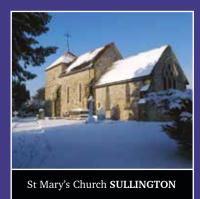
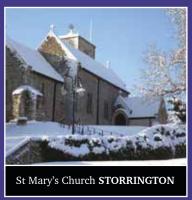
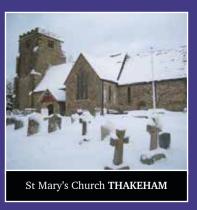


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SULLINGTON AND THAKEHAM WITH WARMINGHURST

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Information about study and prayer groups, and requests for baptisms, weddings and home communions, for Storrington contact Revd Kathryn Windslow and for Sullington and Thakeham contact Churchwardens – details on pages 4 & 5.

All telephone numbers are 01903 unless otherwise stated.



Hello!

Let me introduce myself! My name is Revd Sara-Jane Stevens and I am the new Priest-in-Charge at Sullington & Thakeham with Warminghurst parishes. I was licensed at St Mary's Church, Thakeham, by Bishop Mark of Horsham on Thursday 8 November. What a wonderful evening it was: A full church, two very happy communities and a lovely reception to follow. Many thanks to all who worked so hard to make it such a special evening.

I am looking forward to getting to know my new home over the next few months. If you have a group or business you would like me to visit to introduce myself, please contact me. We are very fortunate to live in a beautiful part of the country, and I am thrilled to discover that it is filled with some really friendly people too. Please continue to stop me and introduce yourself if you see me around. If you live within Sullington or Thakeham parishes you will hear from me in the coming months.

As we journey through Advent towards Christmas we are all reminded to prepare for another new arrival, a special Great Gift, and I don't just mean that much-wanted parcel under the tree! Jesus, born in Bethlehem over 2000 years ago is God in the flesh; come to the earth to live as one of us.

It still amazes me to consider that God's love for us is so great, that God would give up the luxury of heaven to become a human, to live with us and die for us. What a Great Gift indeed! There are various carol, donkey and nativity services in the local area over the next few weeks (see this award-winning magazine for details); do come along and celebrate Christmas together.

What great gift are you hoping for this Christmas? Some folk are just hoping for companionship and a friendly face. You can help; you can be a great gift. Why don't we each leave the comfort of our seasonal routine and spend time with our neighbours? If we visit those who are unwell or frail and give company to those who are lonely or frightened, we will spread untold joy. A happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year to you all, and to those you love.

SARA-JANE STEVENS Priest-in-Charge of Sullington and Thakeham with Warminghurst

Wishing Sara-Jane a very warm welcome and every happiness in her new position. May God's blessings be upon her and her husband, Bob.





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What's happening at

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

St Mary's Thakeham

www.thakehamchurch.com

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PASTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THAKEHAM: Please contact Revd Sara-Jane Stevens on 01798 813121 to make arrangements for Baptisms, Weddings and Banns of Marriage. She can be contacted at Thakeham Rectory throughout the week. Her day off is Friday.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, THAKEHAM WITH WARMINGHURST OUR CHRISTMAS WORSHI

SUNDAY 18 DECEMBER

6pm Carol Service by candlelight with mince pies and mulled wine

SATURDAY 22 DECEMBER

10am – 3pm Christmas Reflection Church open for reflection and prayer – just pop in

CHRISTMAS EVE

4pm "Journey to Bethlehem" (children's service) The Church will be open from 3.15pm. No tickets will be issued but, for safety reasons, as soon as the Church is full to capacity (275 people) no others will be admitted.

11.30pm Midnight Communion

CHRISTMAS DAY

9.30am Christmas Day Celebration

Thakeham Church A FIRST TASTE OF CHRISTMAS

Saturday | December | 11.30am - 2pm

Thakeham Village Hall

Come and enjoy the delicious food, sweet and savoury, available on the day

This popular Christmas event will include: Bumper Christmas Raffle · Children's Tombola Christmas Goodies • to name just a few

Everyone welcome to join us in this first taste of Christmas.

HAROLD'S Support FAMILY SUPPORT WORK CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Get your thinkina caps on!

The Quiz Sheets for this year's Christmas Quiz in aid of Family Support Work will be available in Thakeham, Sullington and Storrington Churches in early December. Your support will be very much appreciated. £1 per quiz sheet.

Thakeham & Sullington Church Youth Groups

Come and join one of our fortnightly Friday evening youth groups

MILESTONES is aimed at children in years 7 and 8 of secondary school, and consists of games, crafts and discussions about moral issues, with a healthy sprinkling of 'God Stuff'. It runs from 6pm to 7.1 5pm in the Church Rooms at Thakeham.

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

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

Knit and Stitch Tea on Tuesday

Thakeham Church Rooms 11 December between 2pm and 4pm All welcome. Enquiries to Wynn Lednor - 743025

MEN'S BREAKFAST

8 December at 8.30am Thakeham Village Hall

Come and enjoy a cooked breakfast, an inspirational speaker and good company! If you would like to come, please book your place by ringing Derek or Lis on 01798 813012.



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

Open 12 December from 10am to 12.30pm

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



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

What's happening at



St Mary's Sulling

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Organist

Beryl Hardie (892349)

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Anne Owen (743973)

Church Fabric Officer

Douglas Parkes (743106)

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Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in us

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

Tea with the Vicar

20 December 3pm till 5pm Sue, Grahame and Gail Kittle **Sullington Manor Farm**





30th January 2019 10:00 - 14:30

Chicago Bridge Drive

In aid of Family Support Work

The Old School, Storrington



RH204LL



£50 a table including lunch

and refreshments

Prizes to be won!

For more details contact:

Susie Fischel: 01403 713 394

Gail Kittle: 01903 745 754

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, SULLINGTON

A shepherds' church at the foot of the Downs at the end of Sullington Lane

OUR CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

SUNDAY 16 DECEMBER

3pm Carol Service with mince pies and mulled wine

CHRISTMAS EVE

11.30pm Midnight Communion

CHRISTMAS DAY

11.00am Christmas Day Celebration

CHURCH CHOIR

Interested in singing?

We would love to increase the members of our very friendly Church Choir.

For details please contact Beryl Hardie 892349.



ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS RAFA CHAPEL SUSSEXDOWN

Communion with the residents 20 December at 11.30am

BCP Holy Communion in the Chapel at Sussexdown Please do come and join us. Visitors are welcome. For more details phone Kay Channon on 892461



What's happening at

St Mary's Storrington

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

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PCC Secretary

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

Captain of Bellringers

John Taylor (745477)

Pastoral Scheme

Barbara Buchanan (741916)

Recorder

Rob and Alison Wall (743713)

Readers and Sidesmen Vera Blake (743974)

Electoral Roll Officer

Director of Music Stephen Bloxham

Assistant Organists

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Footsteps (Sunday School): Jackie Lee (743661)

Church Flowers

Anna Forster (745392)

Child Protection Officer Jackie Lee (743661)

Bible Reading Fellowship

Amanda Hislop (743700)

Bible Society

Jean Hunt (01798 813681)

Christian Aid Co-ordinator Anna Forster (745392)

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Church Services see page 18.

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

Choir: Fridays, 6.40pm - 7.45pm. Anyone interested in joining the

choir please contact the Revd Jacquie Peal - 743083.

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

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

Church Cleaning: Jeannie Watten (742542)

Church & Churchyard Maintenance: Ray Hunt (01798 813681)

Mothers' Union: Jean Hunt (01798 813681)

Bible Study / Home Groups: The Tuesday Home Group is at 23 Orchard Gardens from 5pm. The group will reconvene in the new year. Contact Chrystalle on 744269.

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

STORRINGTON REGISTERS

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

21 Oct Charlotte Grace Martin (daughter of Elizabeth and Alex)

Jacob Arlo Mills (son of Jo and Lee)

Henry William Grant (son of Rebecca and Chris)

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

10 Oct Alan Norman (96 years)

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICE

ADVENT SERVICE ~ On **Sunday, 2 December** at 6pm. A service of music and readings for advent which helps us look forward to the birth of the Christchild. This service gives us an opportunity to hear various readings and enjoy singing traditional Advent hymns.

CHILDREN'S GIFT SERVICE ~ At the 10am Family Service on Sunday, 2 December children (and adults if they wish) are invited to bring up a modest gift for needy children which will be distributed through the Salvation Army. A simple, durable and inexpensive toy or book would be much appreciated. Please wrap gifts using ribbon or string rather than sellotape. A label stating contents and suitable age-range would help the Salvation Army staff to give the presents to appropriate children. Anna Forster (745392)

SCOUTS CAROL SERVICE ~ will be held in Storrington Parish Church on Sunday, 9 December, at 3pm.

CAROL SERVICE The main Parish Carol Service will be held on **Sunday, 16 December, at 6pm** with full choir. Part of the service is in candlelight. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served afterwards in the Old School.

CAROLS IN THE SQUARE ~ (opposite the White Horse Inn), arranged by Chanctonbury Lions and the Storrington Churches, will be on Thursday, 20 December, at 6.30pm.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE AND NATIVITY PRESENTATION ~ This special Family Service takes place on Christmas Eve at **4pm.** A collection is taken for the Children's Society.

MIDNIGHT MASS ~ is celebrated at 11.30pm on Christmas **Eve.** Part of the service takes place by candlelight.

CHRISTMAS DAY ~ The main service will be Christmas Family Communion with Carols at 10am. There will be a Holy Communion service at 8am. No evening service on Christmas Day.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS ~ Collections will be taken at Midnight Mass and on Christmas Day in aid of "Turning Tides" (the new name for the Worthing Churches Homeless Project) and Church funds.

We invite extra singers who would like to join Storrington Church Choir for the Carol Service and other Christmas services to come to the Christmas section of the choir practices on Fridays at 7pm; regular Choir please arrive at 6.40pm to practice for the forthcoming Sunday.



EVELYN HENDRIE

19 April 1935 - 13 June 2018

Evelyn Anne Butcher was born and brought up in the village of Snodland, Kent, where her father was organist and choirmaster of Christ Church. The family owned a grocery shop and lived in the flat above. Evelyn's brother, Ken Butcher, eventually moved to the United States; much later he came to stay for a few months near his sister in Storrington to act as temporary organist and choirmaster at St Mary's Church, Storrington, with his wife Barbara and sister Evelyn singing in the Choir. Ken set a very high standard and introduced some striking new anthems, which were much appreciated.

Evelyn's chosen vocation was nursing, and she undertook her training at Tunbridge Wells. Here she met a local schoolmaster, Andrew Hendrie (1917-2004) - for Andrew's life see 3 Heralds, May 2004, page 11. During the war, Andrew had served with RAF Coastal Command as a wireless operator and air gunner (W/op/

AG), rising to the rank of Flight Lieutenant. W/op/AG is RAF shorthand which featured in a poem read at Andrew's funeral by three of the grandchildren, a term which amused Evelyn.

Evelyn and Andrew were married in Snodland Church on 19 May 1956, and in due course their daughters Susan and Alison were born.

After two moves in Kent, the family came to West Sussex in 1966 and settled in Storrington so Andrew could take up a post

teaching physics and chemistry at Rydon School, which was then a secondary school for ages 11 to 16. Three years later it became an intermediate school for ages 10 to 13. This did not suit Andrew so he decided to teach elsewhere in order to continue at senior

level, but the family home remained in Storrington, Sandy Ridge, Amberley Road. Evelyn joined the staff of Sussexdown, the RAF Association's large and handsome residential and nursing home on the eastern edge of Storrington, where she became their popular and much-loved Deputy Matron.

In 1973, Andrew and Evelyn were among the guests on the Royal Yacht Britannia at Liverpool, for a dinner hosted by Prince Charles, commemorating the Battle of the Atlantic. This occasion remained one of Evelyn's most cherished memories.

Cheerful and energetic, Evelyn was kind to everyone and was willing to help whenever needed. She often helped with the production of this magazine, especially by taking photographs of parish events; she also produced greetings cards for sale in aid of the Church, using some of the attractive scenic pictures which she had taken. She was a member of the Storrington Branch committees of the Royal British Legion and of the Royal Air Forces Association, arranging or assisting with their social events. She was an excellent organizer.

Evelyn gladly sang in the Church Choir for weddings and Christmas services, but usually preferred to be in the congregation. People who sat near her responded well to her warmth and friendliness, and it was not unknown for such people to find themselves, after a while, being confirmed by the Bishop, partly as a result of her encouragement. Evelyn would be present at the Confirmation, supportive as ever.

Her other interests included cooking, sewing and gardening. She also edited Andrew's almost-finished doctoral thesis on RAF Coastal Command, thus enabling him to be awarded a posthumous PhD by the University of Kent. She was a wonderful mother to Sue and Alison, evidently inspiring them to the extent that they both followed her into the nursing profession, and of course she took great delight in her grandchildren, Anna, Rachael, Christian and Edward, and in her great-grandson, William. She set us all a fine example of Christian love and service.

Sue Harten (daughter) and Malcolm Acheson

HELP NEEDED TO PREPARE CHRISTINGLES FOR CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

We will be preparing the Christingles on **Saturday**, **22 December at 2pm**. It takes about an hour and we will be doing this in the Church. If you are able to help please bring scissors and a favourite small kitchen sharp knife. Tea, coffee and festive biscuits will be served. Thank you.







CHURCH DIARIES

A useful pocket diary is available in St Mary's Church, Storrington, which is open daily - please help yourself and make a suitable donation. Our thanks to all who advertise in the Church diary and in this magazine.

BIG CHANGES FOR SULLINGTON AND THAKEHAM CHURCHES WITH WARMINGHURST A FOND FAREWELL AND A WARM WELCOME

FAREWELL

As most people in the area have been aware, St Mary's, Thakeham, and St Mary's, Sullington, have been in an interregnum position for approximately 18 months now. This has been a time of uncertainty for all members of the congregations, but the one good thing that has come out of all this uncertainty is that we, as congregations, have had a chance to meet and get to know the Revd Bernard Sinton. Bernard has



been Interim Minister of St Mary's, Sullington, and St Mary's, Thakeham with Warminghurst, for over 12 months. He has guided the congregations of both Churches, through a difficult period. Bernard has always been willing to undertake any task he was asked to perform. The members of the Churches consider it to have been a pleasure and privilege to have had Bernard's support, guidance and help during the past months.

On Sunday 4 November, Bernard preached his final sermon at Thakeham, a joint service for members of both Churches to say farewell to the man who has come to mean so much to us all. Following the morning service, a delicious lunch was served in Thakeham Village Hall, which had kindly been prepared by the ladies from both Churches. Pat, Bernard's wife, was also able to attend the lunch, Pat being the Rector at St Mary the Virgin Church, Shipley. Life has been very busy for them whilst Bernard has been in charge of the two St Mary's Churches and we hope that now life will be a little easier for them both. Before the morning service commenced, David Peacock presented Bernard with gifts, a token of appreciation from the congregation. Following the lunch, Pat was presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers.

WARMINGHURST CHURCH

The annual Candlelit Carols at Warminghurst Church

Sunday 9 December at 4pm

This is a magical evening of traditional carols and music with readings, followed by mince pies and mulled drink. The event is extremely popular.





For more information contact the Friends on either 891312 or info.fowc@gmail.com.

A retiring collection is taken for the Churches Conservation Trust.

WELCOME

The licensing service of Revd Sara-Jane Stevens as Priest-in-Charge of the benefice of Sullington and Thakeham with Warminghurst, by the Rt Revd Mark Sowerby, Bishop of Horsham, took place at St Mary's Church, Thakeham on Thursday 8 November. The introduction was given by The Venerable Fiona Windsor, Archdeacon of Horsham. Several visiting Clergy led the Bishop's procession into the Church as

the congregation sang the rousing hymn Thine be the Glory. Sara-Jane's family and personal friends had joined the congregation to support her at this important point in her life. There were also many members from St Mathews Church, Worthing, where Sara-Jane had until recently been curate, and last, but not least, members



of both St Mary's Church, Sullington, and St Mary's Church, Thakeham, for whom this will be a new start after unsure times and the period of interregnum. Bishop Mark gave an interesting sermon, and made a special mention of the four churchwardens for the great job they had done in holding the fort and leading our community during the interregnum. Sara-Jane was given

a standing ovation after her licensing.
At the close of this memorable service, the Recessional Procession left, as the congregation sang

the equally rousing hymn Guide Me O Thou Great Redeemer. It was heartwarming to see the service so well-attended for this important occasion, and the Church looked amazing, with the most beautiful floral arrangements. The bell ringers played their part, by ringing before and after the service, also



ringing a quarter peal to welcome Sara-Jane and her husband Bob to Thakeham on Wednesday 14 November. Following the service, drinks and nibbles were served for all at Cumberland House, by kind invitation of George and Jane Blunden. This gave everyone a chance



to meet and speak to Sara-Jane. This was such a pleasant way to end this important and memorable evening. A huge thank you to all who made this evening run so smoothly. A final word from Sara-Jane: "I am really excited to be taking on this important role here in these wonderful parishes. My husband, Bob, and I have been touched by the warm welcome we have received, and we look forward to getting to know you all as we embark upon this journey together".





CHEMIN NEUF COMMUNITY

The Priory, School Lane, Storrington

EVENTS AT THE PRIORY

QUIET DAYS AT THE PRIORY

Wednesdays 10am-4pm 5 December 2018; 27 February, 2019; 27 March 2019; 5 June 2019

Step off the world for one day... a talk, guided prayer and simple lunch. Spiritual Accompaniment if you would like it. For any further information or to reserve a place, storrington@chemin-neuf.org

The Chemin Neuf Community Lent Course

Lord Jesus, Teach Me to Pray

The Priory 25 February for 7 weeks

Anyone, from any church, who wants to deepen their life of faith and prayer will be very welcome.

Charles and Felicity with Iwona Peda, Head of the House, will be leaders. We are planning to meet on Mondays around 5-5.30pm for about one a half hours.

More details from Charles or Felicity or Iwona.

Please let any of us know if you would like to help with the course. There will be a couple of introductory sessions later in January.

Revd Christine Spencer was licenced as Priest-in-Charge at St Richard's, Three Bridges, Crawley, on 23 October.

The service was led by The Right Reverend Mark Sowerby, Bishop of Horsham and attended by members of the congregation, friends from St Mary's, Storrington, and many deanery clergy. A really enjoyable service, followed by chat and refreshments.



Trinity Methodist Church Advent and Christmas events		
	Sunday 2 December	
10.30am	Advent Service including Nativity Tableau with 1st Sullington and Storrington Beavers	
	Sunday 16 December	
6pm	Carols by Candlelight	
	Saturday 22 December	
3.30pm	Carols, Christingle and Cake!	
	Monday Christmas Eve	
11.15pm	Holy Communion	
	Tuesday Christmas Day	
9.30am	Short Family Service	

LETTER FROM THE BISHOP OF CHICHESTER



One of the aspects of Narnia, in C S Lewis's novel, The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, is that it is always winter and never Christmas.

We get quite excited about the arrival of winter if it brings snow at just the right time for enjoyment – sledging, making a snowman, snowballing. But in Narnia, seasons are suspended in the grip of a ferocious frost. Silence is a pervading atmosphere in Narnia as it is in today's world where justice is denied to prisoners of conscience, and the needs of women, children, the elderly and vulnerable are ignored.

Silence is the refuge of the deceitful, just as it can be the medium of corporate grief and respect for our dead. It is the symbol of our sin and our mortality. One of the hallmarks of Christmas, however, is that the silence is broken. It is broken by the cry of a new-born child drawing breath and needing food – Jesus Christ, one with us. It is also broken by the song of the angels who announce his birth to people of goodwill.

Music can plant a song in our minds, letting it inspire us, as one of God's gifts to us. But we can take music for granted, and too rarely appreciate the skills and contribution of those who are our music-makers.

This Christmas, as we sing our carols, let us be grateful for musicians, as they help us to be mindful of the silent places in our world and closer to home, where the good news of peace and hope and justice has not yet penetrated.

Those who are frozen in silent poverty and despair, await more than a seasonal hand-out. They look for a melting of hearts and minds that will bring social and material release and encourage them to join the angel song of peace that we are still trying to learn.

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL EXHIBITION

'STAR OF BETHLEHEM' BY JAYSON HAEBICH

Now until Sunday 3 February 2019

A spectacular morphing geometric laser star created by coding artist Jayson Haebich. Powered by two laser projectors set high up in the Cathedral's Triforium, the star will appear suspended above the Arundel Screen. At low light levels the haze machine will transform the star image into a three dimensional, floating star, creating a mythical spectacle. The effect will be mesmerising. Open daily with free entry.



Everyone will be very welcome (men and women, any age or ability). Either bring along something you can already do, or have a go at something different.

For more information contact: Storrington Rectory Office (742888)

THAKEHAM CHURCH GETS A SPRUCE-UP!

On Saturday 27 October, a spectacular autumn day, 20 church members met to make our beautiful gem of a Church even more stunning. Pews, medieval screens and wooden furniture were burnished like mirrors, brass work made to sparkle. Spiders were banished and any webs discreetly removed by a long-handled duster. Window sills were washed and the north transept cleared and cleaned like never before. Behind the scenes, linen was starched, and brass and silver items beautifully polished. The vacuum cleaner buzzed constantly. Of course, there was much chatter and laughter throughout.

Outside, the churchyard was pepped up, too. Shrubs, trees and hedges were smartened. The Garden of Remembrance was clipped and swept. A flower bed close to The Church Rooms was weeded and cleared. Paths were enthusiastically brushed and sheds given a coat of preservative. Gutters were cleared.

Fuelled by coffee, doughnuts and yum yums, folks stayed until all the work was done; a brilliant effort. Thank you to all!

Why did we do it? Because we were preparing for the arrival of Revd Sara-Jane Stevens who took up her post as Priest-in-Charge on 8 November. Throughout the interregnum, we have been praying for the Church, the congregation and all that has gone on week by week. Jeremiah 29 verse 11 has resonated with us all. We have been blessed to have Revd Bernard Sinton as our interim priest but we have also longed for a new incumbent of our own. We are SO excited now to see The Rectory occupied again and look forward so much to welcoming Sara-Jane and her husband, Bob!

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL FRIENDS

The Friends Celebrate their 80th Anniversary!

It has been 80 years since the formation of the Friends of Chichester Cathedral. Our key aim is, and has always been, to support the mission of the Cathedral and we have enjoyed and been honoured to have partnered the Cathedral for all of this time. In the past three years alone, the Friends have donated over £375,000 towards a wide range of projects connected with the Cathedral.

To mark this milestone, The Friends will be staging a range of events that began in October. These started off with a preview of the new purple Copes funded by The Friends followed by the launch of the Choir's new CD Lest We Forget, marking the end of WW1, and sponsored by the Friends.

The schedule of events is:

	2018
8 December	A Christmas Fayre in the Vicars' Hall in Chichester
	2019
9 January	An Epiphany Lunch at Chichester College
24 to 27 May	A visit to Bavaria with the Chichester Cathedral Choir
6 June	Friends AGM with a Communion service, lunch and Guest Speaker the Very Revd Jonathan Greener, Dean of Exeter
18 to 20 July	Participation in The Southern Cathedrals Festival, sponsored by The Friends

We sincerely hope many people from throughout the Diocese will join us in celebrating our 80th year.

Chichester Cathedral Friends is a registered charity. Membership costs £15 per year and £25 for a couple. To join the friends, buy tickets or for more information, please visit: www.ccfriends.org or email: friends@chichestercathedral.org.uk.

- **Tue 1:** Fair morning then dull to some rain at night. 40 degrees. School 27. Mrs Hallett thinks the place does not agree with her. Dug out greenhouse border. Had my Threales service, well attended. Spoke on "Freedom in the Far Country" (Prodigal Son).
- **Wed 2** Fri 4: In town with WBC. On the 3rd assisted at Gladys' wedding. Next day home; weather on 3rd fine and mild and on 4th wet and rough. 46 degrees at 10pm.
- **Sat 5:** Unsettled and stormy 46 degrees. Last night about 10.30pm the old Chain Pier swept away. Called on Felton about the school fence: found him quite solitary in the big house! Cicely is with Minnie in Margaret Street. A consignment of roses from Cheal. Eyre sends me "the Hebrew Monarchy".
- **Sun 6:** Advent II. Dark, watery and mild. Cheerless morning and tiny congregation: old sermon on Prayer, used some of the special petitions for missions and gave the offertory to the cause. In evening better: old sermon notes on the Eternity of the Word.
- **Mon 7:** Stormy sky and sharp north wind, 38 degrees. Sent to Steyning for an old cook (Bartell) who won't stay one hour if she can help it! Rode to Sompting for a Clerical meeting: a good gathering; Williams read a paper on Delivery in Reading and Preaching rather commonplace but very practical.
- **Tue 8:** Mild, dull to rain 45 degrees. Mrs Hallett knocks up. Clara begins a morning club. I to Board of Guardians. Then in evening to Findon, where a temperance gathering much singing and my address on Mental Nourishment with reading regularly. Rode home in the dark and wet.
- **Wed 9:** Dark and full of rain. Strong west / south west wind, 45 degrees. Had to give up my Cobden service this evening: weather being threatening: am always sorry for this. May goes to Findon for a music lesson but remains for the night.
- **Thu 10:** Damp, dull, evening wet and wild. 47 degrees. Our new old cook admirably is a pleasant woman but can't stay. Mrs Hallett reigns conditionally! Have a CMS magic lantern lecture subject Egypt, well attended. Have been made a member of the standing committee of the conference.
- **Fri 11:** Dull morning. 42 degrees. Generally fine. School 25. Visited Faithful this afternoon; he much as usual. Club meeting this evening very successful.
- **5at 12:** As yesterday. Storm with heavy rain in afternoon. 42 degrees. Gardened a little in morning rolling "Tennis" etc. but was baulked in meeting Cicely by the weather, so she 'flew' home.
- **Sun 13:** Advent III. Fine, bright morning then dull to a gale with rain. 43 degrees. Very fair congregations, an old sermon on I John 1 12, "He that hath the Son hath the Life", then in afternoon when we got dark extempore Isaiah XXVIII last few words on the agricult! Operations and their teaching. Arthur King to church and lunch.
- **Mon 14:** Dull chill from north east after a wet night. 40 degrees. Pulborough stock show and dinner. I attended the latter on horseback. Zouche presided and spoke well on gambling in corn and adulteration. Johnston well on Parliamentary Possibilities. Mr and Mrs Webster want to come here as Cook and Groom.(!!)
- **Tue 15:** Dreary drizzle 35 degrees from north. To Pulborough again! Bourke; Ruridecanal party, well attended discussion much wanting in point. Brought back Frank Naper.
- **Wed 16:** Sharp early frost going in to drizzle 33 degrees. School 26. Roads glassy early. Elms and boy tackling up various little fissures in cement work: fixing grate afresh in harness room and making the stove work in the greenhouse. Service at Threales,

- walked with Cicely. May to Petworth. Hard work on the bicycle. Put in the roses in the front bed and standards on the house.
- **Thu 17:** Sharp rimy frost 30 degrees. Finished up with G Neel. Homer XXII. Helped Sam with the Root in the front meadow.
- **Fri 18:** As yesterday. Freezes all day 32 degrees. Due at Chichester to the asylum committee but did not start. Helped old Sam with the root in the front field. Visited Bowers and Lusher. An earth quake recorded yesterday from east to west of mid England.
- **Sat 19:** Dull and chill. Frost gives a little. 33 degrees. Took Neel to Pulborough then went on to Albery's: the sale and all the various legal items since 1894 will come to £400! Net result £2,100.
- **Sun 20:** Advent IV. As yesterday 36 degrees. Thin congregations in morning, old sermon on the epistle... "The Peace of God" ... in afternoon extempore from lectern it being dark, on Revelations VII the reading Ephesians 1 v 29.
- **Mon 21:** Overcast from north. Still and cold 35 degrees. Cut down the 'children's box tree' a little against the grain. Mr Longley measures the 3 elms much to my disadvantage. We hear that Hal is on his way to Melbourn. Stringer goes to Steyning for the carriage but does not get it. To Cobden in evening.
- **Wed 23:** Dull, hazy, raw. 36 degrees. Church decoration, in which alas I have to take part. Man up about our stoves in kitchen and greenhouse. Plant out current trees. Grub up Box on high lawn. Preached at Storrington on the Blessings of the Incarnation assisted by Parkinson. Visited various folk with Christmas gifts.
- **Thu 24:** Dull and fine until evening when rain. 42 degrees. Church decoration. Put in fruit trees with Stringer.
- **Fri 25:** Fine and bright after wet night. 40 degrees. Christmas Day finds us 4 together with F Napper to fill up the place of Hal, probably now at or near Melbourn. Our church attendance was but scanty and only our own party to the Holy Communion! The latter fairly attended though it was dark. The girls got up a pretty little tree in the old nursery. Cicely gave me a case for post cards and Minnie sent me a volume Besant on Old London.
- **Sat 26:** Dull, rainy. 48 degrees. Little to be done out of doors. Wrote many family letters. Dined with Clara and Cicely at Sandgate a family gathering Everetts and E Felton.
- **Sun 27:** Fine bright. 42 degrees. Fair attendances. Preached on the neighbourliness of the Incarnation, and on the Evangelist St John. George C Carew-Gibson and Harry and George Cartwright to tea.
- **Mon 28:** Rough and wet. 45 degrees. Too bad to do much. Mesdames Everett and E Felton lunched. Lost some pigs born unexpectedly.
- **Tue 29:** Very fine and almost spring-like. 43 degrees. H Marten writes to me about a gift of money she wishes to make, each of her nephews and nieces and the terms thereof. Rolled lawns etc.
- **Wed 30:** Mild, damp, drifty. 48 degrees. Heard from Annie just convalescing from shingles and from Champernowne who announces his appointment to a small living near Honniton North Leigh Rectory. Called on the people in the lane and at the farm. In evening to my service at Threales.
- **Thu 31:** Fine, bright until midday when all galey. 49 degrees. My carriage sent home from Steyning today, renovated after the smash. Astounding news from Arthur! A brief line from Hal 21 November telling of his troubles. We dined Gladys and her husband, George Cartwright, the two Kings and had some fun over a mystery game.



Remember your loved ones and support your local hospice



St Barnabas House hospice is inviting the local community to join together to remember and celebrate the lives and memories of their loved ones this Christmas.



The hospice's annual Light Up a Life appeal enables supporters to make a dedication in memory of a loved one, and if they wish, a donation to help support the work of the hospice. Every dedication received will be included in a specially printed commemorative Order of Service at the Light Up a Life

This year, the community is warmly invited to come along to one of the Light Up a Life services on Monday 10 December at 4.30pm and 7pm at Worthing Assembly Hall. Everyone who attends will receive a special Light Up a Life candle to be lit at home in memory of a loved one. Friends and family members are also invited to bring along a photo of a loved one which can be displayed on a Memory Wall after each service.

Proceeds raised from these special dedications will help St Barnabas care for people with life-limiting illnesses over Christmas and the following months. Last year, the appeal raised in excess of £30,000 which helped provide over 2,000 hours of specialist nursing care to patients in their own homes.



Terry, with wife, Cindy, and daughter, Chelsea Cindy is celebrating Light Up a Life in memory of her husband, Terry, who was cared for by St Barnabas at the end of his life. Cindy said, "Walking through St Barnabas' door is like walking into heaven. That's how it felt to me. It felt like I could feel somebody taking the weight off my shoulders. It was like 'at last!' because I had no help before. I wanted to be Terry's carer but I was exhausted. At St Barnabas, I stayed with Terry the whole time. The staff were wonderful. Everybody's got so much compassion there."

The care provided by St Barnabas House is only made possible because of donations from generous local people, so any contribution made with a dedication will make a real difference. You

can find out more information about Light Up a Life or download a donation form at www.stbh.org.uk/lightupalife.

If you have any questions about Light Up a Life, please call the St Barnabas House Fundraising Team on 706329 or email james. millen@stbh.org.uk.



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1ST STORRINGTON RAINBOWS AND 2ND STORRINGTON BROWNIES

When we plan the autumn term in September, Christmas always appears to be a long way off, but then the weeks fly by and we are soon looking at the end of term.

We started November by enrolling two new Rainbows at

a candle-lit ceremony watched



by their very proud parents. All the Rainbows had decorated jam-jars with painted designs as part of their Express Myself badge. We used a battery operated light inside each of the jars, and turned the hall lights down low to make a very pretty scene for a memorable occasion.

Remembrance Sunday saw the Rainbow and Brownie units marching through Storrington with the other uniformed organisations; a big event that can be quite daunting, especially for those chosen to carry or escort their unit flag.

Next is carol singing at the Sullington Christmas Fayre. This is something we've been doing for a few years now and it remains popular with everyone. We also expect to be taking the units to the Pantomime in December, before our Christmas party, and finally a magic show to end the term.

Four Rainbows will be moving up to Brownies in January, and we wish them well.

Joan Parkes



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.



CHURCH SERVICES AT A GLANCE









DATE	FESTIVAL OR	新加斯		
2 December	SUNDAY Advent Sunday	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Family Communion Children's Gift Service 11.45am Baptism Service 6pm Advent Service	10.30am Joint all-age Christingle Service (with Sullington)	8am Holy Communion (with Thakeham) 6pm Advent Reflection
9 December	Advent 2	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion + Footsteps 3pm Scouts Carol Service 6pm Evensong	9.30am Morning Prayer	8am Holy Communion (with Thakeham) 11.30am Matins
16 December	Advent 3	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion + Footsteps 6pm Carol Service	8am Iona Communion (with Sullington) 6pm Carol Service by candlelight	3pm Carol Service
23 December	Advent 4	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion	9.30am Family Communion	11.30am Family Communion
24 December (Mon)	CHRISTMAS EVE	4pm Christingle Service (for families) 11.30pm Midnight Mass	4pm "Journey to Bethlehem" – see p.4 11.30pm Midnight Communion	11.30pm Midnight Communion
25 December	CHRISTMAS DAY	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Christmas Family Communion with Carols	9.30am Christmas Celebration	11.00am Christmas Celebration
30 December	Christmas 1	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion	10.30am Joint All-age Family Communion (with Sullington)	8am Holy Communion (with Thakeham)
2019 6 January	The Epiphany	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Family Communion 6pm Evensong	10.30am Joint All-age Service (with Sullington)	8am Holy Communion (with Thakeham)

Midweek Holy Communion Service on Thursdays at St Mary's Church, Storrington, at 10.30am except on 27 December 2018. Holy Communion Service at Sussexdown on the fourth Thursday of each month at 11.30am

OTHER CHURCH DETAILS

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Our Lady of England, Monastery Lane

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

STORRINGTON CHAPEL

North Street

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

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Steyning Grammar School – Rock Road Campus

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

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH

Thakeham Road

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

WEEKLY EVENTS

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

Storrington Library Opening Hours - Tel. 839050

Monday to Friday	9.30am – 5.30pm
Saturday	10am – 4pm

The Churches of Storrington invite you to

SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB

A CHANCE TO GATHER TOGETHER OVER A MEAL, AND BE WITH FRIENDS OLD AND NEW

1pm on Second Sunday each month (except August) at the Old School, School Lane, Storrington

Tickets (£4.00) are available from Louisa Austin, Church Street, Storrington



STORRINGTON POP-IN LUNCH CLUB **Storrington Village Hall**

First Thursday of each month

COFFEE served from 10.30am

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

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

Co-ordinator: Pat Webb (893145)

WHAT'S ON

DECEM	BER
Sat 1	
10am & 2pm	Christmas Wreath Workshop – p17
10am	Storrington Conservation Society – Working Party – p33
11.30am	First Taste of Christmas – Thakeham Village Hall – p4
6.30pm	ABC's Christmas Cracker – p10
Sun 2	Advent Sunday
11.45 am	Baptism at St Mary's, Storrington, of Toby John Tremlett (son of Katie)
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9am	Decorating Church for Christmas at St Mary's, Storrington
7.30pm	Storrington Museum – Talk – p22
Tue 4	
10am	Inter-Church prayers – RC Church (side–chapel) – p10
2pm	SPACE – Arts and Craft Group – p15
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10am	Quiet Day at the Priory – p14
10am	St Barnabas Outreach – Library Car Park – p23
2.30pm	Arts Society, Storrington – Lecture – p21
7pm	Storrington Dramatic Society – Panto – p31
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2pm	MU Christmas Party – p32
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	Men's Breakfast – Thakeham Village Hall – p4
10am 3pm	Sandgate Conservation Society – Working Party – p32 Christmas Afternoon Tea and Songs – St Mary's,
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Christmas Day Lunch – Old School, Storrington

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11.30am Holy Communion – Sussexdown Chapel – p 3

SAINTS AND SPECIAL DAYS

DECEMBER		
Sat 1	Charles de Foucauld, 1916, hermit in the Sahara	
Mon 3	Francis Xavier, 1552, considered to be one of the greatest missionaries since St Paul	
Tue 4	John of Damascus, c749, saint and author of many texts and hymns	
	Nicholas Ferrar, 1637, founder of the Little Gidding Community	
Thu 6	Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, c.326, saint with a reputation for secret gift-giving and is the model for Santa Claus	
Fri 7	Ambrose, 397, patron saint of Milan, Italy	
Thu 13	Lucy, 304, patron saint of blind; island of Saint Lucia named after her	
	Samuel Johnson, 1784, poet and essayist, wrote A Dictionary of the English Language (150 years before Oxford English Dictionary published)	
Fri 14	John of the Cross, 1591, one of foremost poets of Spain, as well as a saint	
Mon 17	O Sapientia, Worship - part of Common Worship liturgy in C of E	
	Eglantyne Jebb, 1928, British social reformer and founder of Save the Children	
Wed 26	ST STEPHEN, FIRST MARTYR , mentioned in the Book of Acts	
Thu 27	ST JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST	
Fri 28	THE HOLY INNOCENTS , remembering when Herod ordered all new born males to be killed	
Sat 29	THOMAS BECKET, ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY, 1170, saint and martyr	
Mon	John Wyclif, 1384, translated the Bible into common	

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STORRINGTON & SULLINGTON - REFLECTIONS OF THE PAST

YOU'LL NEVER WALK ALONE

This is my 100th "Reflections" since March 2010, when I contributed a piece which the editor called "Olden Days in Storrington," so I thought it would be nice to think of the many people living alone, perhaps once active participants in village activities who can no longer leave their house easily, and find themselves gradually losing contact with old friends for one reason or other. There is really no need to retreat like a snail into its shell, to embrace isolation and lack of contact with the village and people. Storrington is blessed with wonderful organizations run by caring volunteers so this tribute is to a few of them who will get you out and about again.

THE COMMUNITY MINIBUS ASSOCIATION (SUSSEX) - The idea began in January 1978 when the Pulborough Minibus already in service began picking up people from Storrington for shopping, and later they offered Storrington the use of their bus for half a day. By August that year Storrington had four drivers and escorts with about 18 people using the minibus. This number expanded to about 120 people with alternate Monday and Tuesday afternoon trips to Worthing. The idea of a minibus for Storrington was suggested to the Parish Council who supported it and contributed £1,500 towards the cost. Horsham District Council bought a bus out of the proceeds of two lotteries and West Sussex County Council Transport Bureau have awarded a recent grant to help with the running costs. About 150-170 people now use the 42-year-old charity and third-party contributions and people who run supporting events add necessary funds for the upkeep and other costs. You can add your support if you normally shop on-line, details are available from info@westsussexminibus.org. uk, or for luddites like me, telephone 0300 0309 908.



Run entirely by unpaid volunteers, this organization has won the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service in Storrington. The drivers will pick you up at your front door and a friendly escort will help you on to the bus, bring you safely back home

and carry your shopping. They have a full schedule of shopping trips covering Storrington four times a week, Tesco at Pulborough; Worthing town centre; ASDA at Goring; Tesco at Holmbush; NEXT and M&S, Chichester and Horsham, picking up at Cootham, all around Storrington, West Chiltington, and Thakeham. They willingly take the bus up remote country lanes if that is where you live. There are also trips to the Monday Club, and on the first Thursday of every month to the Pop-In Lunch Club at Storrington Village Hall. There is also a monthly trip to a nice venue for a splendid lunch at reasonable cost. Both attractive ideas if you are fed up (no pun intended) with catering just for yourself. During March to November there are trips to places of interest and pleasure. The minibus carries eleven passengers so it is very easy to make friends and chat to each other. Are you still lonely? The booking office number for any of these trips is 01903 740282 or if you prefer to use a computer visit storringtonbookings@ westsussexminibus.org.uk.

To join the Minibus Association you can call 01903 745605 and you will be sent a welcome pack with all the information you need. And now, can you help them? They would like to hear from anyone who would like to volunteer as drivers, escorts or to do some administration work.

Another wonderful voluntary organization is the **HELP** Scheme which supplies individual volunteers driving their own car to take patients to medical appointments – doctors, dentists or hospital. The original idea was the brainchild of Mrs Lambourne, wife of the Rector of Sullington and Storrington, the Revd John Lambourne. "In the summer of 1973 I was sitting in my garden of Sullington Rectory with a friend and we were talking about the possibility of setting up some kind of scheme to

help people in need, especially those with no nearby family." The idea was to help with medical and hospital appointments,



shopping for the elderly and even babysitting in emergency. It began by having white cards printed with a large red "H" which could be put in a window. Arrangements were made with the milkman, postman, paperboy to look out for these signals and contact Mrs Lambourne or her friend and they would send someone round to the address and find out what the need was, then ask one of their volunteers to help. The scheme, like others, has grown with the years and now concentrates only on taking people to medical appointments. One advantage for anyone thinking of volunteering to drive people using their own car is that there is no commitment to a regular time or day. A phone call from a volunteer in the office in Trinity Methodist Church, Storrington, will just ask someone on their list if they are available for that journey and time. If it is not convenient the volunteer will be thanked and the office will call someone else on the list. The person accepting the appointment will make a courtesy phone call to the patient and arrange the pick-up time. Anyone needing help can ring the office from Monday to Friday between 9am and 12 noon on 01903 742124 where a volunteer will match them with a driver.

This is an excellent opportunity for someone who wants to do something for the community without tying themselves to a regular commitment. People are picked up from Storrington, Washington, Ashington and West Chiltington. The organizers are especially keen to encourage people from Ashington to join their drivers' pool as that area is not as well covered as others. After 43 years the HELP Scheme can now call on about 50 drivers, some of whom can manage two trips in a week, and some with more time can do more. Last year they helped about 1,500 patients – a fine achievement for unpaid people who like to give something back to their community.

And before space runs out – there is the **SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB** which has been meeting for 28 years. This was started by Christians In Storrington between St Mary's Parish Church, Our Lady of England RC Church, Trinity Methodist Church and Storrington Community Church and is ideal for those who normally eat alone to have a lovely cooked Sunday lunch with company. It is served between 1pm and 2pm but can last until 2.15pm with conversations still going on. It takes place in the Old School in School Lane on the second Sunday of every month except during August. Transport can be arranged and tickets at £4 are available from Louisa Austin – the dress shop in Church Street. The churches take it in turn to cook the meals which begin with a prayer and serve about 40 people sitting at four or five tables with two volunteers serving. A welcome change from what might otherwise be a ready-meal eaten in solitude.

Another lovely alternative to cooking for yourself is the **POP-IN LUNCH CLUB** held in Storrington Village Hall on the first Thursday of every month between 12 noon and 1pm. You can also have coffee here from 10.30am. No booking is required to partake of this meal – just turn up. They do not meet in January. On 6 December there is something special – a really lovely Christmas lunch with entertainment and children singing carols. This lunch is supplied by the Rotary Club who do so much for Storrington. The volunteers serving lunches come from the churches, the WI, Storrington Community Market and others. Transport is by the minibus for this.

Storrington has so much to offer those living alone, not to mention all the special interest organizations and clubs. Thank you to all these wonderful volunteers and if you would like to join them in one capacity or another you are sure of a warm welcome.

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

THE ARTS SOCIETY STORRINGTON



The December lecture is on **Wednesday 5 December** from 2.30pm to 3.30pm at West Chiltington Village Hall. A lecture by The Rt Revd Christopher Herbert: The Journey of the Magi: 1700 years of the Three Kings. From the earliest days of Christianity the story of the Three Kings has fascinated story-tellers and artists alike. This lecture traces the ways in which artists across the centuries have chosen to represent the Magi. Attendance is free for members, guests are asked to make a donation of £5. Coffee and tea will be served before the lecture from 2pm.

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





For further details please contact Ken Collins on 01903 740745

Rotary Club of Storrington & Pulborough District

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STORRINGTONPRIMARY SCHOOL



Earlier this term we celebrated our Autumn Festival. Our older children walked to a service held at St Mary's Church and our younger pupils enjoyed an assembly at the school. Competition was fierce for the annual produce show with some wonderful pictures, produce



and baking entries. We were delighted that



Rev Kathryn Winslow agreed to be one of our judges again, with one of the toughest jobs for judges being the Victoria Sponge entries. Marking is done on appearance and taste and once again we had several staff volunteering to help with judging that category! The school is a signatory for the local foodbank and as part of the celebration we asked pupils to donate food items to support local families in need; as always we received a large number of donations.

Our next fundraising activity has been organised by School Council made up of a group of pupils from across the school. The group have challenged staff to a bake off; all items will be judged and raffled off to raise funds for *Children In Need*. In addition, children will be wearing a spotty outfit in return for a donation to the charity. Marion Smith, Head Teacher, said, "As signatory for the local food bank, we are only too aware that sometimes families need a helping hand. Events such as the

Autumn Feast or fundraising for Children in Need are a wonderful way for children to participate, show gratitude for what they have and to help others. We are very proud of our school's community work".



Rachel Stables, Business Manager

FESTIVE WINE TASTING EVENING

The spirit of Christmas arrived early at Sullington Windmills WI. On Saturday 3 November they held a Festive Wine Tasting Event, hosted by Les and Liz Allen Williams. Les is well-known in the Storrington area for his passion and expert knowledge of wine, and Liz is a member of Sullington Windmills WI. The evening consisted of a six course meal, each course being a bite size portion with the accompanying wine. As each different wine was poured, Les gave a talk about that particular drink, informative and yet with humour. There was an alcohol-free option for drivers or anyone who did not wish to partake of the wine. This thoroughly enjoyable evening came to a close after the President, Erika Brichta, thanked everyone who had made the evening such a success, including The



Roundabout Hotel, Blush Hairdressers and Body and Face beauticians for their kind donations to the raffle.

Pat Snape

STORRINGTON & DISTRICT MUSEUM

There are only a few days left to view 'Let's Get Creative', a wonderful display of local talent, before the Museum closes for Christmas and the New Year on 12 December. It will reopen on 12 January with a new Exhibition in place.

Over the weekend of 3 and 4 November, the Storrington Local History Group mounted a striking display of their researches over the past four years into the names on the Storrington WW1 Roll of Honour, and on all the WW1 Memorials in villages within the Museum area.

Those who died and some of those who returned were, of course, the focal point of the exhibition, but many interesting sidelights were explored: the music, the events in Russia, the impetus towards women's suffrage. In 1918 people were still being encouraged to buy War Bonds, the women (in adverts at least) were still encouraging their menfolk to go to war. Charles Mant of The Geddings, Church Street, had turned his house into a Red Cross depot where knitted socks and scarves, bandages and splints were packaged up, and where trolleys and beds were made for field hospitals.

Mrs Henderson of The Chantry was still running the Red Cross 146 Voluntary Aid Detachment, and Maude Petre had taken in refugees at Mulberry House. The children grew potatoes in the school garden, picked blackberries and collected horse chestnuts for the mysterious use of The Director of Propellant Supplies. Food was short and the bread grew greyer and greyer, but there were still concerts in the Village Hall to raise money for men returning from war.

While the exhibition itself was impressive, the books compiled by the researchers from the Local History Group and presented to Storrington and District Museum Society are quite remarkable. As well as the book on Storrington's Roll of Honour, there are separate books for Amberley, Ashington, Bury, Greatham, Rackham, Thakeham, Sullington, Washington and West Chiltington, and every name on each village's war memorial has been exhaustively researched and recorded. From being a name on a memorial to record their death, the intensive research into their lives commemorates young men, and one young woman, who had everything to live for, and brings home even more powerfully their great sacrifice.



There was one further highlight of the weekend: William Shackell, President of the Storrington Royal British Legion, presented to the Museum the beautifully restored second Roll of Honour, also by Paul Hardy, which was discovered late last year in a

basement in the village. There will need to be some reorganising in the Museum to find the right space for this WW1 memorial, but there will be a photograph of it in place in the meantime. The Museum is proud to have this striking memorial and is grateful to the Royal British Legion and the Local History Group for this donation.

On Bonfire Night we enjoyed a very entertaining talk by Neil Sadler. When Neil retired from the police force he eventually persuaded his wife to go on a narrow boat trip, and so the talk 'Gongoozling for Beginners' was made possible! The word 'gongoozling' Neil says is a proper word from the Lincolnshire dialect meaning 'to gawn or gooze', that is to stare or gape and offer advice, which is what a great number of people do on towpaths and locks throughout the country, as Neil and his wife discovered.

Neil gave us a potted history of canals beginning with the Father of Canals, the 3rd Duke of Bridgewater. His family's coal mining interests needed a more efficient and economical means of delivering coal from its mines to the growing centres of the industry in the Midlands. Horses and carts had up to now done the job, but

the 3rd Duke had seen the great French canal, the Canal du Midi, on his grand tour and decided this was the way forward; while a horse and cart could carry two tons, a horse with a boat could transport thirty tons.

The first real canal in England, therefore, was the Bridgewater Canal, opened in 1761, running from Worsley to Manchester. The price of coal was halved, allowing industry in the Midlands to flourish. Now Birmingham has more canals than Venice. The lives of the families whose homes were narrow boats, was dangerous and insanitary. A

tiny part of the boat was lived in and it was a cramped and dull existence. To counteract this, many boats were brightly painted with flowers on pails and woodwork. The huge network that developed necessitated the construction of aquaducts, at which point Neil described various hair-raising happenings, tunnels up to 3 ½ miles long, which were very dangerous for the men who 'legged' the canal boats through them. There are still many dangers for narrowboaters. Swans are strong, large, and determined, so it behoves one to keep all doors and windows shut while cooking. Rubbish like old ropes, blankets and plastic, can get wound around the propeller, and items such as old bicycles get thrown in and can damage the bottom of the boat or the propeller. In 2015 a python was found in a canal.

A prolonged spell of freezing weather can upset arrangements for fresh water and toilets, and ropes freeze. Canal locks are very dangerous as well, and if you should fall in or even get wet hands, it is very important to wash because of illnesses, such as Weils Disease. Nevertheless, Neil loves the life, and his dog and even his wife got used to it!

The monthly talk on **3 December** could not be more different and Tim Stanton tells the story of Neville George Haig, known as The Acid Bath Murderer, and his infamous connections with West Sussex. Talk begins at 7.30pm. Cost £5 (£4 to Museum Society Members) to include coffee, tea or mulled wine, and mince pies.

Once all the excitement of Christmas and New Year is over, our monthly talk on Monday, 7 January, could be the ideal opportunity to relax and enjoy Ian Everest's talk, Shepherds on the Sussex Downs.

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In September, our winter programme commenced showing Back to Burgundy, a French film about a family-owned Vineyard. In October, Members visited Cerrione, Italy to celebrate the 10th Anniversary between them and our Twin Town, Villerest, France. November continued with

a wine tasting, always over-subscribed.

On **1 Decembe**r, we kick start the Christmas festivities with 'A Partridge in a Pear Tree' lunch and quiz. The New Year commences with our customary 'Nouvel An' on 13 January, another event not to be missed.

If you would like to join us or would like to become a Member please contact us for further information.

Call 744024 or 745325 or see the website storringtontwinning.co.uk.

FRYERN LADIES' PROBUS

In November we found ourselves back at our usual venue of The Roundabout Hotel, as we had previously hosted our Annual Invitational Lunch in October at the West Sussex Golf Club, which as usual had been its reputed culinary delight!

Our November Speaker sounded of interest, particularly to the retired horse riders in our midst, as the title From left to right - Jo Gatley, of the talk was 'Cantering Through Susan Howe and Pat Snape a Funny Life'. Saddles at the ready,



we waited to be introduced to Susan Howe for further enlightenment and were not at all disappointed. Whilst the subject matter of her talk did not contain a single mention of our beloved equine friends, it did however contain an assortment of anecdotes and ridiculous, improbable situations which kept us in stitches for the rest of the afternoon. Susan's delivery of her subject matter is individual, funny, conversational, quirky and vibrant and she almost comes across as a stand -up comedienne which was an excellent accompaniment to the after lunch coffee, plus being an inspiration to us all.

As a London Tourist Board Registered Blue Badge holder, which is the most prestigious qualification in the profession, Susan is able to guide at all of the major London sites and throughout the UK. Her talk was related to experiences gained throughout this time and we were included in her reminiscences of being surrounded by heavily breathing police dogs; a Botswana crocodile escape; having a good night in the chilling Fred West Wing; the exchange of the Rosetta Stone to Syrian Lion Hunt; a major player in The Seige of Philbeach Gardens; acrobatic jumps on an unknown but occupied water bed; Thomas a Becket's left toenail; Irish digging for potatoes with either left or right foot to show Catholic or Protestant belief; Tiger Tours to the jungles of India; hymnologists and evangelizing Satanists etc just to name but a few!

During her extraordinary colourful life, Susan has also worked as a PA to Sir John Betjeman and Archie, his celebrated teddy bear; cooked for Brigitte Bardot's ex, Gunter Sachs in St Moritz plus owning award-winning country-house hotels. She projects history as a living and vibrant subject and has a great many titles to interest a variety of age groups - www.selectideas.co.uk/susanhowe

Pat Snape thanked Susan warmly on our behalf and, judging from members' reactions, we envisage that we shall be inviting her back soon. We were reminded of our future trip to Hever Castle and details of our Christmas lunch on 6 December, when we shall welcome none other than celebratory speaker Lady Crabtree who will speak to us about a subject close to our hearts 'Growing Old Disgracefully'.

Russ Frv



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

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

Wednesday 5 Dec and 2 Jan - 10am to 2pm

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



People with a passion are easy to shop for at Christmas, aren't they? But gardening attracts so many people that it's worth considering their personality too. It's not everyone that suits a pair of diamante wellies, or has a 'God Bless My Shed' sign hole in their life, for example. This month I present my guide to giftbuying for different types of gardeners.

The Absent-minded Cultivator: This person loses several gloves a year in the compost bin, leaves secateurs to rust in the rain and accidentally digs up their daffodil bulbs each autumn.

For them, brightly coloured hand tools, more gloves and a tool belt. Few people buy those lovely metal plant labels for themselves, but this gardener would love some. Recommended plant: Forget-me-not.



The Hibernating Horticulturalist: Safe in the knowledge that one should keep off the soil when it's wet, this person spends winter evenings poring over seed catalogues while listening to Gardeners' Question Time and making elaborate plans for new areas of their garden. They will be delighted with a subscription to a gardening magazine. There's a huge range out there from the aspirational to the practical, and several come with free seeds each month. Recommended plant: anything introduced at this year's Chelsea Flower Show.



The Good Life Grower: 'Make do and mend' is the mantra of this person so they won't thank you for plastic novelty items or gimmicky gadgets. For them, I recommend a paper pot maker, a traditional Sussex trug, a decent pocket knife or the promise of a delivery of

manure. Recommended plant: Comfrey (it's great for making your own liquid feed).

The Too Busy To Tend to Themselves Gardener: Tireless at watering, feeding and protecting plants from bugs and harsh weather, this person often forgets their own needs. Help them look after their 'inner plant' with some hard-core moisturiser, muscle soak bath salts, natural insect repellent or the last word in welly luxury, sheep's wool boot liners. Recommended plant: Aloe vera.



STORRINGTON FLOWER CLUB **Sullington Parish Hall**

No meeting in December!

Next meeting:

Wednesday 23 January at 2pm



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WI NEWS SULLINGTON WINDMILLS

A garden safari

October is the Birthday meeting for Sullington Windmills WI, and, as always, by way of a celebration, members and visitors were greeted with a glass of wine or a non-alcoholic drink. The President opened the meeting by welcoming members and two visitors, and is tradition at the birthday meeting members heartily sang Jerusalem accompanied by Daphne Patch on the piano. Members then toasted the Institute. The President, Erika Brichta, then continued with her report; six members had assisted at the monthly Pop In Lunch on 4 October, being a huge success. Erika continued by highlighting the many forthcoming events. West Sussex Federation of Women's Institute celebrate 100 years in 2019, also next year Sullington Windmills celebrate 50 years since it was founded. Hence 2019 is going to prove a busy time for WI members. Erika's report was followed by reports from the treasurer, secretary, and welfare officer. Information was also given on the walking, craft and science groups. There is something for everyone in the WI.

The speaker for the evening was introduced, Dr Les Allen-Williams, his talk entitled 'Garden Safari'. Les is no stranger to many members as last year he, along with his wife Liz, hosted a wine tasting evening, an event repeated in November, but on this occasion the subject discussed was not wine but our garden visitors. With the help of slides he introduced members to a few facts:

- the National Nature Reserve in England covers 94.400 HA, Scotland 154.250 HA. All the gardens in the UK cover an area of 432.964 HA
- the best way to make a Tullgren Funnel, an apparatus for collecting small organisms from the soil or leaf litter
- there is a complete 'Empire' beneath the soil surface and is only visable if you collect soil samples
- when going on a garden safari, you need to use sight, hearing and smell
- look for the tracks across the lawns, often a result of visiting foxes or cats, as scrapes on the lawn could be caused by grey squirrels, green woodpeckers or rabbits

Bank Voles look similar to a miniature rat, and can cause a lot of damage in the garden, and of course mole hills.

Les continued by explaining how to identify culprits of the animal faeces we find in the garden. Members enjoyed the quiz to identify bird song, with all the favourite garden birds included. When digging the compost heap, beware as hedgehogs may have hibernated there, grass snakes could have laid their eggs in the compost and toads have been known to use the compost heap. Finally, Les spoke about the big boys of the garden safari, tigers, elephants and leopards. Everyone thought there are no big boys in our gardens in leafy Sussex, but Les continued to explain, the tiger is the Tiger Beetle, who is rather fond of heather, the elephant is the Elephant Hawk Moth, and Les had built a light trap to enable him to identify this moth, and the leopard is the Leopard Slug, the enemy of all gardeners. Sheila Foster thanked Les for this interesting and informative talk. Tea or coffee was served with mini pavlovas, as a treat for the birthday. Following the raffle the meeting was closed by the President.

The next meeting will take place on **Wednesday 12 December**, when we will be entertained by Tony and Lizzie Gilkes with a Victoria Christmas. The competition will be A Wrapped Christmas Parcel.

The meetings take place on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, 2nd Wednesday in December, in Sullington Parish Hall at 7.30pm. Visitors and new members are always welcome. For further information please contact Erika Brichta, President, on 742039 or by email Erika. brichta@hotmail.co.uk or Secretary, Sara Harden, on 741350 or email s.harden@hotmail.co.uk Sullington Windmills also have a webpage you can visit sullingtonwindmills.wordpress.com

Pat Snape

MARY HOW TRUST'S NEW YEAR

BRIDGE DRIVE

Tickets are on sale for the Mary How Trust's popular New Year Bridge Drive. Offering an afternoon of Bridge with a delicious tea, the event will take place on **Thursday 10 January** at West Sussex Golf Club.



Roanne Moore, marketing & fundraising manager of the Mary How Trust, explains, "We love hosting our Bridge Drive at West Sussex Golf Club. It's a wonderful location, and we're grateful to the Club for their warm hospitality. Many of our bridge players join us year after year, and it's always a fun afternoon. You can play Chicago or Rubber Bridge – the choice is yours, and there are prizes for both."

Tickets are £12 per person and include full afternoon tea. To reserve your table, please see "What's On" at the Mary How Trust's website, or contact Clare Flexman on 01798 877646 or clare.flexman@maryhowtrust.org.

Tables are reserved on a first come, first served basis. Roanne adds, "We do hope you'll join us for a superb afternoon. Thank you to everyone who supports this event; you're helping to give families a healthier future!"



The Club's AGM took place on 8 October. Formal business covered our Chairman's report, Treasurer's report of a healthy balance, election of officers and committee and Club's acceptance of our Constitution. Bruce, our departing Chair, was thanked and presented with a memento of his two years and we welcomed Janet Greenhill as our acting Chair for the coming year. All officers and committee were thanked for their efforts over the last year.

Formal business was followed by a talk from Bruce with illustrations of the creation of his 3-acre garden over the past 20 years. He pointed out the pitfalls such as ordering 5500 perennials and trees all at the same time rather than staggering the purchases. He showed how he started with the hard landscaping followed by the planting. He advised buying Wisteria in flower as it can take up to three years to flower, not to go for annuals in a large garden as you need so many, to try to buy AGM approved stock as they are more vigorous and to think about colour, textures and spacing. Lastly, but very important, to incorporate wildlife habitats such as word piles. Bruce opens his garden twice a year for the National Garden Scheme and is well worth a visit.

The Club was then invited to purchase plants he had brought with him.

Several members and friends will be participating in an afternoon/ early evening coach trip to RHS Wisley to see 'Christmas Glow' a

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light spectacular. There are still of few places at £15 should you wish to join us. Ring Sandra on 743671 for further details.

We next meet on **10 December** for our Christmas Party, a mix of eats, quizzes, entertainment from the committee and chat. Tickets are £5 for Club members and £6 for guests, and includes a welcome drink.

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 Janet on 744980 for further details.

Sandra Jenkins

REMEMBERANCE



On the occasion of the Centenary of the end of the First World War, Commodore Mike Beardall, Royal Navy, a member of St Mary's, Thakeham, reflects on the meaning of Remembrance. The Poppy has become the International symbol of remembrance for the majority of Allied Nations, but what are we remembering? The First World War is consigned to the history books and now only a very few remember the Second. So as we wear our poppies and stand in silence what should we remember?

Regardless of the rights and wrongs of conflict, for me I think of three things: Service, Sacrifice and Forgiveness.

Firstly, there are Men and Women of our country who wish to serve or who were compelled to serve to support a National endeavour of security, and we note that 'service' applies to so many more than just our few people in uniform today.

Secondly, the notion of sacrifice. In Storrington, Thakeham and Sullington, we remember specifically the sacrifice of the men who gave their lives during the First War, and the men and Women who gave their lives during the Second World War. We remember also their families and the wider community who lost their loved ones. We should also remember the many who returned injured in body, and also often in mind, and we remember all those who supported the serving during the wars and in the long aftermath.

We also remember the National endeavour of all those who served in conflict on behalf of our Nation up until the present day, specifically in the Falklands, Iraq and Afghanistan.

And finally as Good ultimately triumphs over Evil, we seek the space in all our hearts to forgive the sins of the past. The words of the Kohima Epitaph distil these three themes of Service, Sacrifice and Forgiveness most gracefully...

When You Go Home, Tell Them Of Us And Say, For Your Tomorrow, We Gave Our Today

Michael Beardall





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When you review the images that you have taken after a holiday or a visit to an event or an area, the image will bring back memories of that trip. Be it memories of the place, people that you may have been with or the subject that made you want to capture that photo.



One of the challenges Club members

face is which image do I select to put into each of our seasons Club competitions. When making your selection several factors have to be considered. Whilst you might initially be drawn to your favourite shot because of the time, place or difficulty in capturing it, the image might not be the best to put into a competition due to aspects such as the subject, light, background and sharpness.



Prowling on the Masa Mara – Nigel Cherry

It was against this selection process that Keith Gibson had to assess the images that members had submitted into our first competition. Keith outlined his interests in landscape, street and architectural photography, backed up by a keen interest in hiking, travel and local atmospheric scenes. He was

keen to establish that his top choice out of the winning top mark 20's would be based

on his personal relationship to the picture, not necessarily a "winner" in the conventional sense.

First, he had to review the print images of which 16 merited scores of 18,19 or 20. It was great to see these included from some of our new members. Following his initial selection 9 prints were held back for review, four of which merited 19 one being the "Red Arrows at Dunsfold"



Red Arrows at Dunsfold David Perks

by David Perks a newer member. David caused some mirth and discussion as to the best way up to present the picture. Well done David, for confusing us all! Keith said that this was a good action shot with brilliant timing and the silhouette against the clouds gave a sense of the moment. 5 images scored the top 20 mark. The first that was also selected as print of the night from Liz Barber for her "Impressions of Skye". The other top prints were; Janet Brown's "Cat and Fiddle", Anne Nagle's "Glassware", another new member Nigel Cherry with "Prowling on the Masai" and "Posing beach pelican" from myself Kevin Harwood.



Keith then reviewed projected images with 14 scored 18,19 or 20. As with the prints Keith held back eight images and then awarded 20 points to five of them. David Seddon secured two of these with "Dereliction" and "Lock

Eil" with the latter also selected as Projected Image of the night. The other 20's were; Anne Nagle's "Three frogs", Janet Brown's "Walking on the beach" and my own "Swallow-tailed gull preening".

It was great to see such a wider variety of subjects for our first competition and to see our new members competing and being amongst the higher scorers. We now all have some time to go through our photo libraries to select the next print and projected images for our next competition. Well done to Liz and David for their winning entries from this competition. Kevin Harwood

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A WHITE CHRISTMAS IS ONLY FOR DREAMERS

Go into most homes in our district over the festive season and you will find walls and shelves bedecked with Christmas cards. Most portray a snowy landscape with icicles hanging from roofs or branches. Snowmen abound, skating is seen on ice-bound lakes and ponds and children are racing down snowy slopes on toboggans. But is this idea of a traditional white Christmas fact or fantasy?

The association of snow with Christmas probably stems back to Charles Dickens's description of the festive season at Dingley Dell in his Pickwick Papers, based on the cold, snowy late Decembers of 1829 and 1830. This book came out in 1836 and Christmas that year was very snowy. Mountainous drifts lay on the South Downs in Sussex and an avalanche swept onto the town of Lewes and demolished a whole street called Boulder Row, burying alive a number of its residents. The modern day public house 'The Snowdrop Inn' now marks the site of this nineteenth century tragedy.

For more southern areas of the UK away from the highest hills, there have only been six classic widespread white Christmas days when snow has fallen and laid, giving a good cover during the 20th and 21st century to date. Winter chill often comes late, as this year, when the 'beast from the east' affected us at the end of February and again in mid-March, or in 2013 when on 11 March scores of Sussex motorists were trapped by heavy snow on the A23. As the daylight lengthens, the cold strengthens.

The first traditional occasion of the twentieth century was that of 1906 following a couple of below freezing days, but it almost missed Christmas Day in Sussex when the snow set in not far off midnight with 5cm to 6cm by dawn.



1927 Christmas lays claim to be of the most dramatic for snow on record when rain turned to snow during Christmas evening and fell heavily throughout Boxing Day, blown into mountainous drifts by a furious

north-east gale. Aircraft were used to drop food parcels to beleaguered communities trapped by 6 metre drifts on the Chilterns and Downs not far London. Snow was swept off in great clouds from the sea cliffs in Dorset and the Isle of Wight by the storm force winds. Huge drifts engulfed a flock of 600 sheep tended by a farm just north of Shoreham on the South Downs. It was five days before they were located and rescued and it was just in time as many were very weak and insensible.

Less dramatic but more picturesque was the classic white Christmas of 1938. Following a very mild November and first half of December, snow began falling on the 19th and continued every day, up to and including Boxing Day, across many parts of England. Another white Christmas was 1970 and it caused dozens of flights to be cancelled at Gatwick.

The most surprising 'white Christmas' came in what was a mild winter when a brief incursion of cold air gave a wonderful present to young and old alike as they pulled back the curtains on Christmas morning 1956, in more northerly parts of West Sussex such as Fernhurst. There was about 5cm of snow; enough to make a moderate sized snow man and work up a healthy appetite for the Christmas Dinner.

Even in the epic winter of 1962-63 Christmas Day was snow free. It fell steadily on Christmas Day across southern Scotland but it was not until Boxing Day that it reached Sussex and then snowed continuously for over 24 hours followed by further snowstorms a few days later. Three people became trapped in a car on Wiggonholt Common between Pulborough and Cootham. They were finally rescued the next

day having spent a very uncomfortable night in their snow bound car. Snow depths reached a level 48 cm in parts of West Sussex. It was not until March 1963 that the snow finally cleared



The current definition of a 'white Christmas' is just one snow flake seen to fall at official Met Office observing stations in the 24 hours from midnight on Christmas Eve. However those in urban greas are usually much warmer than the suburbs due to the `heat island effect' caused by the myriad of buildings, high volume of traffic with plenty of businesses and factories. The chances are further reduced if the snow falls at night when there is no observer to see it and winters in general have been a good deal milder on average since 1970. Indeed the change of calendar in 1752 to that of the Gregorian meant Christmas came 11 days earlier lessening the chance of snow.

Deep snow may be lying but it has to fall within the specified time period. Christmas 1981 showed that the term "White Christmas" might not be quite what it seems. Following some deep falls of snow on the 8th and the 11th December there was a full scale blizzard on Sunday 13th. Even the Queen became a victim of deep snowdrifts and had to take refuge in a Cotswold pub. There were further falls in the days following but not over the Christmas period though the ground remained covered away from the coast. It did not count as a white Christmas for betting purposes. To really boost your chances of a white Christmas you would need to be at the top of our highest mountains such as Ben Nevis or The Cairngorms.

What are the prospects for Christmas 2018? A cold October can actually signify mild weather in December and January. A mild October does not necessarily correlate to a cold early winter. For instance the two coldest winters of the 21st century were 1947 and 1963. October in the former was about average and in the latter milder than normal. This year October was overall a little milder than par though it did have a chilly end. There are many factors that come into the mix that influence our winter weather such as less arctic ice, warmer oceans, El Nino and La Nina southern oscillation events, diminished gyre flow of the Gulf Stream, anthropomorphic warming, volcanicity and the relationship of stratospheric temperatures to the underlying atmosphere to name but a few.

One thing for certain the Christmas Day forecast is the most sought after for the whole year and once again may disappoint both young and old alike as it is more likely to be 'Christmas on the balcony, Easter by the fire'.

Ian Currie, Weatherman and editor of Weather Eye magazine

WEATHER EYE COMPETITON

Free subscription to Weather Eye for three lucky winners! Can you answer this question?

There has been a very cold December in the 21st century when snow covered many areas on Christmas Day, though only in parts of Scotland and a few areas of eastern England did any flakes fall, so technically not a white Christmas. However, it was a very cold day with some localities measuring their coldest Christmas Day since at least 1830. The month as a whole was the coldest ever December across Northern Ireland and since 1890 in England and Wales. What is the year?

Answers by Christmas Eve to www.frostedearth.com or call the editor of 3 Heralds, Amanda, on 743700.

Merry Christmas and good weather watching

Ian Currie, Weatherman and editor of Weather Eye magazine www.frostedearth.com

STORRINGTON & DISTRICT PROBUS



Members head north for a holiday

As the nights were closing in and the yellow and brown leaves started to fall from the trees, but the sunshine was still with us, so, some of the Storrington Probus Club members headed north for a holiday, taking in Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire and the Peak District, organised, in his usual excellent way, by Club member Alan French. The first stop on the way was at a National Trust Property, Stowe, where two guides met the group for a very

interesting tour of the gardens commissioned by Viscount Cobham and designed by Sir Richard Temple. After an enjoyable visit and lunch, the group went on to their hotel, Thoresby Hall, which was ideally placed for their trips around the area and provided a private area for drinks and dinner that night.

The next day the group visited Lincoln Cathedral and Lincoln Castle which incorporates a now redundant prison with an interesting history. Tour guides gave a splendid insight into these wonderful ancient buildings, followed by a visit to the exhibition of one of the last four remaining Magna Carta copies. Some members then went on a boat trip on the river at Witham at the Wharf. Next day was a visit to Hardwick Hall, commissioned in 1590-9 by Elizabeth Talbot, Countess of Strewsbury, also known as Bess of Hardwick, who became the richest woman in England at that time. Four guides gave a talk on the history of the building and then a tour with fascinating facts of the history. Later that day, some members went on a walk around the Thoresby Estate, including a working farm and village. After a good night's sleep, the group set off for the 12th century Romanesque Southwell Minster and Workhouse museum in Southwell. In the afternoon, those that still had the energy played a game of bowls, organised by Cliff Palmer, and others played croquet. Following a gala dinner, everyone had a very enjoyable evening. On the way back to Storrington, the coach stopped at Banbury for lunch, which rounded off an excellent trip.

During this trip it was announced that Mike Grizaard had passed away following a battle with cancer. Mike joined the Club in 2006 and was President in 2016/2017. Mike will be remembered for his great sense of humour and particularly his joke telling at the Club's monthly lunches. Our sincerest condolences go to his wife Maureen and family.

Back at the Tollgate in Bramber, Andrew Boultbee, our President, presided over two monthly lunches with two excellent speakers, organised by John Wilkinson. The first, Shirley Cornish, spoke enthusiastically about her time in Bolivia on a Church mission to build a church in a very poor area of that country. She didn't seem to mind the conditions she had to live in and got used to the altitude sickness from being high up in the Andes and very cold at night. The next speaker was Tony Turner who worked at Vickers and for a charter airline at Gatwick, and gave a stimulating talk called Jumping the Pond which looked at the development of aviation from the First World War flights to crossing the Atlantic. Both speakers contributed really interesting talks after members enjoyed the usual excellent carvery at the Tollgate, organised by Tony Girard.

Don Cleary organised another of his enjoyable coffee mornings at The Chequers Hotel in Pulborough, and another is planned at The Labouring Man in Coldwaltham. Other events, that are organised, which we will talk about next time, are the *Indoor Fun Race Night* with fish and chips supper in the West Chiltington Pavilion,

a Shuffleboard Evening at the West Chiltington Church Hall with drinks and cakes, the Ladies' Night President's Dinner at the West Sussex Golf Club and a Christmas Concert at the Chichester theatre.

If you want to know more about the Club or join, please visit the Website at: www. storringtonprobus.com

Peter Kearns



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STORRINGTON DRAMATIC SOCIETY

It's Panto Time!

As the evenings get darker and winter draws on, it's Panto time......Oh yes it is!

This year, the Society has chosen the very traditional tale of *Hansel and Gretel* with the usual good versus evil, the comic idiots, the outrageous Dame and, of course, boy meets girl, all thrown into the picture. Norman Robbins, the author, does not disappoint in this lively, hilarious romp.

Rehearsals are well under way with the performances on **5, 6, 7** and **8 December** at Sullington Parish Hall. Tickets are available now from Fowlers Estate Agents and online via the web site. Last year, every performance was a sell-out. So get in early if you don't want to be disappointed.

New members are always welcome, so if you fancy joining a lively, active group, come along on a Tuesday or Thursday at 7.45pm and say hello.

www.storringtondramatics.co.uk

WEST CHILTINGTON AND STORRINGTON MOTHERS' UNION

Nathaniel Woodard and Lancing College



Thankfully, three Branch members attended the Members' Meeting at Bishop Hannington Church, Hove, on 13 October as our District was required to run the Bring & Buy and Cake stalls, with Sonia Fox and Jeannie Watten doing sterling work on the Bring & Buy, as those intending to run it missed their train and arrived very late. It was a very good meeting with excellent speakers. Marion Pope, Training Officer from Mary Sumner House, asked us to think outside the box as to how we might encourage new members and re-vitalise existing members, giving us many suggestions. We discussed in District groups what we loved about MU as if we were planning a television advert; love and fellowship were high on the list. The second speaker, Gail Miller, who works for the Salvation Army, was enthusiastic and inspiring. She talked about loneliness. Apparently, research done by university professors has discovered the problem with society is that we no longer trust anyone; we need to be kind, and need to love one another. As Gail said she could have given them all a Bible and saved a lot of money! Her challenge to us in combatting loneliness was to "Every day engage with three strangers."

We were delighted to have Roger Overton-Smith as our Speaker at our November meeting. This was Roger's 3rd visit to us, giving a lively and informative insight to Lancing College and Chapel. A former pupil and now volunteer Chapel Guide, Roger has a wealth of knowledge. We learnt that although Nathaniel Woodard never went to school but was educated by his mother, he was able to go to Oxford using money left to him by several aunts. He became a Curate at Bethnal Green and was appalled at the lack of education for the middle classes; the poor had a couple of years at Church schools, and upper classes went to schools like Eton or Harrow. After several controversial sermons he was asked to leave and went to St Mary's New Shoreham as Curate to the incumbent at St Nicholas's, where he started a day school.

When it came to building the Chapel, being a man of vision and faith, but without funds, he had foundations laid with 48 holes being dug 75 feet deep to take the pillars of the Chapel. He raised money by holding dinners for the great and the good for which others would pay substantial sums to be in their company. Lord Halifax said he was always happy to receive a begging letter from Nathaniel Woodard. The length of the Chapel has increased over the years but the height was decided by Nathaniel in his life-time. As Nathaniel was unwell, his son, who had gone to Cambridge and was a lawyer, was given the task of overseeing the building work. Asking his father how high the Chapel should be, the answer was as high in feet as the number of steps Nathaniel could manage from his sick-bed, which was 150! Knowing that when he died the roof would be put on at whatever height had been reached, Nathaniel insisted the altar end of the Chapel should be roofed before extending the rest of the Chapel. Extensions have been going on ever since, with the 32 feet Rose Window being an addition since Roger's day, and the present project is the porch preparations for which are already in place. Roger gave an impressive talk about an impressive man and his legacy.

We shall be holding our last Centenary Celebration at our Christmas Party with invited guests on **6 December** in West Chiltington Church Hall.

Jean Hunt

SANDGATE CONSERVATION SOCIETY

We are pleased to announce that a new madeup path has been established that forms part of a planned link between Sullington Warren and Warren Hill. This section forms part of the Water Lane Country Park area and runs from Water Lane through to the far end of Sandgate Park, where the path gives access to some lovely views up into the Downs.



There is no presentation this month at the Sullington Parish Hall but they are scheduled to recommence in the New Year.

A work-party will be in action on Sullington Warren on **Saturday 8 December** from 9.30am until 12 noon, so do come along if you can as we would be really pleased to see you, so come on, give it a try!



If anyone cares to join the Society and get involved in managing this lovely area, or wishes to learn more about the Sandgate Conservation Society who work closely with the National Trust and Horsham District Council, please contact Jacinta White on 1798 813545 and take a

look at our web-site www.sandgate-conservation.org.uk.

Brian Burns

🧶 West Chillington Dramatic Society



Our November production of Francis Durbridge's thriller House Guest will be over by the time you read this latest newsletter; we hope you did not miss it. However, that does not mean that we are going into hibernation, for we have a number of social events during December and January 2019.

Our entertainment for the Members Evening on 15 December is A Play in a Day, and the challenge is precisely that. A group of members will assemble at 9am in the morning with the task of presenting a one act play in the evening to the audience. Up to that point, the only people knowing what the play will be are the director, Julian Hoad and the producer, Angela Sloan. Everyone else will be presented with a script or task list and will either be in the cast onstage or filling the multiplicity of roles in staging the play. There will be a job for everyone. If you think you would like to take part, contact Angela at mailing@wcds.co.uk . Tickets for the evening performance, £5 for members, £10 for guests, can be obtained through mailing@wcds. co.uk or by telephone from Geofrey Steward on 01798 874932. The evening will include a bar, our traditional turkey pie supper and a raffle. Please note that tickets are strictly limited and will be available on a first come first served basis. We held a preliminary meeting on 7 November which was attended by some 20 members, including some new ones, at which Angela and Julian talked about the structure of the day. Despite questioning from those present, they revealed nothing regarding the play itself, save that the cast could be between 10 and 30 in number and that the genders were flexible. Some set construction will be required together with scavenging for furniture and props. Light and sound will be in the hands of our techies.

On 7 and 10 January 2019 we will be holding the auditions for our May production, When we are Married, by J B Priestly, directed by Caroline Woodley. This is quite a large cast play, seven males and seven females, and preliminary reading for those interested took part at the Five Bells, Smock Alley, West Chiltington on Friday 30 November. The play has recently been revived in the West End and was last performed by us in the spring of 1989, with some of our existing members in the cast and backstage.

If you would like to learn more about our activities, take a look at our website www.wcds.co.uk or contact our Membership Secretary, Christine Pearson, on 01798 874456.

Geofrey Steward, Chairman

CRICKET IN STORRINGTON



Western Warriors Squad Trials Success and Training for Two Cygnets

Congratulations to Thomas Wroe and Ed Coutts for successfully getting through initial trials for the Western Warriors District Squads at the Under 10 and Under 12 age levels respectively.

For Thomas, the next step is nine weekly twohour intensive winter training sessions with the U10 Squad, coached by the Sussex Youth Development professionals. James Harrington, our U10 Manager and Coach, said this has been



a fantastic achievement by Thomas, a well-deserved recognition of all his efforts during the past season.

Ed also got through the U12 trials, after missing out on selection last year, and will be undergoing similar training to Thomas'. It will be a very busy winter for Ed as he is also a talented equestrian competitor as well as a league footballer. Martin Fisher, our Cygnets Manager, has been delighted that Ed's perseverance and undoubted talent had been recognised this year. Martin is also very pleased at the all-round progress of the younger All Stars and older Cygnets during the past season, proving that they can 'mix it' with the bigger and more established junior clubs.

Completing the Club's project of installing a two lane outdoor practice net next year is going to provide a big boost to Martin and his team's objective of raising the overall skill levels and match performance of our expanding junior section. As we are still short of our funding target, it would be fantastic to hear from potential benefactors, businesses or private individuals, during the next two to three months. Our Chairman Steve Watkins, on 744217, is the person to contact.

Chris Winter

BINGO

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STORRINGTON COMMUNITY MARKET

We're open every Friday between 10am and 11.15am in the Village Hall in West Street.

Our Christmas Market will be on Friday 14 December with lots of special stalls, competitions and a Memory Tree with donations to Chestnut Tree Hospice.

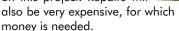
Cakes, biscuits, pies and savouries, jams and marmalades, local honey, eggs, knitted hats, jewellery and crafts,

books and magazines, DoTerra Essential Oils, local fruit and veg, plants, mushrooms, The Village Deli, Boutique 35 fashion and Forever Aloe health products. Tea, coffee and biscuits in our cafe.

> The Village Minibus is available every other week. Contact Velda on 892962.

STORRINGTON CONSERVATION SOCIETY

At the AGM on 27 October, Chairman Mick Denness gave a report on the activities of the Society. Mainly positive, with one exception, being that of the recent vandalism to the riverbank protection in Fryern Dell. He reminded the meeting of the cost and efforts involved in our work on this project. Repairs will





We were fortunate in having Laura Woodrow as our guest speaker on the pressing subject of climate change. In her illustrated talk she mentioned the millions of tons of CO² per hour mankind is pouring into the atmosphere. This is faster than has happened for 66 million years. As a result, summer temperatures for the recent ten years have been warmer than average. Also, arctic sea ice temperature is lower than for thousands of years, and sea levels are rising. Oceans absorb over 90% of global pollution and are warming. All this results in extreme weather, more severe hurricanes, record rainfalls, drought elsewhere and wildfires. Fertile land becomes desert causing food shortages.

Laura explained all is not doom and gloom. We are exchanging fossil fuels for clean energy; wind power, solar and hydro are now increasingly used for electricity generation. While it is a worldwide problem, sustainability starts at home. We can reduce energy wastage, recycle, repair, reuse and refill! For local initiatives, go to www.kinderliving.co.uk and www.refill.org.uk.

The work party met on 3 November at Fryern Dell, continuing the restoration of the Pleasure Garden by removing invasive plants from around specimen trees. The Thursday afternoon group on 15 November carried out conservation at Foxbridge. We meet again on 1December at 10am as usual, again at Fryern Dell. This time clearing the area around the historic pond. The Thursday afternoon group meets on 20 December at 2pm also at Fryern Dell

Whatever the weather, cheerful company guaranteed, new volunteers add to the enjoyment. Don't hesitate! All are welcome; gardening wear advised and tools provided, and a cup of coffee.

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

Stuart Kersley

West Chilt Jazz Club

West Chiltington Village Hall RH20 2PZ



STORRINGTON FLOWER CLUB



Our demonstrator, Linda Brayne, created five beautiful arrangements for the October meeting with the theme New Beginnings. The first arrangement, entitled Roots, was designed on a floor-standing glass container filled with twisted dried roots. An assortment of foliage, including fatsia leaves, ferns and pittosporum were used, complimented by white alstoemeria and parrot tulips, and also included a beautiful white orchid with its exposed roots used to great effect.

Moving from Roots, next came a large white globe symbolising the egg, with variegated foliage to tone with the white of the egg and a selection of white flowers including freesia, feverfew and parrot tulips completed the spherical design.

The third arrangement, entitled the Passage of Time, featured a large

ornate clock with a beautiful bright arrangement of sunflowers, yellow roses and carthamus designed in the foreground.

From time, we travelled to Re-incarnation with an exotic design containing arum lily, fatsia and fatshedra leaves. The flowers included a new variety of chrysanthemum, called the 'spider', a curved petal chrysanthemum in a fantastic bronze colour, along with roses and alstoemeria . The design was produced around a large, china head of Buddha.



Finally, we came full circle back to Roots with the last creation designed on a stand made from polished roots. This was a very delicate design and included peach carnations and physalis, or Chinese

lanterns, and orange miniature roses with an assortment of foliage including skimmia, ferns and cordaline.

Throughout the afternoon Linda kept us amused with anecdotes and many useful tips.

Our next meeting will be 23 January; guests are very welcome to join us, and you don't need to be a flower arranger. Cost is just £5 so come and enjoy the afternoon and the company.

Helen Jenkins

Note from the editor....

I put food on my lawn for the birds every day and am always delighted to see a seagull, crows, magpies, blackbirds, pigeons, robins and a squirrel sharing, although there is definitely a 'pecking order'! I love watching them feed and enjoy all the varied wildlife savouring the feast.

We can learn a lot from this 'sharing' by different species. No matter how different we are, we must be aware, and have consideration, for fellow humans. So, this Christmas let us think of others, share the gifts we are blessed with and be aware of the needs of our sisters and brothers. We all have gifts we can give, be that money, time, friendship or love. In the Bible, Paul's letter to the Corinthians is well worth reading again to put you on track – such wonderful words! Love is the greatest gift of all, and it costs nothing.

I wish each and every one of you a truly wonderous Christmas and may God's blessings be on all of you.

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