

April 2017

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STORRINGTON



SULLINGTON



THAKEHAM

Christ is alive!
Alleluia!

HAPPY EASTER



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Holy Sepulchre **WARMINGHURST**
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SULLINGTON AND THAKEHAM WITH WARMINGHURST

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All telephone numbers are 01903 unless otherwise stated.



Later this year, in November, on the Eve of All Saints, will be the 500th anniversary of the action which launched the Reformation. Martin Luther, Augustinian friar and Professor of Theology at the new University of Wittenberg, founded by the ruler, Elector Frederick, posted 95 theses on the door of the Castle Chapel of Wittenberg.

Luther had heard that John Tetzel, a Dominican friar and the representative of the papal agent the Archbishop of Mainz, who had been banned from entering Saxony, was to be 'selling' indulgences in two towns just across the border. The money was to go to fund the rebuilding of St Peter's, Rome, and the latest crusade against the Ottoman Turk. Following a table of rates reckoned according to the rank of the recipient, the buyer was promised full and complete absolution of all sins and plenary indulgence for the souls of dead relatives, who would straightway be released from the pains of purgatory; crossing the border and viewing the Elector's collection of holy relics also secured an indulgence: 127,799 years and 116 days!

Luther was already troubled by the problem of sin and turned to St Augustine and the writings of St Paul in *Romans* for reassurance about his salvation. His conviction grew that only an unqualified faith in God and utter reliance on His Grace could give him the peace of mind he longed for. So, an indulgence system which proposed justification before God by a mechanistic system of financial transaction was deeply offensive and he protested, though the name 'Protestants' only came into use later. Nothing, but nothing a human being can do will secure salvation of the soul; it is entirely God's work, received by faith alone.

Luther's protest might have remained a minor explosion by a young and over-intense friar and academic. But other forces were at work and Europe became divided between Protestant and Catholic churches, at war with each other in places to this day, divided by the phrase "justification by faith alone".

Something happened in 1999 however. The World Lutheran Federation and the Roman Catholic Church's Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity produced an agreement. Paragraph 3.15 says: "By grace alone, in faith in Christ's saving work and not because of any merit on our part, we are accepted by God and receive the Holy Spirit, who renews our hearts while equipping and calling us to good works."

Why this historical excursion? This month, in Holy Week, we too come face to face with the same question that troubled Luther. Why did Jesus die? What difference does his death and resurrection make to my life,

PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

You are above me, O God, you are beneath.
You are in the air, you are in earth.
You are beside me, you are within.
O God of heaven, you have made your
home on earth in the broken body of creation.
Kindle within me a love for you in all things.

Celtic Prayer from Iona ... J Philip Newell



*Wishing all our
readers Easter Joy
and Blessings*

my problems, fears, hopes? Do I have to earn my salvation by good deeds and right thinking, or is peace of mind and reconciliation with my God and my neighbour sheer gift, pure grace? And if the latter is the case, how should I react, how order my life, so that my (except it is not "mine") light shines and people see my good works and glorify my Father who is in heaven?

Luther's protest, now finally resolved, challenges me to dedicate my life afresh and without conditions to the God who sent His Son to die for me, and to produce fruits of good works unto righteousness. If I can appreciate just a little of my own share in Jesus' death on Calvary on Good Friday, then I will be free to dance and rejoice in the Easter Day message of victory and liberation.

With my love and prayers,

CHARLES HADLEY

Assistant Priest of St Mary's Church, Storrington

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What's happening at

St Mary's Thakeham

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

Revd Derek Spencer www.thakehamchurch.com

Churchwardens:

David Peacock (745595)
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Child Protection Officer:

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Electoral Roll Officer:

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

Organist:

Beryl Hardie (892349)

Church Bookings:

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

Bellringers: Tower Captain

Roger Watts (01798 813775)

Gift Aid Officer:

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

PASTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR SULLINGTON & THAKEHAM: Please contact the Revd Derek Spencer on 01798 813121 to make arrangements for Baptisms, Weddings and Banns of Marriage. He can be contacted at Thakeham Rectory throughout the week. His day off is Saturday.

Anyone attending Thakeham Church just now could be forgiven for thinking about two well-known writers.

As you proceed along the wonderful new pathway, you will see on both sides of you a "Host of Golden Daffodils", which of course is a quote from the delightful poem *I wondered Lonely as a Cloud* by William Wordsworth. As you reach the Church porch and turn to see the daffodils in full view, over to the left is a view that always reminds me of words from William Blake's *Jerusalem*, "England's green and pleasant land". We are well blessed at Thakeham to be able to worship in such a peaceful and serene setting.



The feeling of well-being also extends to the inside of the beautiful old building, and the warmth and friendship that can be found there. If you have not attended Thakeham Church before, you may wish to just visit or become a regular member of the congregation; you will always be made most welcome.

Thakeham & Sullington Church Youth Groups

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

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

EASTER at Thakeham & Sullington MAUNDY THURSDAY



Film Night / Prayer Night TBC at St Mary's Church, Thakeham please check www.thakehamchurch.com for details

GOOD FRIDAY

GOOD FRIDAY REFLECTION at Thakeham Church at 10am please check www.thakehamchurch.com for further details of hot cross buns, egg hunt and reflection

GOOD FRIDAY REFLECTION at Sullington Church at 12noon

EASTER DAY

9.30am 'ALL AGE' EASTER DAY CELEBRATION at Thakeham
11am 'ALL AGE' EASTER DAY CELEBRATION at Sullington



Cheese & Wine Evening

Saturday 20 May 6pm

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

Please ring Harold and Cecily Linfield (01798 812276) if you would like to come to this informal evening to raise funds for Christian Aid (any donations welcome).

Possibility of croquet if the weather is fine!

(PS There are lists to sign at Sullington, Thakeham and Storrington Churches)

Church in the Pub

1st Monday of the month
The White Lion Pub, Thakeham - 8.30pm
Come along and enjoy

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

Knit and Stitch Tea on Tuesday

Thakeham Church Rooms 18 April between 2pm and 4pm
All welcome. Enquiries to Wynn Lednor - 743025

For details of Ecumenical Lent Groups, please see page 9

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

What's happening at

St Mary's Sullington



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

Churchwardens:

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Douglas Parkes (743106)
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Gail Kittle (745754)
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Sullington Lane,
Storrington RH20 4AE

Pastoral Care:

Ann Salinger (01798 813481)

PCC Secretary:

Gail Kittle (745754)

Freewill Offering & Gift Aid Officer:

David Baxter (744346)

Electoral Roll:

Chris Cotton (742587)
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Storrington RH20 4DD

Organist:

Beryl Hardie (892349)

Church Flowers:

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

Child Protection Officer:

Margaret Slinn (746769)

Lifts to Church:

Anne Owen (743973)

Church Fabric Officer:

Douglas Parkes (743106)

PASTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR SULLINGTON & THAKEHAM: Please contact the Rev'd Derek Spencer on 01798 813121 to make arrangements for Baptisms, Weddings and Banns of Marriage. His day off is Saturday. Times of church services can be found on page 16. Alternatively you can visit the church website for further details.

Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in us

Message on behalf of the Rector, Derek Spencer

You will be pleased to hear our Rector, Derek, is on the mend and will return part-time after Easter. For the moment all enquiries should be directed to the Churchwardens Heather and Jo on phone numbers above. Please keep an eye on our website for any unexpected service changes.

Churchwardens

The Wild Fortune Quiet Garden



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

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

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

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

Spaces are limited to 8 and booking is essential

To reserve a space, please contact:

Tessa & Mark Holland Tel: 741904

Email: wildfortune@btinternet.com

Blog: www.wildfortuneblog.blogspot.co.uk

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

Easter Lily Remembrance

For a donation of £5 would you like an Easter Lily to be arranged in Church in memory of a loved one?



A list of the names will be displayed in Church and the names read out in the morning service on Easter Sunday.

Anyone wishing to buy a lily please contact Muriel on 01798 812706 or Jo on 742586.

Tea with the Vicar

4 May

1 Oak Cottage, Rock Road, Home of Kay Channon

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



For details of Ecumenical Lent Groups, please see page 9

SUMMER EVENSONG AT SULLINGTON CHURCH

Evensong will be held at 6pm on the first Sunday of each month at St Mary's, Sullington, for five months starting on Sunday 2 April, and ending in September.

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

Lectio Divina: becoming one with the Word

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

The Wild Fortune Prayer Loft

Saturday 1 April, 6 May 8.30am to 10am

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

Further details: Tessa & Mark Holland

Wild Fortune, Sandgate Lane, Storrington. Tel: 741904

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Blog: www.wildfortuneblog.blogspot.co.uk

GUIDED TOURS OF SULLINGTON CHURCH AND FARMSTEAD

At 2pm every Wednesday

Guided tour of the ancient farmstead and Church at Sullington.

Meet by the Rector's parking space.

No charge but donations to ongoing repair work greatly appreciated.





What's happening at St Mary's Storrington

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

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Rectory Office, Rectory Road RH20 4EF

Verger: Michael Taylor (742218)

Sacristy Team:

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Stella Hastings & John Taylor (745477)

Captain of Bellringers:

John Taylor (745477)

Pastoral Scheme:

Sylvia Hyams (745878)

Recorder:

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

Readers and Sidesmen:

Vera Blake (743974)

Electoral Roll Officer:

Michael Taylor (742218)

Director of Music:

George Jones (850019)

Assistant Organists:

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

Footsteps (Sunday School):
Jackie Lee (743661)

Church Flowers:

Jean Minter (741668)

Child Protection Officer:

Jackie Lee (743661)

Bible Reading Fellowship:

Amanda Hislop (743700)

Bible Society:

Jean Hunt (01798 813681)

Christian Aid co-ordinator:

Sue Kibblewhite (745325)

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Church Services see page 16.

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

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

Altar Servers: Bridget Vickerstaff (743346)

Bellringers: Fridays, 7.45pm - 9.30pm.

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

Church Cleaning: Jeannie Watten (742542)

Church & Churchyard Maintenance: Ray Hunt (01798 813681)

Mothers' Union: Jean Hunt (01798 813681)

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

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

DEANERY SERVICE AT STORRINGTON CHURCH – Sunday 2 April

The 10am service at St Mary's Church, Storrington, will be for the whole of the Storrington Deanery churches and all are welcome. The Storrington Deanery has several churches in vacancy at present and many of our clergy and retired clergy have been doing an amazing job covering services in all the parishes during the last few months and we want to say "thank you" to them.

STORRINGTON DEANERY QUIET DAY FOR THE YEAR OF THE BIBLE

Monday, 3 April 2017 10am - 4pm

A time in Lent with Ignatian prayer run by members of Chemin Neuf Community at Storrington Priory RH20 4LN.

Light lunch provided.

(Please tell us if you are vegetarian or have special diet).

For more details or to register please email the Storrington Deanery Secretary on vivienstuart44@googlemail.com

STORRINGTON REGISTERS

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

26 Feb Olivia Sophie Lee (daughter of Tara and Stephen)
5 Mar Elsa May Richardson (daughter of Heidi and Craig)

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

10 Feb Jean Margaret Tims (97 years)
23 Feb Peggy Primrose Meadows (93 years)
13 Mar John Andrew Murray (83)

Interment of ashes only:

3 Mar Peter Geoffrey Puttick (80 years)

Lilies for Easter

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

If so, please add the name(s) of those you wish to commemorate to the list at the back of the Church and place your donation (£4 per lily is suggested) in one of the small brown envelopes marked "Easter Lilies" and put it into the offerings box. Orders for the flowers must be in by Palm Sunday, 9 April. The names of those commemorated will be displayed in Church over Easter.



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



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

Kathleen Osgood (01403 780928)

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).

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

PALM SUNDAY, 9 April

with distribution of Palm Crosses - for times of service see p16

Monday of Holy Week, 10 April

7.30pm Reflection and Compline

Tuesday of Holy Week, 11 April

7.30pm Service of Wholeness with Reception of Holy Oils following Chrism Mass into Church and Reflection

Wednesday of Holy Week, 12 April

7.30pm Tenebrae - A Service of Shadows with Reflection

MAUNDY THURSDAY, 13 April

10.30am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

7.30pm Maundy Thursday Eucharist with foot-washing followed by the Watch until midnight

GOOD FRIDAY, 14 April

9.15am Good Friday Procession (inter-Church), starting at Our Lady of England RC Church, Monastery Lane

12noon **Three Hours' Devotion** Prayer Walk

1pm - Meditation with reflections and music

2pm - Good Friday Liturgy

(entry or exit possible at 1pm and 2pm)

EASTER EVE, 15 April (Holy Saturday)

7.30pm Easter Vigil Service of Light and first Communion of Easter

EASTER DAY, 16 April The Day of Resurrection!

8am Holy Communion

10am Easter Family Celebration with Prayers for Healing

6pm Easter Evening Prayer

CHRISTIANS IN STORRINGTON

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

Good Friday Procession of Witness

14 April
starting at
9.15am



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

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

MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER ST MARY'S CHURCH, STORRINGTON

Heraclitus of Ephesus lived around 500BC and apparently regarded time as something like a river – always changing.

Times do change and I have decided that it is time for a change after doing office-type stuff now for 50 years or so.

So, I have told the PCC that I will be retiring from the post of Treasurer at the APCM on the 27 April.

We have a lovely Church at St Mary's. What it offers is appreciated not only by the members of its congregation but by many others in the village. Thank you to everybody who has made my life easier by helping to keep it going with contributions of precious time and money.

Andrew Hammock

St Mary's Church, Sullington were delighted to present a cheque to the Sullington Brownies from their annual charity giving, at one of their recent weekly meetings.

Jane Williams and Gail Kittle were then shown the Scooterboard paddles and the Scooterboard hockey set which they had bought with the donation

for the Brownies to enjoy. We were then delighted to be shown how much fun the paddles were and thank all the Brownies for their hospitality and to see first-hand the good work of the Sullington Brownies.



ECUMENICAL LENT GROUPS

The final sixth session, of the Lent Course will take place at The Priory, School Lane, Storrington on Sunday 9 April. We will start with tea and delicious cakes (offers of help to Charles Hadley, please!) at 4pm. The session will run from 4.30pm to 6pm and end with a short time of worship all together as we enter into Holy Week.



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

14 – 20 MAY

Could you help the hungry and needy?

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

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

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

Christians in Storrington

Monthly Inter-Church Prayer Meetings Everyone welcome

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

Tuesday 4 April – Trinity Methodist Church will lead

Tuesday 2 May – Our Lady of England RC Church will lead

One in faith and love and praise

STORRINGTON'S TOWER CAPTAIN HONOURED

On Saturday 11 February, the Annual District Meeting of the Western Division of the Sussex County Association of Change Ringers (SCACR) took place at Steyning, after ringing the eight bells of St Andrew's & St Cuthman's.



John Taylor receiving his Certificate from Graham Hills (Master of SCACR)

After the usual business, there was a special certificate ceremony to three members of the Division for 50 years of ringing. There was no doubt in the room that the loudest applause was for the first called; Storrington's own Tower Captain, John Taylor; after that they were all tired after energetic ringing! In an association whose members have been recorded for 132 years but whose bells rang out for centuries before, it was joyously recorded that John had in fact been ringing for at least 61 years. He was auspiciously made Tower Captain at the age of 18 and, for those ringers whose combined skills ring out a message of camaraderie, sound, sight (though some of us are blind), music and mathematics can put John's age with combined numerals to nine, he has taught thousands throughout the district and country with his visiting towers as a captain. His hand is always sought out by the countless that come back to thank him for the skills and friendship he has passed on.

The Association can only apologise to John for only considering him for 50 years' membership as this is when they received their Gutenberg Press.

Ringling practice at St Mary's, Storrington, is on Friday evenings at 7.45pm and the bells ring out joyously twice on Sundays with his band – come and join them.

Lee Smith

CHEMIN NEUF COMMUNITY

www.chemin-neuf.org.uk



INNER HEALING RETREAT

18-22 April

The Priory, School Lane, Storrington
4 day silent retreat focusing on healing and reconciliation,
An opportunity to review our life's story in the light of the Lord.
More details: retreatsuk@chemin-neuf.org

QUIET DAYS

In the Footsteps of St Ignatius
Practising Ignatian Prayer

Wednesday 10 May – Find God in All Things

10am – 4pm, at Storrington Priory RH20 4LN
Light lunch provided

Come to just one, two or all three days
For more details or to register: ccn.storrington.desk@gmail.com

SPIRITUAL EXERCISES RETREAT

at Sclerder Abbey, Sclerder Lane, Looe, Cornwall. PL13 2JD
7 days of guided retreat in silence to come to know Christ better
More details: retreatsuk@chemin-neuf.org

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

12-21 May

In the footsteps of Jesus
From Nazareth to Jerusalem via Bethlehem and Jordan Valley
Led by members of the Chemin Neuf Community
Email: storrington@chemin-neuf.org
www.chemin-neuf.org.uk

CONCERT

at St Mary's Church, Storrington

by

LANCING COLLEGE MUSIC STUDENTS



**WEDNESDAY
26 APRIL
7pm**

*A relaxing evening of superb music
Come and support these very talented young people*

Tickets £10

(to include a glass of wine / soft drink and nibbles)

from **Fowlers (745844)** or **King & Chasemore (745761)**

Organised by St. Mary's Church Storrington Concert Committee

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Are you looking for a breathing space in the hubbub of life?

Friendly hospitality and comfortable accommodation in the beautiful South Downs provides an excellent setting for companionable quiet (not silent) time to retreat, reflect and rest.

RETREAT AVAILABLE

Tuesday 9 – Friday 12 May 2017

Sullington Manor Farm and St Marys church, Sullington Lane, Storrington, RH20 4AE

For further information, please contact
Gail Kittle T: 01903 745754, E: info@st-marys-sullington.org
www.st-marys-sullington.org



JEAN MINTER RETIRES AS ORGANISER OF CHURCH FLOWERS AT ST MARY'S, STORRINGTON

I am writing this article to say a big thank you to all my fellow flower arrangers at St Mary's, Storrington for their wonderful retirement present of lovely flowers and gift vouchers presented to me in Church on Sunday 19 February.

In 1999 when Edna Robinson was taken ill, I volunteered to take over the care of the flowers at St Mary's, Storrington. I had thought that I was taking over for a few weeks or months but sadly Edna's health did not improve and so I remained in charge until this year, with just one year's break, while Ada Ball kindly took over. I look back over those years with great happiness. We have a magnificent team of flower arrangers who keep the Church looking beautiful throughout the year and I am pleased to count them all as friends.



I have special memories of the festivals we have held in the Church over the years. In 2006, we held the first flower and craft festival in our Church for a number of years and were aiming to raise funds for Chestnut Tree House Hospice for Children and to make much needed improvements to the heating in our Church.



Our first priority was to raise the money for the flowers so we organised bring-and-buy sales, coffee mornings, etc., and Rupert Toovey held a Valuation and Auction Sale. We also had a garden party at which we had superb entertainment supplied by the West Chiltington Amateur Dramatic Society.

As the festival drew near, our flower arrangers, strengthened by members of local flower clubs, began their preparations. The title of the festival was *Inspiration*. The inspiration came from the Bible, ranging from the story of Noah's Ark to the Parables and miracles of Jesus, from the *Book of Common Prayer* with the *Eucharist* and the *Lord's Prayer* and from the titles of



popular hymns such as *All things bright and beautiful*. The flower arrangers were truly inspired and we had some really magnificent displays in Church. In the Old School, the craft displays were excellent and sales brisk. Needless to say, the catering team were very busy producing ploughman's lunches and afternoon teas. We were so thrilled when we learned that we had raised over £10,000. I have appreciated our new heating system ever since.



In 2011 we once again set about fundraising for our festival entitled *The Year of the Wedding*. This was far less expensive to produce because we aimed to borrow the exhibits from the congregation, but we also wanted to include flowers suitable for a wedding. We organised a lunch in the garden of Robert and Hannah Perrin and I think anyone who attended this will not have forgotten it. Our guests were invited for noon and, as the time approached, the sky grew darker and darker and at exactly 12 o'clock there was a mighty flash of lightning and the heavens opened. Fortunately we had a marquee but wherever there were joins there were waterfalls! I hope everyone eventually dried out.

The festival included wedding dresses dating from 1921 up to the dress worn by the latest bride married in our Church (she wanted us to include a FOR SALE notice on it but we resisted) and In the

Lady Chapel there were dresses from three generations of the same family. Almost more interesting than the dresses were the captions that went with them. We asked all the owners to tell us a story about their wedding day and there were some fascinating tales; Gwen, our Churchwarden, was married as a student and she and her new husband picked up a hitch-hiker on the way to their reception; another bride married immediately after the war and had to save food coupons so that they could have a wedding cake. War-time brides actually had cardboard replica cakes.

We also displayed family Christening robes some of which were family heirlooms.



Eighteen months later, we had our Christmas Festival and the displays were based on favourite Christmas carols and songs. There were magnificent, full-sized tableaux depicting the three kings and Good King Wenceslas. The south porch was converted into an amazing stable scene. Local school children came to sing

carols and the hand bell ringers also entertained.

These festivals were arranged primarily by the flower arranging team, but we have also had wonderful Christmas Tree festivals arranged by Viv Stuart, our indefatigable church secretary. All of the festivals have raised funds for the Church but almost more valuable has been the great co-operation and team work engendered throughout our congregation.



I would like to thank everyone who has helped me during my time in office, from our great flower arrangers to Viv, the catering teams, the people who have lifted and carted things, the electricians and those who supported the events or helped in any way. Last, but not least, I'd like to thank my husband, Bob, without whose support none of this would have been possible.

Jean Minter



West Chilt Jazz Club

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Tue 2 May

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SULLINGTON 122 YEARS AGO

EXTRACTS FROM CANON PALMER'S DIARY – APRIL 1895

Mon 1: Fine but chilly. Poor Clara down with acute rheumatism and so prevented going to Chichester today. Finished planting asparagus. Pruned standard apples.

Tue 2: Dull, hazy, cold. Early to school and then to Board of Guardians where small attendance. The Porter dismissed for drunkenness and the Tenders taken. GR loses the milk to Padwick one shilling to nine and a half pence. Then a preliminary meeting of the Road Committee to make a beginning map, information etc. George C Gibson calls from Washington rather than "tottery". Potted some geraniums.

Wed 3: As yesterday. Went to Portsmouth from Amberley and fetched Cicely. Hal writes, but a poor account of himself after a second touch of influenza. Made up the pits. Rook builds in near elm.

Thu 4: As yesterday. School 31. Walked with Cicely to Threales and Roundabouts. Old Gent abed. Dragging front field.

Fri 5: As yesterday. To the County Council where the Roads again. Division 23 to 20. Spoke against and won, then "Asylum". Brought Hal back looking rather thin and with a bit of a cough, but I expect he will soon pick up. Our force in Chitral (India) successful in first engagement.

Sat 6: Rough to rain. Rather expected Webster today but he came not. Rode to see old Gent – better.

Sun 7: Palm Sunday. Fine generally with one heavy rain shower. A little improvement in the congregations. Had one at 3pm – child of Ruff baptised; litany and children catechized. My morning service was on "The Mind of Christ". Phil II v 5. and evening on The events of Palm Sunday and the meaning of "Hosanna".

Mon 8: Generally fine. Webster came down, just the same. Walked to see Lushers and Mrs Penfold.

Tue 9: Foggy from the south and damp. School 29/35. Walked to Roundabouts with Cicely. Gent better. None of the green things out yet. Hal and Webster go hunting to Clapham.

Wed 10: Foggy to fine and warm. School 30. Webster left and May came back to us looking very well and bright. Took an afternoon at home and finished 'knifering' my little orchard trees. Beans and peas coming up. Yesterday Peel the Speaker took farewell of the house after many years in the chair.

Thu 11: Fine, warm summery. School 29, last day. Parker and Green left for a short holiday. George Cartwright and a friend teaed *en route* from Horsham. Visited Page, Knowles and Crowhurst.

Fri 12: Good Friday. Fine morning turned cold and dull. My congregations rather better but not as they ought to be; farmers give half holidays but on condition attached of church. Preached a new written sermon on the Cleansing of the Leper and an old sermon on the last sentence "Father, into Thy Hands etc".

Sat 13: Fine but not warm. Nearly finished pruning the standard apples now showing bud. Griffin and a friend come to lunch. Hal and May dine at Sandgate.

Sun 14: Easter Day. Fine, very cold wind. Good morning and fair evening congregations. Preached from Romans VIII v 11 and from I Peter I v 24. Dear Cicely for the first time. Had Miss Jarman to tea (in her chariot!)

Mon 15: Easter Monday. Fine, bright, keen NE wind. Griffiths and two friends came over from Worthing *en route* for London, cycling, and lunched, then our party with Jack walked to Burpham and returned about 9pm against a sharp head wind.

Tue 16: Fine, dull mild. Board of Guardians and District Council where again made Chairman of both. Carried our first 2d rate against much opposition. Gave the Porter a chance. Had a meeting in evening

and appointed GR our assistant overseer at £5.00. Finished potato planting.

Wed 17: Fine, warm. Gardened in morning, lime ash from Floate. In afternoon drove to Worthing and brought home mowing machine from Blakers. Girls to Highden.

Thu 18: Foggy morning and evening midday fine. Gardened clearing flower borders for Clara, who had a consignment of plants from a 'Lady Florist' in Ireland. Hal went to a steeplechase at Dial Post. Peace is signed between China and Japan – what this may mean in the future for Europe?

Fri 19 and Sat 20: Fine warm. To Tunbridge Wells where a very pleasant visit seeing my mother, Gerald Vesey and my sister Annie, daughter and Jane.

Sun 21: Easter I. Dull and wet morning, fine afternoon. No-one but ourselves and Dukes in morning. In evening very fair congregation, preached on Romans XII and in evening on Blessing of Faith, our Lord's words to Thomas.

Mon 22: Dull to more rain in afternoon and evening. Hal drives the girls to Ashington Rectory, Green returns. I visit Slaughter and her mother in law. Humphrey and Gent who is better.

Tue 23: Fine afternoon, showery morning. School 26. Growing weather: elms just starting, mowed lawns (scythe first time). Tulips blooming. Church Mrs Slaughter at 1.30pm.

Wed 24: Heavy rain at intervals. Into Brighton riding. Old age Provision, not much business and much general talk. Teaed with Napier. Piloted a lady with her two girls to Wantley. Jervoise comes, they all Cicely and I go to a dance at Highden.

Thu 25: Heavy rain, fine afternoon. Got to bed at 4am this morning! Hal leaves for town and Newcastle. Daubeny and wife of Ashurst call.

Fri 26: Dull and damp. School 29/32. Up the downs to High Tittens. Everything very wet and very green.

Sat 27: Heavy showers, dark. Parker returns. Godmans to tea. Fire lighted again in Church and fires generally in the house.

Sun 28: Easter II. Dull hazy. Two fair congregations. Preached from one of Latham's ideas in the morning. The conduct of the disciples after the Resurrection, evidence to its truth: then on Psalm 136 in afternoon. Took a last walk with Cicely and gathered crowslips.

Mon 29: Fine and sunny. Nearly a summer's day. Cicely off to Winchester for her second term. Clara drives her to Amberley. Mr Haines comes and walked with him to Washington. Our meadows look splendid: just finished rolling them.

Tue 30: Fine, dull morning and hazy evening. Board of Guardians then a special District Council on Roads: surrendered to the Council Terms: chose a new Porter and Caretaker. George C Gibson lunched. Haines with me to Wantley and saw Miss Nancy Paget.



BINGO

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Thursday 13 April

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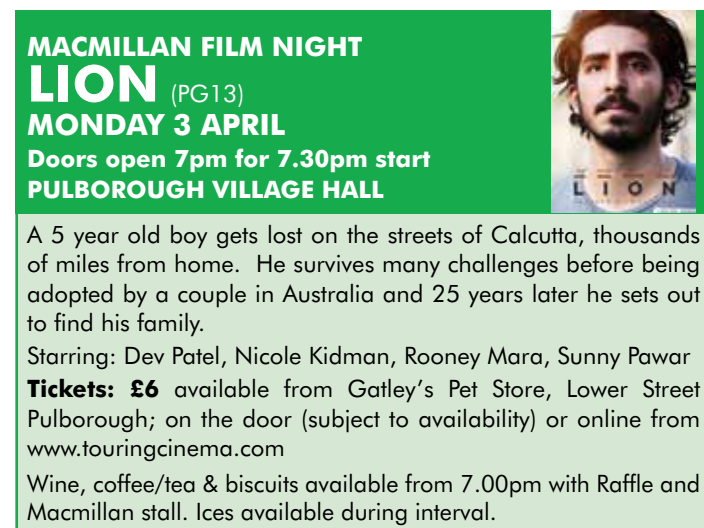
Storington Duck Race

STORINGTON DUCK RACE

Sunday 7 May 12noon – 2.30pm
Riverside Walk and Storington Library Car Park
As always, it promises to be a great event. There will be fun-fair rides and face-painting, craft stalls, live music, ice-cream and cakes plus the ever popular BBQ.
All proceeds will go to Storington First School.

We are taking bookings now for stands please contact georgedelarve@hotmail.co.uk.

To sponsor a race or advertise in the programme please contact foss.school@aol.co.uk



MACMILLAN FILM NIGHT
LION (PG13)
MONDAY 3 APRIL
Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start
PULBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL

A 5 year old boy gets lost on the streets of Calcutta, thousands of miles from home. He survives many challenges before being adopted by a couple in Australia and 25 years later he sets out to find his family.

Starring: Dev Patel, Nicole Kidman, Rooney Mara, Sunny Pawar

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

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



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Friday 21st April 10am to 3pm
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CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

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Next Event: Friday 28th July 2017 Up, Up and Away! 10am – 3pm

WORTHING SCOUT & GUIDE GANG SHOW CELEBRATES ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Each Gang Show staged by Worthing Scouts and Guides is a special occasion for so many different reasons. This year is extra special as the Gang Show will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary in April, having first started in October 1967.

Worthing's Scout & Guide Gang Show, *Gee It's a Wonderful Life!*, has a cast of over 90 Scouts, Guides, Cubs, Brownies, Rangers, Explorers and Leaders who have been rehearsing every Sunday since September.

Over the years, the show has provided tremendous entertainment to thousands of people and has been a source of inspiration to thousands of youngsters who have taken part and in quite a few cases; it has been the launch point for a professional career in the entertainment industry.

"Rehearsals are going really well and the whole cast is looking forward to being back at the Pavilion Theatre again in April" said Andy Budd, Producer of this year's Gang Show. "We get amazing feedback from shows and the sheer joy on the faces of the performers is a sight to behold. There is something for everyone and you definitely don't have to have been a Scout or Guide to enjoy the show".

The show is packed with lots of energetic and uplifting music and dance routines with their quick costume changes which can be a challenge with so many cast members as well as the usual sprinkling of comedy, solo singing and just a touch of nostalgia for those of us for whom Scouting and Guiding is just a distant memory. All of this is enhanced by the professional live show band.

The Worthing Scout & Guide Gang Show will be returning to the Pavilion Theatre, Worthing from Wednesday 12 to Saturday 15 April. Performances are at 7.30pm every day, except Good Friday when the performance starts at 5pm, with matinees on Wednesday and Saturday at 2.30pm.

Tickets are available now online from www.worthingtheatres.co.uk and from the Worthing Theatres box office on 206206; tickets are priced £12 Wed – Fri, Sat £15. Children £6 matinees only (otherwise full price).

The gang show has a website at <http://www.worthinggangshow.org.uk/> or you can follow them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/WorthingScoutandGuideGangShow where you can find all the latest news and information.

What is a Gang Show?

A Gang Show is a theatrical performance with a cast of youth members of Scouts and Guides. The aim of the shows is to give young people in Scouting and Guiding the opportunity to develop performance skills and perform in a close to professional theatrical environment. Opportunities are also afforded to young people to work backstage and in front of house roles.

About Worthing Scout and Guide Gang Show

The first 'proper' Gang Show ran at the Pavilion Theatre for four nights in October 1967, the Scouts' Diamond Jubilee Year. The Scouts invited the Guides to join them in a combined District show and *Gee, It's A Wonderful Life* was born. By 1969, the show was running for six nights during October. In 1971, it was decided that the time had come to apply for the famous Red Scarf and to be recognised among the elite of the Gang Show world. In 1987, the then Chief Scout, Major General Michael Walsh, accepted an



invitation to attend the show. He clearly enjoyed the show and stayed on long afterwards to meet the cast. The Chief Scout awarded the Chief Scouts personal awards to four members of the cast. In 2015, the Chief Guide, Gill Slocombe, visited the show and went back stage to meet the cast.

In 1993, the reigns of the show were passed to Tim Kent who has been involved with the Gang Show since 1967. Since 2011, Andy Budd has produced the show.

Davin Wakeford

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



WORLD BOOK DAY AT STORRINGTON FIRST SCHOOL



Storrington First School held a fantastic World Book Day on 2 March. All ages dressed up – even the teachers – and there were lots of creative costumes from imaginative books. The winning costumes were extremely good and the winning children won chocolate. We hosted a teacher competition and Mr Lowry



(Willy Wonka) and Mrs DC (Gangsta Granny) won for their costumes. In the afternoon, we held a Book Battle where teachers and pupils had to fight for their favourite books for the audience to vote on. The whole school enjoyed the World Book Day, which has been running for many years.

Year 5 Journalists
Amelie, Malaika, Emily, Abi and Jamie

1ST STORRINGTON RAINBOWS AND 2ND STORRINGTON BROWNIES

The Rainbow mascot, a doll called Olivia, is taken home by a different girl each week, and we always enjoy hearing what they've been up to.

Lilly took Olivia home for half-term and wrote a wonderful diary account which she read out to everyone:

"Olivia's holiday with Lilly

It was Mummy's birthday.

We went to the Flying Fortress soft play area.

We went for a long walk and got a bit lost.

We flew our first kite on the beach, but it flew away.

We collected some sea shells.

We did arts and craft, we went swimming and we went to a toy shop."

Lilly will be moving up to Sullington Brownies after Easter, and we wish her well.

The seven units in Chanctonbury District came together to celebrate World Thinking Day, which this year had the theme of Growing. Flowers were planted to grow in the Hall grounds. Girls grew in confidence with challenges and games, and also grew their creative skills with the craft activities on offer.

It is always pleasing to see the whole Guiding age-range from Rainbows through to Trefoil, all working so well together. Everyone went home with a commemorative badge.

Joan Parkes



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Girlguiding

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

STORRINGTON FLOWER CLUB

Wednesday 26 April at 2pm

Sullington Parish Hall

This is our AGM and Tea

There will a speaker from Horsham Age UK



THE MARY HOW TRUST FILM SOCIETY

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CHURCH SERVICES AT A GLANCE

DATE	FESTIVAL OR SUNDAY	STORRINGTON St Mary's	THAKEHAM St Mary's	SULLINGTON St Mary's
2 April	Lent 5	8.00 Holy Communion (said) 10.00 Deanery Service 11.45 Baptism Service 6.00 Evensong	10.30 Joint All-age Family Communion with Baptism or 10.00 Deanery Service at Storrington	8.00 Holy Communion (with Thakeham) 10.00 Deanery Service at Storrington 6.00 Evensong
9 April	Palm Sunday	8.00 Holy Communion (said) 10.00 Parish Communion + Footsteps 6.00 Evensong	9.30 Morning Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion (with Thakeham) 11.30 Morning Prayer

FOR HOLY WEEK SERVICES including MAUNDY THURSDAY and GOOD FRIDAY please see pages 4 and 9

16 April	EASTER DAY	8.00 Holy Communion (said) 10.00 Easter Celebration (all age) with Prayers for Healing 6.00 Easter Evening Prayer	9.30 Easter Celebration (all age)	11.00 Easter Celebration (all age)
23 April	Second of Easter	8.00 Holy Communion (said) 10.00 Parish Communion + Footsteps 6.00 Evensong	9.30 FC	8.00 Holy Communion (with Thakeham) 11.30 FC
30 April	Third of Easter	8.00 Holy Communion (said) 10.00 Parish Communion + Footsteps 6.00 Evensong		8.00 Holy Communion (with Thakeham) 10.30 Joint 5 th Sunday Service (with Thakeham)
7 May	Fourth of Easter	8.00 Holy Communion (said) 10.00 Family Communion 6.00 Evensong	10.30 Joint All-age Family Communion (with Sullington)	8.00 Holy Communion (with Thakeham) 6.00 Evensong

Midweek Holy Communion 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 6.00pm, Sunday 8.00am and 10.00am

Daily Mass: Monday – Friday 9.00am.

For other midweek services, confessions etc., please contact

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

STORRINGTON CHAPEL

North Street

Sunday Services 10.30am, 6.30pm

Church Elder: Graham Thrussell

Tel: 01243 545737

COMMUNITY CHURCH

at Rydon Community College

Family Worship – Sundays 10.00am

Enquiries to Mrs Val Augustine

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

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH

Thakeham Road

Sunday Service 10.30am

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

WEEKLY EVENTS

Tues	10.00am	Coffee Morning – Storrington Chapel
Wed	9.30am	Registrar of Births and Deaths – Storrington Library – pre-booking only – 01243 642122
	2.00pm	Knit and Knatter Club – Hanover Walk

Fri	10.00am	Storrington Community Market – Village Hall
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Storrington Library Opening Hours – Tel. 839050

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

SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB

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

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



WHAT'S ON

MARCH

Sat 1

8.30am *Lectio Divina* – p5
10am Storrington Conservation Society – Working Party – p20

Sun 2 LENT 5

10am Storrington Deanery Service – St Mary's, Storrington – p6
6pm Summer Evensong – St Mary's, Sullington – p5

Mon 3

10am Storrington Deanery Quiet Day – Storrington Priory – p6
7pm Macmillan Film Night – *Lion* – p15
7.30pm Storrington Museum – Talk – p24

Tue 4

10am Inter-Church prayers – RC Church (side-chapel) – p9

Wed 5

10am St Barnabas Outreach – Library Car Park – p28
2.30pm SDFAS – Lecture – p33

Thu 6

10.30am Pop-In Lunch Club – p18
2pm MU – Meeting with Diocesan President, Kathryn Anderson – p27

Fri 7

7.30pm Sandgate Singers – Easter Concert – p31

Sat 8

10am Storrington Tennis Club – Open Day – p23
2pm Storrington Horticultural Society – Spring Show – p23
7.30pm Chantry Quire – Concert – p21

Sun 9 PALM SUNDAY

1pm Sunday Lunch Club – p18
4pm Final Ecumenical Lent Group – p9

Mon 10 Monday of Holy Week

7.30pm Reflection and Compline – St Mary's, Storrington – p9
7.30pm Thakeham Gardeners' Club – Meeting – p27

Tue 11 Tuesday of Holy Week

7.30pm Service of Wholeness – St Mary's, Storrington – p9

Wed 12 Wednesday of Holy Week

10am Wild Fortune Quiet Garden – p5
7.30pm Tenebrae Service – St Mary's, Storrington – p9
Gee It's a Wonderful Life (Scout & Guide Gang Show) – p16

Thu 13 MAUNDY THURSDAY

10am Storrington Community Market (instead of Good Friday) – p23
7pm Mary How Bingo – p14
7.30pm Maundy Thursday Eucharist – St Mary's, Storrington – p9
Film / Prayer Night – St Mary's, Thakeham – p4
7.30pm Rotary Film Night – *I, Daniel Blake* – p23

Fri 14 GOOD FRIDAY

9.15am Inter-Church Procession of Witness – p9
10am Good Friday Reflection – St Mary's, Thakeham – p4
12noon Good Friday Reflection – St Mary's, Sullington – p4
12noon Three Hours' Devotion – St Mary's, Storrington – p9

Sat 15 EASTER EVE / HOLY SATURDAY

9.30am Floral Decorating for Easter – St Mary's, Storrington
11am Great Easter Egg Hunt – p17
11am Easter Egg Hunt – p23
7.30pm Easter Vigil Service – St Mary's, Storrington – p9

Sun 16 EASTER DAY – see Church Services – pp 4 & 9

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Mon 17

8am Rotary Club Car Boot Sale – p20
10am FSW Easter Walk – p15

Tue 18

Chemin Neuf – Inner Healing Retreat (to 22 April) – p10
2pm Knit and Stitch Tea – p4

Wed 19

7.30pm Sullington Windmills WI – Meeting – p31

Thu 20

2pm Storrington Conservation Society – Working Party – p20

Fri 21

10am Weird and Wonderful Activity Day – p15
7.30pm Storrington Horticultural Society – Talk – p32

Sat 22

10.30am Storrington Bowling Club Re-Opens – p20
7pm Quiz Night – Mary How Trust – p21

Sun 23 2nd of Easter

Tue 25

7.30pm Mary How Trust Film Society – *The Girl on the Train* – p17

Wed 26

2pm Storrington Flower Club – AGM and Tea – p17
7pm Lancing College Music Students Concert – St Mary's, Storrington – p10

Sat 29

10am Storrington Bowling Club – Open Day – p20

Sun 30 3rd of Easter

10am Storrington Bowling Club – Open Day – p20

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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL DAYS

APRIL 2017

Sat 1 *Frederick Denison Maurice, 1872* – an English theologian, religious author, and prominent Christian Socialist

Tue 4 **THE ANNUNCIATION (Lady Day)**

Sun 9 *Dietrich Bonhoeffer, 1945* – a German Lutheran pastor, theologian, anti-Nazi dissident

Mon 10 **William Law, 1761** – 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.

Tue 11 *George Augustus Selwyn, 1878* – first Anglican Bishop of New Zealand

Sun 16 *Isabella Gilmore, 1923* – oversaw the revival of the Deaconess Order in the Anglican Communion.

Wed 19 *Alphege, 1012* – Archbishop of Canterbury

Fri 21 *Anselm, 1109* – a Benedictine monk, abbot, philosopher and theologian of the Catholic Church, who held the office of Archbishop of Canterbury

Sun 23 **St George, Patron of England, c.304**

Mon 24 *St. Mellitus, 624* – first Bishop of London in the Saxon period

Tue 25 **ST MARK, EVANGELIST** – author of gospel and disciple of Jesus

Thu 27 *Christina Rossetti, 1894* – English poet, wrote the words of *In the Bleak Midwinter*

Sat 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

Sun 30 *Pandita Mary Romabai, 1922* – Indian social reformer, recognised for her contribution to the advancement of Indian women



STORRINGTON CONSERVATION SOCIETY

The speaker at our February meeting was Alan Knoworthy from the Bumblebee Conservation Society. Alan started his fascinating talk by telling us about the different types of bumblebee found in the UK and how a number of the species are so threatened with extinction that they feature in the UK Red Data Book. He then went on to tell us about the short-tailed bumblebee project being undertaken by the Society in the Dungeness area. Following the extinction of this bee, the Society has been working hard with farmers and landowners to sow suitable flower-rich meadows to support new colonies. Once the meadows are well established, volunteers travel to southern Sweden to catch emergent queen bees and bring them back to the UK. Once they arrive here, the bees spend two weeks in quarantine before being released. While in quarantine, Alan has to go out to catch other wild bee species and relieve them of the pollen they are carrying and take it to feed the quarantined bees. This takes many hours to collect and is a real labour of love. This all demonstrates the dedication and hard work put in by the project's volunteers to reintroduce the short tailed bumblebee.

This is an example of how essential voluntary work is for the conservation of valuable and beautiful wildlife. We loose species at our cost. To help all to enjoy local wildlife, our work party on 4 March cleared paths at The Glade. Our next work Saturday is on **1 April** starting at 10am, as usual. We will be clearing banks and the stream at Riverside Walk between Love Lane and Fryern Dell, starting by the bridge in Love Lane. We may not all be bee experts, but most can contribute to conservation, and joining us is just one way. Give it a try! For details of the Thursday work party on **20 April** at 2pm, please refer to our website.

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

Stuart Kersley

**Rotary Club of Storrington
& Pulborough District**

CAR BOOT SALES

STORRINGTON LIBRARY CAR PARK
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17 April * 1 May * 29 May
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STORRINGTON BOWLING CLUB



Do you want to try bowls? It is great fun, easy to learn and you will meet some new friends. Like many games, the object of bowls is essentially simple and 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!

The green re-opens on **22 April**, located behind the cycle shop in Storrington, 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 with a break for a cup of tea. Visitors, especially prospective members, are welcome to come and watch or join on the day.

During the season we have a number of open days to welcome new members. The first four are open mornings, from 10am to 12 noon, on **Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 April**, and **Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 May**. We also have regular open evenings throughout the season, with qualified coaches 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.

Do see our website www.storringtonbc.co.uk or contact any of the following for more details – you don't have to wait for the open days! Jackie Francksen on 415664, David Bain on 742526, or John Rimmer on 744832.

John Rimmer, Chairman

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Launching at The Old School Hall,
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Mobile: 07799 260 621
Email: chalkpaththeatre@gmail.com

STORRINGTON & DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Celebrating its 20th Anniversary with Villerest, France

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

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



Plaque in Storrington village centre



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

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

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



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

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

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

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



The Twinning Ceremony at Storrington First School in May 1997

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Do you have time to spare to become a volunteer driver for St Barnabas House?



Local hospice, St Barnabas House, has a fantastic team of volunteer drivers who provide vital transport for patients, families, carers and the bereaved. The drivers offer a valuable service to patients and family to help relieve the stress of transport to those without their own vehicles, and we are looking for more volunteers to join our friendly team.

The role involves collecting patients and recently bereaved persons from their homes and bringing them to the hospice in order for them to use the services St Barnabas House provides, such as Day Hospice, Outpatient Clinics and Family Service Social Evenings.

Roy has been a volunteer driver for St Barnabas House for over 5 years. He says, "I really enjoy the role and it gives me a great sense of purpose."



Roy Francis

We are looking for car owners with a clean driving licence, who can assist their passengers and provide safe, comfortable driving. There is more information available on the website www.stbh.org.uk/get-involved/volunteering/current-opportunities/drivers.

For an application form or to find out more about becoming a volunteer driver, please contact Voluntary Services on 706315 or volunteers@stbh.org.uk.

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

**Saturday 22 April at 7pm, with eyes-down at 7.45pm
West Chiltington Village Hall**

Local health screening charity, the Mary How Trust for Cancer Prevention, is holding its popular Spring Quiz

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. 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.

Roanne Moore, fundraising manager of the Mary How Trust, says, "We'd love you to join us. It's a great chance to pit your wits against the Inn-Quizzator! Come braced for fun, and help to change people's lives! Thank you for helping to give your community a healthier future."

**Tickets are on sale now from the
Mary How Trust ticket line on
01798 877641**



STORRINGTON & SULLINGTON – REFLECTIONS OF THE PAST

IN THE NEWS 1917

One hundred years ago, the First World War was dragging its blood-soaked way into another terrible year. Storrington families, like those around the country, were counting the sad cost as lists of those lost or missing in the muddy trenches of the Western Front filled news columns and kept telegraph boys busy delivering the dreaded little buff envelopes to people's doors. At the end of the previous year, 2nd Lt Ingram T Golds of 7th E Surrey Regiment, eldest son of Mr Owen T Golds of Cobb Court, Cootham, was reported wounded at the Somme. Studying in Paris in 1914, he had returned home and joined the Artists' Rifles, before being sent to the Front with the 1st Battalion in October, but at the end of that fateful year Capt Ingram Golds of the E Surreys was reported missing. A nephew of Mr Golds, 2nd Lt Frank Golds, also joined the Artists' Rifles and was gazetted 2nd Lt to the 11th Battalion E Surrey Regiment in June. Happier news reported that year was of "... a pretty wedding" at the parish church between Frank H. Cowell ASC and Evelyn Frances, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Owen T Golds of Cobb Court.

A bell-ringer at the church and member of the Storrington Military Band, founded by Mr George Trotter of Gerston (now St Joseph's Hall), married 20-year-old L/Cpl John Daughtrey Royal Sussex Regiment, and his three brothers of Church Street, joined the army. He was killed while out with a working party in recently captured German lines. His captain, writing to L/Cpl Daughtrey's young widow, recalled his efficient and thorough work and that in his first battle his gallantry had earned him a well-deserved military medal.



Daughtrey family

A sad civilian loss was reported in June 1917, when the greatly respected principal of the College in Church Street, Mr WA Fuller, passed away in the Princess Alice Memorial Hospital in Eastbourne from injuries received in a road accident. His motorcycle had collided with a Naval Air Service car at Polegate crossroads. Mr Fuller had been principal at the College for eight years, during which time he had prepared his scholars for the Forces. His previous illustrious career covered journalism for the *Standard* and *Daily Express* in Berlin, special correspondent of the *Morning Post* in Brussels and Rome and assistant editor of the *New York Herald* in Paris.

Returning to teaching in 1906, he became partner with Major Walter Ferrier Austin at the College. By 1911, he was the manager and proprietor and was so highly thought of by headmasters of various



Local sailor from Cootham

public schools that they recommended the College as one of the only few places where parents could safely send their sons, to be well-taught and well-cared for. Two more local casualties of war were reported at the end of that year. Mrs Atfield of School Hill heard that her son, Private Alfred Atfield of the Royal Worcestershire Regiment was severely wounded and in hospital in Rouen. Her eldest son, Private George Atfield RSR, had been admitted to hospital in April suffering from severe wounds.

Private PF Linfield RSR, another member of the Storrington Military Band since its formation, was killed in an air raid in France. He was the youngest son of the late John Linfield. He had been in hospital with a poisoned foot acquired in the trenches and had returned

to his company just two days before the raid. His widow of only a short marriage received a letter from his commanding officer telling her that "... his cheerful presence under adverse circumstances went a long way to making their lives easier and brighter."



Len Lidbetter

Other news on the home front announced that the Thakeham Rural District Council food control committee had accepted Mr HWJ Peterson as executive officer. The Village Hall had become the local food office and volunteers were invited to assist in running it.

Happily, some of the Storrington men who responded to their country's call, returned to their homes after the war. One who distinguished himself was James (Bounder) Parsons, married to a local girl in 1913 and living in Brewer's Yard. They had a baby daughter when her father enlisted in the RSR in November 1914, later transferring to the E Kent Regiment, The Buffs. He served in the Dardanelles where he won the DCM for outstanding bravery in rescuing an Australian officer under fire. Transferred to the Western Front, he was twice wounded and mentioned in Dispatches fighting in Flanders. He became a founder member of Old Storrington Comrades Club, later the British Legion, formed to keep returned servicemen in contact. Bounder Parsons and his wife were able to celebrate their Golden Wedding, living for 42 years in the Cootham council house he had helped to build.



By 1917, Charles Mant, who had joined the Royal Veterinary Corps, was in hospital in Exeter with heart trouble, and in 1919 was discharged from the army, during which time his house, 'Gedding' in Church Street, had been handed to the Red Cross to house Belgian refugees. He bought his first car, a worn-out Ford (as no new ones were available) which cost him 30 shillings, but then he sold it on to Mr Volk, whose father had the famous Brighton Electric Railway, and returned to his first love - horses. He bought a pony, Snowball, to work with his old Joe who had been retired for the duration of the war.



Fire volunteers with hose truck

At this time, the first Fire Brigade was formed with "... some keen men but not much equipment - a hose truck and five or six lengths of hose purchased from the Worthing Fire Brigade, a standpipe, a key for the hydrants and a brass nozzle." They had no uniforms, just flat caps, a belt and axes. A steeple with a bell from Mr Terry's workshop was erected in his field near the Amberley Road to call the men out. This was the acorn from which the fine oak tree, the Storrington Volunteer Fire Brigade grew, to be amalgamated with the National Fire Brigade in WWII.

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

Storrington TENNIS CLUB

**OPEN DAY
SATURDAY 8 APRIL
10am – 5pm**

Storrington Lawn Tennis Club was established in 1938 and is nestled in the idyllic foothills of the South Downs in Greyfriars Lane, Storrington, close to the Monastery. We are a friendly, welcoming and vibrant Club offering superb facilities for all age groups and abilities. We have five all-weather courts, two artificial clay courts, one hard court and a mini court for under 9 year olds. Seven of our courts are floodlit. There is competition to meet all skill levels. We offer county leagues, team and social tennis and our thriving junior section totals over 200 juniors and minis. Nigel and Caroline Matthews, and Emily Quin, our LTA coaches, are available to improve members' skill levels across the whole Club, including 'rusty rackets' for those wanting to get back into the game.

Come to our Open Day on Saturday 8 April and try out our courts with friendly members or with our coach. Either way, you and your family are all welcome to enjoy our facilities free of charge on the day. A very special joining rate is available on the day and throughout the month of April.

**For more information call our membership secretary
Les Wilson on 745384.**

STORRINGTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Spring Show

Saturday 8 April 2pm – 4pm
Storrington Village Hall

Adults 50p
Children free

Showing an array of various colourful plants, handicrafts, cookery and preserves and several children's exhibits.

New Competitors and beginners are especially welcome.

Refreshments, plant stall, tombola and a raffle promises to make an interesting and enjoyable afternoon.

STORRINGTON COMMUNITY MARKET

Village Hall, opposite Stable Antiques

Every Friday in April (7, 21 & 28)
10am to 11.15am except Good Friday
when it will be on Thursday 13 April

Please note that at Easter our Friday market will be on **THURSDAY 13 April** NOT Good Friday

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

All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you especially if you are new to the village.

Please come along and support your local Community Market!



We are always looking for helpers on the stalls and if you feel like joining us and would like more information please give Gilly a ring on 743888.

SANDGATE CONSERVATION SOCIETY

Easter Egg Hunt

On **Saturday 15 April**, between 11am and 12noon, the National Trust, aided and abetted by the Society, will be staging the annual Easter-egg Hunt on Sullington Warren for children up to 10 years old.

This event has been running for many years with great success. There is no cost involved yes, you read that right, it's free!

It should be pointed out at this stage that the Easter eggs are not hidden all over the Warren, otherwise we fear that many pet dogs would have a field day in seeking them out long before any children got anywhere near them!



In fact clues and questions are set in various locations over the warren, all skilfully co-ordinated by Brenda Goodman and other kind volunteers.

Meet on Sullington Warren Green – look out for the tent!

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.



Rotary Film Night

at Sullington Parish Hall
Wednesday 12 April 2017



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

If you need help with transport or more details please contact Ken Collins on 01903 740745.

Rotary Club of Storrington & Pulborough District



STORRINGTON & DISTRICT MUSEUM

The exhibition 'Suffragists – the Quiet Campaigners' closed on 19 March, and now you can view 'Quirky Collections 2' until Sunday 11 June. One set of artefacts on show is from the Museum's own collection. We have no idea what these objects are, or what they might have been used for, but we are hoping that visitors will enlighten us!

The monthly talk on **Monday 3 April** has been changed and the speaker now will be Michael Pratt on 'Arun Valley Postcard', starting promptly at 7.30pm. Tickets are £4 to include coffee and biscuits. Everyone is welcome.

Frances Stenlake's talk in February was 'Campaigning for Women's Suffrage in the Worthing Area', which had been arranged to complement the Suffragist Exhibition. In the second half of the nineteenth century, the movement for women's universal suffrage, or right to vote, had grown. In 1869, single women ratepayers gained the right to vote in local government elections. In 1865 however, John Stuart Mill's attempt to give women the right to vote in Parliamentary elections was massively defeated, and from that date many societies for women's suffrage sprang up, from political parties, from churches, and from non-political, non-religious organisations all over Britain.

Henry Fawcett, MP for Brighton, whose wife was the sister of Elizabeth Garrett Anderson, the first woman doctor, supported the movement, and so did David Lloyd George. In the early days, the women campaigners stayed within the law. In 1897, seventeen of these societies united and became the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies (NUWSS). Then, when interest slackened, some adopted more militant tactics, so that by 1916 many quiet suffragists had become belligerent suffragettes and the Women's Social and Political Union (WSPU) was formed by the suffragette groups. Worthing had its share of both NUWSS and WSPU members.

One of the leaders in Worthing was Miss Ellen Chapman. She was supported by the *Worthing Gazette* and must have been a forceful character. She was anti-militant, but a good organiser. In 1910, she became the first female Worthing Town Councillor and, later, Worthing's first female Mayor. Her offices were at 31 Warwick Street, and from there advertisements were placed on buses and in prominent places, courses in public speaking were organised and lectures given on subjects such as 'The White Slave Traffic' and 'Children's Legal Rights'. Her group ran a summer fete, rummage sales, and 'Teas for Working Women'.

Meanwhile, WSPU was being militant. One of its efforts was the posting of 80 envelopes from the Post Office in Chapel Road to Mr Asquith MP, which contained oil and ink.

Edith Zangwill joined WSPU in 1907 and was one of the organisers of an event, which Mrs Pankhurst was due to attend, at the Kursaal, now Worthing's Dome. However, Mrs Pankhurst had been arrested for an arson attack on Lloyd George's home and was in prison. The crowds were hostile and the *Worthing Gazette* reported "Remarkable scenes at the Kursaal". WSPU banners were torn down, there was jeering and hooting. 'General' Flora Drummond, another WSPU leader was present, and when the meeting closed she and the other leaders faced a rioting mob who threw eggs and tried to duck them in a horse trough.

It was in connection with this meeting that Francis Stenlake had found the only mention of Storrington in all her researches. The *Worthing Gazette* had accused boys from Storrington Army College of behaving in an unruly manner at this meeting. Mr Williams, the Principal, refuted this accusation and went on to say that a football team from Storrington had doubtless been responsible!

Worthing Women's Franchise Society, which was organised by Alys Russell, the philosopher Bertrand Russell's first wife, held meetings which were also social occasions, with light entertainment, piano

playing, and singing. Alys herself tried working in a factory so that she could fully understand the conditions, but lasted only four days.

Emily Davison, whose death in 1913, after disrupting the Epsom Derby, called "the biggest show so far", taught in Worthing and spoke for the advancement of women's suffrage at many meetings in the town.

In June 1913, women from Worthing joined the non-party, non-militant 'Women's Pilgrimage' and walked to London to meet groups from all over England, calling for a policy of peaceful persuasion.

In Rustington, there was a group called 'The Church and Conservative Franchise League' led by a Miss Umlin. The outspoken Rector of Heane supported Mrs Pankhurst. The Men's League for Women's Suffrage started up in 1914. Sir Hubert Parry became involved and his musical setting of William Blake's *Jerusalem* became the anthem of the suffrage movement until 1928, when the movement disbanded, its work done, and its copyright passed to the Women's Institute.

In 1914, with the onset of war, both groups gave up their offices for the war effort and stopped campaigning until 1918, when women of 30 and over with property qualifications or a university degree were allowed to vote, while men could vote at 21 without any qualifications. Women achieved full voting rights in 1928.

Frances Stenlake illustrated her talk with many photos of people from around Worthing, and showed that it was not just the Pankhursts and Emily Davison who fought for women's rights, but many more people were equally committed throughout the whole country.

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WEST CHILTINGTON AND STORRINGTON MOTHERS' UNION

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On Monday 27 February, 11 of our members gathered at noon at West Chiltington Church for our Wave of Prayer Service. This gave us an opportunity to learn about and pray for our Link Dioceses, Mundri in South Sudan, suffering greatly from the inter-tribal conflict and starvation, Isikuato in Nigeria, Seoul in South Korea, Madi and West Nile in Uganda, and to hear about MU's work in Chichester Diocese. Mr Tony Hancock very kindly played the organ and afterwards we enjoyed fellowship over refreshments.

Before our meeting on 2 March, we had already provided and served the Lent Lunch at West Chiltington Church Hall, and were delighted Michael Bull stayed on for the meeting. The service part was ably led by Mrs Joy Dunk, and then our member, Mrs Andrea Carlson-Hedges, with her husband Ian, gave an excellent presentation on the work of First Responders, called CHART in West Chiltington and START in Storrington.

They brought along a dummy head and torso on which Ian demonstrated CPR, his success being signified when veins and brain lit up to show blood flow had reached them. Ian also allowed himself to be put in the recovery position by Andrea, a remarkably easy technique which even a young child could manage.

They imparted a lot of helpful information, like the fact that there are defibrillators in telephone boxes and the Village Hall. These come with voiced full instructions on how to use them, and only continue with instructions when each task has been performed correctly. Some amusement was caused when the training defibrillator, which was somewhat well-used, refused to move on to the next instruction even though Ian had done everything correctly. Andrea and Ian were Responders for 10 years and now do training sessions and visit primary schools, as well as being on the Committee.

New equipment costing £8,000 is needed for the teams in the village and so donations or fundraising events would be most welcome.

We would very much like to welcome the wider public and clergy to our Spring Members' Meeting on **Saturday 13 May**, at Bishop Hannington Memorial Church in Hove. There will be two performances by The Saltmine Theatre Company of *Chosen*, the story of Mary Sumner and the founding of MU. The performances will be at 10.30am and 2.30pm, lasting one hour. There is no charge for entry but donations are requested. There will also be a display about MU's projects in Chichester Diocese, a cake stall, bring-and-buy, and MU merchandise on sale.

MU is holding a Family Fun Day at Amberley Museum & Heritage Centre on **Saturday 8 July**, which is open to all. There is a concessionary rate for tickets if purchased through MU; children £5, adults £7. To book tickets please contact Jean Hunt on 01798 813681 before 30 April, if possible. Bring all your friends and family; as well as the Museum's attractions, various activities will be organised by MU for children.

On **6 April** we shall be delighted to welcome our Diocesan President, Mrs Kathryn Anderson, to our meeting. Kathryn will tell us about her experiences at The Patron's Lunch in The Mall last June, which celebrated the Queen's 90th birthday. Do come along to West Chiltington Church Hall at 2pm and enjoy this afternoon, even if you are a non-member.

Further information about any of the above can be obtained from Jean Hunt on 01798 813681.

Jean Hunt



THAKEHAM GARDENERS' CLUB

At our first meeting of 2017, Peter Lovatt introduced us to the Wild Orchids of Sussex and Kent of which there are some 60 species. Peter showed us slides and talked on about 25 of these.

Britain's native orchids are less glamorous than the tropical counterparts but, when studied closely, just as beautiful. They are monocotyledons, meaning a single leaf emerges from the seed which is extremely light and can be carried for miles on the wind. The pollen cannot float and needs bees or moths to transfer it. Some orchids, such as the Fragrant or Butterfly orchids, store nectar in the spur to attract insects, whilst others secrete pheromones to attract the males. A few of the helleborines self-pollinate. Different



Burnt orchid

species take between 3 and 15 years to mature. Fully grown, they have a tuberous corm, are perennial, dying away completely in winter, and in early life all rely on mycorrhizal fungus for nutrients. All are made up of three sepals and three petals, and flower mainly from early May into July, although the

Ghost orchid and Autumn Ladies Tresses are much later.

Peter mentioned several local sites where orchids can be seen as our South Downs makes excellent habitats. Several sites have been lost over the years but the species are capable of colonising extensively, especially in recently planted beech woods. Our chairman, Bruce, thanked Peter for his beautifully illustrated talk.



Bee orchid

Our next meeting on **10 April** sees the welcome return of Wendy Bates who will be telling us about Alpines. Our April competition is a small branch of early flowering shrub.

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

Sandra Jenkins

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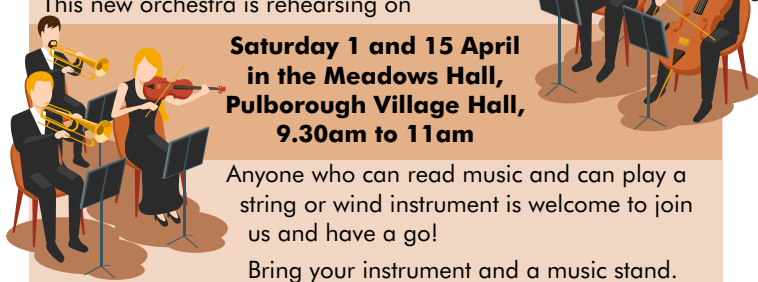
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Saturday 1 and 15 April
in the Meadows Hall,
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Bring your instrument and a music stand.

For more details contact Ros: 01798 875804
email: downlandensemble@gmail.com



STORRINGTON AND DISTRICT PROBUS



Just as the crocuses, daffodils and snowdrops begin to show themselves, so activities for our Club members start to get underway in the new year.

We have already had two excellent carvery lunches at the Tollgate, organised by Tony Girard and presided over by Club President, Mike Grizaard. Andrew Boulbee organised two enthusiastic speakers. The first was Gail Kittle from Sullington Manor Farm next to Sullington Church, where she has worked for almost 25 years with her husband, running a beef and arable farm and some holiday cottages. Sullington, she explained, is a Saxon word meaning 'muddy place' and the Church has buildings dating back 1000 years. The farm can still be very muddy in winter!

Our next speaker was Simon Woodhead, the main owner of The Stopham Vineyard. Simon explained that the vineyard is concentrating on only making two types of white wine due to the type of soil, and these wines can be purchased from many local shops, including Waitrose in Storrington. Simon talked about the investment in capital equipment, such as tanks and pressing machinery, which has meant that, since starting nearly 12 years ago, they are just breaking even with the volume produced. Simon made the point that the vagaries of the British summer can make it either a very good year or a bad year for the wine.

A coffee morning organised by Don Cleary at The Chequers Hotel could have been a disaster. A tree had come down on the A29 closing the road in Pulborough with long delays on the A283. However, The Chequers Hotel called Don early in the morning and Don and John Wilkinson set about calling the members to advise them of the route to follow. In the end, the coffee morning was well-attended and gave everyone a topic of conversation. Thanks to The Chequers for the early warning!

The Club was invited by members of the Chanctonbury Proboscis to take part in a ten pin bowling tournament. Cliff Palmer led the Storrington teams to challenge Chanctonbury, and their organiser, John Gilbert, despite a recent hip replacement, joined the Storrington teams, which won the competition. Everyone then retired to The Windmill Inn for a pub lunch which completed a very enjoyable day. We look forward to a return match of skittles later in the year.

The year is already filling up with future activities. A shuffleboard and supper evening in a couple weeks, will be followed by a coffee morning at The Whitehorse Pub, Pulborough, and then a visit to Greyhound Racing at Brighton and Hove Stadium. A trip to the Tangmere Military Aviation Museum and Southdowns Planetarium is being put together, followed later in the year by a holiday trip to Delft in The Netherlands. Lots to look forward to as Spring arrives!!!

Peter Kerns 01798 815746

STORRINGTON FLOWER CLUB



Wendy Cliffe opened the meeting, sharing a welcome to all members and guests. Wendy reminded the meeting of the following forthcoming events:

Members Day Lunch in a Box on **Monday 5 June** with Arnaud Metaire, entitled 'Serendipity'; some tickets have been applied for but additional applications can be made.

The Sussex Kidney Trust, which is the personal charity of Sussex area NAFAS; the Trust has raised over £1 million for Sussex hospitals and will be celebrating with a demonstration at Henfield Hall on **Saturday 5 August at 2pm**. Tickets available.

Advance warning of a Floral Exhibition at The Weald and Downland Museum at Singleton in **October**.

The demonstrator in February was Sue Flight, whose demonstration was entitled 'The Master and I'. This theme related to a year when she and her husband were Master and Mistress of the London Livery Guilds. This experience was the theme of her talk, and the visits to the various Liveries' headquarters was the stimulus for the arrangements. She began with a parallel design based on a spring garden; the rectangular container had large glossy leaves at the base (Bergenia) Ivy, and Bay leaves. The flowers were Iris, Tulips, and Paper-whites.



The Weavers Livery was depicted in a metal basket fan-shaped container and consisted of two-tone pink-white Roses, pale pink Roses and large pink Carnations. The greenery was Fastia, Pussy Willow and sprigs of the Birch tree. A large urn was the container for an arrangement of White Flux, Delphiniums, and yellow Tulips. Pussy Willow and Fatsia completed the circular shape.

The Gardener's Livery was depicted in a basket trimmed with the bark of the Silver Birch. The greenery was Pittosporum and Privet, the flowers small Sunflowers. A simple, effective display was in a flower bucket. The flowers were white Stocks, pink Carnations and white Anemones. The greenery was variegated Laurel, Spruce, Pittosporum and Fatsia.



Sue commented on the member's arrangements for their monthly competition. This month the title was 'Parallel'. The winning design had a horizontal arrangement of greenery and red Tulips and vertical parallel lines of yellow and red Roses.

Vote of thanks and refreshments followed, ending an enjoyable afternoon.

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

Susanne Carter



St Barnabas House Hospice Outreach Project

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

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

Wednesday 5 April and 3 May – 10am to 2pm

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



WI NEWS

SULLINGTON WINDMILLS

The February meeting was opened by the President, who welcomed members and one new member, and said it was a pleasure to have the President of West Chiltington WI and the Vice President of Pulborough Meadows WI, join us for the evening. The President then thanked members for bringing their Teddy Bears to the meeting; there were so many different shapes and sizes, both old and new, and some with fascinating stories if only they could have spoken.

Ada Ball was presented with her prize for the most points awarded for items exhibited during 2016. Following the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports, Jenny Waterhouse spoke about the walking group, Ada Ball gave information about the weekly craft group and Marita Watteau spoke to members about the monthly science group. During the evening a bring and buy stall was held to help boost the Institute's funds. All these interests help to emphasise there is a lot more to the WI than the old idea of 'Jam and Jerusalem'.

The speaker for the evening, Yvonne Price, was introduced, Chairman of West Sussex Federation of the WI, her talk 'Under the Microscope, a brief look at Pathology'. With the help of some interesting slides, members were informed that Pathology was not just about forensics, and is actually divided into four sections: Clinical Chemistry, Haematology, Microbiology and Cellular Pathology. Each section has its own part to play in detecting and solving the problems with each sample or specimen that has been submitted to the laboratory. The vote of thanks for this interesting talk was given by Maureen Sherwood.

Following refreshments, members had time to meet up with friends, after which the raffle took place. Members then enjoyed a quiz about bears which had been organised by the President. The meeting was closed and members left the hall to the strains of *Teddy Bears Picnic*, sung by the one and only Bing Crosby.

The next meeting will take place on **Wednesday 19 April**, when the speaker will be Roger Overton-Smith, his talk entitled 'The school and founder of Lancing Chapel'. We meet at Sullington Parish Hall on 3rd Wednesday of each month (2nd Wednesday in December) at 7.30pm. New members and visitors can be assured of a warm welcome. Should you require further information please phone Pat on 01798 817389.

Pat Snape



SOUTH DOWNS' PROBUS



The speaker at our February Luncheon Meeting, Mark Perry Nash, is well-known locally for his talks on a wide range of subjects. These are always well-researched and of great interest. His subject Operation Sealion detailed Nazi Germany's plans following the retreat of the British Expeditionary Force from Dunkirk, for the invasion of Britain.

In the spring of 1940 the Nazis appeared invincible. France had surrendered, as had Belgium, the Netherlands and Norway. The British Foreign Minister, Lord Halifax, also favoured negotiations for a truce and was supported by a number of leading figures in this country who were beguiled by Hitler's plans for a 'United Europe'. Only Winston Churchill, 'a blustering drunkard', stood in his way. Operation Sealion, the Nazi plans for invasion, revealed after the war, were prepared in chilling detail.

Himmler would be in overall command, Goring the air force and Admiral Doenitz the Navy, and 60,000 troops landed by sea would follow paratroopers, dropped in overwhelming numbers, to secure a bridgehead. Invasion would be on the coast between Rottingdean and Hythe in Kent. Heavy artillery on both sides of the coast, the laying of mines in the channel and submarine activity would nullify the defence of the Royal Navy. British airfields would be heavily bombed and the Luftwaffe, greatly outnumbering the RAF, was confident of success.

The invading army would circle London and occupy England as far north as Northampton, and a second phase of the invasion would land on the Dorset coast and move westwards.

The headquarters of the British 'puppet government' headed by a high profile figurehead known to be a Nazi sympathiser, was to be set up in Blenheim Palace, Winston Churchill's ancestral home, as a direct snub to him. The Jewish population, estimated at 300,000, other known dissidents including Catholic and other priests, would be held in British prisons before deportation to German concentration camps.

Some doubts had been expressed by the German Naval and Airforce heads, but it was the triumph of the Battle of Britain that was the final nemesis of Operation Sealion. Hitler then turned to the heavy bombing of our cities and declaration of war against Russia, expected to be over in three months. Stage by stage and once the USA came into the war, Hitler's all conquering dream was over, but by what a narrow margin!

"What was the morale of the country during this time?" our speaker asked. A number of our Probus members remember well the years of the second world war. My own clear memory is of how the whole nation tuned into the radio to Winston Churchill's 'Broadcasts to the Nation' and how, young and old alike, were inspired by his words of resolve, "We shall never surrender".

An excellent talk, much enjoyed. Thank you Mark.

Derek Down

*Sandgate
Singers*

EASTER CONCERT

Friday 7 April at 7.30pm

Our Lady of England Priory Church, Storrington

Nelson Mass (Haydn), Zadok the Priest (Handel),
Ave Verum (Mozart) with soloists and orchestra
directed by Peter Allwood

TICKETS £12

Available from the Card Shop,
Storrington or phone 746425



STORRINGTON ON SHOW IS GETTING THERE!

There are many benefits to belonging to 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.

However, many local voluntary groups are finding it increasingly hard to find new recruits to maintain their activities, be they social, environmental or of a service nature.

The Community Partnership in Storrington has therefore decided to mount a show in May 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.

The invitations that went out a few weeks ago have now been converted into 18 confirmed exhibitors at the show at the Ravenscroft Guide and Community Hall on **20 May!**

The organisers have been asking some of the voluntary groups to ask their members what they gain from being a part of their activities, and their members are always keen to make the voices heard.

West Sussex Learning Links, one of the groups exhibiting, supports adults who have learning disabilities (students) and also community volunteers (buddies) throughout West Sussex. The project, which aims to promote equality, understanding and, ultimately, acceptance of people who have learning disabilities in the community, is always innovative and has been financially supported during its 20 years by a number of grant-giving trusts and foundations.

Their students have and always will remain central to the work undertaken by the charity and they are involved with all aspects of its management and development.

They believe that the people who access their service should be given appropriate support to ensure that their choices and rights are respected and acted upon.

One student said;

"I am a wheelchair user and am not able to do anything or go anywhere without support or a WSLL buddy. WSLL enables me to do many things which I could not do otherwise – get out and about and enjoy life."

Another commented;

"WSLL has helped me a lot because my family have other commitments and can't always look after me socially. So Learning Links help me to meet new people and experience things I would not do by myself."

One of their helpers, or buddies D.P. said;

"I find volunteering with West Sussex Learning Links a very rewarding experience and I feel that in my small way I'm helping to make a difference for the students. These students I find are a very happy, friendly group of people and I'm very proud to be involved with them. The staff are great too."

D.A., a parent/carer told us;

"The service provided by Learning Links is invaluable. It enables my daughter to build a close friendship with someone who is neither a paid carer nor relative. This is very important to her psychological well-being and mental health. The service enables her to access leisure pursuits in the local community and to meet a diversity of people. Social activities are combined with small, specialised workshops in life skills, such as health and safety and money management; all vital in maintaining her quality of life."

West Sussex Learning Links will be on hand at the Storrington On Show event to explain how all this is achieved, and to welcome any new members who may wish to join their ranks.

Come and visit this first event of its kind on **Saturday 20 May**, 10am until 2pm, at the Ravenscroft Guide and Community Hall, Browns Lane, Storrington. There will be refreshments available, and so much to see!

REPORTER'S SURGERIES COMING TO STORRINGTON

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

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

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

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

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

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



STORRINGTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The February meeting was very well attended for the illustrated talk entitled 'The Modern Kitchen Garden' given by Barry Newman, a local Sussex man, a respected RHS judge and also occasional judge at our own shows.

In the talk based on his own allotment and garden, he explained how he had designed it to suit his needs as he was growing older, without sacrificing quality and quantity of the crops he harvested.

He urged the audience to take a look round their own gardens and gave many tips and advice on ways to keep up productivity without making 'gardening a chore', such as raised beds, size, construction, pathways throughout the garden/allotment and suitable materials to use.

Altogether, a very interesting talk and a speaker who was a pleasure to listen to, even if you didn't have a garden, as many of his tips could be applied to small areas such as balconies etc.

On **21 April** Rowenna Baker from Brighton University is giving an illustrated talk on Water Voles.

All details can be found on the website www.storrington.org.uk

Sheila Parvis



Annual General Meeting – The Roundabout Hotel

The Fryern Ladies' Probus celebrated their third successful year with an excellent lunch, relevant Committee business and an extremely annoying quiz.



The outgoing President, Maureen Girard, summed up the year by reminding us of the excellent range of speakers we had enjoyed, starting with Joe Lyons from Air Ambulance and finishing with an account of the responsibilities of The Lord Lieutenant of West Sussex by John Williams MBE DL. Other topics covered West Sussex Mediation Services, the work of our Sussex Police Crime Commissioner, The History of Sussex Inn Signs, Dementia, Parham House, Child Education, Conjuring Tricks and The Dame Vera Trust – a wide and informative range indeed. She went on to congratulate her hardworking and supportive Committee and reported that membership numbers had increased, from an initial number of 40, to 50 with a healthy waiting list in the wings. No doubt once The Roundabout Hotel has finished its proposed dining room expansion, numbers may be increased at a later date. The spirit of friendliness and sister hood, were also mentioned, and we have made a conscious effort to socially embrace all members by having open colour coordinated seating arrangements to avoid any cliques developing – we are ALL friends, firmly established and maximise on our friendliness.

Our Secretary, Maureen Grizaard, and Treasurer, Joan Richardson, also gave their reports and will continue in these roles for a second year. All members' financial contributions will remain the same and we have a happy auditor in Muriel Astley. Marie Titchener and Russ Fry, who were standing down, were both thanked for their valuable contributions and all ladies received suitable tributes.

Next, the Chain of Office, getting heavier by the year, was handed over to the new President, Anne Ford-Robertson, who took over the meeting from Maureen Girard. Liz Allen-Williams was voted in as her Vice President but will also continue with her excellent work as Social Secretary. Two new members, Jo Gatley and Zena Hiscoke, were welcomed onto the Committee and a new post of Membership Secretary was agreed. All other members were thanked for their contributing roles and then, after the raffle, came the dreaded quiz.



New President (right) Anne Ford Robertson and Vice President Liz Allen Williams

The quiz, like most quizzes, was guaranteed to baffle, embarrass, confuse and overly annoy most of the participants. This was not to be the exception as the top score was 9 out of 20 and the answers expected in threes, so if you managed to get only two correct then you didn't score at all! Since it was an achievement to get two words correct, this really didn't really help one's self esteem but, being ladies of a certain age, we did our best and sighed when we heard the correct answers (as we'd really known them all along). Incidentally, did you know how many sides a threepenny-bit had immediately prior to decimalization? Or what is the 3rd Christian name of the 3rd in line to the throne and who succeeded Henry 3rd?

Our next meeting is on **6 April**, and we shall look forward to James Burn's talk on Help for Heroes.

Russ Fry

Eagle owl



Barn owl



OWLS ABOUT TOWN

On Wednesday 22 February, a large audience of the Sandgate Conservation Society and friends were treated to an amazing presentation in Sullington Parish Hall featuring owls.

This was definitely a 'hands-on' affair where the owls were able to be held by members of the audience. The star of the show was a large eagle owl who displayed her flying abilities by 'winging' it around the hall; just stunning!



STORRINGTON DECORATIVE AND FINE ARTS SOCIETY

On Wednesday 1 March, Nicholas Reed spoke about War Artists, Spies and the Art of Deception. The talk began by describing some of the works by Paul Nash and Eric Ravilious, two official war artists. Another artist, who is rarely mentioned, was Tomas Harris, a Spaniard who worked as a Case Officer for Garbo, the double-agent who invented no less than 26 fictitious agents. Harris was a West End art dealer and an accomplished artist in his own right. Evelyn Dunbar, another official war artist, painted vivid pictures of wartime life on the home front. As one can imagine, this was a fascinating lecture.

NEXT LECTURE

The next lecture will be on **Wednesday 5 April**. It will be given by Rosamund Bartlett and she will talk about the Story of Russian Art.

The lecture will commence at 2.30pm and end at 3.30pm. It will take place at West Chilmington Village Hall, RH20 2PZ. Attendance is free for members. Guests are welcome for a small donation of £5.

VISIT

A visit to Romney Marshes, renowned for their natural beauty, diverse wildlife and the 15-inch gauge miniature railway. We will stop for a pub lunch and visit three of the fourteen historic churches.

For further information on this visit please phone Paul Fisher, Visits Secretary, on 744642.

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

Val Considine



WEST CHILTINGTON DRAMATIC SOCIETY

At our February Members' Evening, on 18 February, the world premiere of the play *Once Bittern*, written and directed by Jean Trew, was enjoyed by a full house of members and guests. It was a comedy based on interaction between members of a bird watching group and it won the Chairman's Challenge in 2015. This was Jean's first directing role in West Chilton and we are looking forward to more of her work in the future. The evening also included an interactive bird-based quiz, a fish and chip supper and a raffle.

The AGM was held on Monday 27 February. Geoffrey Steward was welcomed as the new Vice Chairman, the Committee was re-elected, the Chairman and the Treasurer gave reports of the events of 2016 and it concluded with an informal drinks and nibbles. Hermin Daley was made the Society's first President; an honorary position to reflect her 60 years as a member.

Rehearsals started in February for our 2017 summer play *Party Piece* by Richard Harris and directed by Miq Kelland, to be performed on **25, 26 and 27 May**. This is a fast-paced and very funny play set in the back gardens of feuding neighbours. All tickets are £9 so book early to get your choice of the best seats. The box offices open on 13 April from Nisa, West Chilton Post Office and Storrington Card Shop.

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

This year, our August Members' Evening is at 7pm for 7.30pm on **Saturday 19 August**. It will include the world premiere of a new play by Edwin Preece. More information will be given next month.

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

Our future plans include an Old Time Music Hall. If you are interested please contact John Rimmer on 744832 or chairman@WCDS.co.uk.

John Rimmer, Chairman

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