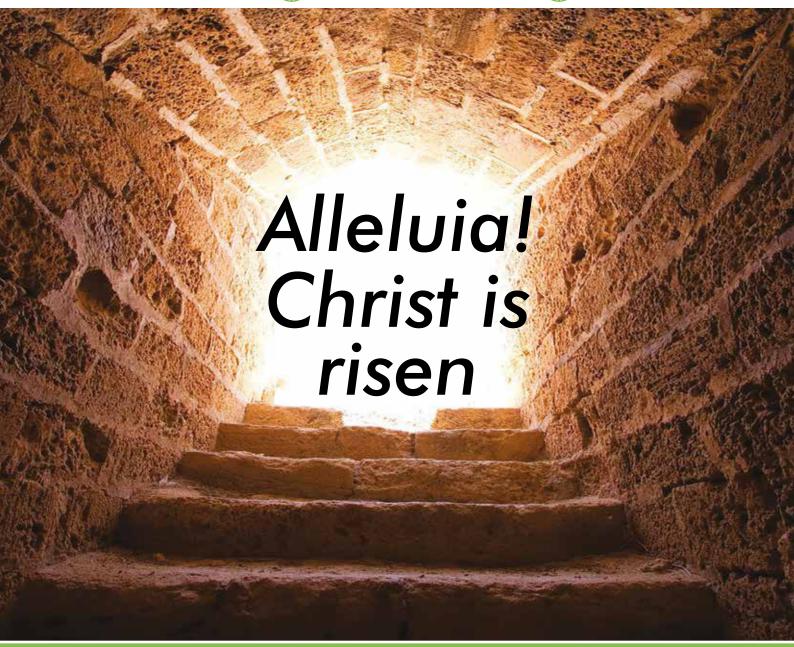
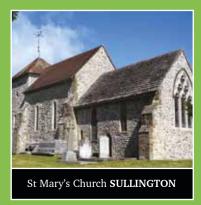
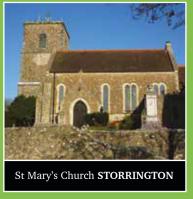
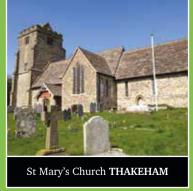
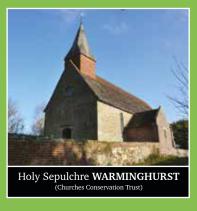
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All telephone numbers are 01903 unless otherwise stated.



#### HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Human beings celebrate beginnings and endings, unlike animals as far as I know!. The old year is ended, a new year beckons. Human beings look back and reflect. There will have been times of sorrow, awful suffering even. But even in the gloom, glimmers of light from the kindness of friend or neighbour will shine through. And for some of us

a year of success and joy, exams passed, baby born, book published.

We will probably reflect also not just on our own lives but remember some of the extraordinary events of 2016 on the world scene, a year comparable to 1989 when the Berlin Wall came down and apartheid was dismantled in South Africa.

So we look forward to the future and ponder. There may be fears and threats on the horizon; hospital appointments, financial troubles, family and relationship stresses, but we also have dreams, hopes, ambitions: we will play for the Senior team, we will learn to drive, we will enjoy working with a new boss. As with our looking back, there will be both hopes and fears for how events will pan out on the world stage, with new Presidents, wars and rumours of wars and mass migration. How will it be for you as you look forward and back?

I was wondering at the start of this new year how we start other things. I mean, how do you start a meal? With a grace? How do you start a journey? With a prayer for protection? How do you begin a marriage? In church? How do you begin life in a new house? By blessing it? In so many different ways, we can start things by first acknowledging God's presence with us here and now, and invoke His blessing for good. Christians believe the Jesus whom the book of *Revelation* describes as the *Alpha* and the *Omega*, the beginning and the end, is also the incarnate God, made flesh, dwelling with us amidst all the beauty and the mess.

Our New Year 'resolutions' can be driven by fear or sheer fantasy, or they can be made secure in the knowledge of Jesus' presence and kindly companionship all our days, whatever befalls. The question is not what we are looking for, but rather, who are we looking at? John says at the start of his Gospel, "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth...And from his fullness have we received, grace upon grace". (RSV Bible). In Jesus we can place our whole confidence. He wants to bless us.

We need to be looking at Jesus and listening for his voice. As we commit the well-being of our own lives and the future of our planet to God in this new year, we need also to be listening carefully and

prayerfully. Will siren and seductive voices lead me astray? Who am I seeking to follow and imitate?

Bishop Martin has launched the Year of the Bible in Chichester Diocese. We are invited to listen to God's voice through the amplifier of Scripture. The Bible is, above all, a story. It tells of the relationship between a God who reveals Himself to a particular people and pours out His love, finally and fully, in a particular man, the fulfilment of His people's vocation. The start of each day could be a good time to turn again to Scripture and listen for God's leading under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, a time to focus on Jesus the grace-giver in all circumstances. Use Bible reading notes, come to the Week of Christian Unity events, join a house group, read the passages for Sunday before coming to church. Let the Bible feed you.

We could use this prayer:

"O Jesus, Master Carpenter of Nazareth, who on the cross through wood and nails didst work our whole salvation: Wield well thy tools in this thy workshop; that we who come to thee rough hewn may by thy hand be fashioned to a truer beauty and a greater usefulness; for the honour of thy holy name. Amen."

God bless you in all things,

CHARLES HADLEY

Assistant Priest St Mary's Church, Storrington



# Wishing all our readers Easter Joy and Blessings

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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.

# St Mary's Thakeham

#### www.thakehamchurch.com

#### **Churchwardens**

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

Allison Goodfellow (740499) Lyndene

Newhouse Lane Storrington RH20 3HQ

#### **Treasurer**

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

**PCC Secretary** 

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

#### **Child Protection Officer**

Karen Arkle (744844)

5 Jubilee Way, Storrington RH20 3NZ

**Electoral Roll Officer** David Peacock (745595)

5 Dean Way, Storrington RH20 4QN

Organist

Beryl Hardie (892349)

#### **Church Bookings**

Wynn Lednor (743025)

4 Crescent Rise, Storrington RH20 3NB

**Bellringers: Tower Captain** Roger Watts (01798 813775)

Gift Aid Officer

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

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

#### **EASTER SERVICES** at St Mary's, Thakeham

#### **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

7pm HOLY COMMUNION

#### **GOOD FRIDAY**

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

#### **EASTER DAY**

9.30am ALL-AGE EASTER DAY CELEBRATION

# Thakeham & Sullington Church Youth Groups Come and join one of our fortnightly Friday evening youth groups

MILESTONES is aimed at children in years 7 and 8 of secondary school, and the secondary school and the secondary school, and the secondary school school, and the secondary school sch

of games, crafts and discussions about moral issues, with a healthy sprinkling of God Stuff'. It runs from 6pm to 7.15pm in the Church Rooms at Thakeham.

TGIF (Thank God It's Friday), is aimed at years 9 upwards, and, like Milestones, has games and different activities based around a termly theme. It runs from 7.30pm to 9pm at the Church Rooms in Thakeham.

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

#### **REGISTER FOR 2017**

Marriages - to love and to cherish ...

5 August
19 August
2 September
Alexander James Dick and Ellen Louise Blewett
Benedict Carey Lewis and Roxanna Lee Donald
Daniel John Trimmer and Aimee Michele Deacon.

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

17 July John Palmer (82)

18 October Peter David Stenning (73)

Interment of ashes only:

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26 September Valerie Jean Little (104) 26 October Tiara Cox-Hale (baby)

10 November Christine Frances Saxby-Candy (32)

#### **NOT GOODBYE, JUST AU REVOIR**

The last weekend of February saw a bitter sweet parting as we said farewell to our lovely friends Eric and Anne Hoffman. They are both well-known in the area from the many aspects of village life they were involved in across the Deanery. They have supported so many

Saturday 12 May



good causes in their time here, from organising fund raising events to hosting groups in their own home. Their positive and energetic outlook will be greatly missed by individuals and organisations alike. We pray for safe travel and great joy in their new home in Holland and thank our Father God for the blessing they have been to us during their time in Sussex.

The Annual Friends of Warminghurst Church Plant Sale

Plants, seedlings of vegetables and flowers, herbs

and much more. Refreshments available. Free entrance.

#### Knit and Stitch Tea on Tuesday

Thakeham Church Rooms 17 April between 2pm and 4pm All welcome. Enquiries to Wynn Lednor - 743025

#### THAKEHAM CHURCH ANNUAL QUIZ

Saturday 24 February saw the annual Thakeham Church Quiz Night, with the Village Hall packed once again with teams full of eager anticipation to witness the wit and wisdom of our resident question master, Mr Cliff Purvis. That, together with his magic hat collection, made even the raffle go with a swing. The food was, as ever, a delicious array of savoury suppers and sweet treats, thanks to Wynn and her trusty team of volunteers. Their efforts were rewarded with a super total of £450 profit to add to our fundraising efforts.

There was far too much fun and laughter for an event as serious and important as this one; we all need to concentrate a little harder next year. In the meantime we have Harold's Christmas Quiz 2018 to look forward to, so keep doing your homework as, according to my calculations, there are only 268 days 07 hrs.17mins13 secs left to Christmas (as at 1 April 2018!)

Carol Peacock

Cheese & Wine Evening
Saturday 12 May 6pm

12 - 3pm

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 weather is fine!

There are lists to sign at Sullington, Thakeham and Storrington Churches.

SUNDAYTEA Sunday 13 May
At the home of Peter and Sandy Clark 3pm - 5pm
Little Snapes, Storrington Road, Thakeham, RH20 3ED



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

# What's happening at



# St Mary's Sulling

#### www.st-marys-sullington.org info@st-marys-sullington.org

#### **Churchwardens**

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

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

#### **Churchwardens Emeriti**

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

#### **Treasurer**

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

#### **Pastoral Care**

Ann Salinger (01798 813481)

### PCC Secretary Gail Kittle (745754)

Freewill Offering & Gift Aid Officer David Baxter (744346)

#### **Electoral Roll**

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

#### **Organist**

Beryl Hardie (892349)

#### **Church Flowers**

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

#### **Safeguarding Officer**

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

#### Lifts to Church

Anne Owen (743973)

#### **Church Fabric Officer**

Douglas Parkes (743106)

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

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

### **EASTER SERVICES**

at St Mary's, **Sullington** 

#### **GOOD FRIDAY**

10.30am

**EASTER EGG HUNT** 

12noon

GOOD FRIDAY REFLECTION

#### **EASTER DAY**

11.30am ALL-AGE EASTER DAY

**CELEBRATION** 



### SUMMER EVENSONG T SULLINGTON CHURCH

Evensong will be held at 6pm on the first Sunday of each month at St. Mary's, Sullington

#### David Whitehead and Harold Linfield will lead sessions as follows:

**6 May** Reformation within the Church

**3 Jun** Nursing and caring

1 Jul Attitudes to race and different beliefs

**5 Aug** Slavery past and present

**2 Sep** Changing attitudes between men and women

**7 Oct** Those incarcerated in prison

Changes to approaches to the marginalized in society over the years, inspired by Christ's examples in the

New Testament



### Tea with the Vicar

Thursday 26 April, 3 to 5pm Judy and Alan Moore, South View, (behind) Washington Road, Sullington

Directions from Ann Salinger. All welcome.



#### **The Wild Fortune Ouiet 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

#### Wednesday 11 April • 9 May

Spaces are limited to 8 and booking is essential

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

Email: wildfortune@btinternet.com

Blog: www.wildfortuneblog.blogspot.co.uk

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



### What's happening at

# St Mary's Storrington

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

#### **Churchwardens**

churchwardens@storringtonparishchurch.org.uk Dennis Cowdrey (744372) 17 Bannister Gardens RH20 4PU Barbara Buchanan (741916) Broad Oaks, Melton Drive RH20 4RJ

#### **Treasurer**

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

#### **Parish Secretary**

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

#### **PCC Secretary**

Val Rice (911179)

Little Tregullas, Bracken Close RH20 3HT

#### Retired Clergy

Revd Stephen Turrell (741272) Revd John Peal (743083) Revd Jaquie Peal (743083)

Verger: Michael Taylor (742218)

#### **Sacristy Team**

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

#### **Captain of Bellringers** John Taylor (745477)

Pastoral Scheme Barbara Buchanan (741916)

#### Recorder

Rob and Alison Wall (743713)

#### Readers and Sidesmen Vera Blake (743974)

Electoral Roll Officer

#### Michael Taylor (742218)

**Director of Music** Vacant

#### **Assistant Organists**

John Henville Chrystalle Kersley Peter Lewis James Phillips Simon Whitchurch

Keith Smithers

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

#### **Church Flowers**

Anna Forster (745392)

#### Child Protection Officer Jackie Lee (743661)

#### **Bible Reading Fellowship** Amanda Hislop (743700)

#### Bible Society

Jean Hunt (01798 813681)

#### Christian Aid Co-ordinator Anna Forster (745392)

#### **REGULAR ACTIVITIES**

Church Services see page 18.

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

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

**Altar Servers:** Revd Jacquie Peal (743083) **Bellringers:** Fridays, 7.45pm - 9.30pm.

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

Church Cleaning: Jeannie Watten (742542)

Church & Churchyard Maintenance: Ray Hunt (01798

813681

Mothers' Union: Jean Hunt (01798 813681)

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

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

#### STORRINGTON REGISTERS

Interment of ashes only:

18 Feb Janet Scott (75 years)

### Church@4pm 15 April

at St Mary's Church, Storrington





### **EASTER DAY • 1 April**

#### The Day of Resurrection!

8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Easter Family Communion
6pm Easter Evening Prayer

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#### **CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL**

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

## VESTRY MEETING AND ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

These meetings will take place consecutively in St Mary's Church, Storrington, on Thursday 26 April, starting at 7.30pm. Churchwardens and Church Councillors will be elected, and reports will be given on the work of the Church during the past year.

# St Mary's Church Storrington CONCERT COMMITTEE

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

Sun 6 May Songs for Spring
Sat 16 June Petworth Town Band

Sat 21 July The Magic of Rodgers & Hammerstein

Dlease make a note of the dates in your diaries!

# 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 3 April – Chemin Neuf Community will lead Tuesday 1 May Our Lady of England RC Church will lead

One in faith and love and praise



# CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS

31 May to 2 June

#### **This Earthly Paradise**

Thursday 31 May: 9.30am - 7pm Friday 1 June: 9.30am - 6.30pm Saturday 2 June: 9.30am - 6pm

The Preview Evening will take place on Wednesday 30 May between 6pm and 9pm

For more information and booking please call 01243 782595 or see web site https://www.chichestercathedral.org.uk

STAMPS PLEASE SAVE ALL YOUR STAMPS

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



### CHEMIN NEUF COMMUNITY The Priory, School Lane, Storrington

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#### **EVENTS AT THE PRIORY**

#### **OUIET DAYS**

Teaching, times of prayer and light lunch provided

10am-4pm

Wednesday 16 May

#### **PRAYER GROUP**

A time of worship and praise with a charismatic flavour

#### 8-9pm on Tuesdays

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

#### **PRIORY DAYS**

9.30am-2pm

#### 5 April • 3 May • 7 June

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

Phone 742150 • storrington@chemin-neuf.org www.chemin-neuf.org.uk



I count myself very fortunate to live in the beautiful county of West Sussex, in a country untroubled by war, famine or natural disaster. How often do I think of those people who have to live through such experiences but, more importantly, what do I do about it?

This is where Christian Aid can help us. Christian Aid Week is the single biggest act of Christian witness in Britain and Ireland. It was founded by the church, for the church, to fight for justice. Every May, for more than 60 years, thousands of churches across Britain and Ireland have stepped out for the world's most vulnerable.

More than 40 million people globally are internally displaced; this means they've had to flee their homes but have remained within their own countries. We hear a lot about refugees in the news but there are twice as many internally displaced people around the world and we rarely hear their stories. What's more, they're often ignored or forgotten by governments even though they are incredibly vulnerable. As we come together for Christian Aid Week, we'll be fighting for justice for the many displaced people around the world. For example, it costs £210 to train a builder in Haiti to build the homes that replace those lost in the earthquake and hurricanes of recent years, homes that will be a safe place to weather the next disaster and give a fighting chance to build a better life.

Knowing what we can achieve when we all come together is Christian Aid Week's great strength. However we volunteer for or contribute to Christian Aid, we're united in our belief that the world can and must be changed.

This fundraising does depend on the commitment of a band of volunteers. We shall not be undertaking house-to-house collections this year but envelopes will be available in churches for donations and Gift Aid is always appreciated. If you could spare an hour to help with our street collections on either 16 or 19 May, please contact me. Your generosity really does make a difference.

Anna Forster, Christian Aid Coordinator, 745392

# ST MARY'S, THAKEHAM BELLRINGERS

#### Come and join us

Thakeham bell ringers practice on a Wednesday night at St Mary's, Thakeham from 7.30pm to 9pm.

We have six bells in the tower and, as an added interest, we have recently acquired a set of ten hand bells.

If anyone would like more information about bell ringing, we would welcome you to our tower on practice night. Roger will take you up to the bell chamber to see the bells, and if you wish you can have a try at ringing.

Bell ringing is excellent for your health; it's good for the heart, stretches the back, and opens the lungs, all without any physical effort. No strength is required so suitable for all ages.

We would love to see you and show you what we do so please do come along.

Alternatively you can telephone Roger Watts on 01798 813775 or Christine Hounslow on 01798 815993.

# IN MEMORIAM MRYTLE WATTS

1 December 1941 to 16 December 2017



Myrtle was born in Titchfield, Hampshire, where her parents farmed in conjunction with a milk delivery round. Roger and Myrtle met at Battle Young Farmers Club in 1960.

Myrtle was a telephonist with Post Office Telephones, starting in the exchange at Crowhurst, moving to Battle, and finally becoming a supervisor at Bexhill, leaving to get married in 1966.

Their first home was in Ninfield, where their daughter, Clare, and son, Simon, were born. Myrtle found employment working with the Matrons at Battle Abbey School, where she was able to take the children to work. They then moved on to West Chiltington in 1973, and Myrtle worked with the Matrons at Christs Hospital.

When Myrtle finally retired from Christs Hospital, she attended a floristry course at Brinsbury, and upon completion of the course took up voluntary work with St Barnabas Hospice in Worthing as a florist. She was also organiser of the flower arrangements at St Mary's Church, Thakeham. She organised six Thakeham Flower Festivals and five Christmas Fairs. At the same time, she was flower arranger at Parham House, in conjunction with her friend, Cynthia Julian. She also arranged flowers at Chichester Cathedral, for the Flower Festival, and at a marquee at the South of England Show. Wonderful comments were left in the visitors' book at St Mary's Thakeham about her exceptional designs.

Her husband, Roger, took up bell ringing at St Mary's Church, Thakeham, in 2001 with the full support of Myrtle. It is well-known in ringing circles that Thakeham Tower is always in the forefront of any fund raising requested for the Church Bell Restoration fund. Myrtle helped with the organising, the catering, and meeting and greeting. As a non-ringer, her efforts went beyond the call of duty and were acknowledged by the County Master of the SCACR at their AGM in February.

Her funeral took place at West Grinstead, and a band of ringers rang before and after the service; this is an unusual practice and shows how well-thought of Myrtle was.

A quarter peal was rung in her honour on Wednesday 7 February at St Mary's, Thakeham.



#### THE MARY HOW TRUST FILM SOCIETY

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

#### GOODBYE CHRISTOPHER ROBIN (PG)

"A witty and touching father-son tale. And at its centre: a startling debut from Will Tilston, whose compelling performance ensures its emotional moments land successfully." Empire Magazine

#### **Tuesday 24 April**

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

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

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





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

# WEST CHILTINGTON AND STORRINGTON MOTHERS' UNION



### A Vicar's lot and a new minister for West Chiltington

Like many other events, the Arctic weather prevented our members gathering in Storrington Church for our Wave of Prayer Service on 27 February. This is a time for reflecting on and praying for our Link Dioceses of Mundri in South Sudan, Madi and West Nile in Uganda, Isikwuato in Nigeria, and Seoul in South Korea. Members who had received a copy of the service were able to pray in their own homes, so continuing the Wave of Prayer.

Despite the snow on 1 March, a dozen members were able to provide and serve the Lent Lunch at West Chiltington Church, and we were delighted to have Revd Stuart Kersley join us for lunch as he was to be our speaker at our meeting which followed.

Stuart told us of "A Vicar's Lot" as seen from his own experience, from the feeling of being 'called' to retirement, although still very active helping out in local parishes. Stuart loves to celebrate the Eucharist but explained that in the Church of England a priest is not allowed to do so without at least one other person present. With appropriate Bible Readings read by Chrystalle, we learnt what behaviour was expected of a vicar, and also their family. Stuart acknowledged the great support he had received from Chrystalle during his ministry. Apart from looking after parishioners and the church, a vicar has numerous meetings to attend. There can be emotional highs and lows all in one day, such as comforting a bereaved family, and then going to visit a family with a new baby who naturally want to celebrate and share their joy. A vicar's lot is not without humour and Stuart shared anecdotes of a couple of incidences in his ministry.

Stuart's talk to us was very appropriate with the imminent arrival of Revd David Coleman on 20 March at West Chiltington Church. Stuart encouraged us to give David and his family our support as they settle into their new life, and ended by praying for David and his wife, Rosemary.

We look forward to welcoming back Sue Hyland to our meeting on **Thursday 5 April** when we are sure to enjoy 'Music and Meditation'. Visitors are welcome to join us at 2pm in West Chiltington Church Hall.

A HAPPY EASTER TO ALL

Jean Hunt

#### TGIF UPDATE

This term we are finding out about 'People who help us' so we set the scene with a film night in Church watching Big Hero 6. That made us spin the theme round to explore the fact that we all need to help each other. So one bitter January evening, we stood coatless outside for a full five minutes! The rest of the session we spent making tray bakes to be sold on a pop up stall on the Sunday after the service. This generated £65 for local homeless charities. Early February found us in awe of the tales of derring-do from our very own 'officer of the law', and in March we prepared homemade gifts ready for Mother's Day. End of term will be celebrated by far too much competitive fun at the paint balling outing. Photographic evidence to follow!

**Wed 1:** Dull and chill. Finished up with Lambert. Fetched the two Winchester lasses from Pulborough and preached my concluding sermon at Storrington. Gorst introduced a Revolutionary Education Bill last night: devolving administration on County Councils.

**Thu 2:** Fine frosty morning. School 18/25. Started off poor Lambert, bicycle and all. Heard Mrs Crowhurst on Duke's bankruptcy. Hal comes in late-ish from Pulborough walking; he speaks hopefully of Western Australia. Sow onions.

**Good Friday 3:** Dull, chill. A poor morning congregation. Preached old sermon on "Sadness at the thought of sin". Changed service with Parkinson in the evening, where fair congregation, and preached on St John XII 1. Supped with the Hoarse. The road swarming with cyclists.

**Sat 4:** Fine and pleasant. Rain in evening. Church decorating for the young ones, primroses galore. Passed most of my time in menialities; rolling lawns, weeding beds and attending to Church fire. Jack came in to tea and talked light railways.

**EASTER 5:** Very dull, overcast, damp, mild, still. Rather more company than I care for. A fair morning congregation (15 communicants). Pagets, Cunliffes, Hal and Dorian Smith. My sermon on "Noli me tangere". In afternoon baptised a baby Zwahlens, to whom the Paget and Mr Hugh Wemyss stood Godparents. In evening, a very fair gathering, preached on the Lords Way (extempore). The blight on the farm here affects many and causes a general unrest.

**Mon 6:** Soft, overcast. A very quiet Easter Monday. Saw and commiserated Mr Duke. Called on the Faithfulls and Austins, the former quite lively.

**Tue 7:** Very fair, bright and summery. May and Violet Richards leave and George Napper comes. Cecil Parker comes over from Brighton, biking from Worthing. Call on Sam Hoarse. Elms just beginning to burst – lawns want mowing – rooks building – a large crop of splendid broccoli.

(Wednesday and Thursday missing.)

**Fri 10:** Fine, with one shower. Point to point races Warminghurst where all the *juventus* went. Clara with a bad cold. Potato planting, peas and turnips.

**Sat 11:** Rough, some showers. Spent a useful hour with old Sam, cleaning out the stoke hole! In Church. Mrs Daubeneny and Mr Lowe came about Edith King. H Parker and I go and find Cunliffe at his aolfina.

**Sun 12:** Easter I. Rough from the North West with heavy storms. Had a very full morning congregation. Preached old sermon on Phil I 23, "having a desire to depart and be with Christ". Evening congregation very fair, considering weather. Subject Romans XIV 7, "for none of us liveth to himself and no man dieth to himself". Between while, walked in the Sandgate Woods where much slaughtering of fir trees round the Keepers cottage.

Mon 13: Fine with strong North West wind. Clara and May and Naper drive into Worthing and did much, seeing the Farmers etc. Hal and Parker left for town. George Marten announces the coming cow and calf. May and I attended the school room, where a man with a Diorama rather rough painted pictures but quite realistic enough to give the idea of the Colonies and America and Africa.

**Tue 14:** Fine but dull. Board of Guardians and District Council but over in good time. Bourke took me to Pulborough and we bicycled! Then on to Petworth, joining Clara and May at the House. Met Bishop and wife, Barwells etc.

**Wed 15 – Thurs 16:** Concert at Petworth – returned by Steyning on 16, attending a Rural Deanery Chapter at Wiston Rectory – Education Bill and Convocation Reform.

**Fri 17:** Generally fine. 'Silver' and calf arrive! Had a morning in garden among the roses. Removed Easter decorations. Attended the Sandham tea-gathering at the 'House': had a small and young dinner here – Amphletts and Messrs O'Neil and Cadman.

**Sat 18:** Fine, dull. First lawn mowing with scythe. Rode to Cobden – girl, Kate Tulley, better, also mumpey lungs and throaty Pennell. Hal comes in by supper.

**Easter II:** Very fair morning, dull and misty, then summer Cuckoo. Quite large congregations for us. Preached in the morning on St Luke XIV and in the evening on the Lord's Day. Clara and I strolled Barns Farm wards and listened to the cuckoo from the hillside.

**Mon 20:** Again a fine growing day. Put in sweat peas and phlox. Sowing all small kitchen seeds. Paid a long bill to Mrs Crowhurst: she reports bad conduct on the part of the "baser sort" of lads returning from Church. Miss Walker entertains the young ones with early croquet and tennis.

**Tue 21:** Fair and bright after a little frost. School 22/25. F Parker comes and the third Naper under his wing. Various in afternoon, Heartlys, Cunliffes and Austin. Small pig for the house.

**Wed 22:** Very fine and bright. Took Cecily to Pulborough *en route* to Winchester for the long summer term. Newton, K Austin and O'Neil dined. Visited Mrs Quaite, ill and Mrs Pickering, confined.

**Thu 23:** Generally fine. School 20/25. Heard of 'Willie' Astell's death at Calais on his way home from Egypt: he was a good fellow, and I liked him much when he was here. Walked with May and Amphletts to Padwicks.

**Fri 24:** Fine but cold. Tennis ground marked out and a game tried. Ben has a fit. I walk and call on parishioners and old Cooper. Threales and Roundabouts-wards. Mr Lambert settles up and graciously.

**Sat 25:** Fine but dull. Lawns and paths. A concert at West Chiltington in aid of the children's treat. Mrs Felton generously 'ticketed' us. Hal came back with us.

**Easter III:** Fine and warm. Very fair morning congregation and good evening congregation. Preached in morning on Philippians III 17-20 and "be ye followers of me" and in evening on the 119 Psalm generally and last verse in particular. In afternoon to Mrs Quaite, with whom read and prayed. Hal left this afternoon.

**Mon 27:** Fine but fresh wind. Gardened in morning sowing sweet peas, planting out chrysanths. General lawn mowing. Played some golf with May in afternoon, a new departure for me. Write to West Sussex Gazette anent the vagrant leaflet.

**Tue 28:** Fine dull, a little rain. To the Board of Guardians: Chairman again, also got Napier and Hampton on the Board as 'additionals'. Heard of Lady Clifton's death. George Carew Gibson came up and spent an afternoon in long talk over his affairs and bimetallised me ad nauseam: however there was no bad feeling towards me.

**Wed 29:** Fine but some storms (thunder). Haimes came over after lunch and walked across to Pulborough in the evening: by Wantley. To the Workhouse, inspecting bathroom for the old men to be moved upstairs,

**Thu 30:** Fine but rather unsettled. School 21/25. The boy George Naper left for Cordwalles. Clearing Church walk. Walked over to see poor Knight who looks much altered and very dull.





# **STORRINGTON**PRIMARY SCHOOL



#### Forest School and old coins

We are passionate about making the most of the wonderful outdoor space we have and encouraging children to use this as a place for learning as well as playtime fun! We introduced Forest School several years ago and this year Stuart Slade has been working with children across the school; the cold snap in early March was great fun and a good excuse for some warming hot chocolate and toasting marshmallows on the bonfire at the end of the session!



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The Forest School sessions we run at Storrington Primary allow the children to take part in an inspirational process giving opportunities to achieve, develop confidence and self-esteem through hands on learning experiences within our 'small forest' in the school grounds. A small task is set during each session, such as safely building and lighting a fire, shelter building and using hand tools to create something,

land art, and clay work. Although there is focused

activity, the children are also encouraged to play and explore the environment using their entire senses, such as collecting mini beasts, den making and self-invented games.

Last month we omitted to include a very big thank you to parent volunteer, Cheryl Brown, for everything she does to support the school gardening. It is thanks to Cheryl that we have obtained the RHS awards. Thank you Cheryl!





We are also collecting any old and unwanted foreign coins. We have found a service that will take them, unsorted, and change them for charity. We even managed to change old pesatas amongst other things! Current coins are, of course, included too. So, if you have any old coins hidden away, please do bring them into school. Thank you.

Rebecca Stables



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

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

# CANINE MASSAGE THERAPY COMES TO STORRINGTON



As a nation of dog-lovers, most of us will look after our pets' health as carefully as our own, and sometimes better! Increasingly we are looking for alternative, drug-free therapies.

Massage is one of the oldest health-care practices known to history, stretching back some 4000 years, and used by ancient civilizations including the Chinese, Egyptians and Romans. Its advantages have been well-documented and are known to include both emotional and physical well-being, and to benefit our dogs as much as it benefits us humans. Quite apart from relaxation, massage can promote the speedier removal of toxins from the body, enhancing general good health and metabolism; helps to recondition damaged muscle; assists with greater joint movement and easier mobility, especially noticeable in arthritic dogs; helps with post-operative rehabilitation, speeding recovery after surgery.

I am nearing the end of a two-year training course in Canine Massage Therapy and am now looking to treat a further four dogs for my case-studies. If you would like your dog to benefit from a course of massage, perhaps for either relaxation or mobility purposes, I'd love to hear from you. I am fully insured, work to a strict code of ethics and, whilst training, there is no charge.

A post-treatment comment from a client, "For a dog who didn't enjoy being stroked or touched, the whole after-effect has been amazing. Never thought my dog would benefit as much as he has. Will most definitely recommend!"

I look forward to meeting you and your dog very soon.

Gillian Chard

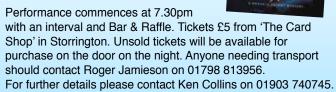
Phone 746871 or email gillian.chard@btinternet.com

# Rotary Film Night at Sullington Parish Hall

Wednesday 11 April

# MURDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS

Starring Kenneth Branagh, Willem Dafoe, Penelope Cruz, Judi Dench, Johnny Depp & Derek Jacobi



**Rotary Club of Storrington & Pulborough District** 

# STORRINGTON AND DISTRICT PROBUS



#### Windfarm, legal issues and much more

The beginning of the year saw Australian flu, coughs and colds that wouldn't go away, freezing cold one day and pouring with rain the next, followed by strong winds. If my Nan was still alive she would have said "I think it's that rocket man sending all those rockets up or maybe it's that strange man with the cardboard yellow hair in the USA, but now that nice Mr Gove is in charge of climate change, or something like that, I am sure it's going to get better!". A little bad weather will not stop our members from enjoying a number of activities and events.

The year kicked off with our usual monthly splendid carvery lunch at The Tollgate, Bramber, organised by Tony Girard and presided over by Bob Manning, with a speaker engaged by John Wilkinson. The speaker, Chris Tomlinson, from E-on gave a very interesting talk about the off-shore wind farm 13km off the Sussex coast between Worthing and Brighton. There are 116 turbines altogether, each 140m high, producing enough power to serve over a quarter of a million homes in Sussex. Cables run between each turbine to an off-shore transformer and from there to a point at Brooklands, East Worthing. The cable then runs underground to Bolney where it joins the National Grid. Construction cost £1.3 billion. E-on plans a visitor centre at Brighton under one of the arches and should be open in Summer 2018.

Don Cleary organised a coffee morning at The Roundabout Hotel, but unfortunately the hotel had double booked the 'snug room' with the Chanctonbury Probus. After this was sorted out and the hotel realised their mistake, the members made the most of it with good chat and banter as always.

Peter Mace organised another of his successful Whist Drives at the Sullington Parish Hall with tea and cakes, and a good time was had by all who attended.

The highlight of the year so far was the Legal London Blue Badge coach trip to London organised by Cliff Palmer. As the photograph shows, a large group of members, and a couple from the Arundel Probus Club, avoided being locked up,



as the Blue Badge guide gave an in-depth account of the legal profession, together with a tour of the Inns of Court, The Church of the Knights Templar and The Royal Courts of Justice. The guide was excellent and expanded everyone's legal knowledge. Members split up for lunch, with some having lunch at the famous Ye Olde Cheshire Cheese Pub in Fleet Street followed by a visit to The Church of St Clement Danes. The really enjoyable day ended with a welcome pub dinner of fish and chips and a beverage or two before joining the coach for the trip home.

Coming up, our members will be ten pin bowling, visiting Painshill Gardens, a vineyard visit to Court Gardens, Ditchling, plus our usual lunches, coffee mornings and, later in the year, a holiday break to Nottingham and the Derbyshire Peak District National Park.

If you want to know more about our Club or join, please look on the website www.storringtonprobus.com

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### HIT THE DOWNS AND SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL HOSPICE THIS MAY

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

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

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

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



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

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

Lucy said: "Just 21% of the costs at St Barnabas House are paid for through statutory funding, so we depend significantly on the generosity and support of individuals and businesses who help us to



raise funds by taking part in events like Hit the Downs MTB."

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

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

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

Sign up to ride for either hospice at www.hitthedowns.org.uk, or by calling the Events Team on 706354.









Quackers to miss the 20th anniversary of the Storrington Village Duck Race!

**Sunday 13 May** 

Riverside Walk and Library Car Park, Storrington

First race starts at approximately 12.30pm

There is only one place to be on Sunday 13 May and that is at the 20th Storrington Village Duck Race which promises thrills and spills as the ducks race to glory alongside a great range of entertainment for all the family.

Join us from midday to race ducks and raise money for the Friends of Storrington Primary 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 are on sale now and can be bought in advance in the days 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, music, bar, refreshments, ice-cream and cakes, plus the ever popular BBQ.

All proceeds from the Duck Race will go to Storrington Primary 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.

And the Car Boot is back! Car boot pitches must be booked. Set up from 10.30am for a midday start. Limited number of spaces available. Book in advance via foss.school@aol.co.uk.













DATE	FESTIVAL OR SUNDAY			
1 April	EASTER DAY	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am <b>Easter Celebration</b> (all age) 6pm <b>Easter Evensong</b>	9.30am <b>Easter Celebration</b> (all age)	8am Holy Communion (with Thakeham) 11.30am <i>Easter Celebration</i> (all age)
8 April	Second of Easter	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion 6pm Evensong	9.30am Morning Prayer	8am Holy Communion (with Thakeham) 11.30am Morning Prayer
15 April	Third of Easter	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion with Prayers for Healing + Footsteps 4pm Church@4 No Evensong	8am Holy Communion (with Sullington)	10.30am Holy Communion (with Thakeham)
22 April	Fourth of Easter	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion + Footsteps 6pm Evensong	9.30am Family Communion	11.30am Family Communion
29 April	Fifth of Easter	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion + Footsteps 11.45am Baptism Service 6pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion (with Sullington)	10.30am Joint 5th Sunday Service (with Thakeham)
6 May	Sixth of Easter	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Family Communion (all age) 6pm Evensong	10.30am Joint All-age Family Communion (with Sullington)	8am Holy Communion (with Thakeham) 6pm Evensong

Midweek Holy Communion services on Thursdays: St Mary's Church, Storrington at 10.30am and Sussexdown at 11.30am

#### **OTHER CHURCH DETAILS**

#### **ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Our Lady of England, Monastery Lane

Mass – Saturday 6pm, Sunday 8am and 10am
Daily Mass: Monday – Friday 9am.
For other midweek services, confessions etc., please contact
Parish Priest: Fr Charles Howell
2 St. John's, Fern Road, Storrington RH20 4LW
Tel: 740338

#### STORRINGTON CHAPEL

North Street

Sunday Services 10.30am, 6.30pm Church Elder: Graham Thrussell Tel: 01243 545737 grahamthrussell.GT@gmail.com

#### **COMMUNITY CHURCH**

Steyning Grammar School – Rock Road Campus

Family Worship – Sundays 10am
Enquiries to Mrs Val Augustine
Community Church Office, PO Box 1020, Storrington RH20 3UY
Tel: 01798 817596

#### TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH

Thakeham Road

Sunday Service 10.30am
Minister: Revd Dawn Carn
4 Gorse Avenue, Worthing, BN14 9PG
Tel: 260356 (Church Office: 746390)
www.trinitymethodiststorrington.uk
www.facebook.com/TrinityStorrington

WEEKLY	<b>EVENTS</b>

Tues	10am	Coffee Morning – Storrington Chapel
Wed	9.30am	Registrar of Births and Deaths – Storrington Library – pre-booking only – 01243 642122
Fri	10am	Storrington Community Market – Village Hall

#### Storrington Library Opening Hours - Tel. 839050

Monday to Friday 9.30	
Saturday 10ar	m – 4pm

### **SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB**

1pm on second Sunday in the month (except August) at the Old School, School Lane, Storrington, for those who would like to join us for friendship and food.

Tickets (£4.00) are available from:

Louisa Austin, Church Street, Storrington

#### STORRINGTON POP-IN LUNCH CLUB

Storrington Village Hall First Thursday of each month

COFFEE served from 10.30am

**LUNCH available: £3.00 12 noon – 1pm** (Soup, Ploughman's and home-made puddings)

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

Co-ordinator: Pat Webb (893145)

#### WHAT'S ON

APRIL	
Sun 1	EASTER DAY - ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN!
	See pages 4, 5, 6 and 18 for Church services
10.30am	Parham Easter Family Weekend – p33
Mon 2	
8am	Rotary Club Car Boot Sale – p23
10.30am	Parham Easter Family Weekend – p33
7.30pm	Storrington Museum – Talk – p22
Tue 3	
10am	Inter-Church prayers – RC Church (side–chapel) – p6
2pm	SPACE – Arts and Crafts Club – p15
Wed 4	
10am	St Barnabas Outreach – Library Car Park – p32
2.30pm	The Arts Society – Lecture – p32
Thu 5	
9.30am	Chemin Neuf Priory Day – p10
10.30am	Pop-In Lunch Club – p18
2pm	West Chiltington & Storrington MU – Meeting – p13
Sat 7	
10am	Storrington Museum – Children's fun and games day – p22
10am	$Storrington \ Conservation \ Society-Working \ Party-p34$
Sun 8	2nd of Easter
1pm	Sunday Lunch Club – p18
Mon 9	
7.30pm	Thakeham Gardeners' Club – Meeting – p23
Wed 11	
10am	Wild Fortune Quiet Garden – p5
	Sullington Windmills WI – Annual Institute Lunch – p27
7.30pm	Rotary Film Night – Murder on the Orient Express – p16
Thu 12	
7pm	Bingo – Mary How Trust – p28
 7.30pm	Storrington Camera Club – Meeting – p22
Fri 13	5 7
10am	Chichester Cathedral Family Day – p15
7pm	St Barnabas Quiz Night – p32
Sat 14	<u> </u>
10am	Sandgate Conservation Society – Working Party – p31
Sun 15	3rd of Easter
4pm	Church@4pm – St Mary's, Storrington – p6
1-	NOTE: No Evensong at St Mary's, Storrington
Tue 17	
2pm	Knit and Stitch Tea – Thakeham – p4
2pm	SPACE – Arts and Crafts Club – p15
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10am	Cafe in the Church – St Mary's, Storrington – p9
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Fri 20	
7.30pm	Storrington Horticultural Society – Meeting – p24

Sat 21	
10.30am	Storrington Bowls Club re-opens – p23
7pm	Mary How Trust – Quiz Night – p21
Sun 22	4th of Easter
Tue 24	
7.30pm	Mary How Trust Film – Goodbye Christopher Robin – p13
Wed 25	
2pm	Storrington Flower Club – Meeting – p34
7.30pm	Sandgate Conservation Society – Meeting – p31
Thu 26	
11.30	Holy Communion – Sussexdown Chapel – p9
3pm	Tea with the Vicar – p5
7.30pm	Storrington Camera Club – Meeting – p22
Sat 28	
10am	Sandgate Conservation Society – Working Party – p31
10am	Storrington Bowls Club – Open Day – p23
Sun 29	5th of Easter
10am	Storrington Bowls Club – Open Day – p23

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

### **SAINTS AND SPECIAL DAYS**

APRIL	
Sun 1	Frederick Denison Maurice, 1872 – an English theologian, religious author, and prominent Christian Socialist
Wed 4	THE ANNUNCIATION (Lady Day)
Mon 9	Dietrich Bonhoeffer, 1945 – a German Lutheran pastor, theologian, anti-Nazi dissident
Tue 10	<b>William Law, 1761 –</b> a Church of England priest and his writing greatly influenced the evangelical movement of his day
	William of Ockham, 1347– an English Franciscan friar, produced significant works on logic, physics, and theology

- Wed 11 George Augustus Selwyn, 1878 first Anglican Bishop of New Zealand
- **Mon 16** Isabella Gilmore, 1923 oversaw the revival of the Deaconess Order in the Anglican Communion.
- **Thu 19** Alphege, 1012 Archbishop of Canterbury
- **Sat 21** Anselm, 1109 a Benedictine monk, abbot, philosopher and theologian of the Catholic Church, who held the office of Archbishop of Canterbury

#### Mon 23 St George, Patron of England, c.304

- **Tue 24** St. Mellitus, 624 first Bishop of London in the Saxon period
- Wed 25 ST MARK, EVANGELIST author of gospel and disciple of Jesus
- **Fri 27** Christina Rossetti, 1894 English poet, wrote the words of In the Bleak Midwinter
- **Sun 29** Catherine of Siena, 1380 one of the two patron saints of Italy, proclaimed a Doctor of the Church by Pope Paul VI and Pope John Paul II named her as one of the six patron saints of Europe
- **Mon 30** Pandita Mary Romabai, 1922 Indian social reformer, recognised for her contribution to the advancement of Indian women

#### **SOUTH DOWNS PROBUS**

#### **Victoria and George Crosses**

In February, we were able to return to our home base at Abingworth for our monthly luncheon, following the winter refurbishment. A luncheon without a speaker was successful at the George and Dragon, Houghton. Other winter activities were a lively Quiz Evening and a well-attended Christmas Ladies Lunch at West Sussex Golf Club.

This month, our speaker, Tony Gledhill, a member of Probus, is a holder of the George Cross awarded for outstanding bravery when serving with the Metropolitan police. He and his driver pursued a dangerous armed criminal through the streets of London and finally arrested him at pistol point. The George Cross is the highest civilian award and entitles the holder to membership of the Victoria Cross and George Cross Association.

Tony's talk on 'Victoria Cross Forgotten Heroes' was based on his personal knowledge and friendship of a number of those he selected and his research on others. In each case a photo or portrait brought the heroes to life.

The Victoria Cross, awarded to members of the armed forces, was created by Queen Victoria in 1857, and the George Cross for civilians, more recently by George V.

Victoria Crosses awarded number 1,364, and George Crosses 407. Tony selected a dozen names, each with its own tale of outstanding courage, often when wounded to rescue comrades. The youngest holder was Thomas Flinn, aged 15, in India, a drummer who, though injured, joined the battle and retrieved a gun, killing two of the enemy. Another, Jack Cromwell, aged 16, serving on HMS Chester, during the Battle of Jutland, was injured by enemy shells but stayed at his post. Sadly he died of his wounds and his award was posthumous.

Tony knows his subject well and these stories are an important reminder of how ordinary people can rise to great heights of

Thank you Tony.

Derek Down

Churches

Together

#### **PACT NEWS Petworth Area Churches Together**

**Spring lecture** Friday 13 April at 7.30pm St Mary's Church, Petworth

SAT-7 is a Christian television service broadcasting to 500 million people in the Middle East and North Africa.

They care about and address what's going on in the world right now around Iranian women, tackling violence in schools and bring into the subjects God's transforming love for the world through Jesus Christ.

There is a youth channel as well as a whole variety of programmes, from children's game Karin Needham shows to deep theological studies, lifestyle Regional Development magazines to sports programmes.



Most importantly, SAT-7 strives to make the Good News as easily understood and culturally relevant as possible so it's produced by and for people of the Middle East and North Africa.

It's going to be a fascinating talk from Karin Needham, learning about the work they do and how they provide inspirational, informative and educational television in a very different environment to ours.

Free entry. Refreshments and wine afterwards.

### **WORK COMMENCES** ON POND RENOVATION AT ST BARNABAS HOUSE, ENABLED BY SOUTHERN WATER GRANT

Work has now commenced on the renovation of the pond at Worthing hospice St Barnabas House, enabled by a £10,000 grant from Southern Water. The grant from Southern Water will fund the year-long project to renovate the pond, making it more accessible for patients and families and transforming it into a tranquil place for the hospice and a haven for wildlife.

After two days' worth of work with a Truxor amphibious machine, which was used to cut back reeds around edges of the pond, the results are remarkable.

Nick Jones is part of the Maintenance and responsible for looking with Truxor operators the after gardens



Grounds Team at St St Barnabas House staff John Hodges Barnabas House and is (second left) and Nick Jones (third left)

around the hospice. He said, "As summer arrives, the wild flowers will come out and all the regrowth of the Cornus (Dogwood) will emerge. There will be new reeds and lilies growing so the pond will really come to life. Look out for the moorhens, it's their favourite place."

Renovation of the pond has been enabled by a £10,000 grant to the charity, pledged by local water company Southern Water, who last year announced that St Barnabas House was its chosen

Steve Williams (second from right) and staff from St Barnabas House and Southern Water

charity for its annual regional grant in Sussex.

Steve Williams, Head of Estates at the hospice, "We are said, grateful to Southern Water for providing a £10,000 grant for us to get the pond area cleared. We are looking at various options for the next stage, finding

long-term ways to keep the pond maintained at a low cost. A bridge is planned so we can keep the pond clear more easily and patients and families can enjoy the feature too."

Beverley Thompson, Community Campaigns and Engagement Manager for Southern Water, added, "We are so pleased to be able to help with the pond project. We hope the pond will be a place where patients, families and staff at St Barnabas will find a peaceful haven and perhaps a place where some happy memories will be made."

Work on the pond is ongoing and is due for completion within the year.





# STORRINGTON FLOWER CLUB

Chrissy Desmond, the Club's Chair, welcomed members and visitors. It was a good turnout despite the cold snowy weather.

Those present were sad to hear of the sudden death of long standing member Betty Sims in January. Several members had attended her funeral.



Afternoon Tea



At the end of April there will be a garden trail around Ashington, for charities. On Saturday 26 May, Graham King will be running a workshop at The Old School, Storrington.

Chrissy introduced former Club member and now demonstrator, Gaenor Circus. Gaenor was warmly welcomed, as she is well-known

at the Club, and now an accomplished local

demonstrator. Gaenor commented positively on the members' competition and introduced her theme for the afternoon, A Woman's Lot. Each arrangement was focused around a container linking to her theme's components, being knitting, hats, TV, wedding, afternoon tea and shoes. Each arrangement was dominated by one or two flowers in a contemporary



design. The 'Knitting' arrangement was dominated by Avalanche
Roses and small pink Tulips. The'Hat' had three

stems of large bright pink Phalaenopsis Orchids. The' TV' had twisted Bamboo and large orange Gerberas. Gaenor's love of Tommy Cooper was reflected by having playing cards amongst the arrangement, with each card having Tommy Cooper joke written on the back. Wedding was a

modern bouquet dominated

by large bright pink Roses and ribbons, supplemented by a second table top arrangement with pink roses and green foliage. The fifth arrangement was 'Afternoon Tea', created with two different sized circular oasis containers, the outer being ribbon and short upright grasses, and the inner ring arranged with beautiful



cream and red roses. Small, false fruits were placed amongst the arrangement, designed to be viewed from above on a table top. The final arrangement was' Shoes'. Two false legs with huge 1970's platform shoes dangled from the pedestal. Palm leaves, ferns and Anthuriums decorated the top. Gaenor's chat was peppered with information about life in the past, including some old poems and rhymes from 1940's magazines.

Her thanks acknowledged the imaginative arrangements and the giggles we all had had over past memories of a 'Woman's Lot'.

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, with a second-hand bookstall and accessory stall for flower arranging. Refreshment and chats end a pleasant and informative afternoon.

Susanne Carter



### West Chillington Dramatic Society 🕏



#### Big changes and exciting new ventures!

I am pleased to have been invited to take on the role of Chairman of the Society, and would like to take this opportunity of thanking John Rimmer for his work over the last 10 years. In February, we held one of our Members' Evenings and were entertained with an enthralling talk from Ian Gledhill entitled Art and Illusion, in which Ian traced the history of theatre set design from the ancient Greeks to modern day. This fascinating insight was followed by our traditional fish and chip supper. All in all, an evening not to have been missed.

Auditions were held in January for our May production on 24 to 26 May, A Sense of Achievement, written and directed by Jean Trew. Whilst the play is fully cast and rehearsals are now in full flow, apart from interruptions for snow, we are always pleased to hear from anyone interested in helping backstage or front of house. Tickets will be on sale, at £10, from 12 April at our usual box offices of Nisa Local, West Chiltington Post Office and the Card Shop, Storrington. In addition, we are setting up an on-line box office for those of our audience who are further afield, with more details at a later date.

Our AGM was held on 26 February where, despite losing the services of some long-standing committee members, we were pleased to welcome Rob and Christine Pearson on to the Committee. Christine will be taking on the responsibility of Membership Secretary in due course and we will provide her contact details in the next newsletter.

The Membership Activities Group (MAG) are continuing to develop ideas and initiatives to increase our active membership and to reduce the age profile of the Society, thus enabling us to stage a wider range of plays for our audiences to enjoy.

The Society has submitted two proposals for the Horsham District Year of Culture 2019 and we are awaiting the results of our grant application before providing details of our plans on our website, www.wcds.co.uk . Whilst on the subject of the web site, we are pleased to report that through it we have attracted new members, and our trailers for the next production is proving popular. Regular updates are uploaded by our web master, Rob Pearson, so it is worth a look, together with our Facebook page 'WCDS'.

Geofrey Steward, Chairman

# **QUIZ NIGHT FOR CANCER PREVENTION**ARE YOU A MATCH FOR THE INN-QUIZZATOR?

### **SPRING QUIZ**

#### Saturday 21 April West Chiltington Village Hall



Join Doug 'The Inn-Quizzator' Brown for a fun evening with friendly competition and a broad range of questions to appeal to all-comers

Teams are 6 to 8 people, and tickets cost just £8 per person. Doors open at 7pm; eyes down at 7.45pm. Bring a picnic for a tasty half-time break.

With a licensed bar, raffle, and team prizes, this will be an entertaining evening and an enjoyable way to support your local health screening charity.

Tickets are on sale now from Clare at the Mary How Trust: telephone 01798-877646 or email clare.flexman@maryhowtrust.org



#### STORRINGTON & DISTRICT MUSEUM

#### Early film-making in Sussex

A new exhibition will begin at the Museum on **Saturday 31**March, showing our Favourite Toys, and to complement this, on **Saturday 7 April**, Eunice Allen invites children of all ages to visit the exhibition and play some old-fashioned games. Entry is free, there will be prizes, and home-made refreshments available from 10am to 4pm.

Bill Avenall's talk on Christ's Hospital is on **Monday 2 April**, at 7.30pm at the Museum.

The talk on Monday 14 May is Neil Hunt telling us Tales from the Top Table. What revelations will we be treated to?

From 3 to 14 April, Cindy and Frank Waters are having a sponsored adventure along the A272 to publicise Storrington Museum. Cindy and Frank were inspired to do this after hearing the Dutch authors of a cult book Ode to a Road, the A272, give a talk about their journey. Cindy and Frank will follow the route described in the book, starting at Poundford and travelling westwards, stopping at some of the villages and beauty spots on the south side of the road until they reach Stockbridge near Winchester, where they will turn and retrace their route, travelling eastwards and visiting places north of the road.

By the time you read this, they might be already on their journey, but it would not be too late to sponsor their efforts to raise much needed funds for Storrington Museum. Any donation would be appreciated and sponsorship forms are available from the Museum office.

In February, Bill Gage talked to us about early film making in West Sussex, and illustrated this with snippets, often all that remains, of early films from the West Sussex Records Office archives. The very first paying audience in the world, in December 1895, watched a film in Paris. Electronic animated photographs arrived in Sussex eight months later in August 1896, but audiences in Leicester Square, London, were watching films by March 1896. The concept had arisen from magic lanterns, optical toys, photography and, of course, the development of celluloid film in the early 1870s in America, and it made a phenomenally quick impact on society.

Commercial film making began in West Sussex in 1896. At first the centre was in Hove. The first film made in Sussex of Brighton Beach ran for one minute. The photographer was Robert Paul and he showed the crowds on the sands, and in another 'film' we also saw Brighton Windmill with the sails going round.

In April 1898, the American William Kennedy Laurie Dickson arrived in Worthing. In two days he shot seven films there. We saw three, all about the Worthing Lifeboat: Emerging from the Boathouse, Entering the Water, and Coming Ashore. They are amazing as cinema history, considering how young the whole idea of cinema was, and as social history they show cheering crowds and stalwart lifeboat men. It was all an enactment, however, and took several hours to shoot. Music by Alfred Plumpton was added and the whole became half-an-hour's entertainment alongside comedy and musical acts at the local theatre.

By 1914, the centre of the Sussex industry had moved from Hove to Shoreham Beach. Filming by the Sunny South Film Company, run by Francis Leonard Lyndhurst (a relation of Nicholas Lyndhurst), took place in the open air, mainly at Shoreham Fort, on a platform stage with painted backdrops and a fixed camera. Various locations around Shoreham were also used. In 1915, Lyndhurst sold to The Progress Film Company of Manchester, who further developed the site. Filming was still done without any artificial lighting and took place only in the summer, when all concerned lived in the burgeoning bungalow town. Sidney Morgan was the director of production and

Joan, his beautiful and photogenic daughter, was the star of the studio. She played the lead in most of the films between 1919 and 1922, with at least 17 made in those three years, though I see that Sybil Thorndike was a member of the cast of Moth and Rust in 1921. The Mayor of Casterbridge, made at Shoreham, was partly filmed at Steyning, and part of The Hornets' Nest was shot at Washington. We saw an interview with Joan Morgan from 1976 and she said how wonderful those early days of filming had been.

Bill Gage showed us many later films, or extracts from films, made all over Sussex. In the 1920s, Bognor Regis was the focus of much media attention. We saw Farewell to a Royal Visitor, with police on horseback controlling huge crowds as George V and Queen Mary left the town. It was massive publicity for the resort. The commercial aspect of films grew as the potential for advertising was realised. We saw The Express Girls high kicking to sell the paper, and in wartime we saw How not to greet a stranger and How to stop cars entering a village, so great was the fear of German invasion, made by and for the Local Defence Volunteers, the precursors of the Home Guard. They were almost as funny as Dad's Army.

In 1966, the Ministry of Information made *Our Village* based on Harting, which showed all aspects of village life at that time. What a social document that is! And finally we saw *Guide to the Opera*, an advert from 1955 for Shipphams. It was a most interesting evening. If you are interested in this subject there is a book, *Cinema in West Sussex*, on sale at the Museum, which is very informative.

Mary Wilson

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

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Weds and Sat 10am - 4pm • Sun 10am - 1pm



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

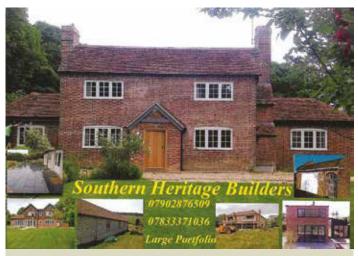
Thursday 12 April: Guest Speaker, John Staples, ARPS,
DPAGB – Eastbourne, a History through Photographs.
Thursday 26 April: Fifth Print and Projected Image (Open

Subject) Competition. Our judge for the evening will be Ken Boddy.

#### **MORE INFORMATION:**

www.storringtoncc.org.uk or contact Janet Brown T: 01798 812183 E: vicechair@storringtoncc.org.uk





#### SOUTHERN HERITAGE BUILDERS

#### A new start

Having been working for a company for 10 years, it never crosses your mind that without a word of warning you could be told you're being made redundant when the boss decides to diversify, something that has just happened to my colleague and me. Not sleeping much that night and searching info on the internet, I noticed a comment which said "being made redundant can knock your confidence, so it's important to remember that you aren't redundant, your last job role is". Reading that brought me back down to earth.

At work the next day, with our positive hats on, we decided that as both of us had gained an extensive knowledge in the construction industry, and that together we would start up our own company.

We have both attained qualifications related to the Construction Industry, including City and Guilds and Lantra qualifications in the use of Dumpers and Diggers.

My name is Rob and my new business Partner is Steve.

In overall terms we can take on all and any work related to residential construction, with other trades at hand to call upon if needed.

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# Rotary Club of Storrington & Pulborough District

CAR BOOT SALES

STORRINGTON LIBRARY CAR PARK 8am until 12noon

Bank Holiday Mondays

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

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

#### STORRINGTON BOWLING CLUB



#### New season starts – why not give it a try?

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. It 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!

Over the winter break, the Club held two coffee mornings, a fish and chip lunch, a presentation lunch and the AGM. The Green, behind the Cycle Shop, re-opens on **21 April**, with a coffee morning at 10.30am, followed by an afternoon Drive at 2pm, when members spend 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 2018 season, we have a number of Open Days to welcome new members. The first four are open mornings, from 10am to 12noon, on **Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 April** and **Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 May**. Just turn up!

Membership is good value for money; informal bowling is free. There is 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. Bowls can be borrowed initially and all that is needed for the open days is a pair of trainers or flat-soled shoes.

Our website is www.storringtonbc.co.uk

For more information, you are welcome to contact any of the following: David Bain on 742526, John Rimmer on 744832, or Howard White on 01798 812206.

John Rimmer, Chairman



#### Plant propagation

The Club met for its first meeting of the year in February and David Hide was our guest speaker, talking about and demonstrating plant propagation.

He made it all look so easy, and once you had grasped the fact that there are only three types of seed, small, medium and large, and they require light, moisture, humidity and temperature, you are halfway there. He gave some very useful hints on how to increase your bulbs by stripping and cutting. He is a strong believer in organic fertilisers and methods.

Our next meeting takes place on **9 April** when Mark Dobell will be telling us about baskets and tubs. The Club competition is 'A Single Tulip'. Tickets will again be on sale for our outing to Exbury Gardens in the New Forest on 2 May.

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

#### **Sweet peas**

To a packed hall, Roger Parsons, a professional horticulturist who has been growing Sweet Peas since 1991, gave a colourful, illustrated talk showing the many different types one can grow.



Sweet Peas were first introduced

in this country 300 years ago and now there is a vast range of sizes and colours. From just a few plants, you can cut beautiful flowers every week throughout the summer and early autumn. The more you cut them, the more flowers they will produce.

Sowing seeds in October gives the plants several months of vegative growth before March, when they will have developed good root systems. Seeds can also be sown in a cold frame or cold greenhouse as no heat is required for germination. One word of warning, mice love the seeds and your whole crop could disappear if unprotected.

When the side shoots are 5cm long, the plants can be placed outside in a sheltered spot to harden off. After two weeks, the plants should be ready for planting in their growing beds or containers. Vigorous climbers will need support but with the dwarf variety, at a height of just over a metre, make ideal clumps in the border or in hanging baskets. Sweet Peas require little attention but watering well and feeding once a week will improve results.

Roger brought a vast array of seeds for members to buy and answered many questions at the end of the evening.

On **20 April**, Roger Butler is giving an illustrated talk to the society on 'Pelargoniums my way'. Sheila Webber

### STORRINGTON COMMUNITY MARKET

Village Hall, opposite Stable Antiques

Every Friday in April, 6, 13, 20 and 27 - 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

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

pork, mushrooms & vegetables, plants, flowers & peren nials. Also a wide range of handicrafts, cards & jewellery and Aloe Vera skincare and health products. Stop for a coffee or tea and cake and browse our second hand book stall.



#### **NEW LIFE** /Camera Club **PROVIDES NEW OPPORTUNITIES**

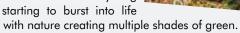
Thankfully, the very cold temperatures and snow we had at the beginning of last month is now behind us and, especially with the clocks changing last week, spring is very much with us. We might still see some periods of cold weather but with the days lengthening and the sun getting higher, they are now short lived.



Easter starts the month with the bright yellow nodding heads of daffodils well into bloom and new lambs being seen across the South Downs. Whilst photographers go out in all weathers taking photographs, it's always nice when spring arrives as the opportunity for images to

capture increases. The new growth around us provides us with options to capture different varieties of flowers,

shrubs and trees coming into bud and bloom. It also means these opportunities can be found by just looking outside in the garden or when going for a walk in the park, woods or up onto the South Downs. The landscape starts to change this month with everything





morning is Adder Alley at RSPB Pulborough Brooks, where they can often be seen warming themselves up in the sun before becoming active.

Being able to go outside as the days become longer and enjoy the sun usually cheers us

all up. As William Shakespeare said, "April hath put a spirit of youth in everything", or as

Robin Williams once said, "Spring is nature's way of saying, 'Let's party!".

Kevin Harwood

#### CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL FREE LUNCH TIME CONCERTS

#### **APRIL**

Tuesday 17

The Aurora Trio - Emma Halnan (flute), 7 Jordan Sian (viola),

Heather Wrighton (harp) Timothy Ravalde, (organ) Tuesday 24

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





### WI NEWS SULLINGTON WINDMILLS

Our Vice President, Maureen Sherwood, opened the meeting by welcoming members and five visitors. She thanked the ladies acting as hostesses, those selling raffle tickets and Ada Ball for her lovely flower arrangement for the top table. Maureen then informed members their president and committee had been extremely busy arranging activities for them during the coming year. There would be the Annual Institute Lunch on **Wednesday 11 April** at the Old Toll Gate. It was hoped there would be a guided tour of Chichester Cathedral, followed by a cream tea.

Fund Raising Events will be a Shuffleboard evening with supper on Saturday 9 June and a competition based on Would I Lie to You on Saturday 22 September, both held at Sullington Parish Hall. There will also be a stall at the Duck Race on Sunday 13 May.

It was also hoped that there would be some combined activities with other WIs and our president and secretary had met with their opposite numbers at West Chiltington and Washington WIs to discuss this.

Our August Charity Meeting Night for ACWW (Associated Countrywomen of the World) will be 'A Windmill Drive'. In November, at our Annual meeting, Elaine Waight, from Family Support Work, will come and talk to us; we send our Christmas Competition parcels to FSW each December. Pat Snape has sent along a selection of premature baby knitting patterns for any members who are able to help with making these, the finished outfits will be sent to Brighton Hospital.

The Treasurer and Welfare Officer gave their reports. There was information about the Sussex WI's participation at The South of England Show, together with requests for members to act as stewards, help serve refreshments or make cakes. Tickets were available for the Speaker's Interview Day had come, our Institute being responsible for providing refreshments.

Maureen then read a letter from the National Federation disputing and correcting the recent derogatory and incorrect statements printed in the *Daily Mail* and *Daily Telegraph* about the organisation and running of the WI.

As this year is the Centenary Anniversary of Women getting the vote, members were asked to write a short paragraph stating how their individual lives had changed over the years, to be read at our May Resolutions meeting.

Maureen then introduced the speaker Kathy Hall, her talk entitled 'Petworh House and Park, the place, the owners and the collection'. Kathy explained that the house, a 17th Century Mansion, had never been sold and is home to a large collection of paintings and sculptures, including major works by Van Dyke, Turner, Flaxman and Blake. Starting with Van Dyke's Portrait of Henry Percy Earl of Northumberland (1564-1632), Kathy gave an interesting, illustrated presentation of the lives of the owners and their families through paintings by famous artists. The house has a Marble Hall of State which has changed very little over the years and was once the main entrance. The Grand Staircase has a wonderful ceiling painting by Louis Laguerre (1721), and also the Girling Gibbons carvings and the 2nd Earl Egremont's (Charles Wyndham 1710-63) 1760 Sculpture Galley. The 18th Century 700-acre deer park is the work of Capability Brown. The house was passed to The National Trust in 1947 by John Wyndham in lieu of death duties. Ada Ball thanked Kathy for her presentation.

After refreshments, members split up into groups of four and attempted a quiz about Sussex.

The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 18 April**, when the speaker will be Janet Denny, her talk entitled 'The Man On The Mantlepiece', with an exhibition of 'A Photograph of an unknown Person'.

We meet on the third Wednesday of each month (2nd Wednesday December), in Sullington Parish Hall, at 7.30pm. We always welcome visitors and new members; you can just turn up on the night or let us know in advance that you are coming by contacting our President, Erika Brichta, by email erika.brichta@hotmail.co.uk or phone 742039, or our secretary, Sara Harden, s.harden@hotmail.co.uk or 741350, or for more information check our web page www.sullingtonwindmills.wordpress.com.

Sheila Foster



# COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP WORKSHOP

#### **Supporting Volunteers in Storrington**

The Community Partnership reports that 90% of the visitors giving feedback at their Volunteering Fair, Storrington On Show, in May 2017, supported another show being held this year. As a result, the Storrington and Sullington Community Partnership concluded that an event for participating voluntary groups on the subject of recruiting and retaining volunteers would provide useful preparation for the next show scheduled for 12 May.

Horsham District Council's Community Development Service also recently consulted with voluntary groups on the Council's forthcoming assumption of responsibility for support and development of community services. Recruitment and retention of volunteers was flagged up as a high priority by those voluntary groups across the Horsham District.

After discussions with organisations that attended in May 2017, Trustees of the Partnership finally had a list of participants totalling 24 for this workshop. At the Trinity Centre, Judy, one of their volunteers was on hand to meet and greet them all. Trustees Louise, David and Martin were ready to support the workshop leaders, Sue Edgson and her colleague Mandy Cunningham from Horsham and Mid Sussex Voluntary Action (HAMSVA).

Presenters Sue and Mandy offered a range of techniques to achieve successful recruiting with volunteers. After the break, case studies were worked on by members of the groups, and much lively discussion took place!

Altogether, the participants represented 16 different voluntary organisations within the Storrington area. Trustees therefore felt the workshop was a significant contribution to their skills. It seems that all had gained something from the morning, and the Trustees of the Partnership hope that it may have given some provoking thoughts for the show in May.

#### FRYERN LADIES' PROBUS

#### **AGM**

Storm Emma was hot on our heels as, ironically, on the first day of spring, we settled down to our last monthly lunch of our Probus Year. It was sad to see so few members, but the terrifying weather forecast had understandably dissuaded



some ladies. However, 30 of us sat down to an excellent lunch of mozzarella topped chicken followed by chocolate mousse, coffee and mints; quite delicious and beautifully served by Stacey and Will.

Initial thanks were given, by retiring President Anne Ford-Robertson, to her 2017/18 Committee and to the general membership; for their support and co-operation throughout the year. Grateful acknowledgements were also given to the additional support contributed by regular members. New members of the Committee were duly elected and were all wished an enjoyable and productive year ahead.

Once our Treasurer reassured us that we were still in the black, our auditor, Muriel Astley, was duly thanked and quickly booked again for next year! Various tributes of flowers were presented in appreciation of services rendered and the AGM was over for another year, with sighs of relief all round.

The raffle followed, with some excellent prizes, but the quiz was abandoned because of light snow fall and the necessity of immediate travel home; which is deemed sensible for ladies of a certain age!

Our next meeting will be held on **5 April** and our Speaker will be Barry Newman who will talk to us about horticulture.

Russ Fry

### CRICKET IN STORRINGTON



#### More of the Same

Reminders that indoor training sessions for the Cygnets aged 8 to 13 years are continuing every other Sunday until mid-April at the Chanctonbury Leisure Centre from 3.30pm to 5pm. Outside training sessions will be starting at the end of April, every Friday evening, from 6pm, and every Sunday morning from 10.30am, for an hour and a half, unless there are league matches for our teams.

In May, from Sunday 13, we will be holding one hour sessions from 9.30am for boys and girls aged 5 to 8 years as part of the ECB sponsored 'All Stars Introduction to Cricket' programme.

Further information and joining forms can be obtained from Martin Fisher, the Cygnets Manager, on 07850 416886, or Judith Houghton, the Club's Welfare Officer, on 742679.

Fund raising efforts for the new outdoor practice net have received a very welcome boost with a significant grant from a community fund that takes us much nearer to the half way point of our target of £40,000. Other fund applications are in the pipeline, and we remain hopeful that some major local businesses will add their support. Our Chairman, Steve Watkins, on 744217, will be very pleased to hear from potential local benefactors.

Senior players' indoor net sessions are being held in the Chanctonbury Leisure Centre every Sunday from 5pm to 6.30pm. Prospective players should contact the Club Captain, Ian Homewood, on 07734 308785. The Sussex League we belong to is introducing a completely new structure this year, and we will be competing in the Regional West divisions, having been promoted following last season's success.

Chris Winter







#### STORRINGTON COMMUNITY

**ON SHOW** 

#### Time to take part!

There are many benefits to being a member of a local community group, such as making new friends, learning new skills, having fun, feeling useful or even getting exercise and enjoying the fresh air.

Storrington has a great deal to offer for all its residents, whether young or



old, new to the area or simply looking for a new challenge. Its website, www.storrington.org, offers a wealth of information and contacts for every aspect of its community.

Many local voluntary groups are now finding it increasingly hard to find new recruits to maintain their activities, be they social, environmental or of a service nature. This year the Community Partnership in Storrington is planning a bigger and better show at the Chanctonbury Leisure Centre in Spierbridge Road to showcase the wide range of activities and opportunities existing in the voluntary organisations, and to raise the profile of volunteering, along with the benefits it can bring.

Louise Hayton, Trustee of the Community Partnership, said, "Friendships, social activities, exercise and the satisfaction of helping others can all be found in joining a local voluntary group."

One such group is the Storrington Area Help Scheme. Originally founded in 1973 by the Revd John Lambourne, curate of Sullington and Storrington, he was discussing with a friend the possibility of setting up a scheme to help people in need, offering help with hospital and other medical appointments, shopping for the elderly and babysitting in emergencies. White cards were printed with a large printed red 'H' on them, which could be put in the window of a house if someone needed help. Arrangements were made with the milkman, the postman and the paper boys to look out for these cards, and, if they saw one in the window, to contact the group and they would send someone round to assess the situation and find someone to help from their list of volunteers.

The Scheme now concentrates on pre-arranged medical appointments at hospitals and clinics, and is run from an office in Trinity Church in Storrington, manned Monday to Friday, 9am to 12noon, contactable on 742124.

Generally the driver waits for the client to complete their appointment, and returns them back home. Mileage is paid at the standard rate to volunteer drivers, and a contribution is made by the client. Volunteers are currently needed in the Storrington, West Chiltington and Ashington areas.

Storrington Community Partnership will shortly be promoting this at the Show on Saturday 12 May at the Chanctonbury Leisure Centre, with posters, banners and flyers around the town. Admission will be free to all visitors of this event.

Refreshments will be available at the café in the Centre to give visitors a chance to chat about what they have seen and heard. The Community Partnership will be keen to hear from visitors to this second event of its kind in Storrington, and will again be asking them to comment on how it can be improved for next time. If you want to know more, or your group would be interested in taking part, then contact David on 746101.

# **SANDGATE**CONSERVATION SOCIETY

April and spring, such an invigorating period of the year, with plants and trees showing their colours and wildlife on the move; just great to be alive!

The monthly presentation to be held at Sullington Parish Hall on **Wednesday 25 April,** commencing at 7.30pm, will appeal to many gardeners, particularly those with sandy acid soil. Andy Fly, Chairman of the Wessex branch of the RHS Rhododendron, Camellia and Magnolia Group, will show the diversity of rhododendrons.

The work parties will be operating on Sullington Warren on **Saturday 14 April** from 9.30am till 12noon and will also be in action on **Saturday 28 April** in Sandgate Park from 10am till 12noon. So if you feel like a spot of gentle exercise with a coffee/tea break mid-morning, then you know where to find us, even if for just an hour or so; you will be most welcome.

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

Brian Burns





INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

INTERESTED IN LEARNING NEW SKILLS?
WANT TO HAVE FUN AND FEEL USEFUL?
IS KEEPING FIT AND FRESH AIR A
PRIORITY?

# STORRINGTON ON SHOW!

SATURDAY 12th MAY 10.00am - 2.00pm

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COME ALONG TO HEAR MORE AT STORRINGTON'S VOLUNTEERING FAIR

Chanctonbury Leisure Centre, Spierbridge Road RH20 4BG

Storrington & Sullington Community Partnership Reg. Charlly No 1123409 **FREE ENTRY** 





Finally it's spring! I have to say, it's my very favourite time of the year. What's not to love? The weather warms up, the birds singing and nesting, insects emerging in earnest, lambs boinging, everything bursting into life; all very wonderful.



I really love April; flowers everywhere, fresh growth, my birthday, but my favourite 'month' of the year is a four week period over two months: the last two weeks of May and the first two weeks of June. I wish this time could be doubled! I'd happily go without January to make up for it! It seems to whizz by, with something different

happening every day. I have just read, and thoroughly enjoyed, Beyond Spring by Matthew Oates. He beautifully sums up this time of year: the wonderfulness of spring, and a lot of it is set locally. He explains how there is a lot of sadness in the seasons and nature as everything is fleeting, and no matter how much we might enjoy it, we know it is going to end. A great read I would recommend.

I never know whether I'm coming or going at this time of year at work in the garden, with so much to do always and everything does insist on growing so! As someone busy once said, "I meet myself going the other way"! This is how I feel, as it does seem to be like that, and I need to remember to stop and enjoy it and look around me, especially considering I've spent most of autumn and all winter waiting for spring to arrive!

Happy Easter and let's hope there'll be blue skies, gentle rain (at night!!) to make things flourish, and sunny, warm days.

Heidi Hurwood Leaf and Seed - 07952122228

## St Barnabas House

Storrington Friends of St Barnabas House present
Quiz and Fish & Chip Supper

Friday 13 April 2018, 7pm

The Old School

School Lane, Storrington, RH20 4LL

Quizmasters Stephen & Christine Turrell

Tickets: £10 including fish & chip supper

Tables of 4/6 - Bring your own drinks

For tickets please contact Steve on 01903 744217



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# THE ARTS SOCIETY STORRINGTON



The April lecture is on Wednesday 4 April. Rupert Willoughby: Basingstoke and its contribution to Modern Culture. He reveals the nobler Basingstoke buried beneath the concrete and the few historic gems that have survived.

The May lecture is on Wednesday 2 May. A lecture by Clive Barham Carter: A thousand miles up the Nile with Amelia B Edwards. Using extracts from her book, watercolours and contemporary illustrations, he tells the story of her remarkable journey the length of Egypt, from Dervish dancers in Cairo to a midnight arrival at Abu Simbel.

Both lectures are from 2.30pm to 3.30pm at West Chiltington Village Hall. Attendance is free for members, guests are asked to make a donation of  $\pounds 5$ . Coffee and tea will be served before the lecture from 2pm.

For further information please contact the Membership Secretary, Caroline Long on 744797 or by email caroline.fflong@gmail.com.

#### **SPECIAL INTEREST DAY**

### Architecture Now! On 19 April from 10am to 3.30pm at Pulborough Village Hall

This series of three lectures will be given by Anthea Streeter, a highly qualified lecturer, who studied at Harvard University, and has a special interest in the architecture and design of the 20th Century. The UK is at the forefront of architectural innovation and many of the buildings she will look at are those which have either won, or been shortlisted for, the annual RIBA Stirling Prize. She will also look at the new classical country houses being created by leaders in classical design.

Tickets are £25 and include tea and coffee to start and a light lunch. Please contact Bill Stuart-Scott for tickets and further details on 892159 or email dstuartscott@gmail.com

Linda Hannaford





St Barnabas 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 4 April and 2 May – 10am to 2pm
For more information about the project please visit our

website or email HospiceOutreachProject@stbh.org.uk or call 706357.



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

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

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

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

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

For more information please visit: www.parhaminsussex.co.uk

# Parham Easter Family Weekend Sunday 1 - Monday 2 April 10.30am - 5pm

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

# Children's Outdoor Theatre: The Midnight Gang By David Walliams Sunday 27 May 3pm

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

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

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



#### TREKKERS TO CLIMB MOUNT SNOWDON TO RAISE FUNDS FOR ST BARNABAS HOUSE

A team of trekkers will travel to Wales in September to summit Mount Snowdon while raising vital funds for local charity St Barnabas House.

Registration is now open for the Worthing-based hospice's newest event, which gives challenge-seekers the opportunity to summit the highest mountain in England and Wales at 1,085 metres, witnessing the beautiful sunset across Snowdonia. The team of trekkers will meet at St Barnabas House in Goring-by-Sea on Saturday 8 September, transferring to Llanberis in North Wales, where they will stop for lunch before the start of a five to seven hour ascent of the Llanberis Path.

Lucy Brady, Events Fundraiser at St Barnabas House, said, "We aim to summit as the sun sets to witness the amazing views across the Snowdonia National Park. We will then descend through the night using head torches to light our way. Trekking Mount Snowdon during the daytime is a great adventure, but trekking to its summit for sunset and descending in the dark brings another exciting element and challenge to what is a renowned trek."

The trek will finish at around midnight and the team will celebrate with breakfast and a glass of bubbly before travelling through the night, arriving back in Worthing on Sunday 9 September.

St Barnabas House has provided end of life care and palliative care for thousands of patients and their families across the Worthing, Adur, Arun and Henfield areas during its 45 years existence. The hospice provides outstanding specialist palliative care, both at the hospice and in the comfort of patients' own homes. It costs over £6 million a year to pay for all the care services provided by St Barnabas House, and only a small part of that is government funded, meaning the majority has to be raised through voluntary donations and fundraising.

Lucy added, "Just 21 percent of our costs are received through statutory funding, so we rely on the generosity and support of individuals and businesses who help us raise funds by taking part in events like our Snowdon Sunset Trek."

If you would like to take part in the Snowdon Sunset Trek on Saturday 8 September, please visit www.stbh.org.uk/snowdon to find out more.

# STORRINGTON CONSERVATION SOCIETY

#### Wildflower meadows

On 10 February at our well-attended tea and talk in the Village Hall, we were given a fascinating insight into the creation and care of a wildflower meadow by Michael Joseph. In his illustrated talk, he explained how he and his wife, Jane,



set out 29 years ago to turn a field into

a habitat for native flowers and wildlife. By trial and error, they established the cycle of haymaking and grazing necessary for the plants to thrive. Their hard work has been rewarded with a splendid variety of flowers, which attract colourful butterflies, bees and a multitude of insects. This management method provides healthy fodder, is also good for carbon storage compared with intensive farming, and is good for us too, not least in uplifting our spirits. Our thanks to Michael and Jane for their enthusiasm and inspiration.

At the work party on 3 March, we turned our attention to The Glade for the annual path clearance. This involved cutting back undergrowth, lopping low branches and sawing fallen trees and deadwood to make wildlife habitat. The thaw added an interesting element to the task. On **7 April** at 10am, we will be wearing wellies as we clear the banks and stream between Love Lane and Fryern Dell, starting at the Love Lane bridge.

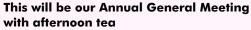
For details of the Thursday afternoon work party on **19 April,** please go to our website. Anyone wishing to join us on the first Saturday or the third Thursday of the month is very welcome. Come in appropriate clothing, and other equipment is provided.

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

Stuart Kersley

### STORRINGTON FLOWER CLUB

Wednesday 25 April at 2pm Sullington Parish Hall

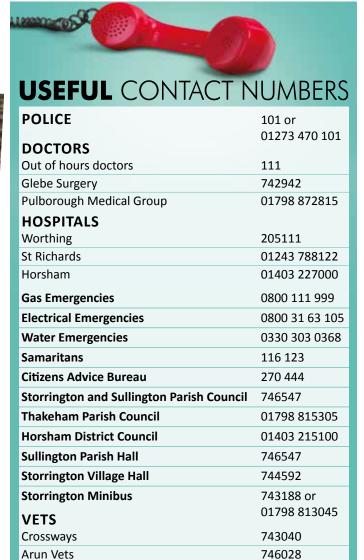




### Note from the editor....

Life is full of unpredicatabilities. The March weather was certainly that! Also, my daughter changing from training to be an opera singer to now going off to Germany to do a PhD in Astrophysics. You never know what might happen. But it is these challenges that develop our character. Many things we cannot change, such as serious health problems, but we have to accept and adapt. It can be hard and may mean major decisions need to be made that will affect our lives forever, as well as those around us. We must trust in God and pray for His guidance. After all, God has a plan for each and every one of us. Sometimes though, I just wish He would share that plan!

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