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# THE PARISH CHURCHES OF

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### PARISH CLERGY

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<b>SULLINGTON AND THAKEHAM WITH WARMINGHURST</b>		
	<b>Rector</b>	Revd Derek Spencer, BA (01798 813121) The Rectory, The Street, Thakeham RH20 3EP
	<b>Bishop's General Licence</b>	Revd Tessa Holland, MA (741904)

Information about study and prayer groups, and requests for baptisms, weddings and home communions, for Storrington from the Revd Kathryn Windslow and for Sullington and Thakeham from the Revd Derek Spencer.

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



Churchwardens are vital to the smooth running of any parish, and we are very lucky to have an excellent team of Churchwardens here in the parishes of Storrington, Sullington and Thakeham with Warminghurst. Churchwardens are the Bishop's officers in the local church and their primary job is to represent the laity and co-operate with the incumbent.

According to church law they are also to encourage unity and peace among the parishioners, and maintain order and decency in the church and churchyard, especially during services. With Revd Derek Spencer on sick leave, the wardens at Sullington and Thakeham have had to work particularly hard, liaising with me, as Rural Dean, finding priests to take services, and ensuring the smooth-running of church life. I would like to say a big 'thank you' to David Peacock, Allison Goodfellow, Heather Cotton and Jo Graves for all their work and for their patience and efficiency.

At the end of April we had our Annual Meeting for Storrington and this was a time to say a very heartfelt 'thank you' to Gwen Fisher who has stood down as Churchwarden after eight years, and a warm 'welcome' to Dennis Cowdray who has become our new warden, working alongside Barbara Buchanan. Gwen was one of the Churchwardens who interviewed me, welcomed me in to post and helped me navigate my way around Storrington Church, the building and the people. Gwen has put in many hours of work maintaining our beautiful historic building, liaising with our architect Richard Andrews, and chasing up builders over roofs, and Horsham District Council in the matter of churchyard walls and trees. Many thanks indeed Gwen, enjoy your free(er) time!

Another church officer has also changed this year at Storrington: Andrew Hammock has stood down as treasurer after holding the post for the last five years. Andrew has done a brilliant job of consolidating our finances and making sure that the accounts are always clear and up to date, and the clergy expenses are paid promptly – always important for impoverished clergy! Many thanks indeed, Andrew, for all your time and hard work on the finances, and you have left us in a much sounder and more secure place than you found us. Our Examiner for the accounts, Alex Spofforth, has also stood down year after doing this task for a number of years. Thank you Alex for generously giving of your time and expertise to keep our accounts in order. I am pleased to say that David Rice has kindly agreed to take on the role of treasurer, so welcome, David. There will be a presentation to Gwen and Andrew at the 10am service at Storrington on 30 April.

I would like to take this opportunity to also say **thank you** to all the many people who so generously give of their time and talents to

enable our churches to continue to be open, well-maintained and welcoming to our community. They include our wonderful magazine editor, Amanda Hislop, and all the 3 *Heralds* distributors, our PCC members, vergers, sacristan, cleaners, flower arrangers, churchyard teams, organists and choir, music team, readers and intercessors, preachers, bell ringers, hand bell ringers, coffee makers, sidesmen and welcomers, concert committee, healing team, home communion team, visiting team, Sussexdown team, collection counters, Sunday Lunch Club helpers, and of course, our team of local priests. I would personally like to say a very big thanks to Viv Stuart, Storrington's Parish Administrator and Deanery Synod Secretary, who keeps me and my colleagues organised and the parish and deanery organisation running (relatively!) smoothly.

KATHRYN WINDSLOW  
Rector of Storrington

### PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

How weighty to me  
are your thoughts, O God,  
how vast is the sum of them.  
If I should count them  
they are more than the sand.  
When I awake  
I am still with you.

*Celtic Prayer from Iona ... J Philip Newell*



### ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS RAFA CHAPEL SUSSEXDOWN

**Communion with the residents**

**25 May at 11.30 am**

BCP Holy Communion in the Chapel at Sussexdown  
Please do come and join us; visitors are welcome  
For more details phone Jo Graves on 742586

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# St Mary's Thakeham

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

Rev'd Derek Spencer [www.thakehamchurch.com](http://www.thakehamchurch.com)

## Churchwardens:

David Peacock (745595)  
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## PCC Secretary:

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## Child Protection Officer:

Karen Arkle (744844)  
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## Electoral Roll Officer:

David Peacock (745595)  
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## 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)  
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**PASTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR SULLINGTON & THAKEHAM:** Please contact the Rev'd Derek Spencer on 01798 813121 to make arrangements for Baptisms, Weddings and Banns of Marriage. He can be contacted at Thakeham Rectory throughout the week. His day off is Saturday.

## TRIBUTE TO ELLIE THORNTON

On Tuesday 4 April a quarter peal was rung on St Mary's, Thakeham Church bells, dedicated to Ellie Thornton. The quarter peal took 49 minutes to ring.

Ellie sadly died on 29 March following a road traffic accident whilst crossing the road to catch the school bus. Ellie was 11 years old.

Approximately 80 – 100 of her family, school friends, neighbours and well-wishers came to hear the quarter peal, and stood or sat in and around the Church yard, and in the Church. Some residents of The Street sat in their gardens to listen.

It was a wonderful show of support for a grieving family, from a village community brought together by this tragedy.

God Bless and keep you, Ellie.



## Thakeham & Sullington Church Youth Groups

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

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

## SUNDAY TEA IN THE GARDEN

3pm to 5pm

11 June

Wynne and Tom Lednor  
4 Crescent Rise, Thakeham

16 July

Elke and Chris Whitehead  
Harbour Lights, Thakeham Road  
Storrington

## COFFEE MORNING

**SATURDAY, 20 MAY 10.30am-12noon**

At the home of Mike and Caroline Beardall,  
Windyridge, Rock Road

Ample parking at the top of the Drive

**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

10 May, 14 June, 5 July (a week earlier than normal)

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)

## Knit and Stitch Tea on Tuesday

Thakeham Church Rooms 16 May between 2pm and 4pm

**All welcome. Enquiries to Wynn Lednor - 743025**

For Lives at St Mary's with Matt Harder,  
TGIF Leader, see page 10.



## Cheese & Wine Evening

**Saturday 20 May 6pm**

at Plum Tree Cottage, Coolham Road, Thakeham RH20 3EW

Please ring Harold and Cecily Linfield (01798 812276) if you would like to come to this informal evening to raise funds for Christian Aid (any donations welcome). Possibility of croquet if the weather is fine!  
(PS There are lists to sign at Sullington, Thakeham and Storrington Churches)

## Church in the Pub

1st Monday of the month

The White Lion Pub, Thakeham - 8.30pm

Come along and enjoy

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

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

What’s happening at

# St Mary’s Sullington



Rev'd Derek Spencer [www.st-marys-sullington.org](http://www.st-marys-sullington.org) [info@st-marys-sullington.org](mailto:info@st-marys-sullington.org)

## Churchwardens:

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RH20 4DD

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Highwinds,  
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Sullington RH20 4DE

## Churchwardens Emeriti:

Douglas Parkes (743106)  
Ann Salinger (01798 813481)

## Treasurer:

Gail Kittle (745754)  
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Storrington RH20 4AE

## Pastoral Care:

Ann Salinger (01798 813481)

## PCC Secretary:

Gail Kittle (745754)

## Freewill Offering & Gift Aid Officer:

David Baxter (744346)

## Electoral Roll:

Vacant

## Organist:

Beryl Hardie (892349)

## Church Flowers:

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

## Child Protection Officer:

Margaret Slinn (746769)

## Lifts to Church:

Anne Owen (743973)

## Church Fabric Officer:

Douglas Parkes (743106)

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## Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in us

### Message on behalf of the Rector, Derek Spencer

Derek has now been told by his doctor not to return to work until the end of July. For the moment all enquiries should be directed to the Churchwardens Heather and Jo on phone numbers above. Please keep an eye on our website for any unexpected service changes.

Churchwardens



### Lectio Divina: becoming one with the Word

A time of listening to and reflecting together on the Word of God

The Wild Fortune Prayer Loft

**Saturday 6 May 8.30am to 10am**

Please let us know if you wish to come  
No expertise necessary; it is a very gentle guided process.

Further details: Tessa & Mark Holland  
Wild Fortune, Sandgate Lane, Storrington. Tel: 741904

Email: [wildfortune@btinternet.com](mailto:wildfortune@btinternet.com)  
Blog: [www.wildfortuneblog.blogspot.co.uk](http://www.wildfortuneblog.blogspot.co.uk)

### Easter lilies in memory of loved ones

On Easter Sunday in St Mary's Church, Sullington, we had a lovely service which included the reading out of names in memory of loved ones, each represented by a lily.

A list of these names for everyone to see is by the altar and also on the glass door as you enter our beautiful Church; a good time to visit this ancient Church.



Heather Cotton thanks all those who have sent letters and cards of condolence following the sad loss of Chris. She has been overwhelmed by the response; Chris would have been amazed and humbled.

### Family Support Work Quiz Night

Tithe Barn at Sullington Manor Farm

Friday 9 June at 7pm

With Quiz Masters Stephen and Christine Turrell

£12 per ticket

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

Teams of 6 formed before or on the night!

For tickets contact Gail on 745754



RAFFLE BRING OWN DRINKS



### Tea with the Vicar

4 May at 3pm – 1 Oak Cottage, Rock Road, Home of Kay Channon  
No booking necessary, but please let us know for catering numbers!



### SUMMER EVENSONG AT SULLINGTON CHURCH

Evensong is held at 6pm on the first Sunday of each month  
at St Mary's, Sullington, for five months from April to September.

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





What's happening at

# St Mary's Storrington

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

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## Treasurer:

Andrew Hammock (742888)  
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## PCC Secretary:

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

## Parish Secretary:

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

**Verger:** Michael Taylor (742218)

## Sacristy Team:

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

## Captain of Bellringers:

John Taylor (745477)

## Pastoral Scheme:

Sylvia Hyams (745878)

## Recorder:

Rob and Alison Wall (743713)  
51 Crowhurst Crescent  
RH20 4QU

## Readers and Sidesmen:

Vera Blake (743974)

## Electoral Roll Officer:

Michael Taylor (742218)

## Director of Music:

George Jones (850019)

## Assistant Organists:

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

**Footsteps** (Sunday School):  
Jackie Lee (743661)

## Church Flowers:

Jean Minter (741668)

## Child Protection Officer:

Jackie Lee (743661)

## Bible Reading Fellowship:

Amanda Hislop (743700)

## Bible Society:

Jean Hunt (01798 813681)

## Christian Aid co-ordinator:

Sue Kibblewhite (745325)

## REGULAR ACTIVITIES

**Church Services** see page 18.

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

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

**Altar Servers:** Bridget Vickerstaff (743346)

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

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

**Church Cleaning:** Jeannie Watten (742542)

**Church & Churchyard Maintenance:** Ray Hunt (01798 813681)

**Mothers' Union:** Jean Hunt (01798 813681)

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

**Sunday Lunch Club** (ecumenical): Second Sunday in the month.  
See page 16.

## DEANERY SERVICE at St Mary's, Storrington

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the collection at our Deanery Service on 2 April and we are very pleased to report that the total collected was £1,111.07 in support of the parishes of Beeding and Bramber with Botolph's at the eastern end of Storrington Deanery. A cheque for this amount has been sent to the Revd Emma Stonham, the new Rector of the 3B's parishes.

## SPECIAL EVENSONG – Sunday 21 May

Most of our Choir and clergy took part in The Diocesan Choirs Festival at Chichester Cathedral on Saturday, 29 April, and some parts of this will be repeated at St Mary's, Storrington, at a Special Evensong on Sunday, 21 May, at 6pm. James Phillips (one of our organists) and his choir from Bognor will be taking part as well as other parish choirs from Storrington Deanery.

## ROGATION SUNDAY – Sunday 21 May

It is all too easy to take our daily food for granted, forgetting that every bit of it is the result of the work of farmers and growers. On Rogation Sunday we ask for a blessing on the land, and on those who work to produce our food. Prayers will be said in the open air if fine.

## ASCENSION DAY – Thursday 25 May

Ascension Day celebrates the completion of Christ's earthly ministry. Holy Communion will be said at 10.30 am, and in the evening there will be Ascension Day Eucharist with Choir at 7.30pm.

## WHITSUNDAY or PENTECOST Sunday 4 June

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

## STORRINGTON REGISTERS

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

2 April Annabelle Elizabeth Lesuc (Heather and Catalin)  
9 April Ella Ann Christine Edmonds (Hannah and Gareth)  
9 April Sean Christopher Proctor (adult)

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

17 Mar Gillian Craythorne (71 years)  
23 Mar David Edward James Windeatt (73 years)

## Church@4pm

21 May at St Mary's Church, Storrington

*'Tongues of flame and a rushing wind'*

*Come and find out about the story of Pentecost!*

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

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



Come and learn to play handbells – we practise in Storrington Church on Monday mornings at 10am. New players are very welcome.

Kathleen Osgood (01403 780928)



## CONFIRMATION OF BILL YEOMAN BY BISHOP MARK OF HORSHAM



On Thursday 23 March, members of St Mary's Church, Sullington were very proud to go to the small chapel at the Queen Alexandra Hospital Home in Worthing, where Bill is a resident, to witness the confirmation of a long-standing member of our beloved Church. Bill is 92 years old and very sincere in his deepening faith. It was a really lovely service and a very happy event. We all then enjoyed a lovely tea with Bill's friends at QAHH to celebrate.

## MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER DESIGNATE ST MARY'S CHURCH, STORRINGTON

I offered myself for election as Treasurer to succeed Andrew Hammock at the APCM, held on 27 April, the outcome at the time of writing has yet to be decided! I must begin by thanking Andrew for all the hard work he has done over a number of years. I understand he inherited a certain amount of chaos and has certainly managed to restore order. Thank you Andrew.

Many won't know me so, by way of introduction, I trained as a Chartered Accountant in Brighton and eventually set up my own practice in Crowthorne, Berkshire, and serviced a number of charities as auditor or independent examiner, including two churches. I also served as Church Treasurer in Crowthorne for many years.

I am sure I will be writing about money and the need to increase our income and general giving in future. Next month I will write about gift aid and some of the pitfalls. I would, however, ask everybody to review their current giving, for many circumstances may have changed: retirement, change of jobs, increased family commitments. It may be appropriate to reduce your giving. Don't be afraid to do so if your circumstances warrant it, and if we are seeking additional funds don't feel you ought to give if you can't really afford to do so.

David Rice



## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

14 – 20 MAY

### Could you help the hungry and needy?

Please keep the above dates in your diary if you are able to help with the door-to-door collections in this area.

We are extremely grateful to all those who have given their time to collect for Christian Aid in past years, and we shall need **several more collectors** in order to cover as many streets as possible. This is an inter-Church appeal - members of all churches are invited to help.

If you are able to help this year please contact me  
Sue Kibblewhitte (745325)



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

# Songs for the Summer

**FOLLOWED BY TEA & CAKES**  
**in the RECTORY GARDEN**



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

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

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

*Arranged by St. Mary's Church Storrington Concert Committee*



## ST MARY THE VIRGIN, NORTH STOKE

## THE FUTURE OF OUR RURAL PARISH CHURCHES

**Saturday 13 May 3pm**

The Churches Conservation Trust has taken on some of our finest rural parish churches when they have become redundant, but only a few. As their future comes into question once more, some thoughts will be given by the Chairman of The Ecclesiological Society **TREVOR COOPER MBE.**

**The talk is at 3pm and follows the AGM (at 2.30pm) of the Friends' Group and is at St Mary's Church, North Stoke. All members of the public are welcome to sit in on the AGM if you wish. Refreshments follow the talk.**

janet@aidin.co.uk

*The Ecclesiological Society dates from 1879 and was founded for those interested in and enthusiastic about church history and church architecture. Members' interests range over all periods and places, from the earliest churches in Britain through to the most recent development in architecture, fittings and liturgy throughout the world.*

## LIVES AT ST MARY'S, THAKEHAM

With Matt Harder, TGIF Leader

### So tell us a bit about who you are, where you come from

Well, my name's Matt Harder and originally I come from the Essex / London border, near Romford.

### And how did you come to live in Thakeham?

It was through my work as a teacher. I knew I didn't want to teach in London, so after my teacher training, I found Wisborough Green School, which was perfect. A small rural school, which was so different to the schools I had worked in on my teaching practice. Whilst my then fiancée, Pippa, finished her teacher training, I lived in Horsham, and a year later she joined me. After we got married, we started looking for our own house close to where she and I worked, and Thakeham fitted the bill. Her parents live in Arundel so Thakeham has been the perfect location.

### What drew you to St Mary's Thakeham as a church?

When living in Horsham, it was difficult to find the right church for us. The obvious choice was actually St Mary's in Horsham, which was the parish church where we had our banns read. We've actually been on a bit of a St Mary's tour – we were married in a St Mary's church at Lyminster. St Mary's in Horsham was similar to my family church back in Essex (not called St Mary's!) and Pippa was used to catholic-style services, but we didn't really connect with the church in Horsham. When we moved to Thakeham in September 2012, our first service at the Church was Midnight Mass, and we were pretty regular after that. It wasn't long before we were drawn in to the workings of the Church. As soon as they found out we were teachers and interested in youth work, they wouldn't let us go! Then they found I was a previous chorister at my family church, so music group also conscripted me. Pippa hadn't been in a choir, but she was so good at singing they let her in anyway! Four years later, and we now run the older youth group, TGIF (Thank God It's Friday), and still involved in the music side of things at the all-age services.

### How has your relationship with God supported you in your move here, work, church life etc.?

It seems that God has been looking out for us quite a bit. We always say things happen for a reason. I had a bit of a crazy experience when interviewing for Wisborough Green School. My car engine exploded in the middle of the motorway, so I missed my interview slot. Pippa managed to pick me up and drive me to the school, but I was about 5 hours late. They still interviewed me and I got the job immediately. I really felt God's calming presence whilst standing in the middle of three lanes of motorway traffic. It was quite surreal – I'd never felt something like that before. Then when Pippa was just about to finish her teacher training, I just happened to look on an education jobs website, and found that a school only 4 miles from my school (Loxwood) was looking for a teacher. It was perfect, and she got the job. This year I've started up my own business in Forest School and Bushcraft training, which seems to be going really well. We have been incredibly blessed, now even more so with a 2 and a half year-old daughter who is a joy (most of the time!), a lovely community, and friends and neighbours who are just brilliant. We are so thankful for everything.

## BROAD THOUGHTS FROM A HOME, BY CAROL PEACOCK

In these days of 'alternative facts' and 'fake news', might I share with you the 'truth' from my position and the 'reality' of my experience. I write this in the week of the Westminster terror attack and Comic Relief, rather different events but illustrating my point very well. The kindness, nay, sacrifice of strangers is stronger than ever in our society. Do not let the media convince you otherwise, good news never sold newspapers.

David and I have had reason to be thankful for such generosity of spirit in recent months. We have been overwhelmed by the support, both practical and prayerful; from the meals cooked and delivered daily, to the handmade prayer shawl from the Mothers' Union, knitting circle; we have both been fed physically and spiritually. Thank you does not seem sufficient for those who have helped us in anyway during my recovery from surgery but as David told someone who seemed amazed by the food rota, "Well that's just what we do for each other."

Yes, that is just what true 'community' does, but my experience is not just within one congregation, my support went Deanery wide! Hence, forgive this blatant use of these pages for an attempt to reach everyone with our heartfelt gratitude. I proceed with the next stage of my journey with faith and joy both in the Lord and in the inherent goodness of human nature.

Carol Peacock

## CHEMIN NEUF COMMUNITY

[www.chemin-neuf.org.uk](http://www.chemin-neuf.org.uk)

### QUIET DAYS

In the Footsteps of St Ignatius

Practising Ignatian Prayer

**Wednesday 10 May** – Find God in All Things

10am – 4pm, at Storrington Priory RH20 4LN

Light lunch provided. Come to just one, two or all three days

For more details or to register: [ccn.storrington.desk@gmail.com](mailto:ccn.storrington.desk@gmail.com)

### SPIRITUAL EXERCISES RETREAT

at Sclerder Abbey, Sclerder Lane, Looe, Cornwall. PL13 2JD

7 days of guided retreat in silence to come to know Christ better

More details: [retreatsuk@chemin-neuf.org](mailto:retreatsuk@chemin-neuf.org)

### PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

**12-21 May**

In the footsteps of Jesus

From Nazareth to Jerusalem via Bethlehem and Jordan Valley

Led by members of the Chemin Neuf Community

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[www.chemin-neuf.org.uk](http://www.chemin-neuf.org.uk)

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## 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 2 May** – Our Lady of England RC Church will lead

**Tuesday 6 June** – Community Church will lead

**One in faith and love and praise**



## MESSAGE FROM BISHOP MARK

Dear Friends,

'Thy Kingdom Come' is a phrase that trips off the tongue of Christians every time they pray the Lord's Prayer. It sums up the purpose of Jesus and of his body, The Church. We exist, with Jesus, to build the Kingdom of God. We do that, in part, by seeking to transform the unjust structures of society and conforming them to the intentions of God. We also do it by sharing our faith, hope and love with others. However we help build the Kingdom of God, we must do it in partnership with God and so pray as Jesus taught us: Thy Kingdom come. Prayer is what ensures our partnership with God. Without it, we risk trying to establish not his Kingdom, but some lesser vision of our own.

Thy Kingdom Come has become the title and focus of a worldwide wave of prayer during the period between Ascension Day and Pentecost (25 May - 4 June, this year). Every one of us is invited to join in this wave of prayer that more people may come to know, love and follow Jesus, and so become joyful fellow-workers in building up God's Kingdom.

There are countless ways to join in this worldwide wave of prayer, as churches, as families or groups, or quietly as individuals. Last year, many churches hosted day-long events embracing many different kinds of corporate and individual prayer. I was privileged to share in several. This year a website has been launched: [www.thykingdomcome.global](http://www.thykingdomcome.global). I urge you to visit it if you can and to discover how you can best be a part of this wave of prayer, whether or not your church is hosting a special event.

With thanks for our partnership in prayer,

+Mark  
Bishop of Horsham



## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

14 – 20 MAY

Christian Aid Week is the single biggest act of Christian witness in Britain and Ireland, a week when more than 20,000 churches come together to support the work of Christian Aid.



Christian Aid Week started 60 years ago to support the work Christian Aid was doing helping refugees in the aftermath of the Second World War.

The refugee crisis is every bit as challenging today. It is estimated that 65 million people across the globe have fled their homes because of disasters and conflicts; many have endured years of insecurity.

Let's act again now, to help relieve suffering and build a world where everyone has a safe place to call home.

Your generosity enables Christian Aid and its partners to radically improve the lives of those living in fear and poverty; it really does make a difference.

There are many ways in which we can support the work of Christian Aid. Last year, Storrington and Thakeham contributed to Christian Aid Week through a combination of house to house collections, a street collection and a garden party. This fund raising does rely on the commitment of a band of volunteers; last year 38 people pounded the streets delivering and collecting the little red envelopes whilst others stood in the village with red collecting tins. Without the help of the volunteers, Christian Aid week would not be the success it is. Further volunteers are needed, so if you could spare an hour on Saturday 20 May to stand in Storrington with a collecting tin please contact me on 745325.

Sue Kibblewhite, Christian Aid Coordinator



## The Spring Lecture Friday 12 May at 7.30pm

St. Mary's Parish Church  
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Environmentalism, Theologian,  
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Further information: Gerald Gresham Cooke 01798 342151  
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## YEAR OF THE BIBLE BOOK REVIEW

### BREAD OF ANGELS

Feeding on the Word by Barbara Brown Taylor  
Canterbury Press, 978-1-84825-781-8 £12.99



If you are looking for something different to enliven your personal Bible reading, then I thoroughly commend *Bread of Angels*. Barbara Brown Taylor is a beautiful writer and in this book she takes passages and characters from the Bible and explores God's provision and the surprising ways in which he supplies, just like the manna in the wilderness. Take for example chapter 7, the Wilderness Exam. Lent begins with this story but the exam is at the end of the 40 days. Taylor takes us into and out of Jesus' encounter with the Devil in an imaginative and telling way. The last section on "Apocalyptic Figs" is intriguing as she takes us into the strange parables and sayings about which Jesus told as His earthly life drew to an end. The chapters are short and so are ideal for incorporating into our daily readings and, like the manna, they will provide ample food for thought for each day.

Ann Holt, Director of Education







## SULLINGTON 122 YEARS AGO

### EXTRACTS FROM CANON PALMER'S DIARY – MAY 1895

**Wed 1:** Fine morning then a cold rain from the north west. School 30. The first tennis party projected today, only Mrs Clarkson and son, rain intervening. Elms just showing leaf. Meadows forward.

**Thu 2:** Fine after a cold night. School 30. Haines left on foot for Pulborough. Pay heavy bills at Storrington to E Hammond and Greenfields. Fallen sycamore, move lemons.

**Fri 3:** Fine and fresh. To County Council at Horsham taking Jervoise: the great 'Universal Road Scheme' abandoned: a barren discussion on some further amendments. Brought Parker 'primus' back, a tall stripling of 6 foot and more topped by a tall hat.

**Sat 4:** As yesterday. Worked with Green for his last day before going. Mackonechys called and visited everything. Dining room chimney on fire, not for the first time. Played a few games of tennis.

**Sun 5:** Auntie Doris birthday. Warm. Congregations very fair, only 5 to Holy Communion and a contingent from Wantley. Preached old sermon on the Lessons of Springtime and in the evening on Balaam.

**Mon 6 and Tue 7:** Very fine and bright. Passed two days in town and Benges returning home on Tuesday evening.

**Wed 8:** As yesterday, summery. Grand weather. Clara and I walk to Wantley and leave cards on the Pagets. Repair Copse walk by chalking and road drift. Take cold bath the first time this year. Put out some plants.

**Thu 9:** Fine and summery. School 29. To the Mackonechy's in evening. May and Parker to tennis. 'Parker the first' leaves us.

**Fri 10:** Sunny but cooler. A Drawing Inspector appears at the school ¾ hour late. Then Mr Felton and Duke again made church wardens at a Vestry. 'Poor' Felton says he must reduce his subscription! and takes £5 off the school but makes up the balance due to the Church. Green returns 'hopeful'; this may make me give up the school on Miss Jarman's retirement.

**Sat 11:** Magnificently fine throughout. Disappointed in the failure of Green in his Matriculation at Magdalen. The boys went out all day on the river at Amberley. I to Cobden visiting all. Quite a July day.

**Sun 12:** Easter IV. Very hot, close and dull. 62 degrees. Morning congregations pretty full. Preached on second lesson and in evening on Paul's conversion. No evening lighting for the first time. Has been a thundery day. White lilac out.

**Mon 13:** As yesterday. Has been over-warm. Put out tomatoes. Sat out late on lawn. By Clara's wish dismissed Ernest Knowles.

**Tue 14:** As yesterday though duller 64 degrees. A long morning 9.30 – 2.30 at Board, and warm in more ways than one was our meeting "much ado about nothing". Mrs Paget and Lady Blanche Hozier called. Too hot for much exertion.

**Wed 15:** Fresh and cool 54 degrees. NB 10 degrees different overnight. School 30. Some tennis here: a few only, quite cold and windy. Cleaned the grass off our grave. Had an interview with the Surveyor of Highways.

**Thu 16:** Cold and fine. School 30. In winter again! 18 degrees between Tuesday night and this! Clara and May to Stopham to meet Brian Bartellots. I with the boys take a round by Lushes, Gilbert to look at a pony at Grenhurst but found it 31 years old.

**Fri 17:** Very cold and dull 45 degrees. Rode to Pulborough Rectory where Bartellot as Rural Dean muddly as usual. Took notes for the conference elections. Bartellot, D and self.

**Sat 18:** Dull and murky. Cold wind. Boys went out for their afternoon to Amberley and Arundel.

**Sun 19:** Easter V. As yesterday. Had a fairly full church in morning 53, of whom 27 were children! Sermon on the first lesson Duet V 1 the need of 'heart' in obeying the Commandments. In evening thinner (cold and wintry).

**Mon 20:** Rather softer wind lulls. Old Humphrey at the Church doors and floors. All but self go to Cissbury to the Surrey and East Hants Yeomanry.

**Tue 21:** Warmer. School 30. Edward sailed in the *Hawarden Castle* on Saturday for Madeira.

**Wed 22:** As yesterday. To Brighton for 'poor' committee. Furbished up a report which will deal with the subject. Lunched with Harry Griffiths.

**Thu 23:** Ascension. As yesterday. School 30. Our service this evening at 6pm thinly attended by about a dozen only. Spoke on John.

**Fri 24:** Much as yesterday, very close. Clara took May into Worthing, they sleep at Kate's tonight. Worked all day with the boys. Humphrey 'elevating' the summer house. Green and I to Chiltonington, falling in curiously with one Shaw who had just bought the Clementine pony we were going to see.

**Sat 25:** As yesterday. Some thunder, no rain. Fetched Clara and May from Worthing. Mrs Marten arrives on her annual visit. Make a little 'dip' into the Manufactured Marble Company.

**Sun 26:** Very fine and warm. Two satisfactory congregations. Morning old sermon on the anchorage of the soul within. A splendid passage to hold on by, an extempore on our Lord's last command. Baptised a child of the Slaughters'.

**Mon 27:** As yesterday. May XVIII. A large lawn party, perfect weather, could sit out quite late. Bought with Mrs Marten's aid a £5 pony from one Shaw. Dear May well and happy.

**Tue 28:** As yesterday, hot. To Board of Guardians. Parsons disposed of by a direct command from LGB through Bourke re Form of Appointing of Overseer. I do not think the decision quite in accordance with the LGB. Mr Bart called: a chatty, sensible little fellow: told him of Wiggonholt. Put out a few geraniums but ground very dry.

**Wed 29:** Very warm. School 28. Little done this extremely hot Derby Day upon which there has been sometimes snow! Sam Stringer in the church yard. Begin cutting front meadow (machine).

**Thu 30:** Very hot, thundery. Some rain in evening. Lord Leconfield withdraws his annual donation in consequence of recent legislation ..... alas! these poor men! Will he drink one bottle of wine the less. Visitation, fearfully hot. Weak charge from Mount who did not remain to lunch.

**Fri 31:** Much cooler. School 26. Jarman goes off to Parham. Mr and Mrs Wyatt in afternoon and a young Watson. Kate Gibson comes to see Mother.



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## FRIENDS OF WARMINGHURST CHURCH



### PLANT, CAKE & PRODUCE SALE

**Saturday 13 May 1pm to 3.30pm**

Warminghurst Church, Ashington, Sussex RH20 3AW

Free Entrance. Refreshments available.

All proceeds to Friends of Warminghurst Church  
for the Roof Repair Fund.

The stalls will be well-stocked with plants of all types and seedlings for flowers and vegetables, along with bedding plants ready to add colour to your garden. The cake stall is always groaning with homemade goodies which disappear fast, such is the demand.

At this stage we are not able to say whether the Church will be open for visitors again after the year-long repair project, but we are optimistic. The scaffolding has been removed and the Church is displaying outwardly its newly repaired roof. We hope that everyone will soon have the opportunity to visit this beautiful and historic Church, so why not make it an afternoon out. You will certainly be most welcome.

All proceeds from the sale go towards the Roof Repair Fund for the church, as there are funds still owing for the magnificent repair.

"This is an exciting time for us as we see the result of years of fundraising and hard work by our Friends group", commented Rachel Webster, chairman to the group. "Having been closed since April 2016, the repair project on the Church is nearing completion, and we are planning this year's events. We hope that the Plant and Cake Sale will bring new visitors and returning friends to this lovely place."

It is hoped there will be an exhibition of the history of Warminghurst Church over the National Heritage Weekend of 8 to 10 September. So if you have any personal stories connected with the place, or photos, please do make contact as below.

There are also plans for celebrations of Harvest and the return of the much-loved Christmas Tree Festival – so watch this space for more details!

Warminghurst Church (or Church of the Holy Sepulchre at Warminghurst to give the full title) is in the care of The Churches Conservation Trust (CCT), which protects historic churches at risk and has saved over 350 buildings; there are now seven churches in West Sussex. All CCT churches are Grade II or above and hold the key to much of our history; they are open and ready for visitors all year round. To check opening times and find out more about the work of the Trust visit [www.visitchurches.org.uk](http://www.visitchurches.org.uk)

Check out the Warminghurst Church page on Facebook for updates and events and for more information call 891312 or email contact. [fowc@gmail.com](mailto:fowc@gmail.com)



## EDITOR'S VISIT AND FROM STORRINGTON FIRST SCHOOL



Thank you to 3 Heralds editor, Amanda Hislop, for coming into school and meeting with our Year 5 journalists to discuss how to write a great magazine article. The group found it really interesting and will be making good use of the top tips when they return to writing for the next issue.

Our Storrington School Council includes pupils from across the school who meet regularly to discuss topics such as behaviour, fundraising, charities and classroom issues. School Council have asked if the following could be included in our article this month:

### WE ARE LOOKING FOR GOVERNORS!

Here at Storrington First School we are looking for new governors who have a wide range of experience. At the moment, we have lots of parent governors but would also like governors who can bring different skills to the school. Here are suggestions of how you can help out in our school:

- Health and safety • Accounting • Legal
- Project Manager • Data Analysis

If you are interested in becoming a governor and you think you have some skills that would benefit our school,, then please contact us on 742047. More information is also on our website, [www.storringtonfs.co.uk](http://www.storringtonfs.co.uk).

We will also have a school stand at the Storrington Duck Race on 7 May in the library car park, and at Storrington On Show on Saturday 20 May and would love to meet 3 Heralds readers at either of these events.

Thank you

Storrington School Council (Year 5)

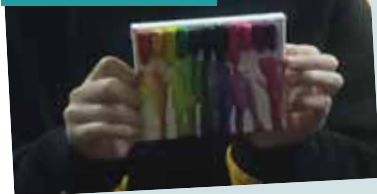




## MILESTONES UPDATE!

It's been a bit of an up and down term at Milestones due to leaders' illness, so we ended up having to cancel a couple of sessions, and needed a change of venue. In spite of all of this, we have managed to fit in quite a lot, and are extremely grateful to all our teenage helpers for helping us to keep it going.

Mother's day gift



We started off the term with a film night in Church, with homemade chip butties delivered half way through! We watched the film *Pay it Forward*, and then took

themes from the film for our focus for the rest of the term. So we have done activities and discussions on the themes of Justice, Hope and Responsibility, with a particular slant on our relationship with our parents on this last one. We managed to fit in quite a few games, crafts and cooking, and these included making some amazing Mother's Day gifts and cards, and lots of Malteser cakes in aid of Comic Relief.

And cards



In the evening we thought about Justice; the young people were given random amounts of pennies according to what they were wearing in

Malteser cakes in aid of Comic Relief



order to purchase tuck, and we played games which favoured certain teams. "It's



not fair" was heard quite a lot that evening, and fed nicely into our discussion.

The term is then ending with our annual social - a trip to the Bull in Henfield for skittles and pizza. More about that next month!

And a get well card for our leader Carol

## TGIF UPDATE!



This term, the Thakeham and Sullington youth groups have once again been packing Friday evenings with heaps of fun activities!

At TGIF (Thank God It's Friday), the older of the two youth groups, we started off the term way back in the beginning of January with a post-Christmas-Christmas-film, *The Grinch*, to introduce the term's theme of 'Revenge and Forgiveness'.

Following this, we had frosty fun with wide games in the Warren at Sullington, playing capture the glow-in-the-dark flag, at minus 3 degrees. Hot chocolate was warmly appreciated at the end of the night! We welcomed a special guest speaker from Haslemere Ventures youth camps to talk about God's forgiveness. We have also enjoyed a larger than life games night, playing human sized 'hungry hippos' on skateboards, and giant Jenga. Very competitive!

In the most recent weeks, the young people have been very privileged to experience an evening with Thakeham's elite bell ringers, where we all got a chance to climb the tower, hear the bells played and have a go ourselves. Special thanks go to the Tower Captain, Roger, and his team for making this possible and making everyone feel so welcome.

Our final meeting for the Spring term was our Ignite evening. Ignite is an opportunity for the young people to spend time in St Mary's Thakeham exploring their faith and opinions through games, short worship and music. We are extremely lucky to have a very talented group of musicians at the moment, and with a little extra encouragement from Ruth they have formed a very good band! For this term's Ignite evening we were lucky to be joined by a few other members of the congregation, which added a wonderful dynamic. We welcome anybody who would love to join our Youth Worship evenings in the future. This term's Ignite included a workshop from Esther Baker, who works with Synergy Theatre project, a project which brings drama to prison inmates. Her activities for us were thought provoking, active and good fun. Thank you Esther for a super evening!

How can we possibly top this for the Summer term....!?

For further details, please contact Matt or Pippa Harder on 01798 817522.

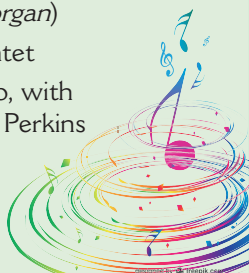
Matt and Pippa Harder

## CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL FREE LUNCH TIME CONCERTS

### MAY

- Tuesday 2** Charterhouse School
- Tuesday 9** Nicholas Carpenter (*clarinet*) and Timothy Ravalde (*organ*)
- Tuesday 16** The London Harp Quintet
- Tuesday 23** Four Hands - One Piano, with Emma Abbate & Julian Perkins
- Tuesday 30** Reigate Wind Quintet

For full details of programmes see [www.chichestercathedral.org.uk](http://www.chichestercathedral.org.uk)





# BINGO

## Thursday 11 May

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!

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## STORRINGTON DUCK RACE

Sunday 7 May 12noon – 2.30pm  
YOU WOULD BE QUACKERS TO MISS IT!

If you are looking for a fun-filled family day out this May, then the annual Storrington Village Duck Race promises thrills and spills as the ducks race to glory alongside a great range of entertainment for all.

Join us from midday on **Sunday 7 May** at Riverside Walk and Library Car Park to race ducks to raise money for the Friends of Storrington School. There will more hotly contested races this year with six heats; the top ten ducks from each heat being entered into the Grand Finale, making seven races in all.

Ducks for each race can be bought in advance in the weeks leading up to the big day, or on the day itself from the many volunteers in the village. Prizes are on offer for each of the heats with Cash prizes available for the winning ducks in the Grand Finale.

To add to the fun, there will be fun-fair rides and face-painting, craft stalls, live music, ice-cream and cakes plus the ever popular BBQ.

All proceeds from the Duck Race will go to Storrington First School to provide and maintain facilities and equipment for the children.

The Duck Race team are still taking bookings for stands so if you have an idea for a stall or a craft business that you want to promote please get in touch with georgedelarue@hotmail.co.uk, or if you would like to sponsor a race or advertise in the Duck Race programme please contact foss.school@aol.co.uk



Please waddle down to join in the fun,  
we look forward to seeing you there!



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When the young people access the bus they have the opportunity to participate in a range of activities from relationships, further education and employment, resilience, healthy living, aspiration, well-being, drugs and alcohol awareness, and lots more.

# B

St Barnabas House

## 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 3 May and 7 June – 10am to 2pm**

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

THAKEHAM GARDENER'S CLUB

## Spring Plant Sale

**Saturday 14 May at 2pm**

Thakeham Village Hall

Plants • cakes • tombola

**Entry 50p  
to include tea**





# CHURCH SERVICES AT A GLANCE

DATE	FESTIVAL OR SUNDAY	STORRINGTON St Mary's	THAKEHAM St Mary's	SULLINGTON St Mary's
7 May	<b>Easter 4</b>	8.00 Holy Communion (said) 10.00 Family Communion 6.00 Evensong	10.30 Joint All-age Family Communion (with Sullington)	8.00 Holy Communion (with Thakeham) 6.00 Evensong
14 May	<b>Easter 5</b>	8.00 Holy Communion (said) 10.00 Parish Communion + Footsteps 6.00 Evensong	9.30 Morning Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion (with Thakeham) 11.30 Morning Prayer
21 May	<b>ROGATION SUNDAY</b>	8.00 Holy Communion (said) 10.00 Parish Communion with Prayers for Healing 11.45 Baptism Service 4.00 Church@4 6.00 Evensong	8.00 Holy Communion (with Sullington)	10.30 Family Communion (with Thakeham)
25 May (Thursday)	<b>ASCENSION DAY</b>	10.30 HC 7.30 <b>Ascension Day Eucharist</b>		
28 May	<b>Sunday after Ascension</b>	8.00 Holy Communion (said) 10.00 Parish Communion + Footsteps 11.45 Baptism Service 6.00 Evensong	9.30 Family Communion	8.00 Holy Communion (with Thakeham) 11.30 Family Communion
4 June	<b>WHIT SUNDAY/ PENTECOST</b>	8.00 Holy Communion (said) 10.00 Family Communion 6.00 Evensong	10.30 Joint All-age Family Communion (with Sullington)	8.00 Holy Communion (with Thakeham) 6.00 Evensong

Midweek Holy Communion service on Thursdays at St Mary's Church, Storrington at 10.30am.  
Monthly Holy Communion Service (fourth Thursday in month) at Sussexdown at 11.30am.

## OTHER CHURCH DETAILS

### ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Our Lady of England, Monastery Lane*

Mass – Saturday 6.00pm, Sunday 8.00am and 10.00am

Daily Mass: Monday – Friday 9.00am.

For other midweek services, confessions etc., please contact

Parish Priest: Fr Charles Howell

2 St. John's, Fern Road, Storrington RH20 4LW

Tel: 740338

### STORRINGTON CHAPEL

*North Street*

Sunday Services 10.30am, 6.30pm

Church Elder: Graham Thrussell

Tel: 01243 545737

### COMMUNITY CHURCH

*at Rydon Community College*

Family Worship – Sundays 10.00am

Enquiries to Mrs Val Augustine

Community Church Office, PO Box 1020, Storrington RH20 3UY

Tel: 01798 817596

### TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH

*Thakeham Road*

Sunday Service 10.30am

Minister: Rev. Graham Locking

24 Ashurst Drive, Goring-by-Sea BN12 4SW

Tel: 245799 (Church Office: 746390)

## WEEKLY EVENTS

<b>Tues</b>	10.00am	Coffee Morning – Storrington Chapel
<b>Wed</b>	9.30am	Registrar of Births and Deaths – Storrington Library – pre-booking only – 01243 642122
	2.00pm	Knit and Knatter Club – Hanover Walk
<b>Fri</b>	10.00am	Storrington Community Market – Village Hall

### Storrington Library Opening Hours – Tel. 839050

Monday to Friday	9.30am – 5.30pm
Saturday	10.00am – 4.00pm

## 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:**

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## STORRINGTON POP-IN LUNCH CLUB

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**First Thursday of each month**

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



# WHAT'S ON

MAY	
Mon 1	
8am	Car Boot Sale – Library Car Park – p21
Tue 2	
10am	Inter-Church prayers – RC Church (side-chapel) – p10
2pm	SPACE Arts and Crafts – The Old School – p27
Wed 3	
10am	St Barnabas Outreach – Library Car Park – p17
2pm	Storrington DFAS – Meeting – p32
Thu 4	
10.30am	Storrington Pop-In Lunch Club – p18
2pm	MU – Meeting – p27
3pm	Tea with the Vicar – p5
7pm	Chalk Path Theatre Workshop starts – p20
	Fryern Ladies' Probus – Meeting – p33
Fri 5	
4.30pm	Think, Cook Course – Rydon College – p20
Sat 6	
8.30am	Lectio Divina – p5
10am	Storrington Conservation Society – Working Party – p23
10am	Storrington Bowling Club – Open Morning – p20
Sun 7 Easter 4	
10am	Storrington Bowling Club – Open Morning – p20
12noon	Storrington Duck Race – p17
Mon 8	
6.30pm	Storrington Museum – Evening Walk – p24
7.30pm	Thakeham Gardeners' Club – Meeting – p27
7.30pm	Macmillan Film Night – p23
Wed 10	
10am	Chemin Neuf – Quiet Day – p10
10am	Wild Fortune Quiet Garden – p4
7.30pm	Rotary Film Night – Sully – p31
Thu 11	
7pm	Mary How Trust Bingo – p16
Fri 12	
7.30pm	Storrington Horticultural Society – Meeting – p32
7.30pm	PACT Spring Lecture, Petworth – p13
Sat 13	
10am	Think, Cook Course – Rydon College – p20
10.30am	MU Spring Members' Meeting, Hove – p27 & 2pm
1pm	Warminghurst Church Plant & Cake Sale – p33
Sun 14 Easter 5 ST. MATTHIAS, APOSTLE	
Christian Aid Week begins	
1pm	Sunday Lunch Club – p18
Mon 15	
7.30pm	Macmillan Film Night – Allied – p28
Tue 16	
2pm	Knit & Stitch Tea – p4
2pm	SPACE Arts and Crafts – The Old School – p27
Wed 17	
7.30pm	Sullington Windmills WI – Meeting – p28
Thu 18	
2pm	Storrington Conservation Society – Working Party – p23

Sat 20	
10am	Storrington On Show – p21
10.30am	Thakeham Church Coffee Morning – p4
1pm	Wedding – St Mary's, Sullington – Ben Grist and Anastasia Summers
2pm	Thakeham Gardeners' Club – Plant Sale – p17
3pm	Wedding – St Mary's, Thakeham – Harry Hooper and Eloise Thornton
6pm	Christian Aid Cheese & Wine Evening – p4
Sun 21 Easter 6 ROGATION SUNDAY	
11.45am	Baptism – St Mary's, Storrington – Elodie Kate May Yates (daughter of Hannah and Nicholas)
3pm	Sullington Church Annual Garden Party – p5
4pm	Church@4pm at St Mary's Church, Storrington – p6
Tue 23	
7.30pm	Mary How Film Trust – Sully – p31
Wed 24	
2pm	Storrington Flower Club – Meeting – p28
6pm	Storrington First School – Show – p15
Thu 25 ASCENSION DAY	
11.30am	BCP Holy Communion – Sussexdown – p18
2pm	Storrington First School – Show – p15
7.30pm	Ascension Day Eucharist – St Mary's, Storrington
Sun 28 Easter 7 SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION	
11.45am	Baptism – St Mary's, Storrington – Hamish Tobias Joseph Steele (son of Hannah and Tobias), and Lily Jane Astridge and Louie Ray Astridge (children of Rachel and Taurean)
Mon 29	
8am	Car Boot Sale – Library Car Park – p21

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

# SAINTS AND SPECIAL DAYS

MAY 2017	
Tue 2 Athanasius, 373 - bishop of Alexandria and renowned theologian	
Mon 8 Julian of Norwich, c.1417 - Christian mystic; her work, <i>Revelations of Divine Love</i> , is first book in English language known to have been written by a woman	
Fri 12 Gregory Dix, 1952 - English monk; his work influenced reform of Anglican	
Sun 14 ST. MATTHIAS, APOSTLE	
Tue 16 Caroline Chisholm, 1877 - English humanitarian, involved with female immigrant welfare in Australia	
Fri 19 Dunstan, 988 - much loved saint; patron saint of goldsmiths (hallmark year date runs from 19 May after him); charities and churches named after him	
Sat 20 Alcuin, 804 - considered among the most important architects of the Carolingian Renaissance	
Wed 24 John and Charles Wesley, 1791 and 1788 - credited with the foundation of the evangelical movement of Methodism	
Fri 26 Augustine of Canterbury, 605 - the first Archbishop of Canterbury in 597 and a founder of the English Church	
Tue 30 Josephine Butler, 1906 - feminist and social reformer, particularly welfare for prostitutes	
Wed 31 VISIT OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY TO ELIZABETH	





## SANDGATE CONSERVATION SOCIETY

This spring, the wild flowers seemed to have jumped the normal period of flowering as many are a month ahead of schedule. You may have noticed that the dandelion flowers were showing in March when the recognised date is 23 April, a fact that all amateur winemakers will be well aware of!

Sandgate Park is well-known for its wild daffodils and bluebells that put on a good show during March and April, whereas Sullington Warren is well supplied with flowering gorse, a plant that never seems to cease from flowering throughout the entire year. All these plants, together with the heather, need a hand by keeping their areas free from brambles and wild rhododendrons etc. This careful attention enables the wild plants to thrive and produce an abundance of flowers that in turn attract many butterflies and insects into the area.

So if you feel like getting involved in the general conservation work carried out by the Sandgate Conservation Society, then please contact our Chairman, Jacinta White, who will be only too pleased to give you any information that you may require.

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 Barnes

**THINK cook**

**Launches family cooking sessions**

Be inspired by new recipes and enjoy cooking together.  
Children who cook with their parents are more likely to try new ingredients.

Any member of the family is welcome to attend and share the experience, including a grandparent or childminder.  
All ingredients and recipes will be provided.

For ages 8+

Venue: Rydon Community College

Date	Time	Cost <small>Child and carer included</small>	Menu
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	4.30pm – 6.30pm	£12.50	Homemade Pizza, crudites and dip
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	10am – 12am	£12.50	Smoothie, drop scones and Danish pastries

This a fun, hands on course.  
In order to secure your place please phone Tracie or Heather on  
**07879682492 or 07881337269**  
Alternatively email: [thinkcookltd@gmail.com](mailto:thinkcookltd@gmail.com)  
Heather, Tracie and Nikki look forward to meeting you all

Lottery Funding has enabled the purchase of new aprons and equipment to be used at any venue. We are also able to offer children's parties in your own home. Contact Tracie or Heather for more information.



## STORRINGTON BOWLING CLUB



Do you want to try bowls? It is great fun, easy to learn and you will meet some new friends. Like many games, the object of bowls is essentially simple and can be played by anyone. It develops determination and concentration as well as enhancing a healthy lifestyle. Having a game of bowls on our lovely green is a very enjoyable activity. New bowlers are given plenty of support and made to feel welcome, so do give it a try!

During the winter break, the Club held two coffee mornings, a fish and chip lunch, a presentation lunch and the AGM. The Green reopened on 22 April with a coffee morning at 10.30am followed by an afternoon 'drive' at 2pm, when members spent an enjoyable couple of hours bowling in a relaxed, informal competition, followed by a cup of tea. Visitors, especially prospective members are welcome to come and watch any of our matches.

During the season we have a number of Open Days to welcome new members. The next two open mornings, from 10am to 12 noon, are on **Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 May**. Just turn up!

Membership is good value for money; informal bowling is free with a £1 match fee and a £1 fee for drives. We also have regular open evenings throughout the season. Qualified coaches are on hand to assist and bowls can be borrowed initially; all that is needed for the open days is a pair of trainers or flat-soled shoes.

For more information, you are welcome to contact Jackie Francksen on 415664, David Bain on 742526 or John Rimmer on 744832, or see our web site [www.storringtonbc.co.uk](http://www.storringtonbc.co.uk)

John Rimmer, Chairman

CHALK PATH

THEATRE WORKSHOP

Ever fancied trying your hand at acting?  
It's never too late!

A fun adult acting class (18+) for those who want to build their confidence, learn new drama skills and develop many techniques. All sessions are led by Vicky Paine a professional drama practitioner with over 10 years of teaching and directing experience. By the end of the 10 week programme you will have gained skills in imaginative thinking, movement, voice, communication skills, collaboration, listening skills and confidence.

Come and try the first class for FREE!

Launching at The Old School Hall,  
School Lane, Storrington  
on 4th May 2017 7-9 pm

£10 per session or £80 for the full course

For more information and to book a place  
please contact Vicky on:

Mobile: 07799 260 621  
Email: [chalkpaththeatre@gmail.com](mailto:chalkpaththeatre@gmail.com)



# STORRINGTON & DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION

## Celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with Villerest, France

Storrington is twinned with Villerest, which is near Roanne on a beautiful stretch of the river Loire in France.

In 1996, 24 members of the Twinning Association visited Villerest, in Rhone Alps. They were royally received and returned in the highest of spirits. In May 1997, 36 people from Villerest, led by the Mayor, arrived in Storrington. 160 friends and supporters watched the signing of the Charter, formally linking the two Communities. Our local Parish Councils were also represented and both National Anthems were played by a small wind band from Rydon School.



Plaque in Storrington village centre



The Mayor of Villerest with Christelle Lattat (Chairperson of Villerest Twinning Society) and Jennie Goddard (Storrington's Current Chairperson)

The aim of the Association has always been to promote friendships by means of exchange visits involving schools, clubs and organisations. The Association is still here to celebrate its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. A fantastic achievement but we will need host families and any offers of help will be greatly appreciated.

We hope to replicate this event over the course of the weekend of **25 - 28 May**. During this weekend we plan to have a Barn Dance and a Gala Dinner with live music.



Alan Hughes (Storrington's First Chairman) holding the Twinning Charter

We are a self-funding organisation and we try to hold monthly events in order to raise funds for the exchange visits and other activities so that we can offer good value-for-value activities to our members and guests.

We look forward to welcoming our members, past members, friends and



The Twinning Ceremony at Storrington First School in May 1997

supporters to take part in this event. Please do not hesitate to contact the secretary@storringtontwinning.co.uk or to look at our website on Storringtontwinning.co.uk.

## Rotary Club of Storrington & Pulborough District

### CAR BOOT SALES

STORRINGTON LIBRARY CAR PARK  
8am until 12noon

**Bank Holiday Mondays 2017**  
**1 May \* 29 May \* 28 August**

Pitches available at £7 per car and from £10 for vans.  
All proceeds go to charitable causes supported by Rotary.



INTERESTED IN LEARNING NEW SKILLS?  
WANT TO HAVE FUN AND FEEL USEFUL?  
IS KEEPING FIT AND FRESH AIR A PRIORITY?  
WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT  
THE MANY COMMUNITY GROUPS IN  
STORRINGTON?

# STORRINGTON ON SHOW!

**SATURDAY 20TH MAY**  
**10.00am - 2.00pm**

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN  
HELPING YOUR COMMUNITY  
IN ANY WAY?**

**COME ALONG TO HEAR MORE AT  
STORRINGTON'S VOLUNTEERING FAIR  
RAVENSCROFT GUIDE & COMMUNITY HALL  
BROWNS LANE**

COFFEE, TEA & REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

## STORRINGTON ON SHOW IS FULLY BOOKED!!

The number of organisations displaying at this event has now reached 21, and we can tell you now that the following groups will be exhibiting and be ready to chat with visitors:

Age-UK \* ABC Animal Sanctuary \* Storrington Scouts  
Chanctonbury Lions Club \* Friends of Meadowsides \* Greenfingers  
Horsham & Mid Sussex Voluntary Action \* Monday Club  
Rotary Club of Storrington & Pulborough District \* Splash Schools  
Sandgate Conservation Society \* Storrington & District Museum  
Storrington (West Sussex) Minibus \* Storrington Area Help Scheme  
Storrington & West Chiltington Guides \* Storrington In Bloom  
Storrington Area Responders \* Storrington Conservation Society  
Storrington Community Speedwatch \* WS Learning Links  
Air Training Corps, 2464 (Storrington) Squadron

In addition to these groups, West Sussex County Council, which has generously sponsored the day, will be displaying information about their volunteering activities, and the Macular Society is also hoping to be present. Storrington First School will also be explaining how they use volunteers at school.

One exhibitor which will be a sure fire hit with families and children will be the ABC Animal Sanctuary, as you can also say hello to Homer the pygmy goat! The aims of the sanctuary, based in West Chiltington, is to rescue abandoned animals and those in distress, provide them with care and protection and, where possible, find them a new home where they can be happy, safe and properly cared for. To look after so many animals the sanctuary has the support of four trustees, Dominic Citrone, Sue Heffer, Maggie Southwell and Cheryl Tofield-Cook, as well as the un-stinting help of over 60 volunteers of all ages.

All these groups are beginning to prepare their material, activities and information for this very special day, when volunteers and members of the public can enjoy chatting about the amazing achievements by many of those present.

So make **20 May** a firm date in your diary now, and come along to the Ravenscroft Guide and Community Hall from 10am onwards to find out more!



# STORRINGTON & SULLINGTON – REFLECTIONS OF THE PAST

## OUR DISTRICT COUNCIL

Before Chanctonbury District Council came into being, the local parishes were administered by Thakeham District Council, who worked from a small office - actually a tin shack - at the top of School Hill. In 1894 the Local Government Act which established the Parish Councils also created Rural and Urban District Councils, elected by those eligible to vote in parliamentary elections. The old Rural Sanitary Authority, formed from the Thakeham Union which ran the workhouse under the Public Health Act of 1872, gave birth to the Thakeham Rural District Council in 1895 under the 1894 Act. A paid official, a lawyer known as the Clerk of the Council, carried out the business of the new District Council. Mr Herbert Parsons, a solicitor, was the first Clerk of the Council, starting work late in the day and finishing late in the evening. He had a simple filing system: a large sack which he emptied onto the floor when he needed to find something. The district administered in 1895 included the parishes of Coldwaltham in the west, to Wiston in the east and from N.Stoke, Parham, Storrington, Sullington and Wiston in the south to Pulborough, W.Chiltington, Thakeham, Warminghurst and Ashington in the north, a total of 18 parishes. The 'sanitary' aspect of responsibilities was not arduous before WWII as most people drew their water from wells, and sanitary arrangements were accommodated by privies, or earth closets, in their gardens, emptied by a man with a horse and cart and a bucket arrangement on a pole, who went around at night, accompanied by the sound of slamming windows.



Mr Rewell



Percy Ayling

One of the best remembered locally was Mr Rewell, who had a beautiful horse kept in fine condition, with a lovely shiny coat. Another service of the TRDC was to define and register all public footpaths, bridleways and 'soft' roads, 27 years before the Public Rights of Way Act.

In 1894, a boy of 14 started work with the Thakeham Board of Guardians Rural Sanitary Authority. That year, the Local Government Act, creating the District Councils, came into force and marked a long and distinguished career for Percy Ayling, that 14-year-old,

who became Clerk of the Council in 1908.

His early years often meant working very long hours, sometimes until midnight. He was responsible in his time as Clerk for introducing a pioneering housing project; he discovered that farm and railway workers from Pulborough could not rent cottages because of high rents demanded for inadequate cottages, and persuaded the Council to buy land and use direct labour to build three-bedroomed cottages to a high standard, paying the workers on them one farthing or one halfpenny above the rate. The Council even made their own bricks. By 1944, 489 new cottages had been erected. Land at W Chiltington was purchased for £4.9.0d and at Storrington for £10.13.4d. The houses were rented for 7s 6d per week if they had no parlour and 10s.6d with a parlour. Mr Ayling also introduced piped water at Storrington after a survey of wells in 1916 reported a great deal of pollution. In that year, 100miles of pipes carried clean water to every village in the district, even as far as Horsham. The cost of the water supply for Storrington by 1929 was £861.2.9d. The little tin shack was becoming woefully inadequate for all this work and temporary accommodation was added, which served until the move of the Chanctonbury Rural District Council, which replaced the TRDC, to Chanctonbury House in 1964. The two World Wars added considerably to the TRDC's workload: voluntary enumerators

for National Registration were permitted to use the village hall, together with a local tribunal, under the Military Service Act, which also required space, as well as the Food and Coal Control and the War Agricultural Committee. The Rating and Valuation Act came into force in 1925, the task taken over from the old Guardians of the Poor. The TRDC was relieved of highways administration which had been passed over to the County Councils.

Percy Ayling enjoyed recreation as well as his heavy workload, despite which he always made himself available to ratepayers who wanted to consult him. He never recommended the Council to take legal action until every means of persuasion had been tried. He wrote short stories and poems, enjoyed long walks on the Downs, especially when he had a problem to think about and solve, and always spent Christmas Day in the workhouse, serving meals to the inmates. He was one of the initiators of the campaign to save Sullington Warren from development, and he played cricket for local teams as a batsman and fast bowler. He admitted he found slip fielding difficult by 1932 without glasses, but continued bowling, at the end of that season having taken 62 wickets for nine runs each, saying it was not bad for his 52 years.



Mr HW Rydon

The TRDC published their accounts after their financial year ended on 31 March. Some items from the 1930 Abstract, covering the two years of 1929 and 1930, are of interest. The councillors from each parish included Mr HW Rydon, Vice-chairman of the TRDC representing Greatham, whose name is remembered in Rydon School built in 1939, and Col HV Ravenscroft JP for Storrington - a great benefactor to the village. Sullington was represented by Commdr RH Demuth OBE. The combined population of the 18 parishes totalled 8,419 in 1921 in an area of 40,632 acres.

The 1929 schedule of income included Ministry of Transport grants for highway staff £229, removal of house refuse £11.5.0d, housing assisted scheme under the 1919 Act £4,495.5.3d, and the non-State-aided housing scheme £124.16.0d. General rates raised for the whole district were £27,183.18.3d. Under 'Expenditure', the Council spent £11871.17.10d on highways' maintenance and improvement, £582.1.9d on removal of house refuse, Housing Assisted Schemes under the 1919 Act £4667.6.0d, not state-aided £99.0.1. Land at W Chiltington was purchased for £4.9.0d and at Storrington for £10.13.7d. Elections cost the Council £34.6.2d and general parochial precepts £168.0.0d, the total expenditure for the year was £42,175.13.4d. By the end of the financial year 1930 their total income was £39,516.19.2d and expenditure £39,622.15.3d. Twenty houses had been erected at Storrington under the 1919 Act; the rent was 7s 6d for the non-parlour type and 10s 6d for houses with a parlour.



Horsham District Council office

The last major change in the second tier of local government came in 1974, when total reorganisation enlarged the administrative area to include Coldwaltham to Woodmancote, Upper Beeding to the county border at Rusper, Warnham and Rudgewick. The new organisation became Horsham District Council based in that town and Chanctonbury House, with its new wing housing a spacious fit-for-purpose council chamber was sold to a computer firm.

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



## STORRINGTON CONSERVATION SOCIETY

For those fortunate enough to be walking on the Downs, hearing the cascade of skylark song raises the spirits, as does the sight of cowslips brightening up the landscape. Neither pleasure can be bought, but both are enjoyed freely. Truly priceless. Skylarks are fewer than they were (loss of habitat), whereas cowslips are making a comeback, thanks to seeding and protection. If we wish to hear the lark or see wild flowers, not just for our benefit but for that of future generations, conservation is essential, and makes for a healthy environment.

This is true for so much wildlife of value. Conservationists are not an endangered species (yet), even so, adding to their number will ensure their survival and effectiveness. Wildlife needs them. Being involved brings its own reward. Give it a go!

Keeping streams free of rubbish and other pollution is part of conservation, so our work party on 1 April was busy clearing banks and the stream at Riverside Walk between Love Lane and Fryern Dell. Among other rubbish, we found bicycle parts, masonry, scrap iron, bottles, cans and plastic items. Our next Saturday work party is on **6 May** starting at 10am. We will be carrying out similar work on the stretch of stream used for the Duck Race. We meet in the Library car park, equipment is provided. If you wish to join us, bring wellies to enjoy the splashing about. For details of the Thursday work party on **18 May** at 2pm, please refer to our website.

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

Stuart Kersley

### MACMILLAN FILM NIGHT

## ALLIED (15) MONDAY 15 MAY

Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start  
PULBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL



The story of intelligence officer Max Vatan, who in 1942 North Africa encounters French Resistance fighter Marianne Beausejour on a deadly mission behind enemy lines. Reunited in London, their relationship is threatened by the extreme pressures of the war.

Starring: Brad Pitt, Marion Cotillard, Jared Harris, Simon McBurney and Lizzy Caplan

**Tickets: £6** available from Gatley's Pet Store, Lower Street Pulborough; on the door (subject to availability) or online from [www.touringcinema.com](http://www.touringcinema.com)

Wine, coffee/tea & biscuits available from 7.00pm with Raffle and Macmillan stall. Ices available during interval.

## WIN SIR CLIFF RICHARD'S WAISTCOAT!

### AUCTION IN AID OF CANCER PREVENTION

The Mary How Trust for Cancer Prevention is auctioning a waistcoat that belonged to Sir Cliff Richard. The black sequined stage waistcoat has been donated by Anthony and Stella Capo-Bianco from West Chiltington, and has Sir Cliff's personal authentication.



The eBay auction will raise funds for the Mary How Trust's health screening service, which spots the early signs of cancer and other life-threatening illnesses. Instead of a fixed fee, the charity invites donations that are dependent on ability to pay, so men and women from all walks of life can benefit. Mrs Capo-Bianco says, "We are both grateful to the Trust following our health screening appointments – hence the donation in gratitude!"

The eBay auction starts at 9pm on **Thursday 11 May**. Follow the link from: [www.maryhowtrust.org/news](http://www.maryhowtrust.org/news). The auction ends at 9pm on **Sunday 21 May**.

Fundraising Manager, Roanne Moore, explains, "Our supporters help to transform people's lives. We're grateful to Mr and Mrs Capo-Bianco for this gift, and hope many people will take part. It's a chance for the lucky winner to own a piece of pop history, and give their community a healthier future!"

#### Further details:

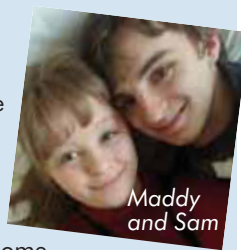
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## STORRINGTON DRAMATIC SOCIETY

### 1967 - the summer of love - comes to Storrington!

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



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

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





## STORRINGTON & DISTRICT MUSEUM

On 6 March, Storrington & District Museum Society held its 12th Annual General Meeting. This was followed by a talk given by Hermin Daley, *An Actor's Life For me!* Introduced to the strains of *There's no business like show business*, Hermin told how she became stage struck at the age of ten and went on to act with the West Chilmington Dramatic Society in the primitive Old Comrade's Hall, which had no facilities and a corrugated roof, in a play called *Seagulls Over Sorrento*. This was an all-male production so the women were dressed as WRENs and sold programmes, but nevertheless the production won a country-wide competition.

Then came a five minute part where she had dinner on stage with an old gentleman, and then came *The Poltergeist*, when all the lights failed (nothing to do with the poltergeist). She acted in comedies, tragedies, pantomimes, and musicals, and experienced the whole set collapsing, an actor coming on in the wrong costume and another who couldn't learn his lines and missed out three pages of the script. On one occasion an actor came on stage with his wig on back to front! In another play, they had to have a goat on stage, but the goat would only go on with his friend, a dog, and then wouldn't go on at all, so they just had the dog. The watchword was always, "just carry on".

Hermin has been in *Salad Days*, *Guys and Dolls*, *My Fair Lady*, *The Teahouse of the August Moon*, melodramas and old time music halls. She has played a cockney, a Russian, a lesbian murderer, a Japanese Geisha, and Polly Peacham in *The Beggar's Opera*. In addition, she has done many other jobs for the Dramatic Society, except lighting, but including production. It sounded as though she had a wonderful time.

She has been associated with the Museum since 1998, and with Meg Everett and Molly MacCreadie she did enactments of Queen Elizabeth First and her Ladies in Waiting at Rye, Hastings, Cowdray Ruins and Arundel Castle. She has loved every minute of it and felt very honoured that she has now been made President of West Chilmington Dramatic Society. Hermin's closing words? "Do put your daughter on the stage, Mrs Worthington". It was a lovely light-hearted talk.

Quirky Collections 2 opened on 1 April. On view is a selection from the Museum's own collection of rarely viewed objects, and a number of collections from a friend's treasure trove of owls, bells, and paperweights, and much more. It is obvious there are few things which are not collectible.

At the end of March, a full house enjoyed another quiz night with Stephen and Christine Turrell, with Oscar, their dog. The questions were as aggravating as ever, and the decision of when to play the joker was almost impossible to make because the set headings were completely enigmatic. The supper in the interval was delicious. Thank you Stephen, Christine and the cooks.

On 3 April, Anthony Pratt gave the Museum Society a talk entitled *Arun Valley Postcards*, during which we meandered gently down river from Palingham Lock to the sea at Littlehampton, looking at postcards from the late 19th and early 20th century of the villages we passed through, augmented by some film footage and a modern commentary. We saw Tony Pratt launch his tiny boat, *The Trog*, into a very weedy, reedy, river, overhung with low branches, and he explained how this was an important waterway in the past for local produce to be taken downstream, and coal and fertiliser brought back. We travelled through parkland near Stopham to Stopham Bridge which had been built in the reign of Edward III (1312-1377) and had its central arch raised in 1822 to accommodate shipping. Many of the canal boats were more like barges, having sails. They were mainly horse drawn though, and had no living quarters on board. Mr Doick's barge was fifty feet long. He came from Pulborough where he was a bell ringer.

Mr Drewett from Church Street in Storrington, cycled everywhere, taking photographs and making them into postcards. We saw his postcard of Houghton Bridge, with a wharf for the chalk pits, now Amberley Museum, and motor boats. At Houghton village we saw

Pebble Cottage, the Post Office, and the George and Dragon Inn. Then we left the river and went up on the Downs for a 58 second glider flight, a feat which held the record till after the First World War. This was the beginning of the Southdown Glider Club. We saw views of Burpham when the river ran much closer to the village before the loop in the canal was made, and nearby we saw Peppering Farm where the film *Tansy* was made, where men stood in the river in barrels to dip the sheep.

We went to Arundel where we met Tickner Edwards and saw the same corner by Arundel Bridge photographed over several years, the earliest with horses only and the last having only motorised vehicles. The river was full of boats, some for pleasure trips to the Black Rabbit and beyond, but most were working boats, such as a collier with black sails and six crew which carried 400 tons of coal four or five times a year from Newcastle.

At the end we arrived in Littlehampton which was full of boats being built or repaired or moored up discharging cargo. There were shots of the Chain Ferry and of the Swing Bridge. To finish, there were magic lantern slides of wartime Littlehampton, with camouflaged ships, and an amazing picture of a forest of ship masts. It was a nostalgic show which I would like to hear all over again to take it in more completely.

There will be no more Monday talks until 4 September, when the winter programme will begin, but a few summer evening walks have been arranged. The first will be a short walk, with three styles and probably some mud, on **Monday 8 May**. We will meet at 6.30pm at Thakeham Church car park. Please telephone 743437 for more details.

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

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E-mail: [info@storringtonmuseum.org](mailto:info@storringtonmuseum.org)

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Christian care for families  
Diocese of Chichester

**FAMILY FUN DAY**  
Saturday 8 July  
10am – 5pm



**Amberley Museum  
& Heritage Centre**  
Houghton Bridge, Station Rd, Amberley, Arundel BN18 9LT

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

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

## WEST CHILTINGTON AND STORRINGTON MOTHERS' UNION

**Mothers' UNION**  
Christian care for families

Although our numbers were sadly depleted at our meeting on 6 April, those of us present very much enjoyed the company of our Diocesan President, Kathryn Anderson, and her husband Andy, our Diocesan Treasurer. Kathryn was fortunate to acquire a ticket in the ballot for *The Patron's Lunch* in The Mall last June celebrating the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Unfortunately the connection for the PowerPoint presentation would not work and so Kathryn had to use her i-pad to show us pictures.

As we all know, the weather was wet in the morning and coats and jackets were not allowed to be worn. However, everyone was given a white poncho with a logo emblazoned on it. Kathryn had to arrive at 9am and it took some considerable time to go through security but no-one minded as there was an air of excitement and much chatting going on.

Kathryn brought along the goodies she had been given on the day. Boots had given everyone sun-cream! Marks and Spencer provided the picnic hampers with food all wrapped and nicely presented, including a pork pie with a crown on it, fruit juice and Pimm's. Marquees were set up for cups of tea or ice-cream. MU members all met at Mary Sumner House and were given blue T-shirts with *Faith in Action* on the back, so were easily spotted on television. The table they had been allocated was in the middle of the Mall opposite a big screen and, of course, the rain had stopped by the time the Royal Family made their appearance - the Queen happy and smiling.

Prince Edward, his wife Sophie and 12-year-old daughter Louise greeted the guests where MU were. Our Worldwide President, Lynne Tembey, was able to hand Prince Edward a card made up of photographs of our 90-year-old members which he was asked to pass on to his mother. In due course a "thank you" was received from the Queen. For young Louise it was her first public engagement and for Kathryn Anderson it will always be a unique and very special memory. Volunteers from MU were also part of the parade which was very much enjoyed by Kathryn, especially the bands.

We had time at the meeting to have a resume of the World Wide Council that Kathryn attended in Dublin on 12 and 13 March.

A reminder that tickets for the MU Family Fun Day at Amberley Museum and Heritage Centre on 8 July can still be purchased by contacting Jean Hunt (01798 813681). These are concessionary rates - £5 for children 4-15 years and £7 for adults and must be purchased in advance. They will not be available on the day.

Also we should be delighted to welcome clergy and non-members to a performance of *Chosen* by The Saltmine Theatre Company on **Saturday 13 May** at 2.30pm at Bishop Hannington Memorial Church, Hove. This is the story of Mary Sumner and the founding of MU. Entrance is free, but donations are requested.

The Speaker at our meeting on **4 May** will be Mr Keith Woodcock and he will tell us of the work that he does for special needs children. Visitors are welcome to join us. We meet at 2pm at West Chiltington Church Hall.

Jean Hunt

### STORRINGTON FLOWER CLUB

**Wednesday 24 May at 2pm**  
**Sullington Parish Hall**

**Demonstrator:** Katherine Austin Goddard

**Theme:** Damsels And Dragonflies

**Competition:** Spring Fresh



## THAKEHAM GARDENERS' CLUB

On Monday 13 March, Andrew Elms, of Lordington Lavender Farm which is situated at Funtingdon just outside Chichester, gave a fascinating, and sometimes very amusing, talk about the trials and tribulations of starting up a field of Lavender on their farm.



In 2000, prior to starting this new project, they had 180 dairy cows but because the cost of producing the milk was more than the selling price, they decided to diversify. With conservation of the environment in mind, they decided to use five of their twenty acre site to plant out Maillette Lavender from Provence in France. With the arrival of 25,600 plug plants, Andrew described in great detail the work involved in planting out and producing lavender oil. The field has now been in flower for 16 years. The lavender fields attract bees and butterflies, together with around 12 different species of birds. There are also bee hives on site.

They have a shop where you can purchase lavender oil in various forms. It can be used for viral and fungal infections, mouth ulcers, nits in children, helps with sleep and various skin complaints, gets rid of flies, mosquitoes and midges and spraying wardrobes, jumpers and carpets gets rid of moths. Liquid soap and bath oil is sold at their farm, including a balm for skin and lips, and shampoo for ticks and fleas on dogs. Lavender essence can be used in cooking such as cakes and gravies. They also sell lavender candles. There is also a café.

They can be found at farmers' markets throughout Sussex, Hampshire and Kent. BBC and ITV have filmed on the site and various newspapers have taken pictures of the lavender field. The lavender flowers from June to November. The farm has open days during June and details of opening times can be found on their website. You will need to book your ticket in advance.

At our next meeting on **8 May**, Mark Howard from Brinsbury College will be giving a talk, and the competition will be 'A Single Tulip'. Our first Plant Sale of the year takes place on **Saturday 20 May**. Doors open at 2pm so don't be late as we normally sell out quickly.

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

Sandra Jenkins

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For more information (or just to tell us you are coming along) contact Jane Kendall (745529) or Christine Turrell (741272)





In the absence of the President due to holidays, the March meeting was opened by the Deputy President, Liz Allen Williams, who welcomed members and two visitors.

The President's and Secretary's reports were given, both highlighting the number of events available to members organised by our own Institute, as well as at County and National level; no time to be bored in the WI. These reports were followed by the Treasurer's statement.

The speaker for the evening was introduced, Carol Goodman. Carol was assisted by her daughter, her talk entitled *From Sheep to Knitting-wool*. Members were told how she had been knitting since the age of five, and it had remained her passion ever since. Five years ago, Carol became interested in spinning and, after having had the opportunity to try operating a spinning wheel, she decided to purchase her own and join a class. Sixteen months after joining, Carol took over the class herself. Members were told once the fleece had been delivered it had to be washed thoroughly, which is no easy task; this job falls on Carol's husband, using copious amounts of warm water and baby shampoo. Then it must be hosed down two or three times and dried completely. The wool fibres are then put through a series of combing steps, called carding, which can be done with small hand cards that look like dog brushes, or a carding machine can be used. This process produces a wool web called rovings. The next step is the spinning, which pulls and twists the fibres together to form a continuous thread. Carol showed members the tools of her trade: the spinning wheel, carding machine, umbrella swift and the niddy-noddy, all needed in the process of spinning. Many members enjoyed the experience of using the spinning wheel and carding machine. Daphne Patch gave the vote of thanks.

Following refreshments, social time this month was a relaxed time, allowing members time to read all the information available for the forthcoming events, and time to catch up with friends. The Deputy President closed the meeting after the raffle was drawn.

The next meeting will be held on **17 May**. This is the Annual Resolutions meeting when members vote on the Resolutions selected by members at a National level. New members and visitors are always welcome; we meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, (2nd Wednesday December) at 7.30pm at Sullington Parish Hall. Should you require further information please contact Pat Snape 01798 817389.

Pat Snape

## STORRINGTON FLOWER CLUB



Club Treasurer, Chris Desmond, welcomed members and guests. Apologies were received from Chair Wendy Cliffe. Chris reminded the meeting that the April meeting will be the AGM and that the Club would be celebrating 35 years.

Chris warmly welcomed the demonstrator Jean Plaskett. Jean began by commenting on the members' competition entries on the theme 'Windswept'. Jean also brought a selection of her pretty handmade cards which were added to the sales table for this meeting.

The first display was mounted on a small wrought iron chair. It was a traditional triangle shape using yellow Carnations on one side and yellow and white Rose sprays the other. Centrally placed were two large yellow Roses.



A second arrangement was placed alongside.

The second display was simply placed on top of a woven twig basket with additional circular twig rings. A few Phormium leaves gave shape and the flowers were two stems of lime green Orchids.



A small metal table was the base of the next display. The flowers were large, white Chrysanthemums with a variety of greenery, variegated

Box, Aspidistra, Fatsia, and a South African leaf called Lucidendrum.

Next was a tall, chrome vase which held huge Palm leaves. Two stems of white Orchids draped over the display giving it a simple but dramatic elegance.



The final arrangement was in an oval basket. Shamrock leaves and Pine twigs defined the line and a variety of large glossy leaves formed the base. Five Birds of Paradise flowers were placed at different heights and facing different directions. In the centre was a cluster of multi-flora Hyacinths.

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

### Storrington Decorative and Fine Arts Society

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# A NEW HIGH SHERIFF AT PARHAM

Lady Emma Barnard is embarking on her year as High Sheriff of West Sussex. This ancient role, dating back to Saxon times, brings together important threads in the life of our nation and County.

It was my pleasure to accompany the High Sheriff as her Chaplain to her first church engagement, the Deanery Service on Passion Sunday at St Mary's, Storrington. The Rural Dean, the Revd Kathryn Windslow, welcomed Lady Emma and gathered us in worship and prayer. The service brought together members of congregations from across the Storrington Deanery.



*The High Sheriff of West Sussex, Lady Emma Barnard, in the Great Hall at Parham*



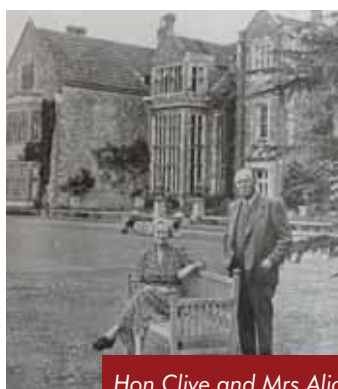
*Lady Emma Barnard, with Revd Rupert Toovey, and Revd Kathryn Windslow*

The Rector of the Chancetonbury Churches of Ashington, Washington and Wiston-with-Buncton, the Revd James di Castiglione, read the story of the Raising of Lazarus and

their churchwarden, Harry Goring, preached movingly on truth and the importance of being united in faith.

I caught up with Lady Emma at her Sussex home, Parham House. Thanks to Emma and her family's stewardship Parham is a gathering and generous place. The April spring weather blesses us with a moment of warmth and light as we sit and talk. She is clearly excited about the coming year and says "I'm really looking forward to promoting the importance of our country churches. I also want to celebrate the quiet heroes in West Sussex; those people who add to the richness of life in our county by constantly contributing in so many ways without seeking praise or acknowledgement." I comment that the exceptional is so often to be found in the everyday and she agrees.

Emma explains that she is not the first High Sheriff to live at Parham; "There have only been three families who have lived at Parham and each family has fulfilled the office of High Sheriff. Thomas Palmer was the first in 1571. He inherited Parham from his father and was much regarded by Elizabeth I. The Bishshoppes were next. Thomas Bishshopp was High Sheriff in 1583 before he bought Parham in 1601. His son, Sir Edward, held the office in 1636 under Charles I. The Hon Robert Curzon followed under William IV in 1834.



*Hon Clive and Mrs Alicia Pearson, Lady Emma's great-grandfather and former High Sheriff of West Sussex*

Then there was my great-grandfather, Clive Pearson, who fell in love with Parham and carefully restored this fine Elizabethan house during the 1920s and '30s. I share his delight in sharing the joys of Parham with visitors. It is extraordinary to think that he was the High

Sheriff in 1940 as the Battle of Britain was being fought in the skies over Sussex."

*Parham House*




Like Parham, the role of High Sheriff is steeped in history. Originally known as 'Shire Reeves', they were Royal officials appointed to enforce the King's interests in the county. In particular they were responsible for the collection of revenues and the enforcement of law and order. Their extensive powers included the right to summon a *posse comitatus*, a military force, to enforce the law. It has often been suggested that it was Queen Elizabeth I who first marked the appointment of her High Sheriffs by pricking their names through on the Sheriff's Roll. In fact there are earlier vellum examples dating back to the reign of Henry VII. Nevertheless the tradition of the Monarch pricking the names of the High Sheriffs continues to this day.

The role of the High Sheriff today is rooted in its history. Lady Emma will be called upon to support the Royal Family, the Lord-Lieutenant, the Judiciary, the Police, the emergency services, local authorities, and the Church and faith groups. Hospitality to visiting High Court Judges and promoting the voluntary organisations in West Sussex will also be central to Lady Emma's shrieval year.

Despite the duties of High Sheriff, Lady Emma and her team were excitedly preparing for the 2017 season. Parham House and Gardens will welcome visitors, as it has done over centuries, as it opens to the public. More information is available at [www.parhaminsussex.co.uk](http://www.parhaminsussex.co.uk) or telephone 742021.


*Revd Rupert Toovey*



## Rotary Film Night

at Sullington Parish Hall

### Wednesday 10 May 2017



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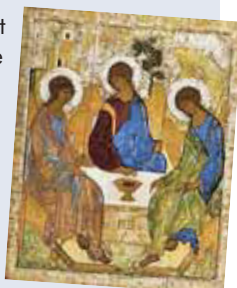
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## STORRINGTON DECORATIVE AND FINE ARTS SOCIETY

On Wednesday 5 April, Dr Rosamund Bartlett gave a scintillating lecture on Russian art. She began the lecture by describing the painting of Russian icons. In medieval times these were in the Byzantine style but over time Russian artists developed their own style and introduced vivid colours into their work. In the early years, icons were of religious figures, but by 17th Century the icon-style of painting was used to depict tsars and other prominent figures. One of the greatest artists of icons was Andrey Rublyov.



Trinity icon by  
Andrey Rublyov

From the 18th Century art in Russia was influenced by European artists and painting of landscapes became popular. These were not really of the Russian countryside as it was believed it was too dull compared with that of Italy and other European countries. However, from the 19th Century art depicted Russian themes. One of the most atmospheric paintings at this time was *The Rooks Have Returned* by Aleksei Savrasov, which did show the Russian countryside in a most charming way.



*The Rooks Have  
Returned*

Dr Bartlett mentioned many artists including Venetsianov (*Harvesting in Summer*), Vasilev (*Clouds*), Levitan (*Spring Flood*), Repin (*Barge-haulers on the Volga*), Chagall (*The Poet Reclining*) and Malevich (*Black Square*).

### NEXT LECTURE

**Wednesday 3 May:** *Picasso and Cubism*. It will be given by Douglas Skeggs. The lecture will commence at 2.30pm and end at 3.30pm and will take place in the West Chiltington Village Hall. Attendance is free for members. Guests are welcome for a donation of £5.

### VISIT

A visit to Romney Marshes to explore three of the 14 medieval churches takes place on Tuesday 2 May. For further information on the visit please contact Paul Fisher on 744642.

For Society information please contact the Membership Secretary, Pam Hopper, on 01798 813693.

Val Considine, Chairman



## STORRINGTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Clive Gravett gave an interesting talk on the History of Lawn and Lawnmowers showing many illustrations of the first mowers. Before mowers came into production, the only way to cut lawns was to use a scythe which took time and effort. The lawn mower was invented in 1830 by Edwin Beard Budding, an engineer from Stroud, Gloucestershire. He obtained the idea after seeing a machine in a local cloth mill which used a cutting cylinder mounted on a bench to trim cloth to make a smooth finish after weaving.

Budding realised that a similar concept would enable the cutting of grass if the mechanism could be mounted in a wheel frame to make the blades rotate close to the lawn's surface. He went into partnership with a local engineer and started a factory producing mowers. The early machines were made of cast iron.

Over the years, steam-powered engines and even horse-pulled machines were tried. Motorised mowers appeared in the 1890's, as lightweight petrol engines and small steam power units became available, and in the 1920's electric power and rotary cutting were introduced.

The major innovation of the last 30 years has been the rotary hover using lightweight plastics, and the first 'hover' machine came into use in the early 60's. Nowadays with such a vast array of machines on offer; mowing the lawn is a much easier task thanks to Edwin Budding.

CHANGE OF DATE - the next talk will be on **12 May** when Derek Dexter will be giving an illustrated talk on 'Fuchsia's My Way'. Plants will be on sale.

Details can be found on our website [www.storrington.org.uk](http://www.storrington.org.uk). Enquiries by email to [janhorti@btinternet.com](mailto:janhorti@btinternet.com).



Cylinder mower  
from 1888

Sheila Parvis

## STORRINGTON COMMUNITY MARKET

Village Hall, opposite Stable Antiques

Open Friday 5, 12, 19 & 26 May  
from 10am to 11.15am.

Please come along and support your Local Community Market selling delicious home-made cakes and savouries, jams and marmalades, eggs, local free range pork, mushrooms & vegetables, plants, flowers & perennials. Also a wide range of handiworks, 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.



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## FRYERN LADIES' PROBUS



On a fine and sunny day, forty ladies gathered together at The Roundabout Hotel with magnolias in full bloom, to enjoy the April meeting. After a warm welcome from the President, Anne Ford- Robertson, she announced that founder



member, Pat Guiver, was now living in residential care with her husband and that two new members were present. Former President, Maureen Girard, was presented with a special badge and following an enjoyable lunch, the President introduced the speaker for the afternoon, Mr James Burn, talking on behalf of the popular charity, Help for Heroes.

With the aid of films and slides, James was able to give a clear insight into the valuable and essential work of this well-known organisation, now in its 10th year. Founded in 2007, on the recommendation of General Sir Richard, now Baron Dannatt, groups of adults set about fund-raising to provide much-needed money to help the many service personnel wounded in various areas of conflict, namely Iraq and Afghanistan. It had become obvious that with the numbers of those surviving serious wounds, ongoing help would be needed for many years to come.

One of the first facilities to be opened was a new swimming pool at Headley Court and, as funds became available, new premises were built and opened in different areas of the country, trying to keep survivors in groups to aid recovery and rehabilitation, together with full support for the whole family. An holistic approach is used, covering physical and psychological well-being, as well as practical guidance on nutrition, sleep, money management and careers advice.

Help for Heroes combines with other charities, such as Combat Stress, Winston's Wish, Blind Veterans UK and the Band of Brothers and Sisters Fellowships. Grants to individuals are available for particular needs, such as specially adapted mobility equipment. So far over 10,000 men and women from the combined forces of Army, Navy and Air Force have been helped and £120m has been spent. As this is an ongoing and developing situation, around £30m is needed annually to support this great cause.

A saying often quoted is: "Everyone has an Everest to climb, but at different heights," and that is something that rings true for all of us. Looking towards the future, we all have to maintain our awareness that those who put their lives on the line will need support for the rest of their lives and mental scars can emerge years later which need to be dealt with. These 'hidden wounds,' as they are known, such as anxiety, depression, anger, alcohol abuse and stress are on the increase and will continue to be in the years ahead, so this valuable charity relies on the generosity of the public.

The talk was rounded off by a moving film of survivors and their stories. James was warmly thanked by Ann Salmon and there was a retiring collection for the charity.

The meeting on **4 May** features a talk on 'The Nature Year, January to June' by Peter Lovett.

Rachel Martin

## CRICKET IN STORRINGTON



### The new season has arrived!

A reminder that our senior League starts on **Saturday 6 May**, when we play Findon. Other opponents during the League season are Warnham, Portslade, West Wittering, Barns Green, Aldwick, Lancing Manor, and Worthing. Prospective new members, playing or social, should contact our Chairman, Steve Watkins, on 744217.

For our Cygnets, the first outdoor training session is on **Friday 5 May** at 6pm, coupled with registration for all young players, past and prospective. Thereafter, to fit in with matches, the outdoor training sessions will be held on either Sundays or Fridays.

We have entered teams in the Under 12 (hard ball) and Under 10 (soft ball) West Sussex Leagues. The Under 12's will be playing West Wittering, Littlehampton, Midhurst, and Pulborough on a home and away basis, whilst the Under 10's will be playing Worthing, Broadwater, Findon, Pulborough, Chippendale, and East Preston. An Under 8 team will be playing in festival tournaments for their age group, and friendlies are being arranged for our new Under 14 girls' team. Parents of prospective young players should contact either Martin Fisher, the Cygnets Manager, or Judith Houghton, the Club's Welfare Officer, on 742679 for further details.

The Club's ambitious plan for a two lane outdoor net is progressing well: a preferred supplier has been identified, a presentation to the Parish Council is scheduled preparatory to making a formal planning application, and various fund raising avenues are being explored. This is the most expensive project the Club has ever undertaken, the main purpose of which is to provide a safe and modern practice facility for our ever expanding Colts section. In the meantime, the existing one lane, rather basic, net has been repaired and refurbished in order to facilitate the Cygnets' hard ball practice.

In another century, it was popular for cricket clubs to arrange matches between their married and single players, usually to round off the season. One of these matches at Storrington took place on Tuesday, 7 September 1852. The married players scored 59 runs in their only innings to secure victory by 13 runs as, in reply, the single players were bowled out for 46 runs. The singles did, in fact, start a second innings before the game's appointed finish time, after which everyone adjourned to the White Horse Inn for supper that was accompanied by rousing toasts and songs. Another age!

Chris Winter

## REPORTER'S SURGERIES COMING TO STORRINGTON

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

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

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

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

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

You can also contact our newsroom any time by emailing [ct.news@jpress.co.uk](mailto:ct.news@jpress.co.uk) or calling 01403 751201.



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## WEST CHILTINGTON DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Rehearsals are well under way for our 2017 summer play, *Party Piece*, by Richard Harris and directed by Miq Kelland, to be performed on **25, 26 and 27 May** at 7.30pm in the West Chiltington Village Hall. This is a fast-paced and very funny play set in the back gardens of feuding neighbours. If you have ever seen a Zimmer frame move on its own accord or the spontaneous combustion of a wig, you may be amused by a drunk falling in a pond and the mother-in-law from hell. Box offices are now open. As usual they are at Nisa, West Chiltington Post Office Stores and the Storrington Card Shop.

At our recent Members' Evening, the Society donated £500 to the Macular Society. We aim to make a charitable donation every year as a result of our income from productions, hence your support does give others pleasure as well!

The next Play Reading for Pleasure will be at 7.30pm in the Village Hall on **Thursday 8 June**. We will be reading the 2016 Chairman's Challenge winning play by Geoff Adams, *Women and Children*. These evenings give an opportunity for those present to read in a play or just to listen, as they wish. Non-members are invited to attend as guests on the night and are welcomed without charge.



This year our August Members' Evening is at 7pm for 7.30pm on **Saturday 19 August**. It will include the world premiere of a new play by Edwin Preece, *Hanging by a Thread*. It has the usual subtle and unsubtle humour we enjoy from Edwin's pen and should be another great success from our home-grown playwright. Tickets will be strictly limited on a first come first served basis as it is a one night production.

The Rude Mechanical Theatre Company will be visiting on **Thursday 29 June**. See their website [www.rudemechanicaltheatre.co.uk](http://www.rudemechanicaltheatre.co.uk) for more information.

West Chiltington Dramatic Society is always delighted to welcome new members. We are especially looking for actors of either gender who are under 60. Anyone interested in acting or any other 'dramatic' activity, such as backstage, front of house, set building or just generally joining in, should contact Betsy Rimmer on 744832. Membership is only £7 per year and benefits include reduced entry to members' evenings, priority booking for productions and a regular newsletter.

John Rimmer, Chairman

### Note from the editor....



April saw yet more devastating acts of terrorism, but I was heartened to read that after the explosions targeted on the German football team scheduled to play visitors from Monaco, many Germans offered hospitality and their homes to the visiting fans, so they could stay to watch the match the following day. Normally, football fans are rivals, but this shows compassion and kindness, with prejudices put aside. I pray such actions be an example to others, and everyone will find it in their hearts to care for and respect each other, disregarding differences in beliefs, culture, race or religion.

Amanda Hislop (Editor) [3Heralds@gmail.com](mailto:3Heralds@gmail.com)



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