ensuring that we are able to field full sides each Saturday match. Importantly, by a process of rotation, everyone is getting regular games.

Both junior league teams for the Cygnets continue to demonstrate good progress in developing their cricketing skills. So far, the U10's have played Worthing and Broadwater, and the U12's have played Littlehampton and Midhurst. All the games had tight finishes, even though victories have been elusive. The introduction of fortnightly Friday evening practice sessions from 6pm, with an open bar for parents, are proving popular. Alternate Sunday morning sessions from 10am continue, subject to league matches. Spectators are always welcome as we are able to sign in non-members to enjoy the bar facilities as well as the cricket.

Chris Winter

STORRINGTON FLOWER CLUB

Wednesday 26 July at 2pm
Sullington Parish Hall

Demonstrator: Angie Hyde

Theme: Top of the Pops

Competition: Let's Twist Again



STORRINGTON AND DISTRICT PROBUS



Warm days and long evenings are upon us which raises the spirits of everyone. Lots of spring and early summer flowers are in blossom to put smiles on our faces.

Sadly, I must report the passing of one of our long-standing and very active members of our Club, Brian Thompson. Brian died suddenly from heart complications. Brian was a member of the Management Committee and most recently was Membership Secretary and champion of our website and computer programmes. Brian had a lovely sense of humour and always told a good joke at our meetings. He shall be missed and our condolences go out to Edna and family.

Once again, we met at the Tollgate for our monthly lunch and Mike Grizaard presided over an ideas and humorous afternoon. Some jokes were told, but best we keep those from these pages, and some ideas were discussed for future events.

Not often we can say our members "were going to the dogs" but, quite literally, that is what a group of members, partners and friends did. They went to Brighton and Hove Greyhound Race Stadium for a race evening with food and drinks. The group enjoyed an exciting evening with seats overlooking the winning post in the restaurant. From 12 races, the group had winners and losers by choosing names, colour of dog's coats or their numbers, but all agreed it was a splendid evening and one to do again. Thanks to Peter Smith for all the organisation which this kind of event always involves.

Another enjoyable coffee morning was held, this time at The Old Forge in Storrington, organised by Don Cleary, with 24 members attending. The Old Forge is a good old favourite with our members and they did us proud, providing homemade biscuits and lovely coffee.

Our members are now very much looking forward to a holiday trip to Delft in The Netherlands and a visit to the Court Vineyard at Ditching. A paella and wine tasting evening is being reprised as it was such a success last time. Of course, there are more things in the pipeline from our very active Social Committee but more about that next time.

Enjoy the warm weather!

Peter Kerns 01798 815746

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Tuesday 25 July

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Garden enemy No 1!

I have given up buying Marigolds! I was seduced into buying them the other day, and I don't know why I bothered! I lovingly surrounded each one with eggshells, but lo and behold the next morning, nothing but a bare stalk left!

Slugs are apparently the number one most hated garden pest, and it's easy to see why! It's pointless going out at night to pick them off as it's the tiny ones that do the damage, and you'll never find them all! I do not believe blue slug pellets are a good idea as they can poison hedgehogs and birds, both of which visit my garden, although the organic pellets are fairly effective. If you are intent on using the blue pellets, put them under a slightly raised tile so that birds and hedgies can't eat them. I use eggshells purely because they're free; just bake in the oven before crushing. Nematodes are good but expensive, beer traps are good and environmentally friendly but the sight of a load of drowned, bloated, dead slugs is not a pretty sight come emptying time! Copper tape: only for pots; absolutely no luck from *Slug Gone* wool pellets - it's a constant battle that we are on the losing side of! As for sowing seeds straight into the ground, well in my opinion that is just providing a Smorgasbord of fresh, green growth for the slugs once the seedlings germinate. I guess we're just going to have to learn to live with the hated gastropods.

The snails are just as bad but at least they are easily found and have a useful shell 'handle' for ease of removal! Although it's no good chucking them over the fence; tests have been done by people painting their shells which show they have a homing instinct, and like the Arnold Schwarzenegger of the snail world *They'll be back!*

It's probably best to just be relaxed about the whole thing, put up with them, live and let live, after all, they are just the tip of the pest iceberg, I haven't even mentioned vine weevils...or cabbage whites...or mealy bugs...or lily beetles...!

As always, the Sullington Windmills meeting held in May, was devoted to discussing the Resolutions, which have been voted for nationally in the WI movement. This part of the meeting was conducted by Marita Watteau who is not only a member of Sullington Windmills but also a County Advisor. This year the two Resolutions we had to discuss were:

- 1. Alleviating loneliness:** members raised points such as loneliness knows no bounds, age, gender, wealth, poverty; you can be extremely fit or suffer ill health; anyone can suffer from loneliness. One thing we can all do is offer the hand of friendship to anyone we think maybe in need of a friend
- 2. Plastic soup - Keep micro plastic fibres out of our oceans:** this is looked on as a major problem for our future generations. Micro plastic fibres are shed from synthetic clothing with every wash and are the main contributors to micro plastic contamination of the oceans. There is currently a lack of research into how much of these particles and toxins find their way into our diet. The result of the voting was given to the delegate Rachel Martin who will represent Sullington Windmills at the National Federation Annual Meeting to be held in Liverpool.

Members were then invited to partake of the delicious array of food available, which was accompanied by tea, coffee or a glass of wine, followed by the raffle. To alleviate the serious discussion that had taken place earlier in the evening, the President organised an in-house entertainment programme, with several members taking part. The entertainment included piano recitals, humorous poems, singing and an extremely amusing sketch; a light-hearted ending to the meeting. The president closed the meeting by thanking members who had helped in any way during the meeting.

The July meeting will take place on **Wednesday 19 July**, when the speaker will be Gillian Lloyd, her talk entitled "Wild Life Begins at 50".

Meetings take place on the 3rd Wednesday of each month (2nd Wednesday December) at 7.30pm, at Sullington Parish Hall. Visitors and new members can be assured of a warm welcome. Should you require further information please contact Pat Snape on 01798 817389.

Pat Snape



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Free entry. All are welcome



FRYERN LADIES' PROBUS



At the lunch meeting on Thursday 1 June at the Roundabout Hotel, the weather was very hot, but there was a healthy attendance and the ladies were most interested in greeting the invited speaker and local resident, Mark Perry Nash. The chosen



subject was one in which we could all identify, this being 'The Wind in the Willows (Edwardian England as seen through the eyes of Kenneth Grahame's immortal characters)'.

This famous children's novel was first published in 1908 and memorably illustrated by Ernest Shepherd. It evolved from bedtime stories, which Kenneth told to his young son Alastair, and these stories formed the basis of the well-loved story we still appreciate more than a century down the line. This timeless story is about four anthropomorphised animals whose antics and behaviour teach the reader much about human society and values, relating to class and behaviour in Edwardian England. These four main characters are Mole, Ratty, Toad and Badger.

Mark presented this talk rather like a bedside story and totally gripped the attention of all ladies present as they sat transfixed with permanent reminiscent smiles on their faces. It was a lovely opportunity to return to childhood for a brief, magical spell and to be immersed in the story.

Mole is the first character who, being bored with his spring cleaning, goes above ground to explore the world above his burrow. Mole, who has never seen a river before, meets a water vole called Ratty, and the two become inseparable friends and idle their summer away enjoying the delights of the river and its banks, "simply messing about in boats". These two characters were representing the lesser skilled, lower, working class of Mole in Edwardian society, to the more gentlemanly and educated Ratty, who is a loyal and dedicated friend.

The third character to represent the idle rich in society is none other than the impetuous Toad, who thinks only of his own pleasure and is living well on inherited wealth. The distinguished Badger rounds off this quartet and is a stern and no nonsense academic, legal type who expects to be listened to as he always knows best.

These four find themselves involved in a variety of adventures to rescue Toad from his own reckless behaviour. They go through a performance of stolen cars, prison sentences; hazardous escapologists and encounters with dastardly villains in the forms of stoats and weasels (lower orders in society) from the Wild Wood. All of these episodes eventually formed a rock solid friendship within the foursome and reflected positive character traits of Edwardian England.

Other identifications of society were reflected throughout the story: Ratty's abundant picnic basket which contained "all meats" to reflect that the upper classes liked to eat well; the opposing attitude to the new conception of "the motor car", as in 1908 the thought of ever replacing horses with a noisy machine was totally unheard of in polite society; Badger's home represented a Gentleman's Club with underground courtyards and fountains plus statues of Queen Victoria and a coveted door scraper; all of these, plus many other examples, reflected just, brave and good class distinction of that era. It was also interesting to note that

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Budgens Supermarket was functioning at that time, which must make it the one of or the oldest supermarket in existence.

A fascinating revelation of hidden messages in a well-loved story was of great interest to us all and was later reinforced by Sue Povey when she thanked Mark. She made some comparison to *Animal Farm* and said how important it was that these classics stay in our heritage. Mark replied with a quote from Douglas Fairbanks which was quite fitting for the occasion: So many beautiful women and so little time": much appreciated Mark.

Our next meeting on **6 July** will feature Ian Gledhill on The Story of Crystal Palace.

Russ Fry

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The speaker, Dr Margaret Hunt, has taken a special interest in the works of Dorothy L Sayers, while the Actors Emeritus Company includes some of your known and familiar professional actors, vintage and not so vintage. *Perilous Pacts* promises an hour of lively entertainment and interest.

Note from the editor....

As I write this, I am busy packing for my holiday to Turkey. When I booked, my daughter commented on how 'unsafe' this area of the world could be. In light of recent events, it seems nowhere is 'safe'. Just today, I had a message from my daughter, who is in Munich, to say there had been a shooting. With so much uncertainty throughout the world, we can only pray that God's love will hold us together. Most religions, I believe, have a god at the centre, and no god would wish for violence or indiscriminate terrorism. Love and respect for others should be at the centre of all our lives. We must hope and pray for a peace and security as we go forward in our lives. Love will prevail. We all need to keep this in our hearts and minds and think and care for our neighbours in our communities and further afield.

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