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# 3Heralds

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St Mary's Church **SULLINGTON**



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Holy Sepulchre **WARMINGHURST**  
(Churches Conservation Trust)

# THE PARISH CHURCHES OF

**St Mary  
STORRINGTON**



**St Mary  
SULLINGTON**



**St Mary  
THAKEHAM**

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### SULLINGTON AND THAKEHAM WITH WARMINGHURST

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**All telephone numbers are 01903 unless otherwise stated.**



A pot of homemade jam; a plant for the garden; a visit from someone wanting to know how I was; a hug; a phone call from a long distance friend; a card sharing news and an email keeping in touch. These are some of the unexpected gifts that I have received recently. It isn't my birthday, I am not ill, I have not done anything to deserve these things. They have come out of the blue as expressions of love and friendship. In receiving

these gifts, I have felt not only the love and generosity of the people I live and work with, but also the love and generosity of God, who has blessed me with such good friends.

This March edition of 3 *Heralds* comes, as so often, just after the start of Lent, 14 February, and our preparations to celebrate the joy of Easter with our Risen Lord. But in this letter I do not want to urge you to discipline your lives by doing some devotional reading, or giving up chocolate or alcohol. Rather, do something infinitely more constructive in the remaining weeks of Lent. Take some time this Lent to think of those unexpected gifts that you have received, especially in times of darkness, dullness, stress or loneliness. Give thanks for the gift, and for the giver, and for the God of Love in whose Spirit such acts are made, AND GO AND DO LIKEWISE.

There is probably someone you know who is struggling with life at present; visit them; give them a hug; phone; write; email; send flowers; make a cake; invite them to a meal. Easter will perhaps then come a little earlier for some this year as new light shines in their darkness; as hope once more defeats despair; as love triumphs over loneliness; and new life rises from death.

If you make the effort this Lent, then you too will understand something of the all-embracing love of God, who gave us his Son at Easter - an unexpected and undeserved gift beyond price.

With every blessing for Easter

KATHRYN WINDSLOW  
Rector of Storrington

### PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

You are the love of each living creature, O God.  
You are the warmth of the rising sun.  
You are the whiteness of the moon at night.  
You are the life of the growing earth.  
You are the strength of the waves of the sea.  
Speak to me this night, O God, speak to me your truth.  
Dwell with me this night, O God, dwell with me in love.

from "Celtic Prayers from Iona"  
J. Philip Newell



### GUIDED TOURS OF SULLINGTON CHURCH AND FARMSTEAD

**At 2pm every Wednesday**

Guided tour of the ancient farmstead and Church at Sullington.

Meet by the Rector's parking space.

No charge but donations to ongoing repair work greatly appreciated.



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What's happening at

# St Mary's Thakeham

[www.thakehamchurch.com](http://www.thakehamchurch.com)

## Churchwardens:

David Peacock (745595)  
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Allison Goodfellow (740499)  
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## Child Protection Officer:

Karen Arkle (744844)  
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## Electoral Roll Officer:

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

## Organist:

Beryl Hardie (892349)

## Church Bookings:

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

## Bellringers: Tower Captain

Roger Watts (01798 813775)

## Gift Aid Officer:

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

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

## EASTER at St Mary's, Thakeham

### MAUNDY THURSDAY

7pm HOLY COMMUNION - TBC

### GOOD FRIDAY

10am GOOD FRIDAY ALL-AGE SERVICE  
followed by hot cross buns - TBC

### EASTER DAY

9.30am ALL-AGE EASTER DAY CELEBRATION



## Thakeham & Sullington Church Youth Groups

Come and join one of our fortnightly Friday evening youth groups

**MILESTONES** is aimed at children in years 7 and 8 of secondary school, and consists of games, crafts and discussions about moral issues, with a healthy sprinkling of 'God Stuff'.

It runs from 6pm to 7.15pm in the Church Rooms at Thakeham.

**TEIF** (Thank God It's Friday), is aimed at years 9 upwards, and, like Milestones, has games and different activities based around a termly theme.

It runs from 7.30pm to 9pm at the Church Rooms in Thakeham.

For more information about the youth work of Thakeham and Sullington, please contact Matt and Pippa at: [youthwork.stmarysthakeham@gmail.com](mailto:youthwork.stmarysthakeham@gmail.com), or call 01798 817522

## Christmas Quiz Results 2017 in aid of Family Support Work

1. Charles and Felicity Hadley (86)
2. Peter and Sandy Clark (83)
3. Stuart and Chrystalle Kersley (80)
4. Lynne Butler (75)
5. Andrew and Sheila Boulton (71)

Best answer: FIND HOW THEY WORKED

Assembler of nonsense/Jester - Harold Linfield.

Andrew and Sheila - Many answers no doubt were better than mine Harold

Congratulations to the 2017 winners and thank you to all for taking part. Thank you so much for your help and for those who sold the quiz sheets. Everybody's support was greatly appreciated.

We anticipate that our final figure for Family Support Work will be £430.

Harold Linfield



## FRIENDS OF WARMINGHURST CHURCH EVENTS



### A Performance of Gospel of St Mark performed by Nigel Parkin

Saturday 17 March 4pm

Tickets £8 available from the Friends of Warminghurst Church  
[info.fowc@gmail.com](mailto:info.fowc@gmail.com) or call 892461

Nigel Parkin presents a dramatic reading of The Gospel of Mark, with a text abridged from the King James Version for the National Theatre by Edward Kemp. Heard in one sitting, the earliest of the gospels moves us afresh with its extraordinary immediacy; an urgent, thrilling narrative full of humanity, courage and passion. To have this event in the beautiful setting of Warminghurst Church, in the week before Holy Week, will certainly be marvellous and memorable.

Nigel Parkin has won huge acclaim at Warminghurst Church, having previously performed an electrifying A Christmas Carol before Christmas.

## Knit and Stitch Tea on Tuesday

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

Thakeham Church Rooms 20 March between 2pm and 4pm

All welcome. Enquiries to Wynn Lednor - 743025

## The Annual Friends of Warminghurst Church Plant Sale

Saturday 12 May 12 - 3pm



Plants, seedlings of vegetables and flowers, herbs and much more. Refreshments available. Free entrance.





"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end: they are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness". Lamentations 3:22-23

What's happening at

# St Mary's Sullington



[www.st-marys-sullington.org](http://www.st-marys-sullington.org) [info@st-marys-sullington.org](mailto:info@st-marys-sullington.org)

## Churchwardens:

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

## Churchwardens Emeriti:

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

## Treasurer:

Gail Kittle (745754)  
Sullington Manor Farm, Sullington  
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## Pastoral Care:

Ann Salinger (01798 813481)

## PCC Secretary:

Gail Kittle (745754)

## Freewill Offering & Gift Aid Officer:

David Baxter (744346)

## Electoral Roll:

Margaret Slinn (746769)  
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Sullington RH20 4DD

## Organist:

Beryl Hardie (892349)

## Church Flowers:

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

## Safeguarding Officer:

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

## Lifts to Church:

Anne Owen (743973)

## Church Fabric Officer:

Douglas Parkes (743106)

**PASTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR SULLINGTON:** In the first instance, all enquiries for Baptisms, Weddings and Banns of Marriage should be directed to the Churchwardens, Jo Graves or John Williams, contact details above. Times of Church services can be found on page 18. Alternatively you can visit the Church website for further details.

**Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in us**

**Don't forget to keep an eye on our website for up to date information regarding service times and events**

## SUMMER EVENSONG AT SULLINGTON CHURCH

*Evensong will be held at 6pm on the first Sunday of each month at St. Mary's, Sullington, for six months starting on Sunday 6 May, and ending on Sunday 7 October.*

*More details in the April edition of 3 Heralds*

## EASTER at St Mary's, Sullington

### GOOD FRIDAY

10.30am EASTER EGG HUNT  
12noon GOOD FRIDAY REFLECTION

### EASTER DAY

11.30am ALL-AGE EASTER DAY CELEBRATION



## Tea with the Vicar

Thursday 22 March, 3 to 5pm  
at the home of Muriel Astley  
41 Martlets, West Chiltington  
All welcome.



## 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 March

Spaces are limited to 8 and booking is essential

To reserve a space, please contact:  
Tessa & Mark Holland Tel: 741904

Email: [wildfortune@btinternet.com](mailto:wildfortune@btinternet.com)

Blog: [www.wildfortuneblog.blogspot.co.uk](http://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](http://www.quietgarden.org)



## Women's World Day of Prayer

Inter-Church Service for the Storrington Area

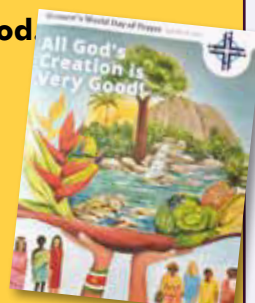
**Friday 2 March at 2pm**  
**St Mary's Church, Sullington**

### Theme:

**'All God's Creation is very good'**  
written by the women of Suriname.  
Presented by members of all  
our local Churches.

*Everyone is welcome, including men.*

*Refreshments will be at the end of the service in the Workshop Barn, next to the Church*





# What's happening at St Mary's Storrington

For Clergy see page 3 [www.storringtonparishchurch.org.uk](http://www.storringtonparishchurch.org.uk) [office@storringtonparishchurch.org.uk](mailto:office@storringtonparishchurch.org.uk)

## Churchwardens:

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Dennis Cowdrey (744372)  
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## Treasurer:

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

## Retired Clergy:

Revd Stephen Turrell (741272)  
Revd John Peal (743083)  
Revd Jaquie Peal (743083)  
**Verger:** Michael Taylor (742218)

## Sacristy Team:

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

## Captain of Bellringers:

John Taylor (745477)

## Pastoral Scheme:

Barbara Buchanan (741916)

## Recorder:

Rob and Alison Wall (743713)

## Readers and Sidesmen:

Vera Blake (743974)

## Electoral Roll Officer:

Michael Taylor (742218)

## Director of Music:

Vacant

## Assistant Organists:

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

## Footsteps (Sunday School):

Jackie Lee (743661)

## Church Flowers:

Anna Forster (745392)

## Child Protection Officer:

Jackie Lee (743661)

## Bible Reading Fellowship:

Amanda Hislop (743700)

## Bible Society:

Jean Hunt (01798 813681)

## Christian Aid Co-ordinator:

Anna Forster (745392)

## 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. Anyone interested in joining the choir please contact the Director of Music (above) or Revd Jaquie Peal - 743083.

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

**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:** The Tuesday evening Home Group at 23 Orchard Gardens is taking a break and will recommence after Easter. Contact Chrystalle on 744269.

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

## STORRINGTON REGISTERS

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

11 Jan Robert Palmer (82 years)  
19 Jan Margaret Ethel Norman (87 years)  
22 Jan Evelyn Violet Irene Humphris (81 years)

**Interment of ashes only:**

24 Jan Mary Snow (96 years)

## Lilies for Easter

Would you like to give a lily in memory of a loved one this Easter?

If so, please add the name to the list at the back of the Church and place your money in an envelope in the collection plate - a donation of £4 per lily is suggested.

Orders for the flowers should be in by Palm Sunday, 25 March. The names of those commemorated will be displayed in Church over Easter.



## MOTHERING SUNDAY - 11 March

Families are especially invited to the **Mothering Sunday Family Service** on **Sunday 11 March, at 10am.**

## CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

The Church Electoral Roll is a list of baptized people who consider themselves to be supporters of a particular parish church; at this time of year we aim to bring it up to date. If you are not yet on the Roll and would like to be, please find the appropriate form at the back of Church or at the Rectory Office, returning it to Michael Taylor (Electoral Roll Officer) at the Rectory Office (details above).

## LENT COURSE - Inspiring Vision

Our whole-church Lent Group started on Ash Wednesday. The final three weeks are as follows starting at 7.30pm in St Mary's Church, Storrington:

- Week 4** 7 March - Prayer as life evolves, introduced by Dame Patricia Routledge.
- Week 5** 14 March - The Joy and Excitement of Prayer, introduced by Charles Harrison, Director of Music at Chichester Cathedral.
- Week 6** 21 March - Prayer, Repentance and Forgiveness, introduced by Dame Caroline Spelman, First Estates Commissioner.

## St Mary's Church Storrington

## CONCERT COMMITTEE

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

- Sat 3 March** Brighton Welsh Male Voice Choir
  - Sun 6 May** Songs for Springtime
  - Sat 16 June** Detworth Town Band
  - Sat 21 July** The Magic of Rodgers & Hammerstein
- Please make a note of the dates in your diaries!



# HOLY WEEK & EASTER AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, STORRINGTON

**PALM SUNDAY**, (with distribution of Palm Crosses)  
For times of services see p18

**Monday of Holy Week, 26 March**  
7.30pm Compline

**Tuesday of Holy Week, 27 March**  
7.30pm Service of Wholeness and Healing with Reception  
of Holy Oils following Chrism Mass into Church

**Wednesday of Holy Week, 28 March**  
7.30pm Tenebrae – A Service of Shadows

**MAUNDY THURSDAY, 29 March**  
10.30am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)  
7.30pm Maundy Thursday Eucharist and stripping of altars

**GOOD FRIDAY, 30 March**  
9.15am Good Friday Procession (inter-Church), starting at  
Our Lady of England R.C. Church, Monastery Lane  
12noon Three Hours' Devotion  
A series of reflections on characters from the  
Passion story (entry or exit possible at 1pm and 2pm)

**EASTER DAY, 1 April The Day of Resurrection!**  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Easter Family Communion  
6pm Easter Evening Prayer

## SIN HAS MET ITS MATCH

I do not come because my soul  
Is free from sin, and pure and whole  
And worthy of thy grace  
I do not speak to thee because  
I've ever justly kept thy laws  
And dare to meet thy face.

I know that sin and guilt combine  
To reign o'er every thought of mine  
And turn from good to ill  
I know that when I try to be  
Upright and just and true to thee  
I am a sinner still.

I know that often when I strive  
To keep a spark of love alive  
For thee, the powers within  
Leap up in unsubmissive might

And oft benumb my sense of right  
And pull me back to sin.

I know that though in doing good  
I spend my life, I never could  
Atone for all I've done  
But though my sins are black as  
night  
I dare to come before they sight  
Because I trust thy son.

In Him alone my trust I place  
Come boldly to thy throne of grace  
And there commune with thee  
Salvation sure O Lord is mine  
And, all unworthy, I am thine  
For Jesus died for me.

Martin Luther

## Sullington Monday Club For over 60s

If you're over sixty, why not come and join  
us at Trinity Methodist Church, Thakeham Road,  
on Monday afternoons from 2pm to 4pm

A great way to meet new people and to have  
a fun-filled afternoon playing cards, bingo,  
board games, curling, bowls and weekly prizes

It's an enjoyable way to have a cup of tea/coffee,  
biscuit and a chat with other members

Transport is available by minibus

For further information call  
Chris or Margaret Hawes on 743076

## CHRISTIANS IN STORRINGTON

would like to invite all Christians in Storrington  
to participate in the annual

### Good Friday Procession of Witness

30 March  
starting at  
9.15am



It starts from Our Lady of England Roman Catholic Church  
in Monastery Lane and follows the cross around the village,  
pausing for worship at various points, before finishing at Trinity  
Methodist Church on Thakeham Road.

The whole event lasts about one hour and is an excellent start  
to the Easter weekend. Transport along the route is provided for  
anyone who is unable to walk the distance. You can join and  
leave the procession at any point along the route.

## Church@4pm

18 March

at St Mary's Church, Storrington

Church@4 is a more informal act  
of worship, with stories, songs and  
craft to which all are welcome,  
especially families with young children.



## 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 6 March** – Community Church will lead

**Tuesday 3 April** – Chemin Neuf Community will lead

*One in faith and love and praise*

## LENT LUNCHES

### Thakeham, Sullington & Storrington Churches

Lent lunches will take place on 7 and 21 March.  
The lunch is homemade soup and bread  
roll and cheese followed by coffee  
and tea and will cost £3.

St Mary's Church, Storrington, needs your

**STAMPS** PLEASE SAVE  
ALL YOUR STAMPS

*and leave in the box in the Church porch...*  
they can be converted to much needed funds for our Church.  
Please pass the message to all your friends and neighbours.

## MESSAGE FROM BISHOP MARTIN

There are two major Christian festivals in March. They celebrate people whose response to God was tentative, but consistent. The first commemorates Joseph of Nazareth, the husband of Mary. The second festival celebrates Mary's experience of the annunciation of the birth of Jesus.

Christians of earlier generations found benefit in presenting the story of Easter as the culmination of Christmas when Joseph and Mary were so prominent. They did this through a cycle of mystery plays, the most famous of which are still performed in York, telling the Christian story from creation to judgement at the end of time. These plays were a bridge between ordinary daily life and the drama of heaven come to earth in the Church's liturgical worship. This year, an early Easter places Holy Week between the festivals of Joseph and of the annunciation. It is one of those periodic occurrences when dates and timing become symbolic.

Mary and Joseph are two ordinary people, from the same working town, who fall in love and get married. In the middle of all that, something incredible happens, that transforms their lives. They become players in the divine drama of salvation. Their festivals stand on either side of Holy Week and they, as it were, invite us to connect with that drama through our experience today of God's call and God's power.

In this Year of Prayer, my hope is that the drama of Holy Week will assume greater importance in your Christian life, and in your diary. I hope that you, like Joseph and Mary, will allow the call of God to draw you into the drama of salvation: not as a spectator, but as a player, or agent, who will attract others to its reality, as you renew your commitment to know, love, follow Jesus.

+Martin



**St Mary's Church  
Storrington Concert  
Committee presents**



## BRIGHTON WELSH MALE VOICE CHOIR

**at St Mary's Church, Storrington**

**SATURDAY  
3 MARCH  
7.30pm**



**Tickets £10**  
to include a  
glass of wine/  
soft drink and  
nibbles

from **Fowlers Estate Agents,  
The Square, Storrington  
(745844)** or  
**King & Chasemore Estate Agents,  
High Street, Storrington  
(745761)**

# Cafe in the Church

**St Mary's Church  
Church Street  
Storrington**

**Wednesday 21 March  
10am to 11.30am**

And every **3rd Wednesday** of the month

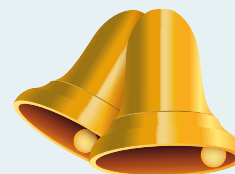
*Come and join us for a friendly  
'cuppa' with the Rector or Curate*

## THINKING OF TAKING UP A HOBBY OR CRAFT?

### Why not try bell ringing?

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

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



To find out more or to ring a bell at one of our practice evenings call Ian or Laura Wadey on 740441.

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

## ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS RAFA CHAPEL SUSSEXDOWN

**Communion with the residents  
Thursday 22 March at 11.30am**

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

## MILK BOTTLE TOPS Please keep collecting!



The tops will be given to Storrington Primary School. The Friends of Storrington School (FOSS) are now collecting the tops to raise money for the school and so we will continue to give them our support.

**Please remember clean, plastic milk bottle tops only should be delivered to Storrington Rectory Office - do not leave them anywhere in Church** (office is open Tuesday to Thursdays, 10am - 1pm). Milk bottle tops collected at St Mary's, Sullington, can also be sent to Storrington Rectory Office.

Thank you to everyone who collects plastic milk bottle tops and keep up the good work!

*Viv Stuart*



# A TRIBUTE TO MARGARET NORMAN

14 December 1930 – 2 January 2018

Margaret was born on 14 December 1930. She always felt duped having her birthday so close to Christmas, as the two festivities tended to merge into one.

Mum's early years were overshadowed by the war. She would cycle into school in Croydon with a gas mask over her shoulder and sleep with her mother and older sister, Olive, in an air raid shelter in the garden. She was evacuated to Taunton, but when she returned to Croydon, a V2 rocket exploded down the road and blew out the windows.

Always immersed in guiding, Margaret was Queen Rat on the local Drowned Rat Hike to my father's King Rat. They fell in love, but marriage was delayed by John's serious illness when he was at Oxford.

Mum's academic interest was in science and she worked as a lab technician at the gas works in the Old Kent Road, meeting Jacob Bronowski, who was then the Coal Board's director of research. Driving to work in the Great London Smog, it was only just possible to see the kerb and keep the car on the road. She was still keeping up with her fellow workers over 50 years later.

Following their marriage in 1956, mum and dad lived in Ilkeston in Derbyshire, before my father became vicar of Ashford in the Water in the Peak District. Well-dressing was a local custom which mum learned and carried forward to the flower festival at Storrington Church in 1980. My sister, Janet, and I were born in Ashford, in my case after mum, fed up with waiting, had hiked up a steep hill to the lead mining village of Sheldon.

My parents moved on to Breadsall, nearer to Derby. Again, mum immersed herself in parish life. She also began to train to teach, riding a moped to the teacher training college in the city. Holidays were spent somewhere cold and windy, either the Hebrides or County Cork, eating crab sandwiches sheltered behind a windbreak as the sand whipped around us. Mum loved Derbyshire and was still returning to visit friends in Ashford and Breadsall until 2014.



Moving to Ticehurst in East Sussex, mum completed her teacher training in Eastbourne, swapping the moped for a mini to make the 60 mile round trip each day. She enlisted us to clamber through the local woods, so she could measure light levels for her research project.

After four years in East Sussex, in 1974 my parents moved to Storrington. Mum worked in the parish, running the Mothers' Union and Sunday School, as well as teaching physics and chemistry part time in local schools.

On one occasion, mum decided to take up bee keeping. She carefully pacified the bees and lifted the lid on the hive, only to be attacked by an angry swarm, which followed us all as we retreated into the rectory, stinging everyone in its path, including the dog.

The highlight of my parents' year was their annual three week caravan trip to France. Over the years, they gradually penetrated further and

further south, until one summer they reached the Mediterranean.

Dad's health was deteriorating. Nevertheless, it was a shock when he died suddenly the week after Easter in 1983. Mum bore it with characteristic stoicism, moving to Pulborough and continuing to teach, although she never got over dad's loss.

She continued to caravan in France too, now with Mary Beeson, a school friend and also a clergy widow. She particularly enjoyed her time teaching at Springfield Park girls' school in Horsham, going on the annual winter trip to the Alps, where in her mid-50s she learned to ski. When the school went bust mid-year, mum continued to teach the GCSE students, as the school was sold off around her, with the girls achieving very good results in her science subjects.

Mum's later years were marred by psychological problems. In 1994, she collapsed after an adverse reaction to penicillin. She spent a year in Birklands care home in Storrington before she recovered, moving to the house in Chanctonbury Walk, which she owned for the rest of her life. She started to drive again, motoring down to Somerset to visit Janet, Chris and Beth, and up to Buckinghamshire to visit my family. My children, Renny and Oliver, loved their visits to their 'graggy'. They also both inherited her interest in science. They would take over the floor, drawing bird books which mum would annotate; we would go to the beach at Littlehampton and in the evenings find ancient board games and jigsaws to play. Mum knew the names of all the plants and took Janet's daughter, Beth, to Tiny Tots in the Church, and pond dipping for bugs at Pulborough Brooks.

Abandoning the caravan, mum and Mary Beeson went on tours to Portugal and Greece together. When Mary died in 2004, it triggered a second bout of mental illness. Again, mum's health gradually improved. Although she couldn't now drive, she busied herself with Church life, played Scrabble and would raid the Friday Market, returning with a shopping trolley full of vegetables, cakes and biscuits.

Towards the end of 2014, mum had a series of falls, culminating in a major seizure, for which she was hospitalised. We were told that she would not be safe at home alone, so she went to stay at Sussexdown.

In many ways, her life carried on as normal. She took part in the home's trips and activities and walked in the grounds. There was a gentleman named Alan Norman at Sussexdown and each week, when I would visit her, mum would delight in saying "Mr Norman, meet Mr Norman". I would often find her in the chapel on a Saturday, waiting for the next service, although it wasn't until Thursday. Her friends, Alan and Annette, would take her to Church on a Sunday.

The last year of mum's life was marked by increasing isolation and confusion, and dementia was diagnosed. She would spend her days sitting in her favourite chair and waving to the carers and visitors as they passed. In December she had a fall, the break in her hip requiring surgery, from which she never fully recovered. She was discharged from hospital, but wasn't eating or drinking. She received communion with us a last time four days before she died. Although she wasn't sure who we were, she lit up when we talked about Derbyshire and about John.

As a family, we would like to thank the Church and congregation in Storrington for all the support and for making mum's funeral such a fitting celebration of her life.

*Paul Norman, son of Margaret*





## SULLINGTON 122 YEARS AGO

### EXTRACTS FROM CANON PALMER'S DIARY – MARCH 1896

**Sun 1:** Lent II. Dull some rain mild. Have had two fair congregations morning and evening. Ten to Holy Communion. Preached old sermon on the use of a period of repose from the toil and pleasure of life provided in Lent and on the Doubt Insinuated by the Tempter "if thou aren't the Son of God" (got to evening church by daylight).

**Mon 2:** Fine with brisk westerly wind. I blacken my left eye with chopping wood. Smith brings us his *impedimenta*. The boy walks to the Ring and is out late.

**Tue 3:** Stormy morning then clearer. In spite of a black eye I preside at the Board of Guardians; great discussion over our employing a valuer for Kings Farm at North Stoke, 4 apply. Canon Jelf and wife make a first call.

**Wed 4:** Heavy storms at intervals. Cicely XVII, kept quiet. I better and took my sermon on Malachi 2 1-7 at Storrington; supped at the Hoares.

**Thu 5:** Stormy but generally fine. Rode a little in afternoon, looking for a successor for Fatima. Mrs Monteith and Co. to say farewell... a Miss Pitt-Taylor with the Amphletts take my service at Roundabouts, well attended.

**Fri 6:** High wind, dull. Drove to Pulborough to make an Affidavit on the subject of Palmer v Carew-Gibson. May takes an XI of hockeyites to the Marjessons and returns beaten, but not badly.

**Sat 7:** Gale, very mild. Dined at Parham to meet our new Episcopus: pleased with him generally: a pleasant dinner. Jelfs, Miss Anson, Gynns, Bourke, Miss Thynne and Somerset.

**Sun 8:** Lent III. Dull, drifty, mild. Only very indifferent numbers ... preached on Ezekiel. Walked after Church to Fryern where Ethel Baxter. A long and interesting from WBC dated from Cathedral Square Christchurch New Zealand 28 January describing his journey, Suez to Albany, very hot. Sydney {13 January 108 degrees in the shade} thence to Wellington and Christchurch which he likes. The heat and cold atmospheres seem to encompass the earth, as last winter was an extremely severe one ever in the Antipodes.

**Mon 9:** As yesterday. Clara and May went off to Petworth on singing bent. I did little, the day turning out but rainy. New cook arrives. C Terry succeeded by Ethel Streeter.

**Tue 10:** Fine mild. Drove May to Amberley *en route* for the Griffiths; a magnificent morning, like May. Blossoms well out on the apricot. Broad beans up. Walked to Cobden in afternoon: Alice Tulley convalescent after a sharp attack.

**Wed 11:** Dull and mild. Children brought us up fine bunches of daffodils. Walked to Padwicks to see about a successor to Fatima. In evening my fourth lecture at Storrington, well attended.

**Thu 12:** Much as yesterday. Mrs Nichols, in the lane, takes umbridge at being dubbed 'dirty' *avec ses enfant*. Mesdames Gynn and the new doctor's wife Paine tea. Clara and I to our Cobden service, from natural causes lambing etc. only ten present. Lambert pays his first call *solus*.

**Fri 13:** Dull and colder. Cut CDA. Walked to Wantley, a baby there born 29 February of the Schermans. Cut County Council quarterly meeting.

**Sat 14:** Dull. Clara drove to Pulborough and brought back Hal. I to Cobden to see Kate Tully, a nice bright girl. Planted potatoes and sowed Champion peas. The Italian defeat under Baratieri in Abyssinia necessitate an Egyptian move on the Dongola.

**Sun 15:** Lent IV. Dull with a strong SW wind. Fair congregations. Preached on the Lord's answer to the Sadducee query about the 7 times married woman. Ignorance as to the Holy Spirit and the power of God: in afternoon on the second Temptation. Walked with Hal on his way Pulboroughward.

**Mon 16:** Tempestuous SW wind and rain. Could not face the gale to join Tramps committee at Chichester. Killed a pigling weighing 22lbs,

sold 2 steers at £10 each and 8 pigs at 10/- each. The two Bacon (! ed.) girls biked over from West Chiltington this evening and looked quite smart. Called at Sandgate. Mrs Felton's drawing room day: she looked very solitary in state.

**Tue 17:** Fair morning, turned to rain, strong SW wind. Terrible long sitting, 10-5 of the Council of the Board of Guardians. Kelly tackled by Bourke. Nurse 'no go', being no midwife. Raise Wood's salary to £100. Receive Road Surveyors estimate for coming year, £17 or £14,000 odd according to materials and crushing by hand or engine. On report from Miss Hoare of two scarlettinas at Winchester. We are to have Cicely and Richards home tomorrow, one fortnight in advance of the holidays.

**Wed 18:** Heavy storm and much rain. Rode to West Chiltington and saw the Pickerings, he and she seemed feeble. Service at Storrington, good congregation considering the weather. Supped with Parkinson.

**Thu 19:** Fine, a little frost. School 19/25. Cicely is reprieved by an appeal from the Chief. Jelf's and Nappier's to tea.

**Fri 20:** Rough and wet. Hardly left the house all day. Wrote to Mrs Lambert declining further responsibility for her son. Am reading over the 'Sealions' by Cooper, a graphic though longwinded description of sealing, whaling and the Antarctic Ocean. Acquire by barter a horse (mare) from G Richardson.

**Sat 21:** Wet morning then cleared. Walked to Cobden and to Rowdel with Lambert.

**Sun 22:** Lent V. Brilliantly fine and warm. A wonderful and well neigh summer day. Congregations fair. Baptised a child of Mrs Hassell (Ada Barns) whom also I baptised in 1875. I gave a few words referring to the use we should make of Baptism.

**Mon 23:** As yesterday. Drag harrow front meadow with the grey mare. Drive Clara to Stopham and then with Lambert to Littlehampton; walked home by the Downs – most beautiful weather – like June.

**Tue 24:** As yesterday. An extraordinary temperature for the season at 54 and fine all through! Even in the evening we walked May and I to Threales for the evening service and found it quite warm. Called on a new and apparently tidy and respectable family in the lane, one Lelliott, a cowman.

**Wed 25:** Very fine but some clouds. Making up melon frame. Took my usual evening lecture at Storrington last but one, very well attended. Cope walk full, its carpet bedding wonderfully early.

**Thu 26:** Rather stormy, some rain in the evening. Sowing parsnips. Rably whitewashing the cellar. Took my last evening service at Cobden. Caught in a little storm on return.

**Fri 27:** Colder. Strong wind from the north. To Arundel riding; committee for the Asylum. The Duke there looking very much washed out.

**Sat 28:** Very stormy squalls of rain and hail. To Cobden visiting Mrs Pennell with inflamed throat and Kate Tully, convalescent. Oxford again wins the Boat Race. Hal comes down for the night.

**Sun 29:** Lent VI. Raw and cold from the north. Not good congregations. Preached on Psalm XXXIX the Invitation to the Searcher of Hearts and on the meaning of palm bearing. Hal left this afternoon walking to Pulborough.

**Mon 30:** Fine but with a frost. Cold. Hear that the Farm is being valued. Duke having filed a petition! Clara and May to Mrs Felton to Wisborough, the Wyatts for a final practising. May has to give up the idea of her play acting as the themes fly from her. Make a cinder path for the beehives.

**Tue 31:** Fine frosty morning. Board of Guardians. Tenders. Called attention to ringworm cases. Had a Parish meeting, three present. Felton Chair with Overseer with Mrs Crowhurst. Richardson strikes as out for higher pay. Had my last service at Roundabouts – have gone through the first part of the Lord's Prayer.

## WEST CHILTINGTON AND STORRINGTON MOTHERS' UNION



The first meeting of this our Centenary Year was our AGM on 1 February.

We were delighted that Sonia Fox has joined the Committee after being unanimously elected by the members.

The Treasurer's Report showed Branch Funds were in a healthy state thanks to the Coffee Morning that Jeannie and Laurie Watten kindly hosted at their home in July 2017. Sadly, attendances at fund-raising events had been much lower during the year so consequently donations to MU Diocesan Projects was lower.

In the absence of a Branch Leader, Jean Hunt gave the Branch Report. Speakers had been varied and interesting, and meetings enjoyable. The Prayer Shawl team were thanked for all that they do, especially Jeannie Watten for hosting the group sessions, which affords a time of fellowship as well as prayerful knitting. Donations of money or wool are always welcome, as are requests for shawls.

After the business part of the afternoon a jolly time followed when we gathered around Chrystalle Kersley and the piano. Chrystalle gave us lines from parlour songs, hymns or folk songs for us to 'Name that Tune'. On guessing the right answer, we then all joined in singing. Great fun was had by all.

Before our next Meeting on **1 March**, we shall be preparing and serving the Lent Lunch, for £5, at West Chiltington Church Hall at 12 noon. Do come along for lunch and stay for our meeting at 2pm, when Revd Stuart Kersley will tell us about 'A Vicar's Lot'.

Friday 2 March, Women's World Day of Prayer Services, will be held at Pulborough United Reformed Church, and St. Mary's Sullington, both at 2pm.

Jean Hunt

# HEROES ASSEMBLE

IT'S TIME TO CLEAN UP THIS COUNTRY!

**2-4 MARCH 2018**



Sunday 4th March  
10am - 12noon  
Meet at Place Villarest (opposite HSBC bank)

All ages welcome  
Refreshments will be served at 12 noon  
We look forward to seeing you

Bags and litter pickers provided but please  
bring any tools (gloves, broom, rake etc)  
that might be useful.



## THE ARMED MAN

A Mass for Peace by Karl Jenkins

### SANDGATE SINGERS

with guest singers and Orchestra

Directed by Peter Allwood

### ARUNDEL CATHEDRAL

Arundel, West Sussex

**SATURDAY 3 MARCH AT 7.30PM**

Tickets £15. Available from:  
[www.sandgatesingers.com](http://www.sandgatesingers.com),  
The Card Shop Storrington or call: 01903 741984

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## CHEMIN NEUF COMMUNITY

The Priory, School Lane, Storrington

### EVENTS AT THE PRIORY

#### QUIET DAYS

Teaching, times of prayer and light lunch provided

**10am-4pm**

**Wednesday 21 March**

**Wednesday 16 May**

#### PRAYER GROUP

A time of worship and praise with a charismatic flavour

**8-9pm on Tuesdays**

We do have to change dates occasionally,  
so worth ringing beforehand

#### PRIORY DAYS

**9.30am-2pm**

**8 March • 5 April • 3 May • 7 June**

Come and join in the life of the Priory with gardening, cooking, sewing or DIY, Midday Prayer and Lunch. Please let us know you are coming so we can cater for you for lunch.

Phone 742150 • [storrington@chemin-neuf.org](mailto:storrington@chemin-neuf.org)  
[www.chemin-neuf.org.uk](http://www.chemin-neuf.org.uk)



## WALK ON FIRE AND RAISE FUNDS FOR ST BARNABAS HOUSE OR THE WORTHING RFC MINIS TOUR

Worthing Rugby Club is hosting an exciting fire walk on **Saturday 17 March** as part of their St Patrick's Day celebrations. The event, which anyone can take part in as long as they are aged 10 or over on the day of the event, will be raising sponsorship for Worthing-based hospice St Barnabas House and the Worthing RFC Minis Tour. It costs just £20 to register to take part in the fire walk with participants encouraged to raise a minimum sponsorship of £100.



Patrick Hooper, Worthing RFC Minis Tour Manager, said: "The fire walk is part of our St Patrick's Day extravaganza. We're going to have an outside marquee bar with a projector at one end to watch the Six Nations from 2pm onwards. At the other end of the marquee we're going to have all sorts of Irish craft, food and music throughout the day. The fire walk will take place at 6.30pm and afterwards the band will come on and we will rock the night away!"

Fire walk participants can choose to raise sponsorship for either St Barnabas House or the Worthing RFC Minis Tour.

St Barnabas House is the local adults' hospice, providing specialist palliative care for people with life-limiting illnesses, both at the hospice and in the local community. Wendy Bardsley, Community Fundraising Manager at St Barnabas House, said: "To provide all of our care services every year it costs £6.1 million and we only receive a small percentage of that through statutory funding. When we were approached by Worthing Rugby Club about this event we saw it as a really good opportunity to form a partnership with a sports team which plays an important role in our local community. It's going to be a really exciting event. Anyone can take part in the fire walk. The £20 registration fee will cover the cost of the event with any sponsorship money raised on top of that going directly to either St Barnabas House or the RFC Minis Tour."



Patrick added: "From the Rugby Club's point of view, it's a chance to make the annual Under-7s to Under-11s Tour at the Club as inclusive as possible, to allow some of the kids who would most benefit from a rugby trip away to take part. I'm keen to move the image

of Rugby Union away from being an elite sport to being a good way for kids to get fit and learn valuable lessons that will transfer to the rest of their life. Some of the young people at the Club are in care and the only regular input from a strong adult figure can be rugby. Promotion of health and care for all sections of society brought me onto my favourite local charity, St Barnabas House, which is close to the Club."

**You can register to take part in the fire walk for either St Barnabas House or Worthing RFC Minis Tour at [www.stbh.org.uk/fire-walk](http://www.stbh.org.uk/fire-walk).**



### toddlerific

Fun morning group for babies and toddlers

We meet every Friday during term time from 9.30am-11am

£2.50 per family which includes refreshments

Come along, join in and make new friends by making crafts, hearing bible stories, singing, playing musical instruments, and playing with toys

Trinity Methodist Church  
Thakeham Road, Storrington  
For more information contact  
Karlene - 07775 835842 or Katherine - 01903 245799

## Family Activities @ Chichester Cathedral

A fun filled family day to be held in Chichester Cathedral

# Spring has Sprung

**Friday 13th April**  
**10am to 3pm**  
(Last entry 2.30pm)

**NO NEED TO BOOK JUST DROP IN**

**£2.50 PER CHILD**

Follow the colourful Cathedral trail to search for 'things that grow' - Collect your prize when you finish!

**£1.50** child's meal offer with a valid voucher (Terms and conditions apply)

For children aged 3-12 years - must be accompanied by an adult

Make your own 'Grow Head' or design and make all kinds of Spring flowers, birds or animals

Soft toy area for the under 3 years

**CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL**

**Come along and join in all the fun!**

**NEXT EVENT:**  
Monster Mania  
Friday 27th July

For further details contact Sue on 01243 812497 or email [sue.poil@chichestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:sue.poil@chichestercathedral.org.uk)



## Digging for Victory brings many rewards

While many people find weeding, digging and raking leaves a chore, our students seem to like nothing better. Even on a cold winter's afternoon, a forest of hands fly up when pupils are asked "who wants to do gardening today?" and their enthusiasm has just helped Storrington Primary School to earn an award from the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS).

To achieve the RHS School Gardening Level 3 Award, the school had to use the garden to support an area of teaching and with our new Year 6 students learning about WWII this year, what better than a Dig for Victory campaign on the school allotments? As well as bringing life on the Home Front alive, growing their own fruit and veg is helping students to understand seasonal produce and where food comes from.

At the end of each gardening session, the gardeners get to nibble what's available and some of them are discovering new tastes: "It's like a hand grenade in my mouth!" was one response to eating mustard leaves...before asking for some more!

With the Year 6 veg patches up and running, we'll be finding more ways to introduce gardening to the younger students over the Spring and Summer terms, from growing Magic Beans and giant sunflowers, to creating habitats for pollinators and a pop-up garden centre.

Our fantastic reward for achieving the Level 3 award will be a delivery of plants for the allotments every term for a year starting with a collection of fruit bushes and canes. But the RHS's work with schools shows that gardening brings many other benefits, not least enriching the curriculum, improving physical and mental well-being, building children's confidence and communication, and helping young people develop a sense of responsibility. It's also a lot of fun and as one young student put it "I think gardening is going to be my new favourite thing".

Rebecca Stables, Business Manager,  
Storrington Primary School

## SUSSEXDOWN RAFA CARE HOME

Would you like to visit some of the residents at Sussexdown on a reasonably regular basis? These visits would be purely neighbourly and should prove interesting and may be enlightening for the visitors! Please let Ann know if you are interested on 01798 813481.

## 1ST STORRINGTON RAINBOWS AND 2ND STORRINGTON BROWNIES

### Happy 5th birthday to Rainbows

This January, the 1st Storrington Rainbows celebrated their 5th year in the village. The current 14 Rainbows were joined by 8 Guides who were the first ever Storrington Rainbows. It was lovely to see them all again and to look back at photos of them as 5-year old Rainbows. The evening was spent playing party games together and eating Birthday cake.

The 2nd Storrington Brownies have welcomed four new girls to the unit and have started working towards four new Interest Badges. These include Writer, Craft, Cook and Science Investigator! We look forward to updating you on these next month.

Clare Worth



WE DISCOVER, WE GROW  
**Girlguiding**

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.



# GREAT EASTER EGG HUNT

## EASTER SATURDAY 31 MARCH

(For children up to 10 years of age)

**I am until 12noon**  
**The Green, Sullington Warren**

Come and join in the family fun  
mums and dads needed  
to help with the children





# CHURCH SERVICES AT A GLANCE

DATE	FESTIVAL OR SUNDAY	STORRINGTON St Mary's	THAKEHAM St Mary's	SULLINGTON St Mary's
4 March	Lent 3	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Family Communion 11.45am Baptism Service 6pm Evensong	10.30am Joint All-age Service (with Sullington)	8am Holy Communion (with Thakeham)
11 March	Lent 4 Mothering Sunday	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Family Communion 6pm Evensong	9.30am All-age Service	8am Holy Communion (with Thakeham) 11.30am Morning Prayer
18 March	Lent 5 Passiontide	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion with Prayers for Healing + Footsteps 4pm Church@4 <b>No Evensong</b>	8am Holy Communion (with Sullington)	10.30am Holy Communion (with Thakeham)
25 March	PALM SUNDAY	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion + Footsteps 6pm Evensong	9.30am Family Communion	11.30am Family Communion

FOR HOLY WEEK SERVICES including MAUNDY THURSDAY and GOOD FRIDAY see pages 4, 5, 6 and 9

1 April	EASTER DAY	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am <b>Easter Celebration</b> (all age) 6pm <b>Easter Evensong</b>	9.30am <b>Easter Celebration</b> (all age)	8am Holy Communion (with Thakeham) 11.30am <b>Easter Celebration</b> (all age)
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Midweek Holy Communion services on Thursdays: St Mary's Church, Storrington at 10.30am and 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

grahamthrussell.GT@gmail.com

### COMMUNITY CHURCH

*at Steyning Grammar School – Rock Road Campus*

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: Revd Dawn Carn

4 Gorse Avenue, Worthing, BN14 9PG

Tel: 260356 (Church Office: 746390)

www.trinitymethodiststorrington.uk

www.facebook.com/TrinityStorrington

## WEEKLY EVENTS

<b>Tues</b>	10am	Coffee Morning – Storrington Chapel
<b>Wed</b>	9.30am	Registrar of Births and Deaths – Storrington Library – pre-booking only – 01243 642122
<b>Fri</b>	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

## MARCH

<b>Thu 1</b>	
10.30am	Pop-In Lunch Club – p18
2pm	MU – Meeting with Lent Lunch – p15 Fryern Ladies' Probus – Meeting – p24
7.30pm	Storrington Camera Club – Meeting – p24
<b>Fri 2</b>	
2pm	Women's World Day of Prayer – p5
<b>Sat 3</b>	
10am	Storrington Conservation Society – Working Party – p33
7.30pm	Brighton Male Voice Choir Concert – St Mary's, Storrington – p10
7.30pm	Sandgate Singers' Concert – p15
<b>Sun 4</b>	<b>LENT 3 – Passiontide</b>
10am	Heroes Assemble – Village Clean-up – p15
<b>Mon 5</b>	
7.30pm	Storrington Museum – AGM – p22
<b>Tue 6</b>	
10am	Inter-Church prayers – RC Church (side-chapel) – p9
2pm	SPACE – Arts and Craft Group – p32
<b>Wed 7</b>	
10am	St Barnabas Outreach – Library Car Park – p24
12.45pm	Lent Lunch – Church Rooms, Thakeham – p9
7.30pm	Week 4 – Lent Course – St Mary's, Storrington – p6
7.30pm	Rotary Film Night – Breathe – p21
<b>Thu 8</b>	
9.30am	Chemin Neuf – Priory Day – p15
7.30pm	Bingo – Mary How Trust – p28
<b>Sat 10</b>	
10am	Sandgate Conservation Society – Working Party – p28
3pm	Visiting Bellringers – St Mary's, Storrington: Sussex County (Western Division)
<b>Sun 11</b>	<b>LENT 4 – Mothering Sunday</b>
<b>Mon 12</b>	
7.30pm	Thakeham Gardeners' Club – Meeting – p34
<b>Wed 14</b>	
10am	Wild Fortune Quiet Garden – p5
7.30pm	Week 5 – Lent Course – St Mary's, Storrington – p6
<b>Thu 15</b>	
2pm	Storrington Conservation Society – Working Party – p33
3pm	Tea with the Vicar – p5
7.30pm	Storrington Camera Club – Meeting – p24
7.45pm	Storrington Dramatic Society – Play – p28
<b>Fri 16</b>	
7.30pm	Storrington Horticultural Society – Meeting – p33
7.45pm	Storrington Dramatic Society – Play – p28
<b>Sat 17</b>	
4pm	Gospel of St Mark performance – Warminghurst Church – p4
7.45pm	Storrington Dramatic Society – Play – p28
<b>Sun 18</b>	<b>LENT 5 – Passiontide</b>
1pm	Sunday Lunch Club – p18
4pm	Church@4pm – St Mary's, Storrington – p9
<b>Tue 20</b>	
2pm	Knit & Stitch Tea – p4
2pm	SPACE – Arts and Craft Group – p32
7.30pm	Licensing of Revd David Coleman as Rector at St Mary's, West Chiltington
<b>Wed 21</b>	
10am	Cafe in the Church – St Mary's, Storrington – p10
10am	Chemin Neuf Quiet Day – p15
12.45pm	Lent Lunch – Church Rooms, Thakeham – p9
7.30pm	Week 6 – Lent Course – St Mary's, Storrington – p6
7.30pm	Sullington Windmills WI – Meeting – p32
<b>Thu 22</b>	
11.30am	Communion at Susssexdown – p10
3pm	Tea with the Vicar – p5
<b>Fri 23</b>	
7.30pm	French Film Night – Therese – p23
<b>Sat 24</b>	
10am	Sandgate Conservation Society – Working Party – p28
7.30pm	Storrington Museum – Quiz Night – p22

<b>Sun 25</b>	British Summertime begins – Clocks forward 1 hour
	<b>PALM SUNDAY</b> <b>ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>
<b>Mon 26</b>	<b>Monday of Holy Week</b>
7.30pm	Compline – St Mary's, Storrington – p9
<b>Tue 27</b>	<b>Tuesday of Holy Week</b>
12noon	Blessing of the Holy Oils at the Chrism Mass – Chichester Cathedral
7.30pm	Service of Wholeness and Healing with Reception of Holy Oils following Chrism Mass into Church at St Mary's, Storrington – p9
7.30pm	Mary How Trust Film Night – Victoria and Abdul – p 32
<b>Wed 28</b>	<b>Wednesday of Holy Week</b>
2pm	Storrington Flower Club – Meeting – p34
7.30pm	Tenebrae – A Service of Shadows – St Mary's, Storrington – p9
7.30pm	Sandgate Conservation Society – Meeting – p28
<b>Thu 29</b>	<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b>
10am	Storrington Community Market – (instead of Friday)
7pm	Maundy Thursday Holy Communion – St Mary's, Thakeham – p4
7.30pm	Maundy Thursday Eucharist – St Mary's, Storrington – p9
7.30pm	Storrington Camera Club – Meeting – p24
<b>Fri 30</b>	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>
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10am	Good Friday All-age Service – St Mary's, Thakeham – p4
10.30am	East Egg Hunt – St Mary's, Sullington – p5
12noon	Good Friday Reflection – St Mary's, Sullington – p5
12noon	Three Hours' Devotion – St Mary's, Storrington – p9
7pm	Rowland Singers' Concert – p22
<b>Sat 31</b>	<b>EASTER EVE / HOLY SATURDAY</b>
9.30am	Floral Decorating for Easter – St Mary's, Storrington
11am	Easter Egg Hunt – Sullington Warren – p17
	<b>APRIL</b>
<b>Sun 1</b>	<b>EASTER DAY – Church Services pages 4, 5 &amp; 9</b> Alleluia! Christ is risen!
<b>Mon 2</b>	
8am	Rotary Club Car Boot Sale – p22

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

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL DAYS

### MARCH

<b>Thu 1</b>	<b>David, Patron of Wales, c.601</b>
<b>Fri 2</b>	<i>St Chad, 672</i> - Bishop of York, introduced Christianity to Mercia
<b>Wed 7</b>	<b>Perpetua, Felicity and their Companions, 203</b> , Christian martyrs
<b>Thu 8</b>	<b>Edward King, 1910</b> , Bishop of Lincoln <i>Felix of Burgundy, 647</i> , credited as the man who introduced Christianity to the kingdom of East Anglia. Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy, 1929, priest and poet, nicknamed 'Woodbine Willie' during World War I for giving Woodbine cigarettes along with spiritual aid to injured and dying soldiers
<b>Sat 17</b>	<b>Patrick, Patron of Ireland, c.460</b>
<b>Sun 18</b>	<i>Cyril of Jerusalem, 386</i> , bishop, confessor and doctor of early church
<b>Tue 20</b>	<b>JOSEPH OF NAZARETH</b> <b>Cuthbert, 687</b> , monk, bishop and hermit, considered Patron Saint of Northern England
<b>Wed 21</b>	<b>Thomas Cranmer, 1556</b> , leader of the English Reformation and Archbishop of Canterbury
<b>Sat 24</b>	<i>Walter Hilton of Thurgarton, 1396</i> , English Augustinian mystic <i>Paul Couturier, 1953</i> , French priest, instrumental in establishment of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. <i>Oscar Romero, 1980</i> , Archbishop of San Salvador, assassinated
<b>Sun 25</b>	<b>ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>
<b>Mon 26</b>	<i>Harriet Monsell, 1883</i> , Nun, founded the Community of St. John Baptist
<b>Sat 31</b>	<i>John Donne, 1631</i> , poet, Dean of St Paul's Cathedral in London, and MP



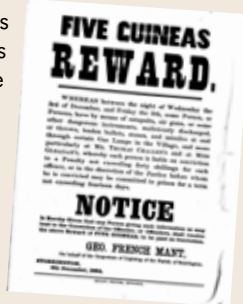
# STORRINGTON & SULLINGTON – REFLECTIONS OF THE PAST

## ROAD NAMES

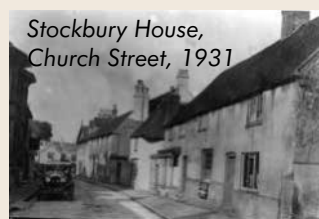
Many road names in Storrington reflect our history as it changes and old places and activities vanish under redevelopment and building. Some origins are fairly obvious such as School Hill, where several houses were once little private schools: Flint House and, opposite Sand Lodge, which still retained some of the scholar's coat hangers in an upper room.

One girls' boarding school was run by Miss Gleadah with her assistant, Miss Mauchlin. Miss Gleadah was described by Charles Mant as "a little old lady with ringlets on each side of her face and a bonnet like someone out of a Jane Austen novel". Miss Gleadah's premises had trouble with mischievous youths as an existing poster, published by the Inspector of Lighting in 1884, shows.

School Hill



Her school moved closer to the village in later years into Sand Lodge. It would have been a regular sight to see her pupils in an orderly 'crocodile' taking their constitutional walk, while their schoolmistress drove alongside in a donkey trap.



Stockbury House,  
Church Street, 1931

Another School Hill establishment was in Talbot House, owned by Dr Lee and taken by Mrs Edgell to run as a kindergarten for children up to the age of 13. Her assistants were Miss Violet Edgell and Miss Dix. The school was highly regarded as one pupil in 1908, Miss Betty Faithfull,

the Rector's daughter, recalled that scholars came from as far away as Pulborough and "what you learnt there stuck", she told me. Talbot House was a school until just before WWII when it was run by Miss Cooper as a kindergarten. Today it is a private house.

An Oxford man ran a school at the junction of School Hill and Mill Lane. His schoolroom still stands in the garden; a separate building facing the Waitrose car park entrance. The schoolmaster, Mr Manley, later moved to the top of the hill leading eastwards out of the village, which became known as Manley's Hill.

A boys' school, run by Mr Fowler, boasted the Duke of Norfolk as a pupil. Mr Fowler was a priest whose views veered between Roman Catholic and Church of England over time. Miss Moon, who later lived in Manor Cottage, which stood near the Waitrose car park entrance before the re-development, attended one of the girls' schools higher up School Hill, remembered the Duke of Norfolk as a very polite boy who always raised his hat whenever he passed any of the girls.



School Hill and Mill Lane with  
Manor Cottage (left)

Mill Lane needs little explanation. It provided access to the water mill which stood in the big field occupying the area between High Street and Fryern Road. The mill was powered by the River Stor under its great unique iron wheel. One could lean on the wall in High Street, with the stream passing

underneath, and watch Mr Gatley's cows grazing in the field and the water wheel thundering round as late as the early 1950s when we first moved to Storrington. The village was still a quiet idyllic place then, without the volume of traffic and great delivery vehicles. In the 1970s, when the development of Gatley's Field was undertaken, we

went to the public meeting when objectors to the plans were allowed to protest, but the die was already cast. Attempts were made to save the mill, or at least, the unusual iron mill-wheel, but with no success.

Windmill Copse was a reference to the windmill which once stood NE of the watermill on the hill before the council houses were built. A rare photo shows where it stood in relation to Mill Lane.

Bine Close preserves the name of the old Bine Common which was a triangular piece of land between Manley's Hill, High Street and Fryern Road which was enclosed in 1851 along with Storrington's other Commons and was gradually developed with houses on the boundaries and Wisborough Lane.

Bine Villa with Windmill



Returning to the village centre, we have the fine Georgian building in The Square, Mulberry House, named for the Mulberry trees in the garden, which today is a private car park.



The Brewery, Brewers Yard

Abutting on its eastern side is the rough path, Brewers Yard, referring to a vanished village industry, that of beer making. The buildings have been altered over the years. The pretty row of cottages against the stream was where the process of brewing began, they were one long building where malt was

made by spreading soaked barley on the floor to germinate. It was then roasted in a kiln. After local brewing ceased, the long building was used for village celebrations before the village hall was built, and later the convenient empty length was ideal for an indoor rifle range used to train volunteers.

Back to the brewing, the tall old building at the end of Brewers Yard saw the next stage of brewing, where the malted barley was ground and mashed in hot water on the top floor, and the resulting liquid left to ferment and then mixed with hop, boiled, and yeast added. Storrington even had a hop garden at one time, under the Downs near what is now Greyfriars Farm. The resulting liquid, sent to the lower floor by gravity, was filled into barrels, ready to be taken out. A wide entrance for the wagons can still be detected in the south-facing wall marked by a brick archway, now filled in.



Old Malt House,  
Brewers Yard

South of the High Street we have Church Street, one of the village's oldest, leading to the parish Church, and still contains some of our oldest remaining buildings. On the eastern side was a row of 17th-18th century cottages where there is now a 3-storey block of flats and offices.

Manor House Hotel



The Manor House Hotel stood next to the cottages, an old commercial and country hotel and then, thankfully preserved, old cottages on the corner of Browns Lane, once known as East Town Lane. This was named for John Brown, a

solicitor who lived there and was lord of a mysteriously named sub-manor called Boxes, about which I have never managed to find any information other than its boundaries.



And so to the continuation of Church Street into Greyfriars Lane, originally and rather confusingly called Clay Lane. The sand, clay and chalk geological layers, which emerge as the lane climbs, supplied Terry's Brickyard with new

materials for his products. The site is now the Gerston Industrial Estate. The brickyard ceased production around the turn of the 20th century and became John Turner's dairy farm, later The Priory, used as a veal-raising farm. The name Greyfriars was a romantic fancy of Mr Hainsworth who built the big house, east of the lane. It has no religious connections at all. In fact, Charles Mant who used to be taken up that for walks as a small child, says that he never saw any sign at all of reputed ruins. The lane became known as Greyfriars Lane as it led to the new house built in 1900. Mr Hainsworth also built The Chantry, across the fields eastwards in Chantry Lane, which also has no connection to any religious foundation. But that is how village legends tend to grow.

Mount Lodge,  
Church Street



Joan Ham (Village Historian)  
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## NEW COUTURE SHOP IN ARUNDEL

### Dressing the stars!

British Designer Rowena Gill has been commissioned by top fashion houses such as Yves Saint Laurent, Emmanuel Ungaro and Christian Lacroix; her work has taken her from Paris, to London, to New York. She is renowned for her attention to detail and exquisite craftsmanship, working with fine wools, silks, linens, and embroidery sourced from all over the world. She offers the unique and very personal experience of bespoke tailoring.

All little girls believe in fairies, elves and magic spells and Rowena was no exception, but these childhood images cast a spell over her and continue to do so as the main inspiration for her fairy-tale designs.

Whilst studying fashion in France as a teenager, fate was to intervene when, walking through the small back streets of Paris early one morning, something sparkling in a dustbin caught her eye. On closer inspection, she discovered it to be a box of beautiful antique glass beads. She was approached by an elderly gentleman who explained that it was he who had discarded the box whilst in the process of clearing out his attic; he told her that he had more if she would like them!

Ever since this auspicious beginning, Rowena has been designing and making her fantastical repertoire of bejewelled necklaces, chokers, bags, and dresses. She works with Swarovski Crystal, and her work is often incredibly intricate, some of her larger pieces taking months at a time to complete.



Rowena's fine eye for colour and detail combined with her stunning, innovative designs have brought her continued success; she created the jewelled hairpieces for Yves Saint Laurent's last fashion show and has sold her creations in fashion capitals all over the world. Having

been commissioned to contribute to several *Haute Couture* shows, including Emmanuel Ungaro and Christian Lacroix, these giants of the fashion world wrote references for Rowena which enabled her to gain her green card and to live and work in America as an original artist.

Rowena is now based in Arundel, West Sussex. From her shop in Tarrant Street, she designs and creates made-to-measure evening gowns, wedding dresses and suits, as well as alterations for men and women.

With much success, she has had her pieces worn by:

Duchess of York, Sharon Stone, Michael Michelle, Issabella Blow, Pamela Anderson, Naomi Campbell, Elle Macpherson, Gail Porter, Tracey Shaw, Helena Christensen and Mrs John Deer.

**Her new shop opens on 24 March, where she will be show piecing her designs.**

**107 Tarrant Street, Arundel BN18 9DP**

**Tel: 07544 147 188**

**Email: rowenasgill@yahoo.com**



## Rotary Film Night at Sullington Parish Hall Wednesday 7 March 2018



Performance commences at 7.30pm with an interval and Bar & Raffle. Tickets £5 from 'The Card Shop' in Storrington. Unsold tickets will be available for purchase on the door on the night.

Anyone needing transport should contact Roger Jamieson on 01798 813956

For further details please contact Ken Collins on 01903 740745.

**Rotary Club of Storrington & Pulborough District**





## STORRINGTON & DISTRICT MUSEUM

The first evening talk of the year was given by Neil Sadler. Entitled 'A Policeman's Lot Can Be Quite an Interesting One', it was an interesting and absorbing talk and ideal for a miserable January evening when we needed to be cheered up. Neil is an amusing and natural speaker and he took us through his brief time as a teacher (he hated kids), and civil servant (desk jobs were boring), to his decision to join the police in 1978. The only difficulty was finding a force which would not make him shave off his beard; luckily Sussex was suitably accommodating.

First of all, Neil wanted to prove that the police have a sense of fun. Although his own sense of humour was stretched rather far by the fact that his warrant number was 006, and the comment about "only missed it by one" wore rather thin after the first few hundred hearings of that joke. Still, he was able to pass the number on to his daughter who joined Sussex Police on Neil's retirement in 2008.

Neil took us through some of the work of a police constable, and recalling some well-known, and some less well-known cases, explaining just how much police time and effort was spent on missing people. The fact that most of the audience could remember many of the past cases Neil talked about made it even more interesting to hear what happened behind the scenes.

Another interesting aspect was the aids to arrest – we hesitate to call them 'weapons' – issued to police during and following his period of service, from the wooden truncheon and handcuffs he was given in the 1970s through to modern pepper sprays and taser guns. It brought home how much policing has changed in the last 40 years.

The Museum Society's AGM will be held at The Old School on **Monday 5 March**, at 7.30pm. The business part of the evening will be followed by a talk by Ian Ferguson, 'Research can be Revealing', which sounds rather enigmatic!

On **Saturday 24 March**, there will be a Quiz Evening at The Old School, with a home-made supper provided during the interval. The quiz will start promptly at 7.30pm. Tickets are £10 each and can be obtained from Patricia Wilks on 743437. Make up a table of four or join a table on the evening.

Bill Avenall will give our next talk on **Monday 2 April**, again at 7.30pm at The Old School. He will talk about Christ's Hospital, a school we have all heard of but, possibly, know very little about.

The photographic exhibition 'Were You Being Served' will continue until the middle of March. If you have not already seen the display it is well worth a visit, as is the rest of Amberley Stores' collection which decorates the shop's walls. You will not find any photos of Storrington's High Street shops on display, except for the saddlemakers on the corner of School Hill and the main road, because all of those shops are still there, and the exhibition is essentially about shops that have disappeared. It is interesting to speculate why Storrington's shops multiplied while most of the other villages' shops disappeared.

The current exhibition will be followed by an exhibition featuring toys we have loved. Do speak to our Curators if you have a special toy from the past that you would let us have for the display. All our displays are in secure locked cabinets, we have CCTV, and our Curators are well-versed in handling precious objects, so you need not fear for the safety of something you treasure.

In January, we had our annual lunch at West Sussex Golf Course for members of the Museum Society and their guests. The Golf Club is the ideal location, with delicious food, excellent service, and the most attractive surroundings. Our thanks to Patricia Wilks for organising this so well.

Looking ahead to April, we have a most unusual event planned. Cindy and Frank Waters are going on a road trip on the A272, following the route of the cult book *An Ode to a Road*. Cindy and Frank met the

Dutch authors of the book, Pieter and Rita Boogaart, when they gave a talk at the Weald and Downland Museum. Their enthusiasm for the A272 inspired Cindy and Frank to follow their example, following the road from Poundford westwards to Winchester and back again, calling at villages en route to publicise the museum, and raise funds from sponsorship for their venture. They will be making this trip from 2 to 14 April. There will be more publicity over the next two months, and sponsorship forms are available at the Museum.

**Old School, School Lane, Storrington RH20 4LL**

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E-mail: [contact@storringtonmuseum.com](mailto:contact@storringtonmuseum.com)

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**Weds and Sat 10am – 4pm • Sun 10am – 1pm**

The Rowland Singers Choral Society  
**HAYDN**  
**THE CREATION**  
Conducted by Helen Emery  
with Sinfonia of Arun  
Soprano – Beth Emery, Tenor – Christopher Larley, Bass – Tim Hicks  
**7PM GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 30TH 2018**  
**ASSEMBLY HALL, WORTHING.**  
Tickets Adult £14, Child £4  
Call 01903 238792/206206  
[www.rowlandsingers.co.uk](http://www.rowlandsingers.co.uk)

**Rotary Club of Storrington  
& Pulborough District**

**CAR BOOT SALES**

**STORRINGTON LIBRARY CAR PARK**

**8am until 12noon**

**Bank Holiday Mondays**

**2 April \* 7 May \* 28 May \* 27 August**

Pitches available at £7 per car and from £10 for vans.

All proceeds go to charitable causes supported by Rotary.





# HIT THE DOWNS AND SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL HOSPICE THIS MAY

Registration is now open for *Hit the Downs MTB*, the off-road cycling event on Sunday 6 May, raising money for local hospice care.

The cycling event, now in its second year, gives participants the opportunity to take on the rolling hills of the South Downs Way whilst raising money for Worthing-based adults' hospice, St Barnabas House, or local children's hospice, Chestnut Tree House.

Starting and finishing at Windlesham House School near Worthing, *Hit the Downs MTB* offers a choice of two routes, either 30km or 60km. Chip timing is included, and refreshments will be provided en route, as cyclists take in the stunning scenery and views of the South Downs National Park.

Lucy Brady, Events Fundraiser at St Barnabas House and Chestnut Tree House, said: "We introduced *Hit the Downs MTB* to our events calendar last year and it was really successful, so we're delighted to be able to repeat it in 2018. The undulating course will test our riders with a multitude of tricky climbs and rapid descents. As in 2017, there will be the option of two routes for participants of 30km or the 60km for those seeking more of a challenge, guaranteeing a thrilling day in the saddle and ensuring the event is suitable for new and experienced cyclists."



Cyclists can take part in the event to raise money for St Barnabas House, a charity which provides outstanding specialist palliative care, both within the hospice and in the comfort of patients' homes. The hospice, which is based on Titnore Lane in Goring-by-Sea, has provided end of life care for thousands of patients and

their families across the Worthing, Adur, Arun and Henfield areas for nearly 45 years. It costs over £6 million each year to pay for the cost of all the care services provided by St Barnabas House and only a small part of that is government funded, meaning the majority has to be raised through voluntary donations and fundraising.

Lucy said: "Just 21% of the costs at St Barnabas House are paid for through statutory funding, so we depend significantly on the generosity and support of individuals and businesses who help us to raise funds by taking part in events like *Hit the Downs MTB*."



Alternatively, participants can sign up and fundraise for Chestnut Tree House, the children's hospice for East and West Sussex, Brighton and Hove and South East Hampshire. Based in Arundel, West Sussex, the hospice cares for 300 children and young adults from the age of 0-19 years with progressive, life-shortening conditions. As well as providing care at the hospice, the Chestnut Tree House Community Team visits families in their own homes across East Sussex, West Sussex and South East Hampshire.

Lucy said: "It costs over £3.5 million each year to pay for the cost of all the care services provided by Chestnut Tree House, and less than 7% of this comes from central government. Families are never charged for their care so the charity relies heavily on the generosity, help and support of the local community. Events like *Hit the Downs MTB* are invaluable to us, both in terms of raising awareness and funds."

**Registration for *Hit the Downs MTB* is just £33 per person and closes on Sunday 22 April.**

**Sign up to ride for either hospice at [www.hitthedowns.org.uk](http://www.hitthedowns.org.uk), or by calling the Events Team on 706354.**



## Downland Ensemble

*A community orchestra for players of all ages*  
Musical Director Peter Allwood

**Rehearsals: Saturdays 3 & 17 March**  
**9.30 - 11.30am**

**In the Meadows Hall, Pulborough Village Hall**

**Final rehearsal of term:**  
**Sat 31 March in the Arun Hall**

Families and friends welcome to join us at 11am to listen to a short performance and afterwards for drinks and hot cross buns.

If you enjoy playing an instrument and would like to make music with others come and join us!

We now have a few places for brass players.

Contact Ros 01798 875804

[downlandensemble@gmail.com](mailto:downlandensemble@gmail.com)



## STORRINGTON & DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION

### FRENCH FILM NIGHT

**FRIDAY 23 MARCH 7.30PM**

**AT TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH HALL**  
(off Thakeham Road, Storrington)

#### THÉRÈSE

Starring Audrey Tautou.

Audrey Tautou plays a cultured and intelligent woman who enters into an arranged marriage in rural 1920s France. Therese's avantgarde ideas clash with local conventions and, in order to break free from the fate imposed upon her, she will resort to tragically extreme measures. This is a breath-taking, emotional and suspenseful period drama.

Members £3; Non-members £3.50



**For further details please contact Dee Smithson on 744024 or Sue Kibblewhite on 745325 to book your place**

## FRYERN LADIES' PROBUS



Due to the absence of our President, Anne Ford – Robertson, Vice President Liz Allen – Williams officiated at our lunch meeting on 1 February, welcoming 38 members and our guest speaker, Rupert Toovey. After the initial drinks, gossip and socialising, we enjoyed an excellent lunch of Fish Cross Goat's Cheese Souffle followed by Moroccan Spiced Salmon & Jewelled Couscous; all quite delicious.



Rupert, middle and from left to right Marda Thompson, Barbara Yarrow, Patsy Currie and Pam Sala

After the usual notices and details of our proposed trip to Windsor on 21 June, we settled down with coffee and mints to listen to our old friend Rupert reminisce about his life as an auctioneer. The setting was relaxed and the audience attentive as the ladies reacted enthusiastically to the humour of his talk and to the many episodic memories recounted.

The majority of the ladies present knew Rupert personally as a senior director of Tooveys, the leading fine art auction house in West Sussex, based on the A24 at Washington. The Company started in 1995 when Rupert, his uncle Edward and Rupert's father, Alan, combined their individual experience of auctions, marketing and accounting to launch Tooveys at The Star Trading Estate in Partridge Green. Over the next eight years, the company flourished to the extent that a larger unit was needed, hence the move to Washington. This was a great move regarding publicity; as a traffic calculation shows, the sign is now seen by 127,000 passing cars every week! However, according to Rupert, there is another well-known secret as to the Company's success, being the café's lemon cake! Come and sample it on viewing and auction days, and you won't be disappointed!

Questions were encouraged at the end of Rupert's talk and Jo Gatley asked him to share one of his greatest recollections with us. We were told of a lady, on the South Coast, who had a pair of tea caddies, which she detested, and were valued and auctioned for £137,000! So never throw anything away until you've seen Rupert is our advice!

As Rupert's talk was to raise funds for The Mary How Trust, Jean Minter thanked him on our behalf for sparing the time to visit us. She also thanked him for sharing and treating us to an avalanche of adventures, characters, travel and amusing incidents along the way.

Our next meeting on **1 March** will be our AGM and we thank our existing committee for all of their hard work and support over the past year and appreciate the members who have volunteered their services for our new committee in 2018/19.

Russ Fry

## CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL FRIENDS

### Members enjoy a wide range of interesting events

During the course of a year, the Friends' events programme is varied and designed to offer something of interest to all members. On the first Friday of every month, with the exception of April and December when a spring and Christmas Fair is held, there is a coffee morning. Periodically, there is a 'Book at Breakfast' – the book selected by the Cathedral Chancellor; a 'Food for Thought' lunch – the Bishop spoke at the last lunch in November; a visit behind the scenes of somewhere interesting – in April 2018 to the County Record Office where the Chichester Diocese records are kept, and to the Bell Tower where 80 steps lead to the ringing chamber.

There are day visits to places of interest; this year, in May, to St Nicholas Church in Morton Dorset, where the engraved windows were designed by Laurence Whistler, and to the National



Trust's Kingston Lacy House, and in August to Frogmore House and Savill Gardens, Windsor Great Park. There are usually two residential breaks, one to the near continent, which last year was to the Keukenhof and Dutch bulb fields, and one in the UK.

Two formal lunches take place, the first in January to celebrate Epiphany and the second in June on the day of the Cathedral Friends' Annual General Meeting. Both of these lunches are followed by a speaker, which at last years' AGM was Lord Hennessy, the political historian, and this year it will be the sculptor Philip Jackson.

The Friends is a registered charity and membership costs £15 per year and £25 for a couple. For more information, including a full list of events, visit: [www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/friends](http://www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/friends) or email [friends@chichestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:friends@chichestercathedral.org.uk).

**Interested in photography?**  
**Looking for an opportunity to develop your interest and skills?**



**Come and join us, visitors welcome.**

Our programme includes guest photographer talks, demonstrations, competitions, practical workshops and a monthly coffee club.

### MEETINGS

alternate Thursdays 7.30pm to 10pm,  
September through to May in The Football Pavilion,  
behind Chanctonbury Leisure Centre, Storrington.

**Thursday 1 March Fourth Competition Evening**  
**Thursday 15 March Members Evening (tbc, please see website)**  
**Thursday 29 March Guest speaker Tony Worobiec - Fine Art (various genres)**

**MORE INFORMATION:**  
[www.storringtoncc.org.uk](http://www.storringtoncc.org.uk) or  
contact Janet Brown T: 01798 812183  
E: [vicechair@storringtoncc.org.uk](mailto:vicechair@storringtoncc.org.uk)

**SOC** Storrington  
Camera Club



### St Barnabas House Hospice Outreach Project

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

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

**Wednesday 7 Mar and 4 April – 10am to 2pm**

**For more information about the project please visit our website or email [HospiceOutreachProject@stbh.org.uk](mailto:HospiceOutreachProject@stbh.org.uk) or call 706357.**





# PARHAM HOUSE & GARDENS

## GETS READY FOR AN EXCITING 2018 SEASON



Parham House & Gardens is gearing up for its 2018 season, which runs from 1 April to 14 October.

Visitors can look forward to a whole host of events including the annual Easter Family Fun Weekend, Garden Weekend and Autumn Fair. Several new events will also be introduced including a children's outdoor theatre showing of David Walliams' *The Midnight Gang* and an exciting new Apples in the Orchard event.

Other highlights to look out for this year include a Needlework Display in the House while the Gardens will be a hive of activity with a spring tulip display, summer planting trials and special late garden open evening.

A year of anniversaries, 2018 marks 70 years since the House was first opened to the public on the 17 July 1948. It is also the 25th Anniversary of Parham's well-known Garden Weekend. A two-day event dedicated to showcasing the very best in horticulture.

The House and Gardens are open to visitors on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, Sundays and Bank Holidays.

For more information please visit: [www.parhaminsussex.co.uk](http://www.parhaminsussex.co.uk)

### 2018 EVENTS

#### Parham Easter Family Weekend

**Sunday 1 - Monday 2 April 10.30am - 5pm**

Families are warmly welcomed to enjoy a weekend of Easter Fun at Parham. With a garden trail, face painting, craft activities, storytelling and the opportunity to meet the Easter Bunny, there is lots of fun for everyone.

#### Children's Outdoor Theatre: The Midnight Gang By David Walliams

**Sunday 27 May 3pm**

Enter the world of David Walliams to discover this heart-warming and dynamic story where friendships are forged and fun and frolic ensue at midnight when the tyrannical Matron assumes the children are sweetly sleeping.

Performed in Parham's Pleasure Grounds, Heartbreak Productions' version of this popular children's book is suitable for all the family and promises to add some uplifting magical fun to your summer's afternoon.

#### Needlework On Display

**Wednesday 13 - Sunday 24 June During House opening hours**

Parham is home to possibly the finest and most important collection of sixteenth and seventeenth century embroidery in the United Kingdom. Visitors will have an enhanced opportunity to discover Parham's needlework collection, including items that are not normally on display.

#### Parham Garden Weekend

**Saturday 7 - Sunday 8 July 10.30am - 5pm**

One of the highlights of the gardening calendar, the Garden Weekend is celebrating its 25th Anniversary this year. Bringing together specialist nurseries from across the South East to showcase a wide variety of high quality flowers and plants, the flagship event

also includes garden tours, talks and demonstrations from leading experts including Marina Christopher, Todd Longstaffe-Gowan, Tom Stuart Smith and Parham Head Gardener, Tom Brown.

Freshly prepared and locally sourced food reflecting the delicious produce from the Garden will be available throughout the weekend, as well as a range of refreshments from handpicked catering outlets.



#### Parham Autumn Fair

**Saturday 22 - Sunday 23 September 10.30am - 5pm**

A celebration of traditional estate life and all that harvest brings, Parham's annual Autumn Fair presents the very best of homemade food and locally grown produce as well as activities for all ages. With working horse cart rides, estate tours, deer walks, gun dogs and falconry displays, there is plenty to see and do. Visitors can also enjoy a wide array of stalls selling food, drink and country wares.

#### Apples In The Orchard

**Sunday 7 October 10.30am - 5pm**

Set in the orchard of the Walled Garden, join Parham for a celebration of the humble British apple. With apple growing advice and talks from Parham's Garden Team and guests, discover local Sussex and heritage varieties of apples. Experts will be on hand to identify the variety of apples you have growing at home and you will be able to enjoy the bounty of the season with apple pressing. There will also be a selection of artisan stalls, showcasing the versatility of this much-loved fruit.

#### ANNUAL SEASON TICKETS

Enjoy unlimited admission to Parham House & Gardens throughout the year with an annual season ticket. Prices for season tickets start from £25.00 for an individual or £45.00 as a double and £70.00 for a family ticket (2 adults and up to 4 children).



## SANDGATE CONSERVATION SOCIETY

### It's Easter Egg Hunt time!

Two important dates for your diaries:

On **Wednesday 28 March** there will be a presentation by George McCarthy, the well-known professional wild-life photographer. This will be held in Sullington Parish Hall commencing at 7.30pm, with a break for coffee/tea and cakes.

On **Saturday 31 March** the Easter-egg hunt will once again be held on Sullington Warren, commencing at 11am till noon. As many will know, this event is staged by the National Trust, aided and abetted with the Sandgate Conservation Society, for children up to and including ten years' old, where parents and grandparents are welcome to be involved under the watchful eyes of the participant. On completion of the hunt, 'competitors' will be awarded an Easter Egg, and the whole event is free! Not many offers of this kind to be found these days.



Last month there was a good turnout for the conservation work carried out on Sullington Warren, where the numbers were increased by the welcome addition of the Storrington Scout and Cub group, including a number of the Worthing Conservation Society.



The work parties will be on duty on **Saturday 10 March** on Sullington Warren and in Sandgate Park on **24 March**, between 9am and 12 noon, with a break for refreshments, all provided free!

We are always on the lookout for new members to join the

Society in helping to conserve these local areas of outstanding natural beauty, so if you would like to face up to the challenge, then take a look at our web site where you find all the details. It should be mentioned that you are not obliged to join the work parties; just being a Society member gives us plenty of clout when it comes to local planning matters.

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](http://www.sandgate-conservation.org.uk).

Brian Burns

## CRICKET IN STORRINGTON



### Cygnets Indoor Training and Outdoor Practice Net Project

Indoor training sessions for the Cygnets age range 8 to 13 years are continuing every other Sunday until mid April at the Chanctonbury Leisure Centre from 3.30pm to 5pm. The assistance of a professional coach and the new indoor bowling machine are proving extremely beneficial in these sessions.

The new ECB sponsored 'All Stars Introduction to Cricket' for boys and girls in the age range 5 to 8 years will commence on the recreation ground, Spierbridge Road Storrington, in front of the cricket pavilion, weekly from Sunday 13 May at 9.30am for one hour sessions.

Outside training sessions for the older youngsters will commence at the end of April on the recreation ground every Friday evening from 6pm, and every Sunday morning from 10.30am, for an hour and a half, unless there are league matches for our teams.

For further information and application forms for either girls or boys to join, please contact Martin Fisher, the Cygnets Manager, on 07850 416886, or Judith Houghton, the Club's Welfare Officer, on 742679.

In the middle of January, the Club received the very welcome news that our planning application for the new Outdoor Practice Net had been approved by Horsham District Council. Consequently, the fund raising efforts have been stepped up, our target being £40,000, in addition to the Club's own provision of finance. A number of applications to various community funds are in place, for which lead times are quite long. Talks are also being held with several retail stores, and responses to approaches to major local businesses are awaited. Our Chairman, Steve Watkins, will be delighted to hear from potential local benefactors. He can be contacted on 744217.

Indoor net practice sessions for existing and prospective Senior players are being held in the Chanctonbury Leisure Centre every Sunday, starting 25 March, from 5 to 6.30pm. Prospective players can contact the Club Captain, Ian Homewood, on 07734 308785.

Chris Winter

## Storrington Dramatic Society

Adapted from a story by Jeffrey Archer

# THE PERFECT MURDER

A play by Hugh Janes



**15-16-17 March 7.30pm**  
Sullington Parish Hall

Tickets: £10 from Fowlers Estate Agents, Nisa local West Chiltington, 01903 503879 or online from:

**[www.storringtondramatics.co.uk](http://www.storringtondramatics.co.uk)**

Also available on the door, subject to availability.



# BINGO



**Thursday 8 March**  
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](http://www.maryhowtrust.org)**

## STORRINGTON FLOWER CLUB



### Using craft skills to create stunning displays

It was a wet and blustery afternoon when Chairman Chrissy welcomed members and four visitors. She offered everyone her best wishes for 2018.

Chrissy had to inform the meeting that the programmed demonstrator, Gaynor Circus, unfortunately had flu and was unable to attend. However, Graham King who was booked to come in February agreed to come in January instead. Graham is known to the Club and ran a very successful workshop for the Club last year. His style is unique in so far as he incorporates his many craft skills into his arrangements and containers. We were not disappointed in being given an imaginative and very creative display.



Along with his arrangements he gave us some tips;

The smallest flowers he always places away from the centre of his arrangements.

When stapling or curling long leaves such as Cordyline and Aspidistra, he colours the staples with a green felt tip then they are not so noticeable.

To add interest to his arrangements he used wire wrapped with different coloured wool to bend, shape and twirl.

He also used different shapes of polystyrene which were painted and decorated.

His old favourite Beech Bark featured on a frame.

He had two Orchid stems which he had cut off an orchid plant. He said that it worked out cheaper than buying individual stems and your orchid plant is likely to repeat flowering.

His flowers were a mixture of Gerberas, Carnations, Roses, and Orchids.

The photographs give a hint of the visual impact of the arrangements.

Allison Goodfellow gave the vote of thanks. She commented on Graham's craft skills which enhanced the arrangements and gave the whole display a 'whacky' imaginative feel.

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

## CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL FREE LUNCH TIME CONCERTS

### MARCH

**Tuesday 6** Art-Ludeus Quartet (*string quartet*)

**Tuesday 13** Ben Cunningham (*organ*)

For full details of programmes see

[www.chichestercathedral.org.uk](http://www.chichestercathedral.org.uk)



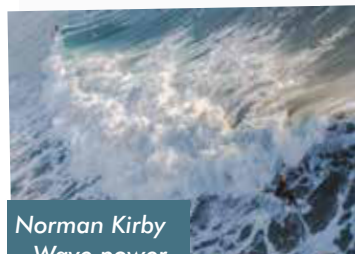
## SOC Storrington Camera Club

### WATER INTERPRETATIONS

There seems to be something about water that acts as an attraction and is often seen as having a calming and creative effect. Many of us enjoy being close to, sitting by or looking at water, whether that is a walk along a river, around a lake or a beachside stroll. What we experience and feel is often influenced by what we see in the way that water moves, how the weather creates changes and the impact and interaction of sounds. Water can not only generate a feeling of tranquillity and, as AA Milne once said, "Rivers know this: there is no hurry. We shall get there someday", but, at times, water can create an awe-inspiring experience in terms of its power.



David Seddon  
– Swirling River



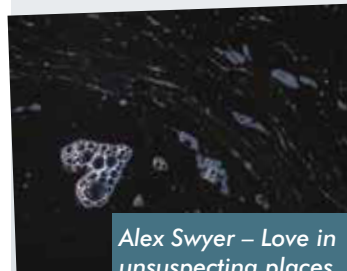
Norman Kirby  
– Wave power

It was against this backdrop that our recent projected image competition had water as the set theme. With such a broad theme, members were given flexibility to interpret in a way that reflected what caught their attention such as texture, movement, power, light and effect.

Entries submitted for the evening's competition reflected these areas with titles such as 'Mono Reflections', 'Watery reflections' and 'Wild Water'. Images were taken from a variety of locations, although Alex Swyer's 'Love in unsuspecting places' was a good spot with an unusual depiction of the bubbles from moving water, which in part formed a heart and was taken at the Black Pond, RSPB Pulborough Brooks. Another great image was 'Monsoon' from Chris West, which was an overloaded motorcyclist in India during a torrential rain storm.



Kevin Harwood  
– Bubble bath time



Alex Swyer – Love in  
unsuspecting places

Three images received top marks. First was 'Swirling River' by David Seddon, which was also named image of the night for the unusual depiction of water movement, creating interesting shapes and flow with a real sense of movement. Another was 'Wave power' by Norman Kirby, showing surfers

on huge waves, providing an exciting picture of wave power. The other being 'Bubble bath time' by Kevin Harwood, which showed a Ruddy Turnstone caught up in foaming water and emphasised the bubbles and texture.

Well done David for winning the night, and the water theme certainly gave us all a chance to capture its magic.

Kevin Harwood



Chris West  
– Monsoon



## Gardening with the wildlife



One of my favourite aspects of being a gardener for a living is getting to see so much wildlife in my day to day life. This time of year it is few and far between and I am grateful for the friendly robin that comes and sits nearby, waiting for me to unearth a worm for him whilst weeding. A high-pitched shriek alerts me to the presence of

a buzzard, usually more than one, soaring high in the sky in lazy circles. Raucous jackdaws gang out in rowdy gangs in nearby trees and it is so uplifting to hear the double repeated song of the thrush at this time of year.

Summer brings an abundance of bug life and, although I spend most of the summer getting eaten alive by mosquitos and biting flies (thanks apparently to me being a female with an O-positive blood type - their favourite I'm told), I take great joy in all the invertebrates that I come across during the warmer months.

A couple of years ago, I was lucky enough to witness a ladybird that had obviously not long changed from pupa to beetle, transform from a very pale orange colour with very faint spots to a darker orange and its spots gradually darkening. I had a humming bird hawk moth grace my *Verbena bonariensis* last summer and, of course, it's always nice to work with the soundtrack of the gentle buzz of bees going about their business.

I came across a rather sleepy lizard whilst weeding last year, and last autumn was startled when my hand closed around what I thought was a handful of compost until it sprang four legs and started wriggling! I realised I was grasping a confused and somewhat grumpy toad!



I feel very privileged to share my daily life with these creatures, great and small, although saying that, if I never came across another spider ever again, that would suit me just fine!

Heidi Hurwood  
Leaf and Seed - 0795212228

## A plethora of activities and a warm welcome

Our Institute was established in October 1969, so we are looking forward, with enthusiasm, to celebrating our 50th birthday in 2019 - maybe you could be there to help us?

We have a membership of around 65, with a good range of ages and interests. We meet on the 3rd Wednesday evening each month. Meetings are held at Sullington Parish Hall, Thakeham Road, Storrington RH20 3PP at 7.30pm. Should you be tempted to take the plunge and visit us, you will be assured of a very warm welcome. There is plenty of off street parking, disabled access, plus the Hall has a hearing loop and we use a microphone at meetings. The format of most meetings is business and notices, then a guest speaker or demonstrator, followed by refreshments and social time, with the inevitable WI raffle!

We also run social and fund raising events throughout the year, which have included wine tasting and skittles evenings, a games night, visits to local places of interest, luncheons and bring and buy sales tables. There are monthly meetings of Craft, Walking and Science Groups. In addition, The West Sussex Federation of WI's offers a varied programme of entertainment and educational activities throughout the year. Currently the annual subscription is £41, however you are welcome to visit on up to three occasions at no cost.

On 17 January, the President opened the first meeting of 2018, by welcoming all members, one new member and five visitors. Following the business part of the evening, members enjoyed an evening of learning new skills, which included a bridge class, flower arranging, knitting, sugar craft and Rummy. Many members brought a delicious assortment of cakes, scones and biscuits, all homemade of course, which were enjoyed with tea or coffee during the evening. The evening proved to be a success, with many members asking if the skills evening could be repeated in the future.

The speaker at our meeting on **21 March** will be Jean East her talk entitled 'Lace making- then and now', with an Exhibition entitled 'A piece of lace'.

We would love to see you at one of our meetings, why not give us a try. You can just turn up or let us know in advance that you are coming by contacting our President, Erika Brichta, by email [erika.brichta@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:erika.brichta@hotmail.co.uk) or phone 742039, or our Secretary Sara Harden, [s.harden@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:s.harden@hotmail.co.uk) or 741350, or for more information check our web page [sullingtonwindmills.wordpress.com](http://sullingtonwindmills.wordpress.com).

Go on - what are you waiting for?!

Erika Brichta, President



## THE MARY HOW TRUST FILM SOCIETY

Screenings take place at 7.30pm on the fourth Tuesday of every month at West Chiltington Village Hall

### VICTORIA AND ABDUL (PG)

Queen Victoria strikes up an unlikely friendship with a young Indian clerk named Abdul Karim. As Victoria questions the constrictions of her long-held position, the two forge an unlikely and devoted alliance that her household and inner circle try to destroy. As their friendship deepens, the queen begins to see a changing world through new eyes, joyfully reclaiming her humanity.

**Tuesday 27 March**

**New loyalty card - watch 6 films and get your 7th free!**  
**Collect your loyalty card at your next visit.**

Tickets: £6 including membership, available on the door and from the following:

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](http://www.maryhowtrust.org)

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Everyone will be very welcome (men and women, any age or ability).

Either bring along something you can already do, or have a go at something different.

For more information (or just to tell us you are coming along)  
contact Christine Turrell (741272)



# STORRINGTON CONSERVATION SOCIETY

## Clearing paths and walkways

It is good to see the riverside walk causeways have been renewed, as the old ones were reaching the stage of being beyond repair. Our thanks to Horsham District Council for carrying out the work. It is a reminder that we are fortunate in having quite a number of footpaths in and around Storrington, all of which have to be kept in good order. They provide access to lovely areas free from traffic for our enjoyment. Using them ensures their survival and is good for us too. Walking is not the only way to appreciate fresh air and exercise. Joining our work parties is another, and provides good company, whatever the weather. Volunteers only need suitable clothing and footwear. More information below.



Our work party on Saturday 3 February spent time in Fryern Dell, continuing clearance of invasive undergrowth and dead vegetation in the pond. The work party on **3 March** at 10am turns attention to The Glade for the annual path clearance and laying of chippings. It is rewarding to hear walkers say they appreciate the improvement.

The Thursday afternoon work parties on 18 January and 15 February cleared felled holly and rebuilt the barrier above the waterfall in the Upper Fryern Dell, improving access and safety. For details of the work on **15 March** please go to our website

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

Stuart Kersley



# STORRINGTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

## Saving Astormeria and other British cut flowers

The speaker at the January meeting was Ben Cross of Crosslands Flower Nursery. Ben is a fourth generation flower farmer, his family having farmed the land since 1957, and is still a family-worked nursery, growing over 50 varieties of British *Astromeria*.



The flowers are grown in greenhouses stretching over three acres and produce more than 1,000,000 stems every year. *Astromeria* have beautiful multi-headed blooms and come in many different shades. Watering is from above and below to meet the seasonal growing conditions, and when additional heating is required this is supplied by heating fuelled by wood pellets, which is more environmentally friendly than the old oil system.

The decline of large scale British flower production is largely blamed on the increase of imported cut flowers, which is around 90% of all cut flowers purchased, 70% of this ending up as supermarkets sales. Ben would like the government to back British flowers and stop the level of cheap imports so British growers can continue their heritage as flower growers.



Members were delighted to be able to buy bunches at the end of the evening.

On **16 March**, Jeff Stone Banks will talk about his BBC award winning garden 'From City Courtyard to Seaside Sanctuary'. Details can be found on our web site [storringtonhorti.org.uk](http://storringtonhorti.org.uk).

Sheila Webber

## STORRINGTON COMMUNITY MARKET Village Hall, opposite Stable Antiques

Every Friday in March 2, 9, 16, 23  
10am to 11.15am except Good Friday  
when it will be on Thursday 29 March

Please note  
that at Easter our  
Friday market will be on  
THURSDAY 29 March  
**NOT** Good Friday

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 handcrafts, cards & jewellery and Aloe Vera skincare and health products. Stop for a coffee or tea and cake and browse our second hand book stall.

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



We are always looking for helpers and bakers and producers for the wide range of stalls. For more information please give Gilly a ring on 743888.

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## THAKEHAM GARDENERS' CLUB

The Club didn't meet in January but several members lunched at The Old Tollgate Carvery in Bramber on the 25th. Once again the food was excellent and we enjoyed a short but sunny drive there and back with Darren our Roadmark driver.



Our next meeting takes place on **12 March** and we will be joined by Emma and David Sumner-Wilson talking about dianthus. The Club competition is 'A Single Narcissus'. Tickets will be on sale for our May outing to Exbury Gardens in the New Forest.

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

### STORRINGTON FLOWER CLUB

**Wednesday 28 March at 2pm**  
**Sullington Parish Hall**

**Demonstrator:** Lynne Carter

**Theme:** Inside Up Upside Down

**Competition:** Freestyle



### West Chilt Jazz Club

**West Chiltington Village Hall RH20 2PZ**

#### CONCERTS

**FEATURING THE VERY BEST JAZZ BANDS**

**Tuesday 6 March**

**Kevin Grenfell's Jazz Giants**

**Tuesday 3 April**

**Roger Marks's Cornish Armada – Classic Jazz**

**Doors Open 19.00 Concerts start at 19.30**

**Licensed Bar with Draught Beer**

**Tickets £10** from NISA (Cherilyn) Store in West Chiltington and the Card Centre, Storrington.

More information and late tickets from Keith Rushton

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**www.westchiltvillagehall.org** go to "Jazz Club"



### Note from the editor....

Music plays such an important part of our worship in our churches. It enhances the services, can be uplifting and meaningful and can put joy in our hearts and our step. All sorts of music can be used, whether it's the piano, the organ or a full-blown band. There's nothing better than a good sing-song, with beautiful, meaningful words. It should never be taken for granted. I would like to say a personal thank you to George, who is retiring as the musical director at St Mary's, Storrington, for all his hard work and dedication, and I am sure I speak on behalf of all the congregation. Thank you, George, and happy retirement!

Amanda Hislop (Editor) 3Heralds@gmail.com



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