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SULLINGTON AND THAKEHAM WITH WARMINGHURST

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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.



God backwards spells dog!

Many of you will know that I have recently become the proud owner of a locally-bred black Labrador puppy. Whilst slightly overwhelmed by the enormity of the task ahead of me, to help him continue to grow into a well-behaved, social and friendly young dog following on the brilliant work that his mum, grandmother, big sister and his brilliant first 'human' mum and dad started, we are now settling into a routine that works for us both.

Establishing this routine is important and, like anything new, it's worth getting it right as soon as possible, because apparently he doesn't come fully trained and doesn't have a manual or an off switch - I've checked! But all joking aside, I am loving every minute of watching him grow and explore this wonderful world we live in, even though his exploration of it is currently mostly confined to the back garden and to being carried to explore further afield. However, his obvious delight and marvel at things around him is infectious; only he can exhibit such joy about things like a leaf blowing across the lawn, which he excitedly chases, catches and then so proudly brings back to me to show me what he has found. It's definitely his trophy of exploration and I feel very honoured that he wants to share it with me.

I have grown accustomed to the little noises of delight as he finds something new and interesting and rushes to tell me all about it. Least ways, that is what I am assuming he is trying to do as he and I are still learning each other's language, but I am sure we will get there. I have also, like many new 'parents', become deeply suspicious of the absence of those little noises of delight as that usually means he is contemplating or getting up to mischief, and isn't quite ready to share the fun with me yet because he guesses, quite rightly, that I am going to take whatever it is away/take him away from it, or something similar which will spoil his fun!

I am sure many of you may know where the heading of this article comes from – it is from the anonymous poem about how God created so many wonderful creatures for the earth and went around naming each one of them, with an un-named trusty little four-legged creature by His side. When this little companion had watched God name everything else, he said that there were no names left for him and God told this little companion who had followed Him around tirelessly that he should have His name spelt backwards.

During the last few weeks I have had the opportunity to ponder on how much dogs can perhaps teach us about the unconditional love God has for us.

Both would be willing to stay with us all day; it's us that walk away from them to get on with other things or other bits of our lives.

Both happily wait for us to return to them and show such glee and joy when we do.

Both love us no matter what; they are there when we feel great, and when we feel that we have failed at something or feel down. In those moments, God offers us forgiveness and our faithful dogs just wag their tails and almost dance with delight to show how much they love us.

If we set our sights up, we can see God and all the wondrous things He does for us; if we look down we can see our dogs and those wagging tails. In our human frailty, we can't match that love for us; what a gift it is. But do we stop and think often enough about that gift of unconditional love?

I am looking forward to exploring further afield with my little puppy and am excited to see what marvels and wonders of God's creation he will show me which I have perhaps become so accustomed to that I am almost blind to them. I can't wait to see what more he can teach me about God's unconditional love, and I know that if I take the lead from him, open my heart and embrace his infectious love and joy for everything and everyone, then I can have every expectation that my journey will be that little bit more enlightened. I hope and pray that we can all experience that during our lives. Amen.

CHRISTINE SPENCER

Assistant Curate of St Mary's Church, Storrington

ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS RAFA CHAPEL SUSSEXDOWN

**Communion with the residents
22 June and 27 July 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

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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,
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PCC Secretary:

Allison Goodfellow (740499)
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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

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LIVES IN ST MARY'S, THAKEHAM

This month we meet Sally McCubbin, one of our young people's workers

Top outing in 2016: This would be to Hampton Court Palace

Top book read in recent days: *Time and Time Again* – Ben Elton

Top Film: *Hear no Evil, Speak no Evil* (and *Guardians of the Galaxy*!)

What brought you to Storrington?

I have lived in Storrington for 10 years, and came by chance. An old school contact mentioned that a house, 'a little wreck', was for sale within my budget. I bought it via email without an agent. It is still a work in progress, and now my much loved home.

Of the range of services at Thakeham which you most prefer, what makes it enjoyable for you?

I love the All Age Service on the first of the month. I know the songs, unlike the old hymns that are not my style. The fact that it is so easy for so many ages and stages of life to be part of an interactive time in Church makes it very special.

What in life has been meaningful for you?

Two of the jobs I have done. Firstly, working in Chestnut Tree House, supporting families in ways specific to their needs. For children to experience things they wouldn't normally be able to at such a time; swimming, being without their family while they had respite. Being the backdrop that made all these things possible.

I now work in The Weald and Downland Museum Education. The days are all so different, but we are able to give children an immersion in history, not classroom learning, but a time of inspiration that may live in their memory for future days, fostering a love of history, and a greater understanding of their world.

Finally, in a sentence or so, what is it about your journey of faith that keeps you walking the path?

The fact that God is there – I cannot deny his existence. He requests and I respond; all I do in life goes hand-in-hand with faith. This is alive – it cannot be denied. His love stays with me – I cannot shrug it off....like Peter Pan and his shadow...



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)

TEA IN THE GARDEN

3pm to 5pm All welcome

11 June

Wynn and Tom

4 Crescent Rise, Thakeham

16 July

Elke and Chris

Harbour Lights, Thakeham Road
Storrington

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

14 June, 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

Knit and Stitch Tea on Tuesday

Thakeham Church Rooms 20 June between 2pm and 4pm

All welcome. Enquiries to Wynn Lednor - 743025

'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



Revd Derek Spencer www.st-marys-sullington.org info@st-marys-sullington.org

Churchwardens:

Jo Graves (742586)
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Sullington
RH20 4AF

Churchwardens Emeriti:

Douglas Parkes (743106)
Ann Salinger (01798 813481)

Treasurer:

Gail Kittle (745754)
Sullington Manor Farm,
Sullington Lane,
Sullington RH20 4AE

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.

DEANERY SYNOD MEETING
Tythe Barn, Sullington
Wednesday 7 June at 7.30pm

**TEA
WITHOUT
THE VICAR**

In the absence of Derek, we continue to meet once a month at the house of one of our parishioners for tea and a chat. In May, we enjoyed the hospitality of Kay Channon and the delightful views from her back garden.

It was a perfect opportunity to celebrate the birthday of one of our nonagenarians whose birthday was to fall on the following week. Dear Rosemary Agabeg was pleased that we didn't try to put 90+ candles on the cake but we made up for it with a big firework-type sparkler, and, to the accompaniment on Kay's grand piano, we all sang Happy Birthday and wished her well for the coming year.



SULLINGTON REGISTERS

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

4 Sept 2016 Jackson Wright Pearce, son of Jonathan & Nicola

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

18 Nov 2016 Frederick Rowland Salinger, (98)

10 Mar 2017 Christopher John Nicholas Cotton (79)

Interment of Ashes.

27 Sept 2016 George Alborough Cockman (77)

17 Oct 2016 Elizabeth Jean Thompson McLean (78)

7 Nov 2016 Christopher John Studdert-Kennedy (94)

Family Support Work Quiz Night

Tithe Barn at Sullington Manor Farm
Friday 9 June at 7pm

With Quiz Masters Stephen and Christine Turrell

£12 per ticket

to include cheese/pate ploughman's supper with pudding and coffee

Teams of 6 formed before or on the night!

For tickets contact Gail on 745754



Tea with (or without) the Vicar

15 June at 3pm

Heather Cotton's, Thwaite House, Heather Way. Call 742587

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



SUMMER EVENSONG AT SULLINGTON CHURCH

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

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



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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Barbara Buchanan (741916)
Broad Oaks, Melton Drive RH20 4RJ

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

Parish Secretary:

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 ...*

30 April Rhys Raymond Williamson (son of Rhian and Neil)

7 May Chloe Samantha Curshev (adult)

7 May Hazel Lea Davidson (adult)

Marriages - *to love and to cherish...*

8 April Alex Butcher and Juliana da Silva Matos

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

21 April Marjorie Grace Chandler (92)

25 April Betty Montgomery (90)

INTER-CHURCH CRICKET

If you are willing to represent Storrington in the informal
inter-Church cricket tournament this summer, please get in
touch with Sam Ward on 893794.

Fixture List:

Wed 7 June • Mon 12 June • Tues 20 June • Mon 26 June

Knockout Matches:

Thurs 29 June 1st semi-final

Mon 3 July 2nd semi-final

Mon 10 July Final

All matches take place at Storrington Cricket Ground
and start at 6.30pm.

WHITSUNDAY or PENTECOST Sunday 4 June

This major festival celebrates the gift of the Holy Spirit – God's
energy in the form of inspiration and empowerment.

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.

STORRINGTON DEANERY SYNOD Open Meeting on 7 June

The next Open Meeting of Storrington Deanery Synod will be held
at Sullington Tithe Barn on Wednesday 7 June at 7pm for 7.30pm.
The speaker will be Kristin Stevenson from the Bible Society.
Everyone welcome.

St Mary's Church Storrington CONCERT COMMITTEE

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

18 June Songs for the Summer followed by tea and cakes in the Rectory Garden

7 October The Swing Band

For tickets or information please contact Rectory office

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.





STORRINGTON CHURCHWARDEN RETIRES AFTER 8 YEARS

Gwen Fisher has been Churchwarden at St Mary's, Storrington, for eight years, and here's part of the retirement speech she gave at the APCM in April:

"Well you can all breathe a sigh of relief: I didn't arrest anyone and I didn't even get to chase away any disorderly dogs.

I really am the most unlikely person to have been a Churchwarden, and it has always surprised me that Revd Malcolm Acheson kept repeatedly inviting me to stand until, what I thought was yet another apologetic reluctance to accept, turned out to be a full agreement to becoming Assistant Churchwarden, and then stand unopposed for warden at the next

Vestry meeting, eight years ago.

I am glad it happened though. There is something very fulfilling about serving in such an ancient office and being a very, very small part of a continuing line through the history of this place. It may only have been a speck in history, but for me serving as Churchwarden for Malcolm, and then Kathryn, was a true honour. Not a job to do alone though, and I am more than grateful to my fellow Churchwardens. I was extremely fortunate to have served with Patrick Lavin, who was an excellent teacher and guide into how all things 'Churchwardeny' should be done properly. Andrew Boulton stepped in when we needed his particular expertise, and last year Barbara Buchanan wonderfully stepped up, and with such calm ease settled into tackling all that came our way. We are all delighted that Dennis Cowdrey accepted Kathryn's invitation to stand this year; he is a man of many skills and talents. I just know that we have a super Churchwarden team in place with Barbara and Den.

Back to the beginning though, Malcolm briefly described my required duties as 'attending a couple of meetings a month and a few pastoral obligations here and there'. It was Churchwardens John Tunnell and Patrick Lavin who, with kindness and huge support, introduced me to the real world of a Churchwarden and I am grateful to them both for their continued help and support throughout my term.

The real world of a Churchwarden? Well many of you here know exactly what that is and that it is endlessly varied and interesting – even when you think something is routine a sudden change or variation takes you down an entirely new and often challenging road. One day you can be sorting out what to do about the dog deposit problem in the churchyard or another finds you in hardhat and steel-capped boots having an on-site meeting with the architect and builders up on one of the 14 roofs attempting to keep this building dry. You can be rubbing down and re-polishing the rectory staircase with your one good arm (because the other is in a plaster cast), or at home clearing away the breakfast dishes when the phone rings and it's the Bishop at the other end with a query about an up and coming service. And rather more than two meetings a month!

There are of course the great and wonderful privileges: the magnificent occasions such as services in the cathedral when our trainee curates are ordained, and you feel so honoured to be there. Other wonderful times are when you welcome a new person, couple or family for the second and third time and you know they are joining us for more than just a visit. But the one duty I will always treasure has been the honour and privilege of lifting our brass jug and pouring the water into the font for Baptisms. That really is a very special act.

Not every Churchwarden experiences an interregnum. We were indeed truly blessed not only in that our interregnum was relatively short but that it brought Kathryn to us. I stood in Church about three years ago and announced to the congregation that I was doing the most important thing I would do as a Churchwarden. I announced that following the recommendation of our patron, Keble College, Oxford, Bishop Martin had made an appointment of a new Rector to our Parish and that our new Rector was to be Revd Canon Kathryn Windsor.

Of course I also owe a huge debt of gratitude to Paul and the rest of my family who have often, and sometimes with personal difficulty, fully supported me in this role over the years. However, there are two people to whom I, and think probably all of us, owe a huge "thank you" and they are my friends Sylvia Hyams and Elizabeth Lyne. For me as warden, they have simply been my rock and my anchor.

There are many people in our St Mary's family who have given me, and the other churchwardens I have served with, such overwhelming and generous support, and not just when we've asked for help, but so often before we have really known we needed it. Everybody here has helped me with the duties and obligations of the role. I am incredibly grateful to you all. And also those in our wider congregation and community who aren't here this evening but have been there to support, and sometimes prop us up.

So for me, what I have probably gained most from the experience of being a Churchwarden is the knowledge that in this special place we are one of St Mary's families. Like all families, we bicker and niggle at each other sometimes. However, through the love of Christ, and the leadership, care and nurture of our Rector and clergy team, ultimately we pull together. And with endless kindness, tolerance and creativity we do an awful lot more than just 'muddling through'. For me, and I hope for all of us, God is certainly moving in this place. And I am so very thankful to have been shown that. Thank you all for giving me this wonderful opportunity."

MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER ST MARY'S CHURCH, STORRINGTON

I would like to thank you for voting me to the PCC and for the members of the PCC then entrusting me with the responsibility, and challenges, of being your Treasurer.

This month I want to look at Gift Aid, and this applies to all charities. Gift Aid is a scheme whereby the Government gives back to the Church, or charity, the tax you have already paid on the amount of your donation. All you need to do is sign a Gift Aid Form. However, as always, there is a catch. The Gift Aid form remains in force until cancelled by you, the donor. If your circumstances change so you no longer pay tax due to change of circumstances (change of job, retirement etc.) you need to cancel the Gift Aid form. Some of us in retirement rely on the State pension, dividend income (which has tax credit but no tax paid) and interest; you may no longer pay tax as you can receive £11,500 before you start paying tax plus £1,000 of interest which is now tax free.

If tax is repaid to the Church and the Revenue find you never paid the tax, they will write to you personally and expect you, not the charity, to pay them the tax refunded. If this happens to you, or you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Next month I will look at the various ways you can make donations to St Mary's, Storrington.

Easter lillies in memory of loved ones at St Mary's, Storrington



END OF AN ERA A TRIBUTE TO DOREEN THOMPSON



The sad death of Doreen Thompson last March ended an almost four decade history of life and service by one family to Thakeham Parish. After widower Jim Davis married Eileen Thompson, he soon invited his sister-in-law Doreen to join them in Thakeham. So Doreen sold the cottage she and Eileen had shared with their mother in Coolham, paid for an extension to The Little House and moved in. At the time, Jim was a travelling sales representative for agricultural chemicals, and Doreen was a bookkeeper at Caffyn's Garage in Horsham. Eileen gave up work at Coolham garage and the whole family were soon an integral part of village life.

I remember Jim leading Sunday School classes, and organising the infants' percussion band in Church once a month. Eileen became an enthusiastic member of village societies and volunteered for innumerable activities. At first, Doreen could only contribute when not at work, but after her retirement she was a vital member of 'Team Eileen and Doreen'; it was very rare to see one without the other.

Eileen drove the village minibus, with Doreen there to help passengers on and off. It was the same when they drove a hospital car, frequently making a detour on the way home to treat patients to tea, cake and garden produce. When they delivered Meals on Wheels to the housebound, they took time to ensure the recipients' well-being, and often delivered a bunch of garden flowers too. 'The Silver Mile' was Eileen's initiative; over a period of 11 years, she and Doreen raised the equivalent of a mile of five pence pieces for Thakeham Church. Eileen and Doreen were stalwarts at every Church event, garden club or village fete and sale, providing produce and baked goods, manning stalls or serving teas.

Eileen and Doreen lived their lives in this corner of Sussex, bounded by Shipley, Coolham, and Thakeham. Their father took care of working horses, and when he died the family had to move from his tied cottage to live with the grandmother in Coolham. Eventually their mother was able to buy another cottage nearby. It was wonderful to see Doreen's friend Christine again, who remembered how Doreen got into trouble at the village school for leaving her class to help with the infants. Christine recalled how the Thompson's house was a second home for her; the sisters learned to practise hospitality from a very young age.

The garden at the corner of Furze Common Road was a testament to their industry, and expertise. Dahlias, roses, fuchsias, sweet peas and that bottlebrush tree; leeks, spinach, lettuces, beetroot; two greenhouses crammed with tomatoes, and two enormous deep freezers filled with produce and baking. If the sisters were not in the garden, they were to be found in the kitchen sharing tasks, baking (one was expert in pastry, the other sponge cakes), or preserving. The only time one ever saw them sit in the front room in the day time was if they were entertaining a friend to tea: homemade cake filled with homemade jam, made with fruit they'd picked locally, and flowers from the garden in the vase.

In the last year of Eileen's life, Doreen cared lovingly for her sister so that Eileen continued to share the full life they had built together. As elder sister, Eileen had always advised Doreen on how to act. Doreen worked through her grief to cope independently, always basing her decisions on the codes of devotion, generosity and productivity she had learned as a child and lived by throughout her life.

It's strange to walk past the garden and not hear Eileen and Doreen arguing over the best way to carry out a task, or not to be ambushed by offers of flowers or vegetables. And they didn't confine their kindness to those they knew – I know of one Thakeham resident who decided to move here after Doreen gave her a bunch of sweet peas and a gift of green beans to cook Asian recipes, bridging a culture gap of half the globe, and an age gap of half a century, to create a lasting friendship.

It is hard to imagine who can fill the gap that Eileen and Doreen leave.

Wendy Swarbrick

PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

Safeguard your faithful people
in the sanctuary of your love, O God.
Shelter them this night
in the shelter of the saints.
God to enfold them
God to surround them
God in their watching
God in their hoping
God in their sleeping
God in their ever-living souls.

Celtic Prayer from Iona ... J Philip Newell



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 7 June - Community Church will lead

Tuesday 4 July - Church of England will lead

One in faith and love and praise



SUNDAY 18th JUNE at 3.00pm
ST MARY'S CHURCH, STORRINGTON

Songs for the Summer

FOLLOWED BY TEA & CAKES
in the RECTORY GARDEN



FROM FABULOUS FAURÉ and DELICIOUS DELIBES
To COLE PORTER, HAROLD ARLEN and LA LA LAND

Soprano: Jillian Arthur
Piano: Liz Hewson Winning
with students and friends

ENTRANCE FREE: WE INVITE DONATIONS
ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO ST MARY'S CHURCH

Arranged by St. Mary's Church Storrington Concert Committee

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)



SULLINGTON 122 YEARS AGO

EXTRACTS FROM CANON PALMER'S DIARY – JUNE 1895

Sat 1: Showery, cool. Took May into Worthing this afternoon to try a dress. The boys went holidaying. No hay making.

Sun 2: Whitsun. Fine, bright, fresh SW. Morning congregation very fair and a goodly number of communicants – 15. In evening rather thin: preached on the out pouring of the Holy Spirit (Joel's words) but a few children to the afternoon catechizing.

Mon 3: Fine, warm with some thunder rain. Some hay making, carried lower half of front field. Mrs Marten and May to a party at West Chilington (pony). Being bank holiday nothing going on.

Tue 4: Dull with thundery haze. School 30. Men mending wall at front gate. Am thinking seriously of not reopening this school, as accommodation can be had in Storrington and better teaching for the money.

Wed 5: Dull morning, thin, fine and bright. Outside blinds re-covered and fixed by Rapley. To a 'Clerical' at Allens': Foundations of Belief as paper was on Balfour's position which seems to be negative rather than positive and showed that spiritualism had to contend with an environment of rationalistic materialism, which seemed impenetrable except by directly inspired Faith. God says, therefore no questioning. A discussion followed! Mrs Marten takes Clara to Bignor Park.

Thu 6: Fine but very fresh and unsettled. Mending yard wall. Small children to tea – Wyatts, Cunliffes and Paget. Green plays at Storrington and wins a close game versus Billingshurst.

Fri 7: Very fine and warm. School 29. A very fine hay making day though wind gusty. Carried two wagons and one cart load in prime order in front meadow.

Sat 8: As yesterday, windless. Hot work today. Finished front field, about five tons. First strawberries. To Fryern driving and making to go the pony for the first time and large lawn gathering. May left for Mrs Wigrams travelling solo.

Sun 9: Trinity. Very warm. New potatoes – fair size. Preached twice to smallish congregations on the subject of the day.

Mon 10: Dull and close. Organ tuned. Clearing the 'coker' in front of main gate. Taking down sparrows nest and clearing shoots. Netting strawberries. School accounts. Drive Mrs Marten with pony in evening.

Tue 11: Fine, generally warm. Board of Guardians and district council. Roads, also a *fare de parsons* re appointment of overseers: Bourke and co beaten by one: did not get home till three. Late lunch. Rode quietly in the evening on Downs to refresh. Getting Parker ready for Cambridge.

Wed 12: Fine, cloudy, hot and cold. Finished cutting with Dukes machine 9 acre. The Andrewes here to tea – they took away a swarm of bees and a melon plant. Saw old Mrs Richardson and heard her about the 'Shahzada'.

Thu 13: Fresh with some showers. School inspected by Mr Crossley. Then hay making and carrying in the 9 acre, seven loads. Jack comes up about the settlement farms. Two boys grinding up their examinations.

Fri 14: Fresh, some rain in the morning then clear. Weeded dear Cicely's little garden for her. This rain has freshened up parched nature a good deal. Drove Mrs Marten to call on Amphletts (who had us look at her furniture and know the price thereof). Pony goes quite well enough.

Sat 15: Keen wind from the east and bright sun. Ten degrees difference between this and last week! Make some good hay and our rick is rising to a respectable height. Mrs Marten took Clara into Worthing and Miss Jarman too, which was a kind action. Had a good account of May from Northlands.

Sun 16: Trinity I. Fine but a cold and strong wind. Fair congregations, preached (notes) on the parable of the rich man and Lazarus and on Joshua. The Baxters etc from Fryern in the morning then Dukes children in afternoon.

Mon 17: Very warm. Have had a long day in the hay field. Carried and finished 9 acre. Four wagons and two carts. Parker left for his matriculation at Trinity Hall.

Tue 18: Very warm, thundery. My little short horn slipped a calf last night. Finished 'tucking' and doing up the big rick. Attended to finishing off Green. Rode in evening to listen to the woes of Emmie re the Trust Farms and then on to Wiston where a long talk with Miss N who said the old donkey was dead.

Wed 19: Dull with some early showers then hot and hazy. School 26. Young carrots up. Green left for interviews at Oxford. Visited along the Washington road.

Thu 20: Fine, fresh. The rain has again disappointed us. Our Diocesan meeting today at Pulborough where a fair gathering and good plain sermon from Canon Daniel on "Why could not we cast him out?" Arthur Hadow from Ceylon arrives.

Fri 21: Warmer. Heard from Parker this morning of his success at getting into Trinity Hall, hope Green will follow. Cleaned out soft water tank. The continued dryth makes us clean out tanks that have been untouched for half a century. Amphletts and Doriensmith to tennis. 'Frank' plays after thirteen years.

Sat 22: Very fine and warm. Drove Frank Hadow to Pulborough on to Midhurst, saw Albert re George C Gibson and brought back May. Parkinson took a wedding for me (Bartlet). In the evening the two boys came back.

Sun 23: Trinity II. Very warm, close. Fair congregations considering the great heat. Preached in morning from a very old sermon on the Gospel, "The Invitation to the Great Supper and Excuses". In evening extempore on Arnold's sermon on Joel. Rode across to see Gent in afternoon, down with heart.

Mon 24: Fine but overcast after noon. Our Silver Wedding Day. Passed it quietly at home, a present from the three chicks was much thought of and a mysterious one of a silver ink stand and a promised carpet for the drawing room from the Martens of Bengers. Took up two carts from the little meadow.

Tue 25: Fine but cooler. Boys went off to Brighton to see Sussex v Oxford. Oxford sent a message to say she would not pass Green! Board of Guardians. Nothing interesting only the map of the district. Topped up the rick and picked up the small field and part of the lower.

Wed 26: Fresh. First broad beans. Grass cut yesterday in lower field carried today. Rick being thatched: the vagabond is stung and gets a black eye. Match at Storrington, Clara, Mrs Marten go down.

Thu 27: Fine with some thundery signs. Finished the hay season. Had hoped for some good soaking thunder rain but again the skies hardened (beautifully). The evenings are delicious.

Fri 28: Fine but overcast. Finished thatching the rick with thirty trusses of straw. Planted out a bed of petunias. Our parlour maid Mary Terry and our house maid Lily Broadbridge wished to leave. Visited old Gent who better and spoke of his boyhood from seven when he would go for a whole day on dry bread and that bad.

Sat 29: Generally fine, some rain towards evening. Have been hoping all day for a 'soaker' but very little has fallen as yet. Arranged with William to remain on until the end of July. Lord Salisbury has now formed all his government, a good and level fusion between old and new conservatives.

Sun 30: Trinity III. Fine but cloudy. Two very fair congregations. Preached (notes) from the text "Show thou me the way wherein I should walk" and alluding to the courage of Saul and from the knowledge of the Lord (Samuels) – that which saves.

1ST STORRINGTON RAINBOWS AND 2ND STORRINGTON BROWNIES

In 1987, Girl Guiding launched a brand new section for ages 5 to 7: Rainbows! For uniform, they wore tabards over their day clothes, as many of the children attended the groups straight from school and wouldn't have time to change. They had a triangular cloth promise badge with a picture of a rainbow on it as it was felt pin badges weren't safe for Rainbow-age girls.



Over the years a more formalised programme has been brought in. Badges can be earned; the 'pot of gold' for those going 'over the Rainbow to Brownies'; and Olivia, a mascot to guide girls through their Rainbow career, has replaced the original Rainbow Rabbit. The programme encourages Rainbows to 'look, learn, laugh and love'. Uniform has changed too, and Rainbows wear a polo shirt, jacket and trousers in scarlet and grey-blue. With the new uniform, a new Promise badge was introduced, in metal, with a pale blue background to match the uniform tops. Any badges gained are sewn onto the polo shirt.

Today, Rainbow units are far more adventurous than they used to be. To celebrate Rainbows' 30th birthday, the Storrington unit will be joining others from the county for a coach trip to enjoy the rides and have fun at Paultons Park, near Southampton. During the afternoon, all the groups will meet together to share a big birthday cake and everyone will receive a commemorative badge for their shirt. We're sure it will be an exciting day with a lot of sleepy heads on the way home.



Joan Parkes and Clare Worth



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.

TGIF PAINTBALLING

Last year's paintballing social was such an enjoyable experience, despite being in such a large group, that we decided to repeat the social again this year. The weather was good, hopes were high, paintball guns were full of ammo and we were ready for another successful afternoon of paintball games.



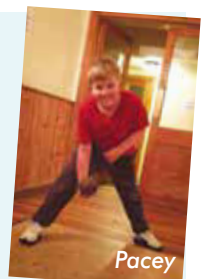
As the time grew nearer to our first skirmish, and we began to suss out the opposing team, we were incredibly hopeful and confident, as the other groups in the refreshment zone seemed to consist of slightly intimidated under-11s.

The mood changed drastically, and our confidence took a nose-dive when the lead marshal informed us that we would in fact not be against the younger parties, but the group of twenty or so Marine-looking stag-party revellers, who looked rather too comfortable in their cammo body-suits.

The entirely expected whitewash consisted of three full games, in which our group managed to win an outstanding 14 points (against the opposition's 104, aided by several incidents of cheating). Despite this, it was a great afternoon, and paintballing will probably earn another position in next year's social calendar.

MILESTONES SKITTLES TRIP

On Friday 31 March, Milestones headed off to The Bull in Henfield for their annual skittles and pizza evening. It had been a really stressful 10 days for the young people as they desperately hoped their friend Ellie would pull through after being knocked over on her way to the bus the week before. They were devastated to hear that week that she had died. We thought if Ellie was around she would have enjoyed both the fact that we shed tears and prayed for her family part-way through the evening, but also that we went a bit mad playing skittles, eating pizza and playing outside.



Pacey

The first half of the evening was a competition between the boys and the girls. The boys won the 1st round by 1 point and the girls won the 2nd round by 1 point. So it came down to a tie-break, which the girls won. We then enjoyed an amazing spread of pizza and garlic bread, followed by ice cream. Then it was time for 'It's a knock-out'. The highest scoring young person was Zac, and the highest scoring leader was John. Pacey had been the overall highest scorer in the first half of the evening, so the final knock-out of the evening was between Zac, John and Pacey, with Pacey being crowned the overall winner - much to his delight!



We rounded the evening off with half an hour outside - playing on the Bull's outdoor play equipment, playing tag and generally letting off steam. Then it was back in the minibus and cars to head back to Thakeham. Another good evening had been had by all.

B St Barnabas House Hospice Outreach Project

St Barnabas House

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 7 June and 5 July - 10am to 2pm

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

Storrington Decorative and Fine Arts Society

SUMMER CONCERT

With The Aurora Trio

Sunday 4 June at 6pm

Doors open 5.30pm

West Chiltington Village Hall

Tickets £12.50

To include a glass of wine and nibbles

Tel 743154



STEYNING GRAMMAR SCHOOL CONTINUES ON THEIR JOURNEY TO EXCELLENCE



Steyning Grammar School has recently been inspected by Ofsted and its judgement is that it is a "good" school with outstanding features. This is under the new and tougher framework introduced since the previous inspection, and sits alongside the recent 'Outstanding' judgement from Ofsted for boarding, and our 'Outstanding' SIAMS (Church of England) inspection.



Safer internet day Head teacher Nick Wergan with Sir Ian McKellan

Head teacher, Nick Wergan, had this to say: "I am delighted that the inspection team confirmed that our previous Ofsted judgements remain in place – this means we are a 'good' school with outstanding features. Thank you to parents and carers, staff and students for the strong support given to the school during the inspection, and the very positive feedback given in surveys. The inspection team were highly complementary about our fantastic students and the great

support they get at Steyning Grammar – it was a very proud day for me as Head teacher. I have been determined that we are not defined by Ofsted in our ambitions as a school – we have set our own aspirational 'journey to excellence' based on our valuing a holistic as well as academic education, so students are equipped with the skills to 'flourish'; I was pleased that Ofsted validated this journey and confirmed we have the right school development plan in place. They 'got us' as a school, confirming we are rapidly improving with an aspirational culture, clear leadership and vision. They were impressed by how teachers plan to support student progress, use questioning and discussion to develop student understanding and give helpful feedback and guidance. This supports the excellent teaching and learning feedback we had from our Challenge Partners review recently. We are a reflective school, always determined to improve; the targets Ofsted set us for further improvement were already in our school development plan and Ofsted acknowledged the 'green shoots' in these areas."



CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL PEREGRINES

See the chicks learning to fly



Since 2001, a pair of Peregrine Falcons has raised their new chicks in the Cathedral's south east turret. 2016 was the 16th year that peregrines have returned to the Cathedral site to nest. In 2016, we welcomed three male and one female peregrine chicks. Every year from April until early July visitors can view the peregrines via a live webcam in the Cathedral grounds and can talk to volunteers from the RSPB. Peregrine falcons were driven to near extinction in the UK through the use of pesticides and hunters. The birds are protected by laws reinforced by European legislation known as the Nature Directives. The Chichester Cathedral site was the first in Europe to host a peregrine webcam to provide an intimate view of peregrines raising their young. Fifty chicks have successfully fledged from the site since 2002.

The chicks hatched in April and were ringed during the last week of May. In June, the project moves to the Cathedral Green where visitors can use binoculars and telescopes to watch the young start to learn to fly.



The Peregrine is a large falcon and the fastest flying bird in the world, known for its spectacular aerial dives or 'stoops' in pursuit of its prey. Dives have been known to reach up to 180km per hour. The Cathedral peregrines do not hunt around the immediate Cathedral precincts, however, as there are too many other buildings and not enough space. In Britain, most peregrines nest off of cliffs, including the Sussex coast between Brighton and Eastbourne, but Cathedral turrets will do!

Further information from
www.chichestercathedral.org.uk

Toddlerific

...more than a toddler group



Fridays ... 9.30 – 11am (Term time)

Trinity Methodist Church, Thakeham Rd, Storrington

Cost: £2.50 per family

Stay & Play

Music Time

Toddler Crafts

Bible Stories

Baby Corner

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

Splash is a registered charity UK Reg No.1106290



BINGO

Thursday 8 June
and on the second Thursday of every month
Doors open 7pm Play starts at 7.30pm
Storrington Village Hall, 59 West Street RH20 4DZ
Entry only 50p (includes the chance of winning a mystery prize!)
Great prizes, raffle and refreshments – and fun for everyone!
www.maryhowtrust.org



FAMILY FUN DAY A SUCCESS!

It was the Storrington Duck Race on Sunday 7 May, and the event was busier and better than ever! As well as the ducks racing in the River Stor, visitors could have their hair cut at a pop-up barber, try lots of duck-themed games, shop at the car boot sale, buy different plants and shrubs, visit the vets and even have a go on a trampoline! There was also lots to eat and drink with a pop-up bar, ice-cream van, cakes and hot dogs and sausages.

The event is a wonderful community day out and is made possible by FOSS, a group of fantastic parents, carers and grandparents who make up Friends of Storrington First School. Also, a big thank you to governors and staff who turned out to help and to the local businesses who sponsor the event, especially Arun Vets and Anderson Rowntree Solicitors, who are the two star sponsors.

Our school stand had on display a school jumper with our new Storrington Primary School logo, the logo chosen from lots of different designs submitted by Year 5 pupils and we think it looks great!

There are more pictures and details of our sponsors on www.storringtonduckrace.co.uk.

Next issue we'll be writing in more detail about our change to becoming a Primary School in September.



St Wilfrid's will be serving *Cream Teas*



Saturday 24 June
3 - 5pm

Cost £5

Centenary Hall, Haywards Heath RH16 3QH

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SINCE 1870 Registered Charity Number: 201027
www.familysupportwork.org.uk

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families
Diocese of Chichester

FAMILY FUN DAY
Saturday 8 July
10am - 5pm



Amberley Museum & Heritage Centre

Houghton Bridge, Station Rd, Amberley, Arundel BN18 9LT

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

TICKETS

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



SANDGATE CONSERVATION SOCIETY

Easter-egg hunt Sullington Warren

Once again, the annual Easter-egg hunt took place on Sullington Warren on 15 April, organised by the National Trust, aided and abetted by the Sandgate Conservation Society.

Despite the gloomy weather conditions, there was a record turnout of over 300 children and parents, not forgetting grandparents. Needless to say, a good time was had by all, particularly with the reward of chocolate Easter-eggs, donated by the National Trust.

It should be pointed out at this stage that the Easter-eggs were not hidden all over the Warren, otherwise we fear that many pet dogs would have had a field day in seeking them out long before any children got anywhere near them! In fact, clues and questions were set in various locations over the warren; all skilfully co-ordinated by Brenda Goodman and other kind volunteers

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. www.sandgate-conservation.org.uk.

Brian Burns



On Easter Monday, 104 walkers and several dogs strode across beautiful Ashdown Forest to raise money for FSW.



Thank you to all those who walked and sponsored our walkers, we look forward to announcing our total raised soon. For those that missed the chance to walk, our next walk from Amberley to Arundel will take place on **Thursday 24 August**. For further details, call FSW on 01273 832963.

Holiday weekend for families at Dalesdown

Last month 12 of our families enjoyed a non-stop weekend of fun at Dalesdown, a Christian residential centre near Horsham. Our Play Team provided a huge range of activities, including making clothes for fun from bin liners with decorated t-shirts for a fashion show, an evening camp fire with hot chocolate, treasure hunt with games and a fabulous family roast meal cooked by our volunteers. This weekend offered a much needed break for the families who said they had a fantastic time.



Change a Child's life

Friends donate from £3 per month / £36 per year to FSW. Some Friends may wish to help further by raising awareness of FSW and widening support for its work, possibly volunteering with fundraising and at events. For more information or to sign up as a Friend please call FSW 01273 832963.

Please visit our website www.familysupportwork.org for our latest fundraising events happening in your area.

Chichester Diocesan Association for Family Support Work
Registered Charity No. 285337
Garton House, 22, Stanford Avenue, Brighton BN6 1AA

THE MARY HOW TRUST FILM SOCIETY
Screenings take place at 7.30pm on the fourth Tuesday of every month at West Chiltington Village Hall

LA LA LAND (12A)

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Tuesday 27 June

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Mary How clinic and charity shop (Ticket hotline 01798 877646); Guy Leonard Estate Agents in Storrington & Pulborough; The Card Centre, Storrington; Nisa Local Stores, West Chiltington; West Chiltington Post Office.



www.maryhowtrust.org

All proceeds to the Mary How Trust for Cancer Prevention
Independent Health Screening Charity, Registered Charity No. 1122393

CHURCH SERVICES AT A GLANCE

DATE	FESTIVAL OR SUNDAY	STORRINGTON St Mary's	THAKEHAM St Mary's	SULLINGTON St Mary's
4 June	WHIT SUNDAY/ PENTECOST	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Family Communion 6pm Evensong	10.30am Joint All-age Family Communion (with Sullington)	6pm Evensong
11 June	TRINITY SUNDAY	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion + Footsteps 6pm Evensong	9.30am Morning Prayer	8am Holy Communion (with Thakeham) 11.30am Morning Prayer
18 June	Trinity 1	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion with Prayers for Healing + Footsteps 6pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion (with Sullington)	10.30am Family Communion (with Thakeham)
25 June	Trinity 2	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
2 July	Trinity 3	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Family Communion 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

JUNE

Thu 1

10.30am Pop-In Lunch Club – p18

2pm MU - Meeting – p27

Fryern Ladies' Probus – Meeting – p33

Sat 3

10am Storrington Conservation Society – Working Party – p23

Sun 4 **Whit Sunday / Pentecost**

Blooming Great Cricket Tea Party – West Chiltington Cricket Pavilion – p24

6pm SDFAS Summer Concert – p14

Tue 6

10am Inter-Church prayers - RC Church (side-chapel) – p10

2pm SPACE – Arts and Craft Group – p24

Wed 7

10am St Barnabas Outreach – Library Car Park – p14

2.30pm SDFAS – Meeting – p33

7.30pm Deanery Synod Meeting – p6

Thu 8

7.30pm Bingo – Mary How Trust – p15

Fri 9

7pm FSW Quiz Night – p5

Sat 10

10am Sandgate Conservation Society – Working Party – p17

1pm Wedding - St Mary's, Thakeham - Will Sudam and Rebecca Peters

Sun 11 **Trinity Sunday**

1pm Sunday Lunch Club – p18

3pm Sunday Tea in the Garden – p4

Mon 12

7.30pm Thakeham Gardeners' Club – Meeting – p32

Wed 14

10am Wild Fortune Quiet Garden – p4

Thu 15

2pm Storrington Conservation Society – Working Party – p23

3pm Tea with (or without) the Vicar – p5

7.45pm Storrington Dramatic Society – Play – p23

Fri 16

7.30pm Storrington Horticultural Society – Meeting – p21

7.45pm Storrington Dramatic Society – Play – p23

Sat 17

10.30am Sussex Guild Craft Show – Parham House – p23

2pm Wedding - St Mary's, Storrington - Luke Harvey and Annie Ellis

7.45pm Storrington Dramatic Society – Play – p23

Sun 18 **Trinity 1**

10.30am Sussex Guild Craft Show – Parham House – p23

3pm Songs for the Summer – Concert – St Mary's, Storrington – p10

Tue 20

2pm Knit & Stitch Tea – p4

2pm SPACE – Arts and Craft Group – p24

Wed 21

7.30pm Sullington Windmills WI - Meeting – p27

Thu 22

10am Reporter Surgery – County Times – p27

11.30am Communion at Susssexdown – p3

Sat 24

10am Storrington Museum – New Exhibition opens – p24

10am Sandgate Conservation Society – Working Party – p17

12.30pm Wedding - St Mary's, Sullington - Nicholas Dolby and Chantal Holland

3pm FSW Cream Tea – p16

Sun 25 **Trinity 2**

11.45am Baptism - St Mary's, Storrington - Thomas Sean Quinn (son of Samantha and Rhys)

Tue 27

7.30pm Mary How Trust Film Night – *La La Land* – p17

Wed 28

2pm Storrington Flower Club – Meeting – p32

Thu 29

7.30pm The Rudes Theatre Company – Performance – p32

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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL DAYS

JUNE 2017

Sat 3 *Petroc, Abbot of Padstow, 6th century*

Sun 4 **Boniface (Wynfrith), 754**, Bishop, patron saint of Germany, Martyr

Mon 5 *Ini Kopuria, 1945*, founder of the Melanesian Brotherhood

Thur 8 **Columba, 597**, Abbot of Iona, missionary

Sat 10 **BARNABAS, APOSTLE**

Tues 13 *Richard Baxter, 1691*, puritan church leader

Thur 15 **Richard, Bishop of Chichester, 1253**, patron saint of Sussex
Joseph Butler, 1752, Bishop of Durham, philosopher

Fri 16 *Samuel and Henrietta Barnett, 1913 and 1936*, social reformers

Sat 17 *Bernard Mizeki, 1896*, apostle of the MaShona (South Africa), martyr

Sun 18 *Sundar Singh of India, 1929*, Sadhu (holy man), evangelist, teacher of Christianity

Thur 22 **Etheldreda, c.678**, Abbess of Ely

Fri 23 **NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST**

Mon 26 *Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria, 444*, teacher of the faith

Tues 27 **Irenaeus, c.200**, Bishop of Lyons, teacher of the faith

Wed 28 **PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES**



ST BARNABAS HOUSE PREPARING FOR TENTH NIGHT TO REMEMBER MIDNIGHT WALK



Ladies take part in the warm up ahead of last year's Night to Remember

Worthing charity, St Barnabas House, is preparing for its biggest ever Night to Remember midnight walk to celebrate 10 years of holding the event. Taking place on **Saturday 24 June**, the tenth popular moonlit fundraising event will see over 1,000 ladies setting off at midnight on a walk along Worthing seafront to raise vital funds for their local hospice.

Since the first time it took place in 2008, Night to Remember has gone from strength to strength and last year's event raised a huge £135,000 for the St Barnabas House Hospice at Home night service.

Over the past nine years over 9,000 ladies have taken to the streets of Worthing and have collectively raised over £1.3 million for their local hospice.

As it is the tenth time the charity has held the walk, there will be some very special additions to ensure that it truly is a 'Night to Remember'. Lucy Bone, Events Fundraiser for St Barnabas House, said: "We have lots of exciting plans for this year's Night to Remember which is all set to be the biggest ever! This year we are asking ladies to 'light up the night' and cover themselves in fairy lights and glow products to light up Worthing seafront. We are delighted to announce that this year the route will take the ladies down Worthing pier, with all three routes able to walk around the

pier for the first time! There will also be more exciting surprises to follow on the night."

As usual, ladies will gather from 10pm at Worthing Leisure Centre where there will be entertainment including music and live updates on the fundraising total by DJ Millsy from More FM, the usual pre-walk warm up, photography, face painting and a tombola. There will be a stall where ladies can buy all their glow accessories to 'light up the night' and new for this year there will also be male models from Butlers with Bums mingling with the walkers for photo opportunities. Once they are all warmed up and ready to go, walkers will set off into the night, lit up by their luminous outfits and glow sticks.

As in previous years, there will be a choice of 7, 13.1 and 20 mile routes, all of which will include a walk around the pier. The

turnaround point for the challenging 20 mile route will be a crossing of Shoreham's £10 million footbridge over the River Adur. The longest route covers a large area of the St Barnabas House catchment area for patients, which stretches as far east as Shoreham.

Hospice care is invaluable for many patients who prefer to stay in the comfort of their own homes at the end of their lives. While the ladies participating in Night to Remember walk through the night, the St Barnabas Hospice at Home Team will be providing support to patients and families through the difficult night-time hours.

During 2016, 409 patients were referred to the Hospice at Home Team for end of life or palliative care at home.

The team, which operates a night-sitting service from 10pm to 7am, made 389 night-sit visits and delivered 3,562 hours of care as a result of those visits.

The first person to sign-up for this year's Night to Remember was Marie Hamilton who also took part in last year's trek as part of the 'Glad's Girls' team.



Marie Hamilton (right), pictured alongside her dad and sister Lucy, took part in year's walk

The team, who were walking in memory of Marie's mum Kate Gladden, who received end of life care from the St Barnabas House Hospice at Home Team, was made up of 46 family members and friends who raised an incredible £21,320.45. Marie said: "After taking part in Night to Remember in 2016 there was no way I wasn't going to sign up for this year's walk. It was such an incredible thing to be part of and it was the least I could do to say thank you for St Barnabas for taking such good care of my mum. The 20 miles was hard work but the promise of a bacon roll kept us going to the finish line!"

Registration for Night to Remember is now open and closes on Monday 12 June. You can register to take part at www.nighttoremember.org.uk/stb or by calling the St Barnabas House Events Team on 706354.

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SOUTH DOWNS' PROBUS



It was during his school days that our speaker at the April Members' Luncheon, Julian Hoad, first decided that he wanted to become a Veterinary Surgeon. In his talk 'My Life as a Vet' he told us that the inspiration came from the performance of the actor James Herriott starring in the television series *All Creatures Great and Small*. However, acceptance into the training was not easy, for it required four A level grades and he had left school with three! However, not daunted he took a Degree in a relevant discipline which guaranteed acceptance. The Veterinary Degree means a minimum of five years study and practical experience - one of the longest of all BSc degrees.

In order to obtain the maximum experience, he joined a mixed practice firm which covers farm animals, zoos and all small animals. During a period of three years, he caught Type C Meningitis from being bitten by a pig and was seriously ill, was kicked by a pony and off work for six weeks, and suffered a fractured skull from a donkey. He then decided that his future lay in a small practice, where his work includes dogs, cats, hamsters, birds, mice, snakes and even bats!

Julian has been in Amberley for the past 11 years, not only treating sick and injured animals, but also preventative healthcare comprising diet advice and vaccinations. For many years he has been very active for the charity Pet Savers, which funds research into small animal diseases. His one-time hero James Herriott is now a patron. Ever active, he has written articles and books and also serves the community now as a school governor.

He concluded his talk by showing, on screen, photographs of the x-rays of conditions on which he had operated. The most delicate was repairing the damaged wing of a bat, an operation not without danger, for its bite can transfer the rabies infection which many of them carry.

A very thoughtful presentation which was much enjoyed by all. Thank you Julian.

Derek Down

Julian is partner at Crossways Veterinary Group – details on page 12.



STORRINGTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Members and guests packed the hall to listen to Rowena Baker give an interesting talk on water voles. The water vole, *Atvicola amphibious*, is Britain's largest species of vole. It has a rounded, dark chestnut brown body, short ears, blunt muzzle and furry tail and two large front teeth which have a coating of enamel.

They require thick, dense vegetation along water ways to provide shelter from predators and areas to feed. Each vole lives in a series of underground tunnels which they dig into the river banks. They are never far away from the safety of the water; in particular pregnant females, who are highly territorial and will fight to defend their homes.

They are herbivores and eat plants growing near the river, such as reeds, sedges and rushes, as well as fruit, especially apples and berries. They will eat 80% of their body weight per day.

Most live for five months, although some can survive two winters. Many are eaten by predators such as cats and owls but especially mink, which arrived in this country in the 1930's, or they die during the winter months due to lack of food or flooding which can destroy their homes.

Baby water voles, called pups, are born usually between March and October. Females can have two to five litters each year with five to eight young in each litter.

Water voles are now a protected species as during the 1990's they suffered a 90% population decline.

Rowena Baker from the University of Brighton is now using genetic monitoring for directing the future conservation of water voles.

The **next meeting on 16 June** is an illustrated talk by Gillian Downham from St Mary's, Bramber, on 'Gardens'. Details can be found on the website www.storrington.org.uk.

Sheila Webber



**Wednesday
28 June
at 7.30pm**

The Lord Chamberlain's Men, in their thirteenth successful year, are touring Shakespeare's most hilarious farce *The Comedy of Errors*.

For the past decade this hugely popular company have brought their own special brand of authentic, exhilarating and engaging all-male productions to the UK's most historically important and visually stunning

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Bring a chair and a picnic and spend a glorious summer's evening watching this riotous rollercoaster of a comedy that will keep you guessing and laughing until its joyous conclusion. *The Comedy of Errors* will take place on the Cathedral's south west lawn, where as well as enjoying the performance, the audience can indulge in a splendid close-up of the 900 year old Cathedral.

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STORRINGTON & SULLINGTON – REFLECTIONS OF THE PAST

STORRINGTON BY GASLIGHT

The year is 1861 on a dark October night. A man is walking along the High Street carrying a long pole with which he lights the few gas lamps in the street. It is a new feature in the village, enabling people to find their way home and go window-shopping in the evening. He proceeds up Church Street where there are one or two more lamps and his work is finished until dawn when he will extinguish them again - but something is amiss. Some mischievous college boys have climbed the lampposts where he started and put the lights out. During the daytime, they make tempting targets for catapults and air rifles and eventually the nuisance becomes intolerable.



By the 1880s, there were Inspectors of Lighting and the Storrington Prosecuting Society published large posters offering rewards for information leading to the conviction of offenders, which must have made Storrington look like the Wild West.

The West Sussex Gazette reported, "...Storrington was the smallest town lighted by gas in the country. This happy result was brought about by the enterprise of a few of our leading tradesmen, headed by our respected townsman Arthur Mant Esq, forming a small company for the purpose of erecting a gas works. Saturday evening last presented our shops and houses illuminated in a way that has forever put the old lamps and candles, not only figuratively but literally into the shade."



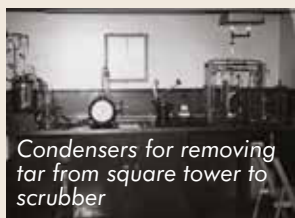
Gas works



Gas works yard

The first secretary of the Storrington Gas Co was Mr 'Jimmy' Hammond, later followed by Mr Percy Ayling, the Parish Clerk mentioned in the last 3 *Heralds*. The gas works was erected behind the High Street between The Anchor and the Oxfam shop.

It consisted of a large yard with the big gasholder, which could be seen above the rooftops of the village, purifiers and condenser towers. The works, in later years, employed a chemist, Jack Wilmott, who travelled between the gas-works of Petersfield and Billingshurst, four stokers, a fitter, yardman and works foreman, who lived in a cottage in White Horse Yard. Office staff was two or three people and Mr Thorne the manager, mostly post-war ex-service personnel. There was a little shop where gas appliances were sold and gas bills could be paid on the premises.



Condensors for removing tar from square tower to scrubber



A decade after the building of the works, the Parish Church was filled for the first gas-lit evening service. Lighting and heating for the winter had been installed for £59.10s.7d, towards which 50 parishioners had subscribed. Mr Edwin Hammond had been attending to the lighting and extinguishing of the of light since the re-opening of the Church, apparently without charge as his letter to the Revd George Faithfull of December 1876 shows, pointing out that with only two more evening services in the old year, some definite understanding should be reached. "...to light and put out



Special gas lamp installed in the Square for Queen Victoria's Jubilee

the gas, clean the lamps and find lights and oil &c., for one year, including Lent and Advent, and taking all weather in consideration I think is worth £6.6.0d. The lighting I will carry on as usual until 31 December 1876."

In 1888, a letter signed by F Joseph Ibos, John Joyes and HM Joyes, ratepayers of Storrington, quoting the Statute of III & IV William, requesting a public meeting of ratepayers ... for the purpose of determining whether provision contained in said Act or so much thereof as relates to lighting, be adopted into execution so far as to place a lamppost at the corner of Chantry Lane, two other lampposts in the Back Lane [North Street] and at least five other lampposts between the Church by the Storrington Priory by Mr Hemingway's [Monastery Lane] to the corner of the main road. Dated this 14 December 1888"



Ben Duffield, gas fitter

Another letter of the same date was sent to the churchwardens giving more precise details of where they wanted the lamps placed. The churchwardens, Mr Edgar Botting and Mr George French Mant, appointed a public meeting three days later. By 27 December the result of the meeting recorded a majority of two



Gasworks staff

thirds of votes of ratepayers, "...said Act ... should be adopted and that the Inspectors [of Lighting] be directed to carry out the order, more particularly to put three lights in the Back Lane and to use their discretion as to the number of lamps in the Church Lane and to cause no extra assessment to be made until all is complete."

At a subsequent Vestry meeting of 19 August 1889, it was proposed by W Graham and seconded by May Milner [a man] that "...authority be given to the way wardens to consent to the directors of the Storrington Gas Co, digging a well in the Square in the centre of the village for the purpose of supplying water to the premises in the occupation of Mrs Caroline Lifford forever, and any other persons injuriously affected by the Company's works or the working of the said well and otherwise to hold the same free of charges for the benefit of the parish. All expenses to be borne by the Gas Co, for 60 years ..." It was unanimously carried. The proximity of the gas works to the River Stora as it crossed the road provided an easy disposal of their effluent.



Pressure reduction point in Greyfriars Lane

Old iron gas lamp standards, minus their heads, remained in Monastery Lane for many years after street lighting was electrified, and there is still one embedded into the wall in Church Street adjacent to an electric lamp standard. By 1918, the original gas company collapsed; Charles Mant, the remaining member of the founding family, received £28 for his shares. In 1937, the Storrington Gas Co, became British Gas Light Co, who bought the works, site and two cottages for £11,939.11s.7d, when it supplied Cootham, Crescent Rise, Thakeham and Worthing Road. This company was nationalised in May 1948 and became the South Eastern Gas Board. Ten years later, the engineer of Sussex Division wrote to the Storrington works, "Cessation of gas making at Storrington



STORRINGTON CONSERVATION SOCIETY

Sitting on the wrong side of the cut when sawing off a branch is not the wisest move. To care for our environment is like sitting on the safe side of the cut. Common sense is not always right, but it is in this case. Carefully researched scientific studies show that a pleasant environment provides for healthy living. Countryside walks, breath-taking landscapes, bird flight and song and rippling streams all reduce stress. Pleasant views from the hospital window speed patient recovery. And, of course, air free from pollution is the ideal. Nature, the great benefactor, cares for us, though we may not always realise it. In return, nature needs our care. If through neglect we allow it to be damaged or abused, we all suffer eventually. One of the problems is we do not immediately see the damage. To enjoy all that nature has to offer conservation is not an optional extra, nor some weird idea. It is simply common sense.

Clean streams make for a good environment for wild life. The duck race is just an example of how they can be enjoyed by people as well. Our Saturday work party on 6 May was given over to clearing the stream and banks used for the duck race. On **Saturday 3 June** we will be at The Glade from 10am carrying out summer path clearance. For details of the Thursday work party on **15 June** at 2pm, please refer to our website. As ever, volunteers old and new are welcome to join in.

It's not all work! On 31 May there was a visit to the wonderful wildlife flower meadow that Michael and Jane Joseph have created.

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

Stuart Kersley

Gas showrooms in High Street



... ceased at 11.30am today, 10 November. Storrington will now receive a bulk supply from Portslade works". A further letter on 16 January 1962 recorded the land part of Storrington works was sold to the Hanover Housing Association for flats to be built.

In 1970 Storrington was converted to natural gas. The route of the pipes crossed the Downs diagonally from Sullington, and for years the view showed it as a broad road or footpath until it was taken over by nature and went back to green again. The natural gas supply emerged in Greyfriars Lane at a pressure reducing installation. The changeover from town to natural gas supplying households was achieved in one day - a great feat of planning and engineering.

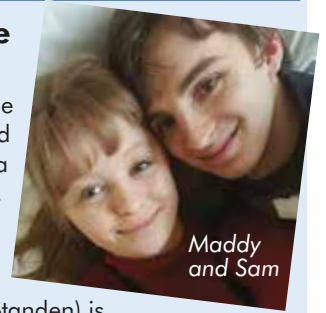
Joan Ham (Village Historian) Ron.ham@talktalk.net



STORRINGTON DRAMATIC SOCIETY

1967 - the summer of love - comes to Storrington!

After spending their honeymoon at the up-market Plaza Hotel, Corrie and Paul Bratter begin married life in a tiny 5th floor apartment in New York. Starry-eyed Corrie (Maddy Gilmore) knows she can make the shabby walk-up into a wonderful home for them. Pragmatic lawyer, Paul (Sam Standen) is not so sure, especially after he meets their flamboyant, bohemian, upstairs neighbour, Victor Velasco (Ian Stuart). When Corrie's conservative mother, Ethel (Sue Nicel) arrives, she eventually manages to climb the stairs, but can she bring herself to embrace a new, exciting life? Long-suffering workmen, Martin Carter and David Chinn, complete the cast of Storrington Dramatic Society's latest production.



Maddy
and Sam

Neil Simon's *Barefoot in the Park* is a sparkling, sophisticated, comedy that belies its fifty years. Director, Sue Goble, promises that audiences will be able to wallow in Sixties nostalgia but still enjoy lots of laughs and snappy dialogue.

Tickets for the show, priced at £9, are available for purchase at the usual outlets of Fowlers Estate Agents in Storrington or Nisa Local in West Chiltington, or online at www.storringtondramatics.co.uk. Performances are at 7.45pm from **Thursday 15 to Saturday 17 June**, at Sullington Parish Hall. For further details, please call 741708.



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The current exhibition at the Museum will only be on show until Sunday 11 June, so you must hurry if you wish to see 'Quirky Collections 2'.

One of the collections began with a search for a small buttonhook, and has progressed from all sorts of buttonhooks into folding things: scissors, brushes, combs, and many other items. The idea of space-saving and safety was presumably uppermost in the designers' minds, but as examples of Victorian and Edwardian ingenuity they are fascinating.

Another collection is of old playing cards, not old as playing cards go, however, for they originated in China (as so many things did) and spread through India into Egypt and so into Europe, arriving in England by the late 14th Century. The first European cards were hand-painted and therefore very expensive. When printing became more common, woodcuts were used and card playing spread through all ranks of society. The cards on show are ordinary, household ones, with games such as Happy Families and Old Maid, and cribbage which everyone played.

Also on view are some fine boxes, and owls, bells and papeweights, which are just samples from a Storrington friend's collections. You can see some more of John Dixon Salt's wonderful collection of optical items, and badges and other miscellaneous goods from the late Liz Grey. There are some oddities from the Museum's own collection, which are not on permanent display; paper ruffs for decorating legs of mutton, and a cannonball, for example.

If you have any such items and need to find a good home for them, please show them to the Museum's Curators. Unfortunately, because the Museum has such a dire shortage of storage space not everything can be accepted; items need to have a local connection in some way, and not be too big! We are very short of items from the villages which make up the "and District" part of the Museum's full title, so postcards, photo's, old maps and 'things' from Washington, Ashington, Thakeham, Wiggonholt, Cootham, Greatham, Rackham and Amberley would probably be welcomed with open arms.

Whether or not you have anything to give or show to the Museum, please come and visit it. It is not very big, but it has so many interesting objects on display which evoke the area's past. Some people come and whip around and are gone in five minutes, but others come and spend an hour or more. One couple recently looked round for a long time and then asked if we could tell them anything about the Revd Faithfull's wife. This rather stunned the stewards because Revd Faithfull is often mentioned, but his wife? Never! After some thought we asked, "Which Reverend Faithfull?", and were told that the enquirer's mother had been brought from India as a child in 1919 and was boarded with Revd Faithfull, whose wife looked after her until she married in 1934. We decided, having consulted *Storrington in Living Memory* by Joan Ham, that it must have been the second Revd Faithfull, whose wife bought Orchard Way in Church Street in 1923, maybe with the idea of a boarding establishment for girls in mind.

If you have any further information about Mrs Faithfull or a boarding home, we would be very pleased to pass it on to this visitor, who is very keen to learn more about her mother's life.

As well as what is on view in the cabinets, the Museum has a good archive of local postcards, photographs and maps, which the Stewards will show you on request, and there is also a small library of Sussex books, so please find time to visit the Museum, just to look or for research.

Our next exhibition, Life Moves On, is about technological progress as shown by artefacts in the Museum. It will begin on **Saturday 24 June**, and continue until **Sunday 17 September**.

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MARIE CURIE CHARITY LOCAL GROUP RAISE £20,000!

The Marie Curie local fundraising group for Pulborough and surrounding villages reached an incredible £20,000 milestone during the group's Daffodil collection of last March, and it is even more remarkable when you consider that the group consists of just nine people!

This small group was formed in 2013 and achieved this amazing result by adopting numerous methods of collecting donations for this well-deserving charity. The Roundabout Hotel in West Chiltington is very kind in allowing them space to hold their by-monthly meetings in order to keep their costs down, with the aim of gaining the maximum money for the charity.

Chairman Jacinta White says, "We are always on the lookout for new members to join our friendly group and also welcome occasional volunteers who can spare an hour or two to support us at our events or collections".

Their next big event will be the annual 'Blooming Great Cricket Tea Party' to be held on Sunday afternoon on **4 June** at West Chiltington cricket pavilion, where all proceeds will go to Marie Curie.

The group would like to say a heartfelt "Thank You" to everyone who donated money which will provide end of life care for people in their own homes.

For more information about the group please contact Jacinta White on jacinta.white@hotmail.co.uk or phone 01798 813545.

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WEST CHILTINGTON AND STORRINGTON MOTHERS' UNION

Mothers' UNION Christian care for families

Mrs Daphne Mabbitt very kindly organised and led the service at our meeting on 4 May, followed by an informative and lively talk by Mr Keith Woodcock about the Chanctonbury Community Play Scheme. This was started during the Easter holidays at Rydon School 40 years ago by three mothers with children with disabilities, feeling they could do with the support from each other. Now it is run for four weeks of the summer holidays at three sites in West Sussex, and 150 to 200 children with special needs, from ages five to nineteen, benefit from the facility. The children enjoy playing sport, including horse-riding and canoeing, going on outings, art and craft sessions, dressing-up, and much more.

Young teenage volunteers are recruited from local schools to be a buddy for these children, and Keith was full of praise for these young teenagers who play a big part in making the experience fun and enjoyable. We saw a short video which Keith takes into schools when recruiting volunteers, and it was obvious the special needs children were having such a good time. Not only do these children benefit from having this excellent way of spending part of their holiday, but parents and other siblings have a chance for respite, and the teenagers who volunteer learn a lot. There is a great feeling of being a part of a huge family.

Some volunteers do it as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and many go on to become nurses, teachers, doctors, policemen etc, and, as adults, still sometimes pop in to visit.

For many years Keith organised the Scheme and is now trustee, with his son, Chris, being Chairman of the Committee, who, as a teenager, was a volunteer. It was very clear from what we saw that Keith loved being part of this very rewarding scheme, which was much appreciated by the children attending, and their parents. Long may it continue to thrive.

At our next meeting on **1 June**, I shall be recounting my experiences of travelling around South Africa last October. We meet at 2pm at West Chiltington Church Hall, and visitors will be made most welcome.

Jean Hunt

REPORTER'S SURGERIES COMING TO STORRINGTON

Do you have a story you would like to see featured in the *West Sussex County Times*?

Would you like to meet with our reporter face to face to talk about issues, projects and community events?

In March, the first reporter's surgery was launched at the Old School, School Lane in Storrington, and they will be held regularly throughout the year.

The next will be on **Thursday 22 June**, and you can drop in between 10am and 12noon and meet our reporter, Stephen Wynn-Davies.

He will be pleased to hear your news and views, as well as your feedback about the *County Times* – tell us what you like and what you want to see more of in our paper.

You can also contact our newsroom any time by emailing ct.news@jpress.co.uk or calling 01403 751201.



WI NEWS SULLINGTON WINDMILLS

In the absence of President, Russ Fry, Deputy President Liz Allen-Williams welcomed around 40 members to the April meeting. She was pleased to announce the installation of a new and larger screen and sound system for Sullington Parish Hall, which two members had been trained to operate.



Plans are in hand for a Wine and Food Tasting evening to take place on Wednesday 16 August and to which members, friends and others interested will be most welcome. Treasurer, Liz Francis, reported that the finances were in good order and Secretary, Pat Snape, outlined a number of varied events in the coming months. A bluebell walk was planned to meet at the RSPB, Pulborough Brooks, on 2 May, followed by tea and cakes in the restaurant. Several members had attended the funeral service of long-term member, Vera Ramage, who is fondly remembered.

Liz then introduced the speaker for the evening, Roger Overton-Smith, to give his talk on Lancing College, entitled 'The School and Founder of Lancing Chapel.' With the aid of slides on the new screen, Roger told of his experiences as a pupil there in the 1960s, before the school became co-educational. With details that were somewhat reminiscent of *Tom Brown's School Days*, he recounted how new boys were expected to become the fags of the older pupils and to run errands and undertake menial chores.

The older boys were also able to administer punishments, including beatings, now long discontinued. Bells rang four times a day to summon pupils to meals in the dining room and being late was a punishable offence. Cross-country running took place in all weathers and there was a strict dress code. However, the strict regime instilled discipline and taught organisational skills, valuable assets in later life, even if not fully appreciated at the time!

Things are very different now the school is fully co-educational with 550 day and boarding pupils from many different countries and backgrounds, but it is still fulfilling the aspirations of the school's founder, Nathaniel Woodard. He was the ninth of twelve children, educated at home by his mother, but bright enough to gain a place at Oxford, from where he graduated in 1840. Always a great believer in the importance of education, he first became curate of the New Shoreham Church in 1846 and set about raising money to build the college, through a series of fund-raising lunches, attended by prominent and wealthy guests.

He began by teaching boys in his dining room, then gradually the building of the college began and the pupils were able to move into their new surroundings. He went on to found 11 schools which became the Woodard Foundation, still important today. Lancing College Chapel was founded in 1868 and is the largest school chapel in Europe and is a fine landmark situated on the South Downs. As well as some fine tapestries, one of the stained glass windows commemorates the work of missionary, Archbishop Trevor Huddleston, and there have been many other famous *alumni* over the years.

Roger takes guided tours of the chapel since he retired and would be happy to arrange one for members. Following questions, he was warmly thanked by Ada Ball. Refreshments were served and there was an intriguing quiz on the names of stations on the London Underground, rounding off a most enjoyable evening. New members and guests are most welcome to attend meetings at Sullington Parish Hall on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm.

Rachel Martin



WEST CHILTINGTON DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Our May play, *Party Piece*, by Richard Harris and directed by Miq Kelland, has now finished. A review will be in the next edition. Thanks are due to the box offices of Nisa Local, West Chiltington Post Office and the Storrington Card Shop.

Auditions for our next production on 23, 24 and 25 November are on Monday 31 July and Thursday 3 August in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. *Quartet*, by Ronald Harwood, will be directed by Geoffrey and Jennifer Steward. Further information will be in July 3 *Heralds*.

The next Play Reading for Pleasure will be at 7.30pm in the Village Hall on **Friday 16 June**. Note the **CHANGE OF DATE** due to the election. We will be reading the 2016 Chairman's Challenge winning play by Geoff Adams, *Women and Children*. These evenings give an opportunity for those present to read in a play or just to listen, as they wish. Non-members are invited to attend as guests on the night and are welcomed without charge.

The 2017 Chairman's Challenge was won by Jean Trew with *Partners*, which is scheduled to be produced in August 2018. The 2018 Chairman's Challenge is now open; an original one act play written by a member of the Society in the last two years, given to the WCDS Chairman by 31 March 2018, is all that is required.

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 light supper, with a bar and raffle to complete the event. Tickets will be strictly limited on a first come first served basis as it is a one-night production.

The Rude Mechanical Theatre Company will be visiting on **Thursday 29 June** with a funny, romantic and moving play, *The Commercial Traveller*, being performed on the Recreation Ground by the Village Hall. Tickets are available from Nisa Local or online. For more information, see their website www.therudemechanicaltheatre.co.uk.

West Chiltington Dramatic Society is always delighted to welcome new members. Anyone interested in acting or any other 'dramatic' activity such as backstage, front of house, set building, lighting or just generally joining in, should contact Betsy Rimmer on 744832. Membership is only £7 per year and benefits include reduced entry to Members' Evenings, priority booking for productions and a regular newsletter.

John Rimmer, Chairman



BEAUTIFUL TULIPS AT THE ARUNDEL CASTLE TULIP FESTIVAL IN APRIL

STORRINGTON FLOWER CLUB



Sullington Parish Hall looked splendid for the AGM; it was decked with spring flowers along the stage and on the many tables around the Hall. The tables were decorated in pretty table cloths, plates, napkins and flowers. This was in preparation for an afternoon tea to celebrate the Club's 35 years and to say thank-you to Wendy Cliffe, the retiring Chairman, who had been Chairman for 19 years.

Sylvia Tilley, the Club's President, opened the meeting. The business of an AGM was dealt with first. Sarah Harden, the secretary, read out the minutes from the previous AGM. Membership was slightly



down in numbers and everyone was reminded to encourage and welcome new members. This was followed by the Chairman's report. Wendy commented on her 19th year as Chair and the Club's 35th successful year. She outlined the many enjoyable events of the year and paid tribute to the several members who had died or moved away. Wendy thanked all the committee members and particular Club members who helped run the meetings. Wendy concluded with thanking Club members for their continued support of the Club activities and wished them well in the future.

Chris Desmond presented the Treasurer's report. Chris emphasised that whilst Club fees remained the same, demonstrator and flower costs had increased. The accounts, however, were sound and this year the Club will donate £340 to their chosen Charity, Age UK Horsham. Next year, the supported Charity will be the Aldingbourne Trust near Chichester. The selection of the Committee members concluded the business. Next year, Chairman will be Chris Desmond, the Secretary, Sara Harden, the Treasurer, Stephanie Lewis, and the examiner of the accounts Terry Wills.



Chris Desmond (L)
and Wendy Cliffe (R)

Prizes were given to Club members who entered the monthly competition.

Wendy was presented with a large bouquet and a beautiful picture print from The National Trust of flowers. Wendy shared with the meeting her memories during the past 19 years. Chris Desmond paid tribute to Wendy's time as Club Chairman.

The representative of the charity Age UK was given a cheque and shared

the many activities the Charity is involved with. These include home help, befriending and running the Dementia Club in Storrington.

The members then enjoyed a delicious tea of sandwiches, savouries and home-made cake. Wendy's daughter made the cakes as well as a large celebration cake to mark the Club's 35 years. It concluded a delightful afternoon of friendship.



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

WORTHING HOSPICE DEVELOPING SERVICES TO SUPPORT PEOPLE AT THE END OF LIFE WITH DEMENTIA

Worthing hospice, St Barnabas House, is developing its care services to provide better support for people with Dementia at the end of their life. National trends are showing that Dementia is becoming one of the most substantial challenges to healthcare providers in the UK, and St Barnabas House is adapting its services to meet an increasing demand for specialist support. In November 2016, the Office for National Statistics revealed that Dementia has now overtaken heart disease as the leading cause of death in England and Wales. It was reported that more than 61,000 people died of Dementia in 2015, 11.6% of all recorded deaths, with all types of cancer as a group remaining the most common cause of death overall.

Last year, thanks to the generosity of the local community, who raised over £24,000 in support of its Spring Appeal, St Barnabas House was able to launch a new Disease Specific Nursing Team. This team was developed to enable the hospice to provide more



Aurora Leighton (right) and Margaret who has donated 'twiddlemuffs' to St Barnabas House

specialist support to patients with other end-stage conditions, in addition to the cancer patients it has always traditionally cared for. One of four new specialist nurses employed by St Barnabas during 2016 is Aurora Leighton, the hospice's new Dementia Lead Nurse.

The role was established with the intention of making the organisation more 'Dementia-

friendly' through training and awareness, sharing knowledge through her experience, and making improvements to the hospice environment, such as better signage. Andy Burt, Director of Adult Nursing at St Barnabas House, said: "Aurora joined us last year, following a career spent in Dementia and Mental Health specialist nursing. Her knowledge, passion and enthusiasm has already made a significant difference to the care we are now providing. Every day she is helping all of us at St Barnabas to become better at supporting people living with Dementia through their end of life care need, and this care extends to relatives and carers as well as patients."

Mr Burt said the increasing demands of an ageing population, with an ever-growing number of people living with Dementia, means it is important that the hospice acts now to ensure it is prepared for the future. "It has been a massive step forward for us – but we know the journey ahead will only get harder," he said. "The demand from patients living with Dementia over the next 20 years will be enormous. For those under 65, only one in 688 will be diagnosed with some form of Dementia. But for those over 80 years old, that increases a hundredfold; one in six will have Dementia in some form. St Barnabas cares for a community that is home to a large number of retired people who will call upon us over the next 20 years. Creating this new Dementia Lead Nurse post, and welcoming Aurora into the role, has been just the first step towards preparing St Barnabas to help meet the increasing demands of our local community."

Since she started in her role at the hospice, Mrs Leighton's expertise has already made a positive impact, both at the hospice and in the local community. She has developed a pack of equipment to be used either in a patient's room at the hospice, or taken out and given to family carers in their own homes. The pack includes simple things like a CD player so that patients can listen to their favourite music, whatever resonates with the patient. It also includes a portable fish tank which many patients find soothing and relaxing, 'twiddlemuffs' which help to provide sensory stimulation, and memory



Portable fish tank



Memory boxes are a great way to help people with Dementia to engage in conversation

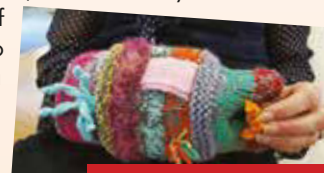
boxes which encourage short-term memories by stimulating long-term recollections.

The pack also contains specialist items, including an information board where nurses can write down key facts a patient might forget, such as the name of their lead nurse or the next time their family are due to visit.

The other significant part of Mrs Leighton's role is to improve awareness of Dementia within the organisation through training and sharing her

knowledge. Mr Burt added: "Aurora has been providing sessions to clinical and non-clinical staff. She has visited our shops to see how we can improve signage, she's sharing her knowledge with local care homes, and she's providing guidance and support to staff and volunteers who have a loved one living with Dementia."

Mrs Leighton said: "I'm here to help St Barnabas become 'Dementia friendly' so we can ensure that whenever we encounter a patient, or relative, affected by Dementia we can respond in the right way and give them the support they need. My role is different to the other specialist nurses in the sense that I do not have my own caseload. There are currently 11,000 people in our catchment area who have been officially diagnosed with Dementia, and obviously we do not have the resources to look after all of these people. In order to be referred to St Barnabas House, there must still be a need for specialist palliative care input, and not just a diagnosis of Dementia. Last year we provided care for 34 patients with Dementia, and while we are still expecting a similar number of referrals to the hospice, my role is to ensure that we can provide better specific care for these people."



'Twiddlemuffs' provide sensory stimulation

In this year's Spring Appeal, St Barnabas House is asking for support of the local community in order to continue to provide specialist support for people with Dementia for many years to come. Mr Burt said: "We are extremely grateful to everyone who has previously supported us and those who donated to last year's Spring Appeal, and we hope that you will be able to support us again this year." If you would like to find out more about the work being done by Aurora Leighton, or if you would like to make a donation to the St Barnabas House Spring Appeal, you can do so by visiting www.stbh.org.uk/springappeal2017.

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL FREE LUNCH TIME CONCERTS

JUNE

- Tuesday 6** - English Piano Trio (*violin, cello, piano*)
- Tuesday 13** - Ivan Hovorun (*piano*)
- Tuesday 20** - George Barrett (*organ*)
- Tuesday 27** - Patrick Hemmerlé (*piano*)

This last concert is part of The Festival of Chichester - donations for Chichester Cathedral Restoration and Development Trust

For full details of programmes see www.chichestercathedral.org.uk





GET YOUR ENTRIES IN FOR STORRINGTON IN BLOOM

The 2017 campaign is underway! On Sunday 5 March, a group of willing volunteers spent two hours litter picking and weeding in Storrington town centre as part of the Keep Britain Tidy Big Spring Clean Up. Despite the showers, more than 30 bags of rubbish were collected. Our next clean-up day will be on **Sunday 9 July** from 10am to 12 noon. Please do come along, as many hands make light work, and children are very welcome to help out too.

Entries are now invited for the 2017 local competitions which will be judged during July and August. Categories include front garden, allotment, external business display, community area and business window display. We are also introducing a scarecrow competition which we hope many groups and families will get involved in. Entry forms for the residential categories and the scarecrow competition are available on the website www.storringtoninbloom.co.uk or from Joanna's Boutique Tearoom, The Card Centre or Wood'n'pots'n'things.

Come on all you budding gardeners! Now is the time to show off! Don't forget you can also nominate the front garden of one of your neighbours.

Our entry in the South & South East in Bloom competition will be judged on **Thursday 13 July**, and with the help of our sponsors, volunteers and local businesses we hope to better our silver gilt result from last year.

STORRINGTON COMMUNITY MARKET

Village Hall, opposite Stable Antiques

Open Friday 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
June from 10am to 11.15am.

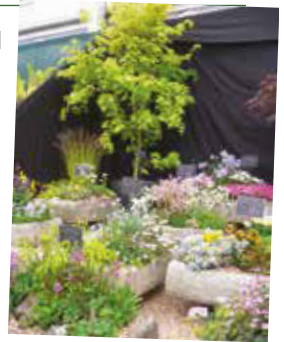
Please come along and support your Local Community Market selling delicious home-made cakes and savouries, jams and marmalades, eggs, local free range pork, mushrooms & vegetables, plants, flowers & perennials. Also a wide range of handicrafts, cards & jewellery and Aloe Vera skincare and health products. 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.



THAKEHAM GARDENERS' CLUB

Wendy Bates returned to the Club in April and spoke to us on Alpines. Wendy told us how she and her husband, Ray, first started their business 30 years ago by purchasing half an acre of land at Bodiam from John Watson, who was a plant collector, and he left many alpine plants behind. Wendy explained how they entered their first big show with what she described as a "dodgy rockery display" but which achieved a bronze medal. They decided to change and display their Alpines in Hyper-tufa troughs which have worked well for the past 20 years. Wendy explained that you can get the soil correct in troughs as Alpines are sun-loving and like a dry top with moisture lower down where their roots extend. Wendy demonstrated planting a trough and used a mix of John Innes No 1/multi compost/grit. She said if planting house leeks 50% grit was used. The planting must be at raised levels and never flat, which looks wrong. She showed how it should be done and then how it shouldn't.



Wendy had brought many plants with her which we could later buy and told us that whilst some convolvulus could be invasive, the one she was using wasn't. She said dianthus and erodiums were excellent and flowered over a very long period, and herbs ferns and succulents could also be used. The latest display style she uses is known as crevice planting and this was also demonstrated. Various sized pieces of slate were stood in the trough in place of large rocks and looked very good. Alpines should be watered well not given a little often. An indicator plant such as 'thrill' can be used, watering when the leaves are seen to be drooping. The nursery is Rotherview near Hastings and is open to the public for the sale of Alpines, perennials camellias and Hyper-tufa troughs, and can also be purchased from the website. Wendy and Ray attend many local plant fairs and shows, and they will be at the Parham Garden Show this summer, as well as the bigger shows such as Chelsea and Hampton Court. Congratulations are also due as Wendy and Ray achieved their first Gold medal at Chelsea last year. Wendy was thanked for her talk which was enjoyed by all those present.

Our speaker at the next meeting on **12 June** will be Barbara Simms who will be talking about 'John Brooks and Denmans Garden'. Our June competition is a 'Single Rose'.

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

Outdoor Theatre with The Rudes

The Commercial Traveller

Coming to West Chiltington Recreation Ground at 7.30pm
on Thursday 29th June - Picnics from 6.00pm
TICKETS - £16 + concessions from NISA, Haglands Lane,
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STORRINGTON FLOWER CLUB

Wednesday 28 June at 2pm
Sullington Parish Hall

Demonstrator: Pat MacDonald

Theme: Pots of Colour

Competition: Natures Beauty





The May lunch meeting at The Roundabout Hotel was well-attended and the usual flurry of conversation filled the room so much that at times it was impossible to hear yourself speak. Lunch, which was enjoyed by all, was an excellent fish dish followed by cheese cake, coffee and mints. Once replete, it was now time to sit back and listen to our invited speaker, Peter Lovett BSc (Biology), The Nature



Peter and members

Man. Peter gives a wide range of talks, mostly nature, but also historical and geological themes. His talk, The Natural Year in Focus, featured West Sussex and the South Coast. Peter said his greatest joy was to walk the rolling hills of the Sussex Downs, the harbours, coastal plains, the High Weald and even Surrey.

Peter concentrated on the first half of the year from January to June, focusing on the behaviour of animals, birds and insects, plus the occurrence and types of wild flowers across the region. Being a dedicated rambler, Peter takes a great academic interest in his work and is known to be able to name virtually 100% of all fauna and flora he meets during his travels. During his beautifully illustrated talk, we were entertained by some strange sounding names such as a flower called Town Hall Clock, which helps the fairies tell the time, and Mysterious Toothwort, parasitic on the roots of hazel trees, happily not on the gums.

It was nostalgic to recognise so many local places during his illustrated examples, from migrant birds arriving to and from Selsey and Pagham Harbours from the Arctic, and the variety of birds captured on a beach photo in Durrington; we were amazed at the breeds of gulls on our beaches: Black Headed, Oystercatcher, Curlew, Redshanks, Lesser Black Backed as well as the Common Gull, to name but a few! Pulborough Brooks attracts a large variety of bird and animal life and we found the Turnstone bird has the best camouflage colouring. Chichester's canal, famous for its great number of Coots' nests, must win the overall prize for 'the ugly duckling', as baby coots are so very unattractive, though maybe not to their mothers!

Danehill and Wakehurst Place were amassed with orchids, as was Wolstonbury Hill with early purple orchids, cowslips and wild garlic. It was amazing to hear how many different varieties of orchids abound and that The Early Spider orchids in Dover are grown from seeds blown across from France! We were introduced to the sex and violence from Large Red Damsel Flies and introduced to a wide range of butterflies, such as Silver Washed and Dark Green Fritillary plus Chalkhill, Holly and Common Blues. A proposed walk above Amberley in July could yield a display of The Pride of Sussex which is The County Flower of Sussex and you might meet a Big Headed Mining Bee with five eyes! We also now know Britain's smallest bird is the Goldcrest and we give home to half of the world's population of Brent Geese: 150,000!

We really appreciated Peter's visit and we hope that he similarly enjoyed his lunch with us. Ida Rushworth thanked him warmly on our behalf and hoped that he will be back soon to cover the second half of the year.

We were reminded our next outing will be to Highgrove on **7 June** and our next speaker will be Mark Perry Nash to talk to us about The Wind in the Willows on **1 June**.

Russ Fry

CRICKET IN STORRINGTON



T20 Blast-Off

On Sunday 24 April, a sunny but cold afternoon - the early summer having already departed - the Club played a team of Cygnets Parents in a T20 game that was keenly fought to an excitingly tight finish. The Club batted first, and it was fitting that Captain Ian Homewood opened his season's account with an unbeaten half century before retiring. Useful contributions were made by Adam Smith and Steve Watkins in the side's total of 144-6 at the end of twenty overs. Dave Dunn and Matt Blackwood took two wickets apiece. The Cygnets Parents were captained by Martin Fisher who, not to be outdone by his counterpart, opened the batting, scored 50 and then retired. Pete Smith (a last minute 'ringer') and Matt Blackwood both got into the twenties before being caught. The game, by then, was getting very close to call, and Dave Dunn looked likely to win the game, as plenty of wickets were in hand. It was not to be, however, as Dave was bowled by Andrew Livermore in the final over when the score was 135. Only two more runs were added, leaving the Club victors by just seven runs. The afternoon was rounded off by a BBQ. It was good to see several of the Club's usual supporters so early in the season, and it's hoped this fixture will be repeated next year.

The Club played Findon in its first League fixture on 6 May. Findon is a much younger Club than Storrington. Only two records of games involving Findon in the 19th Century are to hand. The first one, interestingly, involved Storrington's College, who beat Findon by eight wickets in a double innings game on 4 July 1872. The Club itself beat Findon at the latter's ground by an innings and 33 runs on 25 June 1884. Storrington scored 170; Findon 90 and 47.

Chris Winter



STORRINGTON DECORATIVE AND FINE ARTS SOCIETY

On Wednesday 3 May, Douglas Skeggs spoke about Picasso and Cubism. Douglas is an art historian, artist, television presenter and lecturer on painting techniques. He is also author of several art crime mysteries.

The way in which Douglas presented images of the material he had prepared was fantastic. For example, to give a demonstration of Picasso' cubism, he took an everyday image of a mother and baby, a sign we have all seen many times, broke it up and then put it together again but out of order. It was a very clever way of demonstrating cubism. He spoke about Picasso's extraordinary talent and his dedication to art. Art, in his opinion, was not a subject by which to be amused but was a serious discipline. He was a prodigious artist and could paint in any style.

A truly wonderful lecture.

NEXT LECTURE

Wednesday 7 June 2.30pm to 3.30pm
West Chiltington Village Hall

Victorian Furniture: Why Victoria was not amused. The lecture will be given by Janus Karczewski-Slowikowski Attendance is free for members and we ask for a donation of £5 from guests. For further information please contact Linda Hannaford: lshannaford2@gmail.com or phone 01798 813127

For Society information please contact Membership Secretary, Pam Hopper: colinhopper412@hotmail.com or phone 01798 81369.



Since I last put pen to paper, the Club has enjoyed another two excellent carvery lunches at the Tollgate organised by Tony Girard and presided over by Club President, Mike Grizaard, with nearly 40 members attending

each one. Andrew Boulton once again organised two very good speakers. The first was Ian Wright (not the footballer) who talked to us about the fabulous Bluebell Railway Line. His enthusiasm for all things steam and rail engines shone through as he took us through all the work that had been done by volunteers to restore the line and the various steam engines.

Our next speaker was from The Worthing Churches Homeless Project. Sue Stevens talked to us about the splendid work being done by her and her colleagues to get homeless people off the streets and helping them to restart their lives. Sue gave us an insightful look into the many and various problems that cause people, from all sorts of backgrounds, to become homeless in the first place and then she explained how the project housed individuals, helped them off alcohol and drugs, worked with them to get their finances sorted out or ensured they got medical and mental health assistance, as well as hot meals and a place to sleep in safety. After the talk, a collection for this worthwhile local project raised £240.

Richard Green once again organised one of his famous Shuffleboard evenings at Sullington Parish Hall which, after a little hiccup of the boards not arriving on time, a very good evening was had by all the members that attended. This continues to be a very popular event in our calendar.

One of our regular events, which is always enjoyed by around 25 members, is the coffee morning organised by Don Cleary. This time it was held at The White Horse pub overlooking Pulborough Brooks and a very pleasant morning with coffee, tea and biscuits was had by all.

Our members are now very much looking forward to a visit to Greyhound Racing at Brighton & Hove Stadium, an organised walk setting out from The Owl pub at Kingsfold, followed later in the year by 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 those next time.

Peter Kerns 01798 815746

Note from the editor....



I have just undertaken a course as Lay Minister for administration of Holy Communion. I was quite overwhelmed as I really thought about the enormity of the responsibility I was undertaking in the ministering of this Holy Sacrament. May I ask for your prayers as I launch into this new venture which I feel is the next step in my calling for God's plan for me. We should never underestimate how small things can make such a difference, even if just for one person.

Perhaps you could also think of a way in which you can do something 'extra' for God, your church or your community. To quote a well-known slogan - Every little helps!

God bless you all.

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