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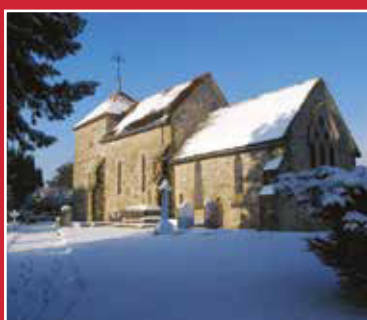
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THE PARISH CHURCHES OF

**St Mary
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SULLINGTON AND THAKEHAM WITH WARMINGHURST

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All telephone numbers are 01903 unless otherwise stated.



Easter, and therefore Lent, are very late this year, Ash Wednesday being on 6 March. As Lent remembers Jesus' time in the wilderness, people often think of these 40 days (excluding Sundays) as a time of self-denial; they choose to give up a favourite food or drink or activity. Others give up time by doing something extra: helping a neighbour, volunteering, spending more time in prayer. Either way, the object is not self-improvement (physical or spiritual!), but rather, a closer focus on following Jesus and being guided by the Father. Central to discipleship, and to our faith day by day, is our prayer to our Father in heaven.

The Lent course this year is about prayer, using a course called *Lord Jesus, Teach Me to Pray*. In various ways it will be a little different from other years. As the course lasts for 7 weeks, it will start before Lent, on Monday 25 February. The course, open to members of all the local churches, will be run by the *Chemin Neuf* Community and take place at The Priory. The sessions will only last for about an hour plus some time for chit-chat. The reason for this is that the main business of the course will not happen at these meetings. It will happen every day of the week between meetings. People will take home Bible passages and some prayer points for each day. The meeting will be the time to touch base with God and to be encouraged by each other.

Prayer is not something to be talked or read about, but something to be practised, like most things in life. Unless you are doing it, no amount of discussion will make you better at it. But what does it mean to be "better at it"?

Prayer is not like learning a language, unless you compare it to the language of love! Prayer is about a relationship, a daily walk and a converse with Almighty God, made possible for us by Jesus and inspired by the Holy Spirit. For Jesus, to pray was to enter into the presence of his Father. To be close to God is to feel and to know oneself totally loved and cherished to the very depths of one's being. Just as, to feel God is a million miles away is to feel desolate, dark, deserted. And if prayer is not 'working' we should be very worried and upset about it.

So, this course will, with God's help, enable people to get their prayer 'working'! And to walk with others on the same path, sharing the same up's and down's, questions and dreams. It will not make you 'good at prayer' but I definitely hope that it will make you more deeply sure of His love for you, a love that comes from the Father,

just as you are.

Please look out for signing up details in your own church. And if you cannot get along on Mondays at 5.30pm (check the time, it could change a bit!), then it is possible to follow the daily readings and prayers points at home, though you would of course miss the fellowship and encouragement of your brother/sister disciples.

God bless you as you ponder how you are going to make the most of Lent this month.

With love and prayers

CHARLES HADLEY

Assistant Priest, St Mary's, Storrington

PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

Prayer of St Richard of Chichester

Thanks be to thee, my Lord Jesus Christ
For all the benefits Thou hast given me,
For all the pains and insults Thou hast borne for me.
O most merciful Redeemer, friend and brother,
May I know Thee more clearly,
Love thee more dearly,
Follow thee more nearly.
Amen.



Treat the earth well, because it is not inherited from your parents, it is borrowed from your children.

Old Kenyan Proverb

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Family Support Work Christmas Quiz 2018 Answers



THEY ARE CONNECTED!: 1. Circular Saw; 2. Sleeping Policeman; 3. Apple Pie; 4. Jumbo Jet; 5. Oriental Express; 6. Blue Moon; 7. East enders; 8. Highland Games; 9. News Night; Glorious Goodwood.

LETTERS LEADING TO COMBINATIONS: 1. Angels and Archangels; 2. Abbot and Costello; 3. Adam and Eve; 4. Cane and Abel; 5. Commons and Lords; 6. Gilbert and Sullivan; 7 Jack and Jill; 8. Kings and Queens; 9. Laurel and Hardy; 10. Morcambe and Wise.

NUMERICAL CONNECTIONS: 1. BT; 2. Feeding 5,000; 3. Degrees; 4. Help; 5. ¼ mile; 6. Weights; 7. Guineas; 8. Times; 9. Dozen; 10. Your guess is as good as mine!

TVVIEWERS: 1. Escape to the Country; 2. Pointless; 3. Bodyguard; 4. Songs of Praise; 5. New Tricks; 6. Endeavour; 7. Morse; 8. Eastenders; 9. Silent Witness; 10. University Challenge.

FROM THE BIBLE: 1. Jonah; 2. Peter's Vision; 3. Babel; 4. Peter; 5. Paul; 6. John the Baptist; 7. Sampson; 8. Pilate; 9. Zacchaeus; 10. Job.

GET MOTORING : 1. Escort; 2. Zephyr; 3. Alpha Romeo; 4. Focus; 5. Bluebird; 6. Opal; 7. Mazda; 8. Granada; 9. Mini; 10. Fiesta.

SPORTS CONNECTIONS: 1. Cricket 20/20; 2. Football; 3. Athletic; 4. Chess; 5. Ice Hockey; 6. Billiards; 7. Rugby Union; 8. Rugby League; 9. Saint; 10. Hockey.

GIVE US EYES TO SEE THEM: 1. Foresight; 2. See to it; 3. Cast your eyes on it; 4. I saw; 5. See through; 6. Double vision; 7. Vision Express; 8. Eyes out of the back of one's head; 9. Eye of a needle; 10. Specsavers.

AND THEN SOUNDS: 1. Beggar's Opera; 2. Tchaikovsky; 3. Sing a song of sixpence; 4. Hoot; 5. Screech of brakes; 6. Cough; 7. Yodel; 8. Drum beat; 9. Moonlight Sonata; 10. Bag pipe.

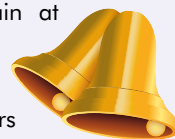
DINGBATS: 1. Inside out; 2. Bottoms up; 3. Top whole; 4. Outside left; 5. Down and out; 6. Back to front; 7. High noon; 8. Diminishing Return; 9. Round about; 10. One in a million.

This Quiz has raised over £420 for Family Support Work. Thank you all for taking part. Please forgive any errors of mine and many thanks to Liz MacGregor and Viv Stuart for their valuable help.

Harold Linfield

DING DONG MERRILY ON HIGH!

Last November, Roger Watts, the Tower Captain at St Mary's Church, Thakeham, organised for a Quarter Peal to be rung in honour of my arrival to the parish. A special band was gathered from many Sussex churches, six experienced bell ringers with the skill needed to ring over a thousand changes, without stopping, over a period of 45 minutes. It was glorious! The concentration on the faces of the band was obvious as they listened for direction from the conductor.



Over 20 people came up to the Church to listen during the time the bells were rung, and many more were probably stopped in their tracks around the village.

Bells have been rung at Thakeham Church since the 17th century, in one form or other, but hearing a Quarter Peal is a rare treat. Many thanks to all involved, I feel thoroughly welcomed!

If you are interested in seeing how the bells are rung, or even interested in joining our band, please contact Roger Watts, who will be at bell ringing practice every Wednesday evening at Thakeham Church from 7.30pm.

Revd Sara-Jane Stevens

Thakeham Church invite you to the next

MEN'S BREAKFAST

on **9 March, 8.30am** at Thakeham Village Hall

Come and enjoy a cooked breakfast, an inspirational speaker and good company!

Please let Derek or Lis know if you would like to come by telephoning 01798 813012 (for catering purposes).

Look forward to seeing you there! Derek Osborne



Knit and Stitch Tea on Tuesday

Thakeham Church Rooms 19 February between 2pm and 4pm
All welcome. Enquiries to Wynn Lednor - 743025



Thakeham Village Hall

Saturday 23rd February 2109 at 7pm

Teams of 6

(teams can be made up on the night)

Tickets £10 per person, to include a delicious hot supper

Contact Wynn Lednor on 743025 for further information

"Loving God and Loving our Neighbour"
Matthew 22:37-39

What's happening at

St Mary's Sullington



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Anne Owen (743973)

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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

THE NEW MISSION STATEMENT FOR BOTH SULLINGTON AND THAKEHAM WITH WARMINGHURST PARISHES

"Loving God and Loving our Neighbour"

This phrase is taken from the Bible, the gospel of St Matthew 22:37-39 to be exact. Jesus was asked a trick-question by someone trying to discredit him, "Which is the most important commandment?" But rather than choosing one of the 10 Commandments above the others, Jesus summed up all 10 into two, "love God and love your neighbour as yourself". In Sullington & Thakeham with Warminghurst parishes, we are committed to do what Jesus did; to love God first and love our neighbours as we love ourselves. We want to live by putting our 'wants' to the back of the queue and serving others first. In the culture of "looking after No.1" this may sound rebellious - good! All other rebels are very welcome to join us!

Revd Sara-Jane Stevens

MORNING PRAYERS

On Tuesdays and Thursdays the Revd Sara-Jane will be taking Morning Prayers at St Mary's, Sullington between 9.30am and 10am

Everyone is welcome to join her.



WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP

St Mary's Church, Sullington, held a Wreath Making Workshop in December, which was very well attended. We all learned new skills about how to make a Christmas Wreath to adorn our front door. We shall be repeating this event in 2019 and you will be welcome to join us.



The Wild Fortune Quiet Garden



*'The Father spoke one Word, which was his Son,
and this Word he speaks in eternal silence,
and in silence, It must be heard by the soul.'*
John of the Cross

Unfortunately, due to a burst water tank at Tessa and Mark's house, they will not be able to open the garden until at least April. Further update will be advised as soon as possible.

In the meantime, may your prayers and good wishes be with Mark and Tessa and hope things get back to normal for them as quickly as possible.

Editor

Tea with the Vicar

28 February 3pm till 5pm
at home of Ann Salinger, Greenacres,
West Chiltington. All welcome.





What's happening at St Mary's Storrington

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

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Revd Jaquie Peal (743083)

Verger: Michael Taylor (742218)

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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

Vacant

Director of Music

Stephen Bloxham

Assistant Organists

Ian Miles, Chrystalle Kersley
Peter Lewis, Keith Smithers
Simon Whitchurch

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 Jaquie Peal - 743083.

Altar Servers: Revd Jaquie Peal (743083)

Bellringers: Fridays, 7.45pm - 9.30pm.

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

Church Cleaning: Jeannie Watten (742542)

Church & Churchyard Maintenance: Ray Hunt (01798 813681)

Mothers' Union: Jean Hunt (01798 813681)

Bible Study / Home Groups: The Tuesday house group at 23 Orchard Gardens will reconvene after Easter. New members are always welcome. Contact Chrystalle on 744269.

The Thursday morning house group is running for five weeks from 24 January (10am - 12 noon) at 51 Crowhurst Crescent. Contemporary dilemmas discussion group. All welcome. Contact Alison on 743713.

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

CANDLEMAS SUNDAY - 3 February

Candles are lit during the 10am Family Service on this day to mark the presentation of the infant Christ to the Aged Simeon and Anna in the Temple at Jerusalem, "to be a light to lighten the Gentiles."

ASH WEDNESDAY - 6 March

The main service to mark the start of Lent will take place on this day at 7pm - Sung Eucharist with imposition of ashes. There will be a Prayer Book Holy Communion (said) with Ash Wednesday readings on Thursday 7 March, at 10.30am

STORRINGTON REGISTERS

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

22 Dec Lucy Jasmine Howell (daughter of Nicola and Nicholas)

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

11 Dec Minnie Haynes (94 years)

12 Dec Alexander Wallace (92 years)

14 Dec Joan Elizabeth Edmunds (88 years)

3 Jan Christine Hunter (74 years)

16 Jan Sylvia Hyams MBE (86 Years)

St Mary's Church, Storrington, needs your

STAMPS PLEASE SAVE ALL YOUR STAMPS

and leave in the box in the Church porch...

they can be converted to much needed funds for our Church.

Please pass the message to all your friends and neighbours.



St Mary's Church
Church Street
Storrington

Wednesday 20 February
10am to 11.30am

And every 3rd Wednesday of the month

Come and join us for a
friendly 'cuppa' with the Clergy

Church@4pm

17 February

at St Mary's Church, Storrington

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



CHRISTINGLE

AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, STORRINGTON

The total collected for the Children's Society in 2018 by St Mary's Church, Storrington, was £1,602.44.

The box opening total was £1,129.49 and the magnificent collection taken at the Christingle Service on Christmas Eve was £472.95. On behalf of the Children's Society we would like to thank everyone who gave so generously.

The Christingle service was enjoyed by many children and young families - the Church was packed and our thanks to the Revd Rupert Toovey and Jackie Lee for organizing the Nativity Presentation.

We are very grateful to all the helpers who prepared the Christingles and to Sainsbury's of Pulborough for generously donating the oranges.



If anyone would like a Children's Society box for their small change please contact us. We will be delighted to supply boxes.

*Alun and Pat Jenkins (744927)
St. Mary's, Storrington, Children's
Society Representatives*



Preparing the Christingles

TEA WITH THE VICAR

St Mary's Church, Sullington, met on a cold afternoon just before Christmas for a very pleasant Tea with the Vicar in front of a roaring fire with good company and delicious cakes and tea.

Please see page 5 for our next tea; you would be welcome to join us.



ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS RAFA CHAPEL SUSSEXDOWN

**Communion with the residents
28 February 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

Christians in Storrington

Monthly Inter-Church Prayer Meetings Everyone welcome

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

Tuesday, 5 February – Community Church will lead

Tuesday, 5 March – Chemin Neuf Community will lead

One in faith and love and praise



Our 2019 Winter programme includes:

Themed meal – Winter Warmer on **Friday evening, 15 February.**

French Film Night takes place on **Friday evening, 22 March.**

Further details please visit our website:

storringtontwinning.co.uk

or contact 01903 744024 / 745325

LAURENCE & REBEKA HARDY CELEBRATING THEIR BLUE SAPPHIRE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Laurence and Rebeka Hardy celebrated their 65th year together on Sunday 16 December. The Church congregation at St Mary's, Storrington, rejoiced with them and for them with sparkling wine and celebration fruit cake.

On Saturday the Hardy's invited nearly 100 family and friends to their home in Orchard Gardens to start their celebrations. The party took place between 12 and 2pm and then between 6pm and 8pm with a delicious finger buffet supplied by Cathy: well-known and much appreciated chef from the Old Forge. Guests had been invited to choose which time to attend. The house was beautifully decorated inside, with a card from the Queen in pride of place, and outside with a splendid crib set surrounded by twinkly lights.

During the party, Laurence and Rebeka gave an interesting short talk about their 65 years together, starting with reference to Laurence's time in the Navy and ending with their 56 years living in Danehill, East Sussex, where they had four children under five, and now have nine grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. They were both active and involved locally. As well as being Chairman of the local family brickworks, Laurence was High Sheriff of East Sussex in 1976, Chairman of a local housing association started by his father, an Ashdown Forest Conservator and on the PCC for 53 years, including being Church Warden for 12 years, with 3 interregnums! His great grandmother had built the local church in 1892. Rebeka had been PCC secretary, Sunday School teacher, a school manager, chairman of the Parish Council and a licensed Reader from 1997.

Following passenger involvement in a car accident in 1976 which left Rebeka temporarily anti-social, she decided to become an amateur gamekeeper on their own land. Having built up their local shoot over eight years and then employing their brilliant gamekeeper, she turned to picking up with Gundogs which she had trained.

But their interest then turned to building up the garden, having been asked to open it for the National Gardens Scheme. After 18 years of improving it and opening to the public and to private groups, some from abroad, the garden was really interesting with an evangelical emphasis specialising in variety and humour! Their last opening attracted a thousand visitors! They had raised about a quarter of a million pounds for charity over the years. By then though it was getting too much effort, so they were very happy to find their lovely 2-into-1 house at Orchard Gardens with its view over fields and the Downs and with lovely neighbours and St Mary's Church just over the road. Their health was proposed with prayer by the Rector at lunch time and by Willie Shackell in the evening, who had looked Laurence up on Google and entertained with extracts from his research!



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

A WOMEN LED, GLOBAL,
ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT

1 March at 2pm

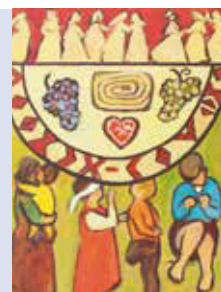
**Our local Service will take place
at St Mary's Church, Storrington**

The former Women's World Day of Prayer has been renamed. It is still prepared by women, this year by the women of Slovenia, and is entitled 'Come – Everything is Ready'.

Please put this date in your diary, it is the earliest one it can be.

Everyone is welcome; men, ladies and children.

Refreshments available afterwards.



Wedding Celebration
at St Mary's Church, Storrington

**Myfanwy Fisher
& Jonathan Verrall
1 September**

Congratulations and we all wish Myfanwy and Jonathan every happiness in their life together.

Floral table decoration for Easter

Saturday 13 April

Two sessions:
10am – 12 noon and 2pm – 4pm

The Old Workshop, next to Sullington Church
£25 per person

All flowers and greenery included,
accessories available.

Take home a decoration all ready,
and that will last, for your Easter table!

To book please contact Jean Hoadley
on 01798 812658



THE GIFT

"For it is written in the stars .. shines so bright,
this new life which we all behold ."

You might all be aware that for the period of Christmas a temporary structure was erected on the North side of St Mary's Church, Storrington, to attest in reimagined form to the greatest story ever told. That in a lowly building made for animals a couple, who had to return to their original City of David for census , added another life to change their and our world.

A comment was made that , "I'm not sure if I get this Modern Art?"

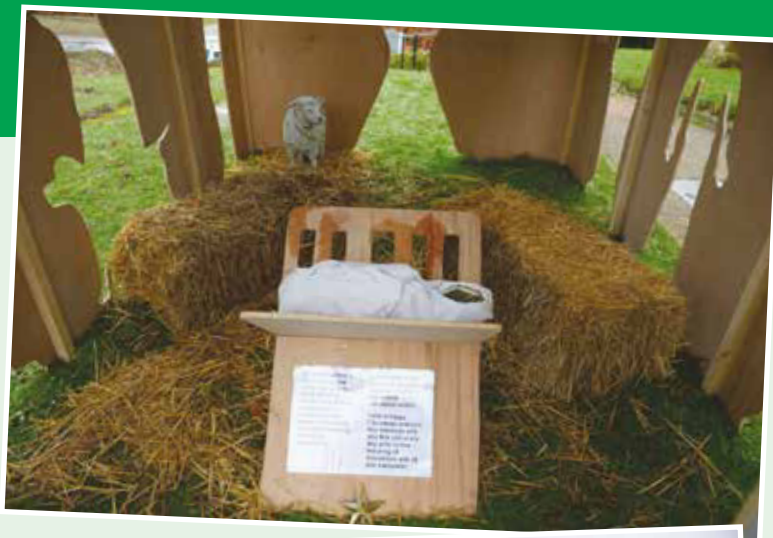
For those that did, it was merely the parable in a cube form as an ambulatory picture story device to celebrate the birth of Christ and how we might, as a part of God (the worldwide community), continue the peripatetic story of his and our own developing lives.

Like a shiny wrapped present, the view to the Church from Church Street allowed the wandering eye to behold a young child with arms raised in celebratory expression as to the joys of life. Asexual in form to imagine us all a wondrous creation this was lord of the dance who if "you live in me, I will live in you! "

All of the cut out forms were drawn around by children of Footsteps, St Mary's Sunday School, who, with their participatory inclusion, made their mark just as the windows of Churches lay witness in word pictures to other parables from scripture for two millennia. Their teacher with the crook merely emphasised the stories of the Good Shepherd who teaches and guides their flock. Mary and Joseph were drawn around by their children. The three wise men were drawn around by a wife and friends and were our Rector, Kathryn Windslow, former Curate, Christine Spencer, with her trusty companion Quinn, the Labrador, and Charles Hadley, Assistant Priest to St Mary's, Storrington, and ambassador to *Chemin Neuf* Community residing at Our Lady of England Priory. Here pilgrims come from all over the country and world to enjoy the peace of Storrington. With their gift of tongues, communicate in different languages the growing gift of friendship and unity and after 14 weeks have a greater use of English to share and comprehend wherever their lives take them.

Had you peered into the temporary stable and stared heavenward you would have seen the star that guided all here and from the land whereby scripture spread. In a cyclical device in the centre of this form was the unifying symbol of the cross which became the end of the life of one who by their innocence and service became a force to end such employed forms of inhumane torture by new disciples of faith in a New Testament . This again was employed in the symbol of the Lamb amongst the straw and the dove corbels and angel supports.

Placed beneath this drifting sheltering symbol was a manger with a childlike form wrapped in swaddled rags to begin the teachings of the story afresh in all who stared into its face.



CHEMIN NEUF COMMUNITY
The Priory, School Lane, Storrington

EVENTS AT THE PRIORY
QUIET DAYS AT THE PRIORY

Wednesdays 10am-4pm

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.

RINGING REMEMBERS



St Mary's Storrington

News, celebration and remembrance from St Mary's Church, Storrington, bell tower

This New Year's Eve was a real cause for celebration for four Storrington residents. Over the past year we all achieved a shared ambition of taking the first tentative steps towards calling ourselves 'bell-ringers'. We also were proud to have reached a standard which allowed us to join the rest of the regular team at St Mary's Church to ring in 2019. It was therefore an evening which we will remember with great fondness, and a feeling of success from each.

It is difficult to explain why each of us found ourselves quite literally hanging onto a piece of rope one chilly evening last January, though it appeared we shared a long-held fascination with bells and had turned up at the Church to find out more. After warm introductions, we were invited to watch the regular team practice as they do each Friday evening from 8pm. As always, experts in whatever field, have the frustrating habit of making things look deceptively easy, and we too were not exempt from the misguided belief that this was going to be a relatively simple challenge to master. Needless to say, after each of us had the opportunity to experience at first hand the feel of the rope and the power of the bells which seemed to hang precariously above our heads, we sat down, not only suitably humbled but with a new found admiration for our local ringers who made it look effortless and sound so beautiful.

Despite this reality check, we all returned the following Friday and begin a series of lessons in the hope that we too might soon reach a standard of competency which would allow us to participate with the rest of the group. Bell-ringing, like all other forms of music, requires dedication and regular practice, yet none of us were quite prepared for the unique language and methods of recording and following patterns which lead to the harmonious sounds made by the various bells. Fortunately, the issue of a text book soon became a reassuring point of reference, and a well-thumbed index has allowed each of us to at least look as if we are gradually understanding the terminology, even when the ringing did not go quite so smoothly.

As with any new endeavour, not all lessons went as planned, yet we were constantly supported by two excellent tutors, as well as the rest of the group, which meant that progress was gradually made by each of us. We were also reminded from the beginning that bell-ringing can go spectacularly wrong if attention is not paid to what is being taught. In order to visualise what takes place way above our heads, we were encouraged from the outset to climb up to the bells, hidden high in the Church tower, and see at first hand their immense size and the intricate way they are hung. For such a large mass of metal, it was fascinating to experience at first-hand how the bells each have their own quirks and personalities. Consequently, even for the most experienced bell-ringers, new skills are continually being mastered and shared.

Yet one of the most enduring features is that British bell-ringing has remained unaltered for centuries and continues to mark the main events in our lives, be it joyous or sad. One of the most recent initiatives to ensure that this continuity is not lost has been *Ringers Remembers* which aimed to match the 1,400 bell-ringers who were killed in the First World War with a similar number of new recruits. The honour of being part of this was not lost on the four of us who rang on Armistice Day with due solemnity. However, what is particularly reassuring is that almost three thousand new ringers were recorded across Britain last year, doubling the projected number.



Hilary, Nigel, Jo,
John (Tower Captain),
Dave, Mike, Phil.

2018 was, therefore, a memorable year for your local four new ringers, made possible by the encouragement and friendship of the Storrington team. However, there is still much to learn and therefore we appeal to the residents of the village that if at any time the bells sound discordant, please do not blame the regulars...rather it is likely to be one of us who has dropped a clanger!

Hilary Morris

RINGING REMEMBERS



The following ringers took part in commemorative ringing at

St Mary's Storrington

*to mark the Centenary of the Armistice
11th November 2018*

(* denotes those ringers who were recruited as part of the Ringing Remembers campaign to remember the 1,400 bell ringers who lost their lives in the First World War)

* Hilary Morris	* Jo Jones
* Phil Jones	* Dave Bolingford
Jacky Boorman	Nigel Boorman
Liz Armstrong	Katherine Davies
Lee Smith	Laura Wadey
Alan John Taylor	Felicity Hadley
Sheila Foster	Mike Foster
Pat Jenkins	

Lord Bourne of Aberystwyth
Minister for Faith
Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government

Christopher O'Mahony
President
The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

CHRISTMAS AT ST MARY'S, THAKEHAM

Our 'human Christingle' was a great hit this year on the first Sunday in December but little did our Matt know what it was going to lead to a few short weeks later on Christmas Eve: 'The Star that would not shine' was our supercharged presentation at the Journey

to Bethlehem service with our special furry guest, a beautiful, friendly and very well-behaved little Donkey. Such a magical time for children of all ages.



The flower team continue to provide spectacular arrangements throughout the seasons for which we are all so grateful.



Come and join our SPACE

Somewhere for
People to make
Art or
Crafts and
Escape from home for a few hours!

1st and 3rd Tuesdays 2pm - 4pm
at the Old School

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)

FSW LUNCH

19 February
at 12.30pm

Pulborough Village Hall

Guest speaker David Dodd, garden designer
2-course lunch with coffee
Bring your own drinks and glasses

Tickets £12 from Alyson Heath
on 01798 873795

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CAFÉ IN THE CHURCH

Just before Christmas we had a thoroughly enjoyable 'Cafe in the Church' morning at St Mary's Church, Storrington.

We were well started off by the choir from Storrington Primary School who came and sang carols for us. They sang beautifully; so sweetly, and with concentration and expression. Our grateful thanks to them for making the effort to walk over from the school to bring us such pleasure.

After they had finished, the morning continued with coffee as usual, enhanced by Lueen's extra super-special mince pies.

Everyone who came, including the children and accompanying teachers, received a Christmas gift and the morning finished with a raffle, with prizes contributed by many people.

Altogether, a cracking time was had by all of us!

AND we raised £126.00 for the diocese's Family Support Work.

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to the morning.

Café in the Church takes place every third Wednesday of the month, in Church, from 10am to 11.30am. Do come and join us.



CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH 2018

On Christmas Day the Old School in Storrington echoed to the sound of people thoroughly enjoying a traditional Christmas lunch with lots of fun, friendship and music.

We believe Christmas is a time to share with friends and family.

Now in its fourth year, Christmas Day Lunch began in 2015 with the aim of ensuring that residents from in and around Storrington, who would otherwise be alone over the festive season, are brought together to enjoy a few hours with fellow members of the community.

This year we had 30 guests and several volunteers who ensured that the day was a resounding success. A delicious two-course lunch, complete with trimmings, was served to the delight of all present. Music throughout the day, in particular an interlude between courses which allowed everyone to join in enthusiastically with singing carols, was well-received. Of course the day was made complete by a visit from Santa Claus bearing a floral gift for all. All the guests went home happy, having had a thoroughly enjoyable time.



Without the fantastic number of people who enjoy helping; whether greeting, cooking, serving food and drink, hosting a table, playing music or transporting people, the day would not and could not happen.

Local businesses and individuals have been hugely supportive of this event. The posting on the Storrington Village Facebook page resulted in money being donated by people. We were

fortunate again to have the use of one of the community minibuses, providing safe and enjoyable transportation to the meal and home again. Waitrose again allowed the Christmas Day Lunch to participate in its Community Matters scheme.

So to all the amazing volunteers, businesses and people in the community, a huge thank you.

Sue Kibblewhite



CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL FREE LUNCH TIME CONCERTS

FEBRUARY

Tuesday 5 Christ's Hospital School

Tuesday 12 Charles Harrison (*organ*)

Tuesday 19 Duo Fantasia (*saxophone & piano*)

Tuesday 26 Plaegan Piano Trio

For full details of programmes see

www.chichestercathedral.org.uk





SULLINGTON 122 YEARS AGO

EXTRACTS FROM CANON PALMER'S DIARY – FEBRUARY 1897

Mon 1: Foggy, some rain in the afternoon. 40 degrees. To Clapham Rectory to an extra-ordinary Clerical Meeting, at which Mr Elwyn of St Andrews gave some openings for a discussion on Clerical Spirituality, noting the danger it was in from various mundane causes: about ten present. G Neel returned today.

Tue 2: Very wet. 40 degrees. Board of Guardians. Vote of "regret" for JWH. SH write touchingly asking me to the funeral. I then to Pulborough in the rain: sub-committee meeting of the Farm and Garden. Then in evening to Fryern to meet the bride elect and mother.

Wed 3: Dull, raw with wet evening. 43 degrees. Evening service at Cobden, very wet, miserable and dark: 14 present, 6 candidates for Confirmation.

Thu 4: Very damp and drizzly. 45 degrees. Old Clarkson (in evergreen garment) came over with daughter to lunch and see the Church. Walked in afternoon and paid various Storrington visits of inquiry, notably on Mrs Hemmingway, found 'all alive'.

Fri 5: Dull and dreary with rain and fog. 44 degrees. To Godstone, to read the service of the Dead over JWH and had a melancholy day of it, though everyone at Godstone kind and hospitable.

Sat 6: Fine early, then a relapse, dull and rainy. 38 degrees. Walked in afternoon constitutionally with Neel calling in at cottages, visiting the Bungalow and teaing with the Andrews.

Sun 7: Epiphany V. Generally fine, dull. 37 degrees. Fair congregations morning, sermon old on Titus II faith and worship. Evening extempore on Wisdom, (lesson from Proverbs). In afternoon litany and catechism and Confirmation girls.

Mon 8: Dull to rain in evening. 42 degrees. Jack comes to lunch and comes to stay and startles us with his news. Also a line from Hal at Naples! First sowing of peas and beans. Hay tying.

Tue 9: Foggy and mild. 48 degrees. Jack walked to Worthing, Miss A comes musicing. I begin sending off my hay sample to Barwell.

Wed 10: As yesterday, mild. 42 degrees. To Amberley riding. Asylum Committee, muddy experience. Kidd took me over much of the building which he is much pleased with. Jack returns to us.

Thu 11: Very thick with dropping mist. 44 degrees. Drove Clara and Cicely to call on the Blythes at Wiggonholt: very pleasant people with four small children. Boys' confirmation class in the evening.

Fri 12: Raw morning then fine. 41 degrees. Evening service at Roundabouts. Confirmation girls at 4.30pm. 'Orizaba' left Plymouth yesterday.

Sat 13: Thick, dripping fog. 48 degrees. Hal arrived looking very well and brown. Sold my rick in the nine acre field to Terry for £28. Bunny Stewart telegraphed his father's death this morning from influenza.

Sun 14: *Septuagesima*. Fine, spring-like. 46 degrees. Had sermons and collections for India Famine Fund £2.10. 2d. Faies preached on the subject of Unity of Human Kind from Genesis.

Mon 15: Dull foggy, mild. 43 degrees. To Threales where Miles in bed with influenza.

Tue 16: Fine. 39 degrees. Board of Guardians and district Council right up to half past three: George C Gibson lunched and many teated: Mrs Pickering and F Newton etc. Smith to put up fencing round our little plantation.

Wed 17: Fine, bright, some frost. 37 degrees. HG to London to get his mind unburdened. Mr Smyth of Wetheringsted, Suffolk, with wife and family, lunched. To Cobden, when a class and service but poorly attended.

Thu 18: As yesterday afternoon, a thick early mist. 40 degrees. Called on the 'overseer', relative to the assistant's short comings. Drummond writes that the Five Bells cannot be refused a license though it is not needed.

Fri 19: Foggy with a constant fall all day. 44 degrees. Parkinson lunched and submitted his In Memoriam of JWH. I drove to Highden, to fetch Cicely home. Jack left for West Chiltington: a dry fellow, too conceited.

Sat 20: Heavy rain in morning then fairly warm. 44 degrees. Walked to Fryern with note to Drummond about the Five Bells. Had rather expected Hal back from town this evening. Rhodes' trial furnishes much to the papers and little Greece over Crete.

Sun 21: *Sexuagesima*. Generally fine and bright. 46 degrees. Thin morning, good afternoon congregations. In morning from Epistle, in afternoon on faith from Romans. Two sets of Confirmees.

Mon 22: Very fine. 49 degrees. Boys come up from Storrington hunting rabbits with small results. Clara appeases a storm at the school where the Rogers very violent. Ride round by Threales etc. The plot grows thicker round Crete: is the European explosion nigh at hand?

Tue 23: As yesterday, quite perfect. 45 degrees. Took a holiday this morning as the others went to a meet at Wiggonholt. To Cobden to see after Confirmation candidates. Hay tying goes on.

Wed 24: Fine but dull. 47 degrees. At the school this morning Mrs H again complaining; sent her up to Feltham. Terry commences on my rick in the Nine Acre for which I receive £28. To Pulborough for a farm and grounds sub-committee; much discussion over a huge tender of £1,662.0.0 from Longley for laying out roads and paths: forgot my class of girls for confirmation.

Thu 25: Gale. 47 degrees. Arthur King's wedding day, this seems strange. Took a Parish round with Cicely, including Felton with whom colloquy about Mrs Hallett and Rogers. Hal walked in this evening!

Fri 26: As yesterday. 47 degrees. Inquired after C King. Drove Cicely to the Cunliffe's service, the last, at Threales; they thanked me very cordially, which was pleasant. Sowing champion peas.

Sat 27: Very fine and spring-like. 43 degrees. Rolled lawns, which show up brightly: finished pruning peaches. Sowing beans under cover; first potatoes. Walked round by Mrs Penfolds, Lushes etc calling.

Sun 28: *Quinquagesima*. Foggy and dull. To rain in the evening. 45 degrees. Fair congregations. Mrs Felton leaves for Rome tomorrow. Preached two very old sermons thirty two years and twenty seven respectively on Corinthians XIII in connection with confirmation and education. Classes of candidates fill up the intervals.

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.

CHURCH SERVICES AT A GLANCE

DATE	FESTIVAL OR SUNDAY	STORRINGTON St Mary's	THAKEHAM St Mary's	SULLINGTON St Mary's
3 February	<i>Candlemas Sunday The Presentation of Christ in the Temple</i>	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Family Communion 6pm Evensong	10.30am Joint Family Service (with Sullington)	8am Iona Communion
10 February	<i>4th before Lent</i>	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion + Footsteps 6pm Evensong	9.30am Morning Prayer	8am Holy Communion 11.30am Mattins
17 February	<i>3rd before Lent</i>	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion + Footsteps 4pm Church@4	8am Iona Communion (with Sunday school)	10.30am Joint Family Communion
24 February	<i>2nd before Lent</i>	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion + Footsteps 6pm Evensong	9.30am Family Communion	11.30am Family Communion
3 March	<i>Sunday Next before Lent</i>	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Family Communion 6pm Evensong	10.30am Joint Family Service (with Sullington)	8am Iona Communion

Midweek Holy Communion Service on Thursdays at St Mary's Church, Storrington, at 10.30am.
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

(except January and August)

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

FEBRUARY	
Sat 2	
10am	Storrington Conservation Society – Working Party – p33
Sun 3 PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE (Candlemas)	
Mon 4	
7.30pm	Storrington Museum – Meeting – p22
Tue 5	
10am	Inter-Church prayers – RC Church (side-chapel) – p9
2pm	SPACE – Arts and Craft Group – p15
Wed 6	
10am	St Barnabas Outreach – Library Car Park – p22
2.30pm	Arts Society Storrington – Lecture – p28
Thu 7	
10.30am	Pop-In Lunch Club – p18
2pm	MU – AGM – p33
Sat 9	
10am	Sandgate Conservation Society – Working Party – p24
3pm	Visiting Bellringers at St Mary's, Storrington: Sussex County (Western Division) – ends 4.30pm
Sun 10 4th BEFORE LENT	
1pm	Sunday Lunch Club – p18
Mon 11	
7.30pm	Thakeham Gardeners' Club – Meeting – p24
Wed 13	
7.30pm	Rotary Film Night – <i>King of Thieves</i> – p33
Thu 14	
7.30pm	Bingo – Mary How Trust – p32
7.30pm	Storrington Camera Club – Meeting – p31
Fri 15	
7.30pm	Storrington Horticultural Society – Meeting – p?????
	Storrington & District Twinning Association – Meal – p9
Sun 17 3rd BEFORE LENT	
4pm	Church@4pm – St Mary's, Storrington – p6
Tue 19	
12.30pm	FSW Lunch – p15
2pm	Knit & Stitch Tea – p4
2pm	SPACE – Arts and Craft Group – p15
Wed 20	
10am	Cafe in the Church – St Mary's, Storrington – p6
7.30pm	Sullington Windmills WI – Meeting – p28
Thu 21	
2pm	Storrington Conservation Society – Working Party – p33

Sat 23	
10am	Sandgate Conservation Society – Working Party – p24
7pm	Thakeham Church Quiz Night – p4
Sun 24 2nd BEFORE LENT	
Mon 25	
5pm	Chemin Neuf Lent Course – p13
Tue 26	
7.30pm	Mary How Trust Film Night – <i>King of Thieves</i> – p31
Wed 27	
10am	Chemin Neuf Quiet Day – p13
2pm	Storrington Flower Club – Meeting – p33
7.30pm	Sandgate Conservation Society – Meeting – p24
Thu 28	
11.30am	Holy Communion at Sussexdown – p9
12noon	MU Wave of Prayer Service – p33
3pm	Tea with the Vicar – p5
7.30pm	Storrington Camera Club – Meeting – p31

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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL DAYS

FEBRUARY	
Fri 1 PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE (Candlemas)	
Sat 2 Anskar, 865 , known as 'Apostle of the North' (Europe)	
Sun 3 Gilbert of Sempringham, 118 , founder of the Gilbertine Order	
Tue 5 Accession of Queen Elizabeth II, 1952	
Sat 9 Scholastica, c.543 , Roman Catholic Saint	
Wed 13 Cyril and Methodius, 869 and 885 , brothers, Greek, principle Christian missionaries for Slavic people <i>Valentine, c.269</i> , associated with love since high Middle-Ages; this day also remembers other saints called Valentine	
Thu 14 Sigfrid, 1045 , apostle of Sweden, second 'Apostle of the North' <i>Thomas Bray, 1730</i> , founded the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in 1701	
Sat 16 Janani Luwum, 1977 , Archbishop of Church of Uganda, one of the most influential leaders of the modern church in Africa. Murdered in 1977 by Idi Amin	
Fri 22 Polycarp, c155 , a disciple of the apostle John, who ordained him bishop of Smyrna. According to David Trobisch, Polycarp may have been the one who compiled, edited, and published the New Testament	
Tue 26 George Herbert, 1633 , Welsh-born English poet, orator and Anglican priest, important British lyricist	

STORRINGTON & SULLINGTON – REFLECTIONS OF THE PAST

FIRE!

Our Fire Brigade is appealing for people to come forward and join them in this very necessary service which today is not just about putting out fires but can cover flood, animal rescue, traffic accident attendance, chemical incidents among many other duties. Fires are nothing new but fire-fighting took some time to become properly organized.

Charles Mant's memoirs:

"The inhabitants of the village would form a bucket chain, ie a line of men would stand stretched across a field to pass buckets of water from the water source to each other until the last man threw it onto the fire, the buckets were returned empty the same way. Women often helped in this work, tiring but better than nothing."

Edwin Hammond, landlord of the White Horse, noted in his diary:

"22 October 1905: A large Rick fire at Fryern proved undoubtedly to be the work of an arsonist. But all efforts to trace the culprit failed, in spite of the use of Mr AH Stocker's bloodhounds.

12 April 1906: Some boys fired Kithurst Common [now Kithurst Park] and a cottage was threatened. The Steyning Fire Brigade attended.

Charles Mant's memoirs again:

"Harry King was the landlord of The Anchor from 1934 and in the Fire Brigade during the war from 1939. The River Stor runs behind the pub and used to flood very badly in the old days before the bridge was widened; water would pour over the flood gates at Chantry Mill in wet periods to such an extent that it would not get away fast enough through the bridge by the gas works. It used to flood the downstairs rooms at The Anchor, old Bert Medhurst's forge [next to The Anchor] and rushed out the front entrances of these places into the street, across the road and into the Half Moon stables. I have on many occasions seen horses standing up their bellies in these stables."

In the old days, next door to the Anchor Inn was a lock-up tailor's shop run by a man by the name of Vine. This man was thought to be concerned with the sweep of incendiaries which caught Storrington

and district about 1898 and the following years. In a very strange way, nearly every full moon for three or more years, there was a fire involving agricultural buildings and produce. Fires during this period occurred in such places as Bog Common, ricks in the Church Field, Storrington, Brown's Farm, ricks in Mill fields, Fryern Farm, Ormare Farm, Kithurst, Greenfields' stables in North Lane; here I remember horses were in the stables and had to be got out very quickly as the fire had obtained a good hold before it was discovered, one horse, a grey, had a very thick winter coat and was alight all along his back when they got him into the field opposite, but he promptly rolled to put it out himself.



Gas works

In those days, Greenfields used to fill their own cartridges for sale to keepers and sportsmen and in the passageway above the stables was a keg of gunpowder. The only way in which to carry this keg was

down the narrow passageway past the blazing building, but this was accomplished quite successfully and the keg was put into the field with a man to guard it. These fires, as one can guess, caused great anxiety amongst farmers and property owners and the culprit was never actually traced. [The fires stopped when Vine was sent to prison for burglary].

Fire Station in West St, Storrington



In those days the nearest Fire Brigade was Steyning and a message had to be 'tapped out' by telegraph or someone had to cycle over to call out the Brigade, who arrived in due course, but as they were horse-drawn and also volunteers

this took some time. The Brigade was called out by someone ringing the bell under the town clock in Steyning High Street; this old clock came from Michelgrove many years ago. Horses would be nearly exhausted by the time they got to Storrington [at the gallop!].

Hope's Grover's and Draper's shop was burnt to the ground on 6 November 1893. Hope's stood just below the Square opposite where Lloyd's Bank stands today. Fire broke out soon after midnight, shortly after the shops and house were ablaze from end



Fire at Abbingworth Jan 1910

to end; 5 November fell on a Sunday that year and the celebrations took place on Monday 6 November instead. Steyning Fire Brigade was called and they finally arrived, but seven miles is a very long way for horses to pull a fire engine, also it took some time to get a message through to them.



Storrington's manual engine

Their 'manual' engine was got to work from the River Stor. Arundel also turned up, again with a manual engine, and they got to work from the well in the centre of The Square; steam fire engines had

not reached country districts at that time. It was a real burn-out. It was thought that Hope started the fire himself as he was known to be in a bad way financially but it was never proved; he had a fire previously where he was living prior to coming to Storrington too.

Although according to the Vestry meetings in 1885, the first proposal for a fire engine and ladders was made by the father of the recent Captain of the Storrington Fire Brigade, my grandfather, George French Mant. This proposal was never brought into force and there was no Fire Brigade in Storrington at the time of this great fire and for many years after. Towards the end of the 1914-18 war, sometime about 1917 a 'so-called' Fire Brigade was formed in

Storrington; Mr Dove Keighley, who lived at West Wantley in those days, and Mr Plowman of Lady Place were the prime movers of this venture. A fire truck was purchased from Worthing Fire Brigade and five or six lengths of canvas hose, standpipe, key and bar to fit the hydrants, also a branch nozzle. The men had belts and axes but no uniform other than what was known in those days as a "pancake hat". A steeple with fire bell in it was built in a field near Crowhurst's blacksmith's shop in West Street where the British Legion was afterwards put [now the Club]. This old bell was originally the bell that Terry had over his workshop in School Hill. Mr Plowman became the first Captain and the men received some training from him in the use of the little pieces of gear that they possessed. Frank Milner, F Leggatt, Alfred and Owen Crowhurst and old Charlie Huffer were some of its first members. They were quite keen but with this equipment could do very little if a real fire had broken out.



First fire-fighting equipment – Back: A Crowhurst, G Quait, H Elms, M Plowman, P Malone, F Leggatt, C Huffer, Front: E Farrell, D Crowhurst

After the war, 1914-1920 they increased their numbers and were known as The Storrington Volunteer Fire Brigade. The equipment, though, was not increased. About this time they used a shed in Brewer's Yard as their fire station but they still had no fire engine; Miss Maud Petre lent them the shed .

About 1924 there were two or three serious fires in Storrington. One, a caravan at Cootham, was totally destroyed, the Brigade not having enough hose to reach it and another was the builder's premises where the British Legion is today. The offices and building were totally destroyed and after this it was felt that the little Brigade had not sufficient equipment to meet these emergencies.

It was at this time that I was brought into the picture. I commenced to re-organize the whole thing and it badly needed doing too. Money was our main trouble, but we held dances, whist drives and raffles and gradually got enough cash in hand during the next two years to clothe the men in proper Fire Brigade uniform, helmets; brass in those days with a 'silver' one for myself as Chief Officer, thus giving the men warmth and full protection and a place in the world – they were properly insured against accidents while fire-fighting too (this had been forgotten before).



Firefighters

At the end of 1926 we became members of the National Fire Brigades' Association. Brighton Fire Brigade gave us great help in the proper training of our men. Frank Piper and I went up to Merryweather's in

Greenwich and bought an old manual fire engine. This engine had been thoroughly overhauled by this great firm and freshly painted and was in splendid working order; we bought it for £75 and the



Sullington, Aug 1911

name "Storrington Volunteer Fire Brigade" was painted on the sides in black and gold letters. [It can be seen now in all its glory in Amberley Working Museum].

A building was built by the men themselves just inside my drive in West Street [near the Scribbling Shop]. The fire bell itself and its wooden tower was moved to a position just inside my premises so that the chains to ring the bell hung outside of the wall. We had no horses left in the village suitable to draw our engine, so I formed a rota of various motor lorry and van drivers in the village. I visited all these people and explained my idea to them and what a matter of importance it was for them to fall in with my plan to fight the common enemy, FIRE. They all agreed to the plan. There was always a rush to see who could get to the station first in the event of a call for it was a rule that the first lorry to arrive was the one to be used and the owner received the sum of £1 for hire which was paid by the insurance company involved. This £1 was in all cases passed to the driver of the vehicle by the owner as an inducement to that man to turn out quickly.

In 1928 we had an offer from the Brighton Fire Brigade, through Chief Officer Stanley Thorpe, of our first motor fire engine. This was a Fiat chassis upon which 2nd Officer Charles Birch had fitted a Dennis pump, one of the old



Solid-tyred Fiat Dennis fire engine

Italian fire pumps called the Samini Fire Pump. This was a wonder and was in use here until 1940. She had solid tyres, a gigantic hose locker holding some 4,000ft of hose. I gave a demonstration with this engine in The Square on the first Wednesday after we got it here. We dammed the River Storr by the gas works and I ordered the four jets to be shot straight into the air and it was a fine show. However, Mr Lurcock, who had the draper's premises [now the bridal showroom] was out at the time [Wednesday was early closing here] and when he returned he found a fine mess! The wind was NW and the water blew across The Square and fell behind Mr Lurcock's house on the left-hand side of the White Horse Yard and washed soil from the garden down into his back yard, piling it about 18" deep against his back door. On his return later in the evening he opened his back door to let the cat out and released all the water and mud which ran into his kitchen. We apologized and scrubbed and cleaned the whole place for him.

Sorry about that sir!

(to be continued)

Joan Ham (Village Historian)
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STORRINGTON & DISTRICT MUSEUM

Ian Everest began the new year for Storrington & District Museum Society with an excellent talk about "Downland Shepherds - their lives and times." He illustrated his talk with old views of the Downs from Beachy Head to Sullington. The second of these views was taken near Lewes in 1953 and was a photo of Ian as a child in a harvested field with lines of stacked sheaves behind him reaching to the horizon. He said that, at that time, life for farmers and particularly for shepherds had not changed for many generations.

He gave us a resumé of shepherds in Sussex beginning with Cuthman who, having met bad times as a shepherd west of Chichester, put his mother in a wheelbarrow and pushed her as far as Steyning. The wheelbarrow having collapsed, he felt this was the place to stop and build his church. Shepherds and religion had a close affinity. David was a shepherd and Jesus is considered to be the Good Shepherd. There are churches dedicated to The Good Shepherd at Lullington and on Shoreham Beach. A shepherd, when he died, would ask for some wool to be placed on his chest so that God would understand why he was unable to get to church very often, being a shepherd and a solitary person, looking after his large flocks.

A picture taken above Beachy Head showed the Downs covered in sheep with one old shepherd who looked very alone and very independant. A similar one of the Long Man of Wilmington had hundreds of sheep in the foreground. It was said there were more sheep between Beachy Head and Shoreham than anywhere else in England.

Before 1850 a shepherd was probably the most important person working on a Downland farm, producing both wool and meat. On him depended the owner's prosperity, so a good shepherd had to be intelligent, able to work out the necessary amount of grassland needed to feed the flocks for example. He had to be trustworthy and self-sufficient. If he was good the farmer would go to great lengths to hold on to him. Ian told a lovely story about one farmer who sold off a whole haystack (winter food for the flock) without consulting his shepherd who was so upset he said he would leave. The farmer speedily bought back the whole stack to keep him.

The Downland shepherds considered themselves and their flocks a cut above lowland shepherds. Their flocks were fed all day on land that grew fifty varieties of plant in a square yard so their meat was full of flavour, and the wool of the Southdown Sheep was 'the best'. We were shown pictures of several shepherds, including one of Stephen Blackmore who was born in 1832 and lost his hand, aged eight, in a chaff cutter, but managed to tend 500 sheep singlehandedly - literally!

Another story about him was of "lambs growing out of the ground". Because a new-born lamb is very delicate it needs immediate warmth, and so this shepherd put them into a manure heap with lots of straw which kept them comfortable. He died in 1919 aged 87 in the Steyning Union Workhouse which eventually became Southlands Hospital at Shoreham. The local newspapers called him 'the last of the Old Shepherds' but they said that many times about many old shepherds.

Ian then ran us through a year in a shepherd's life. From the tuppung (mating) season in November till the lambs were born was reckoned to be four months, 4 weeks and 4 days - and so Guy Fawkes night produced 1st April lambs. After lambing came tail docking time when they were able to work out how many male and how many female lambs they had, and then most males had to be castrated. After that came sheep washing time to get rid of some of the grease and grit. After that was dipping time when the flock had by law to be submerged in water with arsenic or creosote to fight the many parasites the fleeces harboured, and which caused so many diseases.

Then came sheering time, with a picture of Saddlescombe Farm (now owned by the National Trust) which Ian strongly recommended us to visit, with a gang of shearers busy at their task and a 'tar boy' with his pot of tar ready to paint tar on to any nick the shearers made on the sheep's skin. Last of all came the sales, which must have been amazing in a place like Findon where, in 1823, 40,000 sheep were sold in one day. The sales were a social time for the shepherd, as well as probably being very worrying, where he met other shepherds and farming people. Harris's fair might have been present and many tradesmen and side shows.

The tools of the shepherd's trade were his crook - the best metal for this was an old gun barrel - and his dog - Old English Sheepdogs - 'Bob Tails' and Collie dogs. The stick of the crook was useful for carrying the sheep bells, which located errant sheep in mist and bad weather.

Shepherds did not always wear smocks, in the photo most were ordinary coats and trousers and some wore close cloaks made of canvas boiled in oil to weather proof them. All had a hat - often a sort of bowler - and some even had umbrellas.

They topped up their money by snaring rabbits and by trapping birds for sale as meat and one shepherd apparently caught 84 wheatears in one day!

Ian Everest brought so many interesting facts into his talk, I cannot recount them all, I can only say 'go and hear him' if you get the chance!!

Ian told us finally about one old shepherd from Ditchling who had never left his village. His daughter took him to The Lord Mayor's Show in London and when asked if it had been good, he said the sunrise over the Downs was better.

The current exhibition shows some of one recent acquisition. There are for example pictures painted by de Selencourt of his garden just off Hampers Lane, and some early pre-Storrington paintings by Bramham. There is a blacksmith's box of odds and ends from Mr Brassington and some fine tatting from the Puttick Collection. They are all of local interest and show the sort of goods we are very pleased to receive.

There will be a talk to us on **Monday 4 February**, on "Being a Magistrate". The Museum Society's AGM is on 4 March followed by a talk by Alan Spencer about Mulberry House in Storrington. There will be a Quiz Evening on Saturday 23 March.

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*St Barnabas House
Hospice Outreach Project*

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

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

Wednesday 6 Feb and 6 March - 10am to 2pm

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



Feeling frugal this February

Maybe, like me, your purse is feeling the pinch at this time of year? Here are some of the ways that I'm trying to make my gardening budget stretch a bit further in 2019.

Home-brewed plant food

Storrington's sandy soil is lovely to work with after the Brighton chalk and Wealden clay I've had in the past, but it doesn't hang onto moisture or nutrients. Homemade liquid feed is the (ahem) solution if you can handle the smell. I use comfrey leaves but nettles work well too apparently; whichever you choose, use gloves when picking. Comfrey is rich in potassium which is what plants need to boost fruit production, like tomatoes and courgettes, and it also contains potash and nitrogen. Search for "how to make comfrey feed" on the internet for full instructions, but the basic recipe is a container of chopped leaves weighted down with a brick, covered and left for a few weeks and then watering weekly with the resulting dark smelly liquid diluted about 1:10.



Swap and share

Although I have a small garden it contains several plants that are easy to propagate either from digging up a small clump, eg raspberries and Kerria japonica, or potting up self-sown babies, like Stipa tenuissima, the Mexican feathergrass, and Aquilegia. This year, I'm on the lookout for more people with whom I can swap plants, seedlings or share packets of seeds to increase the variety we have in our gardens for zero pence.



Grab freebies

Well-rotted horse manure, mixed tulip bulbs, a polytunnel frame, a clump of chives, a set of gardening books...all of these were advertised free to collect on the Storrington & Sullington Freecycle group in the last few months at <https://groups.freecycle.org/group/Storrington>. If you're a member of the West Sussex Libraries, you can register via their website to access the latest issues of BBC Gardener's World Magazine, Kitchen Garden and Amateur Gardening, as online magazines and their many back copies.



Cheryl Brown

DO YOU LOVE YOUR GARDEN?

Do you value it as much as we do?
Would you be willing to share it?
In aid of health charities?

The National Garden Scheme, West Sussex is searching for local gardens in your town or village, to be shared for just a few hours in 2020 with fellow garden lovers, in aid of nursing, cancer and health charities.

If you prefer to open jointly with friends or neighbours, we can help coordinate community group openings.

We will support you, provide help, offer advice, and ensure "your" garden open day is successful.

Please help us hang our "Garden Open Today" sign on your garden gate by contacting:

Mrs Patty Christie, NGS County Organiser,
West Sussex for an informal chat on 01730 813323
or sussexwestngs@gmail.com
ngs.org.uk



More than £4 million was raised nationally in 2017 for various health charities, including £500,000 to Macmillan Cancer Support, £500,000 to Hospice UK and £150,000 to Parkinson's UK. In order to continue to raise these vast sums, we must continue to attract new gardens to the scheme and replace any gardens whose owners are no longer able to welcome visitors.

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West Chiltington Village Hall RH20 2PZ

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Rico's Hot Rhythm - trumpet star Enrico Tomasso with his 7-piece band

Tuesday 5 March

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Doors Open 19.00 Concerts start at 19.30

Licensed Bar with Draught Beer

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More information and late tickets from Keith Rushton

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CRICKET IN STORRINGTON



Cygnets Winter Training and Fund Raising for Outdoor Practice Net

The Club's juniors, aka the Cygnets and the All Stars, are training in the Chanctonbury Leisure Centre on the first Sunday of each month. Soft ball sessions for the All Stars (5 to 8 year olds) and U9 Cygnets are from 3pm to 4.15pm. A mixture of soft ball and hard ball sessions for U10 Cygnets and 11+ Cygnets are from 4.30pm to 6pm. Newcomers (boys and girls) are always welcome, and interested parents should contact Martin Fisher on 07850 416886 for more information about winter training and the Cygnets' match fixtures and practice arrangements during the summer.

It is still the Club's aim to install a new practice net later in the year, however funding has not yet reached the required level. To widen the net for attracting funds, the Club has set up an internet site hoping to reach out to friends of the Club, including past members, for donations, small or large, to help get us to our target. The site's address is: uk.gofundme.com/StorringtonCC. All donations will be gratefully received. Our Chairman, Steve Watkins, will gladly discuss alternative methods of receiving donations: he can be contacted on 742217.

Chris Winter



SANDGATE CONSERVATION SOCIETY

Into the last really cold month of the year and then into spring; "can't wait" we hear you say!

In the meanwhile, the Society's work parties will be in action on **Saturday 9 February** on Sullington Warren from 9.30am till noon and again on **Saturday 23 February** in Sandgate Woods from 10am till noon.

On the social side, although the work parties are very social affairs, there is a presentation this month at Sullington Parish Hall on **Wednesday 27 February**, commencing at 7.30pm, where Les Allen Williams, a local conservationist, will be giving a talk on the wildlife in our area. Well-worth attending as Les has given talks before that have always proved to be very interesting and stimulating. Admission to the presentations, which includes tea, coffee and cake is £2 for members and £4 for non-members.

It might well be worth noting that the membership covers the whole household, and is only £5 per year; yes, you are right, it's 'a no brainer' as they say!

If anyone cares to join or wishes to learn more about the Sandgate Conservation Society, who work closely with the National Trust and Horsham District Council, then please take a look at our web-site www.sandgate-conservation.org.uk or contact Brian Burns on 743001.

Brian Burns



THAKEHAM GARDENERS' CLUB

The Club met for its Christmas Party in December and enjoyed a 2-course supper and quizzes. Also, in January the Club ran a coach trip to RHS Wisley for 'Christmas Glow'. The lights, especially in the large glasshouse, were spectacular. In January, 33 members lunched at the Old Tollgate, Bramber.

The meeting on **11 February** will be held in the new Thakeham Village Hall. Our speaker will be Jerry Nice and he will be telling us all about Saint Mary's House and Gardens at Bramber.

Meetings take place at 7.30pm on the second Monday in the month in 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



RHS Wisley Christmas Glow

St Mary's Church
Storrington Concert
Committee presents



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7.30pm**



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As the season progresses, Club members face the challenge of selecting and deciding which images are to be submitted into the latest competition. When there isn't a set subject, the selection process often becomes more challenging due to the requirement of searching through all the photographs that you have taken within the past three years.

Whilst we all have photos that are favourites or have a special meaning, they may not always be the best for submitting into a competition. It might be a shot where you have tried something different to create that special effect or capture that great image.

Once the selection has been made and the images submitted, we have no idea how they will fair, nor what the judge will comment about whilst judging. Even when a score awarded isn't as high as we would like, the judges are there to help when making their assessment by sharing helpful comments about the position of the photographer, use of light and attention to dynamic range, as well as choice of subject and post-production techniques.

It was against this that our recent judge, Lisa Beaney, made her selection from firstly the 'Prints' and then the 'Projected Images'.

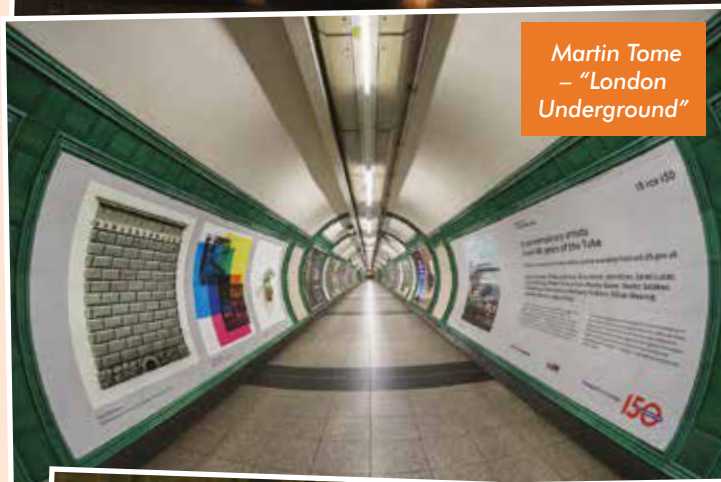
The most successful member of the night was awarded to Martin Tome with three high scoring images. His print 'London Underground' scored top marks, along with 'The Look' from Anne Nagle. The Picture of the Night was awarded to Daisy Kane's 'My Little Pony'.

As with all our competitions, there was a wide variety of subjects on show from aeroplanes to light trails to fluffy ponies. Competition evenings offer the opportunity for inspiration and to encourage us all to think outside the box for our photographic subjects.

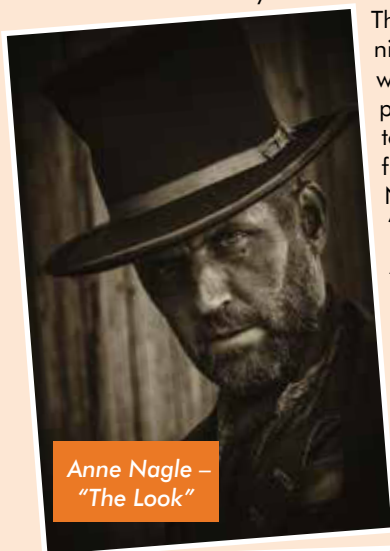
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Daisy Kane –
"My Little Pony"
(Picture of the
Night)



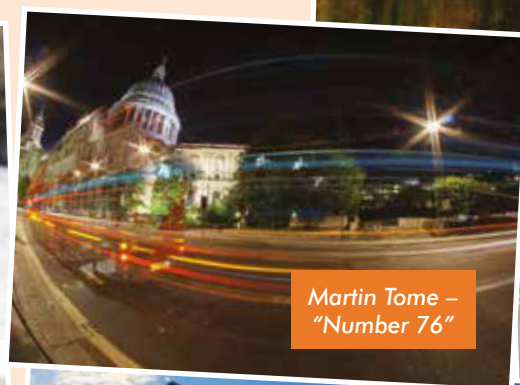
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Anne Nagle –
"The Look"



Kevin Harwood –
"Hunting Hawk"



Martin Tome –
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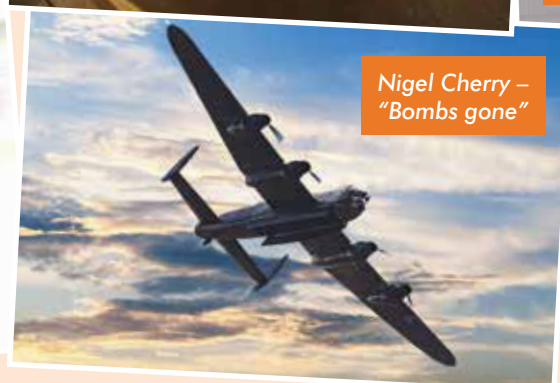
Liz Barber – "A sense of Autumn"



Liz Barber's – "Battle
of the sexes"



Norman Kirby –
"Abstract Hellebores"



Nigel Cherry –
"Bombs gone"



Martin Tome – "A bit
damp old boy"

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A BIG THANK YOU FROM ROTARY



Storrington & Pulborough District Rotary Club members were out in force for their annual Christmas collections in Storrington and Pulborough in the run up to Christmas and collected £2,930 which will go to charitable causes supported by Rotary.

One Saturday, shoppers were entertained when the fabulous *Ladies That Boogie* joined our collectors and sang for an hour in our shopping centre in Storrington!

"In the current economic climate when everyone is looking to cut down on expenditure, charities need the support of local people more than ever" said President Penny Barnes. "Through the generosity of the Storrington / Pulborough communities this Christmas, we can continue to support charitable need wherever and whenever it arises. Thank you to everyone who gave so generously."

Mike Lavender

Rotary Club of Storrington & Pulborough District



THE ARTS SOCIETY STORRINGTON

The February lecture is on **Wednesday 6 February** from 2.30pm to 3.30pm at West Chiltington Village Hall.

A lecture by Timothy Schroder: Collectors and Benefactors: Silver in the Ashmolean Museum.

The lecture looks at some of the marvels of the collection and also at the individual donors, four of whom were collectively responsible for the overwhelming bulk of the collection.

The March lecture is on **Wednesday 6 March** from 2.30pm to 3.30pm at West Chiltington Village Hall.

A lecture by Gail Turner Mooney: Beggars, Urchins and Virgins – Bartolomé Murillo (1618-1682) The Seville Success Story.

Murillo became a huge success in his native Seville, painting urchins and beggars for the foreign merchants who traded in Spain's great commercial centre, as well as serene and triumphant saints and richly coloured virgins for the church. He was one of the first Spanish artists whose works were admired throughout Europe.

Attendance is free for members, guests are asked to make a donation of £5. Coffee and tea will be served before the lectures from 2pm.

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

theWI WI NEWS SULLINGTON WINDMILLS

Everyone was greeted with a glass of wine or a soft drink, as is the custom at the December meeting. The President, Erika Brichta, opened the meeting and warmly welcomed members and four visitors. During her report, Erika thanked Paula for organising the Christmas Wreath-making workshop, held on 1 December; several members attended with some amazing results, and it is hoped this event will be repeated in 2019. Erika also outlined the proposed plans she had for members to celebrate the 50 years since Sullington Windmills had been founded in October 1969. Following the President's informative report, the treasurer, secretary and welfare officer gave their reports. Members had brought along beautifully wrapped parcels containing, sweets, chocolates or biscuits. The parcels were collected by FSW and distributed to local needy families. Maureen Sherwood had collected toiletries from members over the past few months, which she had gift wrapped, also to be given to FSW.

Following the business reports, the President introduced the entertainers for the evening, Tony and Lizzie Gilkes. Tony is a retired policeman and Lizzie worked for many years as a guide at Arundel castle. Amusing tales and stories were told by Tony and Lizzie, such as how ladies would hang their stockings on the fireplace overnight to keep them warm, and surprisingly, sometimes in the time of St Nicholas, they would find a bag of coins in their stockings the next morning. Is this how the tradition of hanging a Christmas stocking began? In 1939, Rudolph was 'born' in the USA, first being named Reginald, then Rolo, and finally, as we know today, Rudolph. Lizzie stated Christmas actually starts on 26 December, hence the 12th night was always a night of celebrations, when Queen Victoria came to the throne. She was opposed to the 12th night celebrations, thus she had the custom changed from one of celebration to the custom of taking down all Christmas trimmings and decorations. Tony told how, in 1973, a boy Bishop was elected at Hereford Cathedral by the late Dean Norman Stanley Rathbone, a tradition that had not been used for 400 years, Dean Rathbone had first to receive permission for this election from HM Queen Elizabeth, who graciously gave her consent. Was it a coincidence Her Majesty distributed the Maunday money at Hereford Cathedral the following year? Sir Henry Cole is credited with devising the concept of sending Christmas cards; in 1840 he commissioned artist John Calcott Horsley to design a card for him, which in 1843 became the world's first commercial Christmas card. Sir Henry is also credited with the design of the world's first postage stamp, The Penny Black, and the introduction of the Penny Post. Lizzie read out a very amusing poem, *Bethlehem or Bust*. This informative, interesting and amusing entertainment came to a close with both Tony and Lizzie reading their version of *The 12 days of Christmas*.

Members were then invited to partake of the delicious buffet, prepared by the retiring committee members. The President drew the raffle, and the meeting closed with members singing Christmas Carols, accompanied by Daphne Patch on the piano.

The next meeting will take place on **Wednesday 20 February**. The Speaker will be Liz Smith, her talk entitled "The Artists Wife" and the competition is 'Draw the person opposite you at the meeting'.

We are always pleased to welcome new members, or visitors. We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month (2nd Wednesday in December) at Sullington Parish Hall at 7.30pm. If you would like further information please contact Erika Brichta, President, on 742039 or email erikabrichta@hotmail.co.uk or Secretary, Sara Harden, on 741350 or email s.harden@hotmail.co.uk. Or visit our web site www.sullingtonwindmills.wordpress.com

Pat Snape



THE WEATHER OF DECEMBER 2018 AND SOME HIGHLIGHTS DURING THE YEAR

*Flooded fields near
Pulborough adjacent
to the river Arun on
Christmas Eve*

It was a quiet, dry end to 2018. Hardly a breath of wind high on the Downs during an enjoyable walk I had on Christmas Day. It was the same on New Year's Day too. But the weather certainly hit the headlines earlier in the year, none more so when the 'beast from the east' brought freezing air straight from Scandinavia and the frozen plains of Russia. Even as late as 18 March the temperature struggled even by day to reach freezing point. On the last day of February the temperature fell to minus 8°C and a brisk east wind developed. The weather conditions would not have been out of place in the high Arctic.

The weather pendulum swung completely in the opposite direction during the summer and Sussex was transformed. It had a real Mediterranean feel to it. We registered 39 successive rainless days during June and July and only 1mm was measured in a 55 day spell. It was also very warm and at times decidedly hot reaching 33°C in parts of West Sussex. The overall mean average temperature rivalled the infamous 1976 summer and we were fortunate in Sussex to have had sufficient rain during the winter and spring that

prevented serious water shortages and widespread heathland and forest fires so prevalent back in 1976. The fine summer helped to produce bumper crops of grapes throughout Sussex vineyards.

Back to December 2018 and it was a very mild month, some 2.5°C above par, with no snow lying though I did observe ice pellets and some sleet on 15 December. The former is the result of snowflakes that melt when passing through a mild layer of air but then refreezing as they enter a colder layer nearer the surface. This rather unusual situation forms small translucent grains of ice that rattle and bounce as they hit the ground.

Although December ended on a dry note, it was actually about 20% above average and at Storrington 121mm of rain fell and it was even wetter further east in Sussex. The dry spell in the last week was brought about by a large area of very high pressure which came to rest over England. The air pressure reached 1037mb on the last few days of the year and by 3 January peaked at 1044mb, 31.83 inches and almost off the scale on some household barometers. We have to go back to 1962 for higher readings.

Ian Currie, Weatherman and editor of Weather Eye magazine

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**NEXT MEETING**
Thursday 14 February 7.30pm
Guest Speaker Andrew Mills – What makes a good photograph
Thursday 28 February 7.30pm
4th Print & Projected Image Competition with an Open Subject theme. The judge for the evening will be Mike Davison ARPS

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BAZIL THE HORSE CROWNED PET FESTIVE COMPETITION WINNER

St Barnabas House supporters had been busy sending in photos of their beloved pets getting into the festive spirit as part of the hospice's light-hearted Pet Festive competition.

On Thursday 20 December the entries were judged by patients who attend the Day Hospice and special guest, Jo Moxon, from Paws Pantry in Rustington.



St Barnabas House patients Tania House (left) and David Devonport (right) with Jo Moxon (centre) from Paws Pantry.



Runners up included Dudley the dog, Roger the ferret, Delilah the cat and Tommy the iguana!

Julie Hall, who works in the Fundraising Team at St Barnabas House, said: "A massive thank you to all of those who entered our Pet Festive competition this year. We had some fantastic entries and loved seeing all of your much-loved pets getting into the Christmas spirit."



The winner was announced as Basil the horse who belongs to Natasha Cockell, 29, from Lancing, who received a bottle of champagne to enjoy over Christmas.





BINGO



Thursday 14 February
and on the second Thursday of every month
Doors open 7pm Play starts at 7.30pm
Storrington Village Hall, 59 West Street RH20 4DZ
Entry only 50p (includes the chance of winning a mystery prize!)
 Great prizes, raffle and refreshments – and fun for everyone!

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WHATEVER YOU DO – DON'T!

Don't grow tired of being helpful,
 Don't get bored with being nice.
 Don't lose heart with being hopeful
 When you want to sulk - think twice.
 Don't let little things upset you
 Don't be easy to annoy.
 Don't be miserable for nothing
 There is plenty to enjoy.
 Go on trying to be decent,
 Go on working to be kind.
 Let the blessings of a lifetime
 Take the worries off your mind.

Attributed to K M Watson





STORRINGTON CONSERVATION SOCIETY

Most of us breathe automatically, rarely thinking about it. We take for granted the oxygen in the air we need. Trees are a source of this vital element; they also remove the carbon dioxide we exhale. For this reason, all trees are valuable. Over the years, much of our forest and woodland has been lost; agriculture, buildings and transport systems have all taken their toll. Now only small areas of truly ancient woodland remain, providing essential havens for threatened species. They deserve to be cherished. Once lost, they cannot be restored.

This time of the year, apart from evergreens, most shrubs and trees are skeletons of their summer glory. Bared of their leaves, they no longer screen the view; their branches make an irregular tracery against the sky. We can appreciate their stark beauty. The unseen roots are also beautiful in their own way. The tree depends on them for stability, water and nutrients. Perhaps the only ones we notice are those that make pavements uneven, yet as well as being essential to the tree, they can be useful for stabilising the soil and reducing flooding. Without them the spring splendour of bud burst would never happen. Tree conservation isn't only caring for the branches, it involves the whole plant.

The working party which met on 5 January carried out woodland management and restoration in Lower Fryern Dell. The Thursday group continued the work on 15 January. The next time we meet is at 10am on **2 February**. This time the work will be around the balancing pond, clearing invasive vegetation. The Thursday Group meet at 2pm on **21 February** when we will again be at Fryern Dell.

As usual, additional helpers will be greeted with smiles; just wear gardening clothes. Even if you can't join in, it will be encouraging if you come and chat about what we are doing.

For information about this and all our activities, or on becoming a member, please get in touch with Chairman Mick Denness on 01903 745971, or see our website www.storringtonconservation.org.uk/.

Stuart Kersley

STORRINGTON FLOWER CLUB

Wednesday 27 February at 2pm
Sullington Parish Hall

Demonstrator: *Katie Baxter*
Theme: *Devine Inspiration*
Competition: *A Crescent*



WEST CHILTINGTON AND STORRINGTON MOTHERS' UNION

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

Our last celebration of the Centenary Year of West Chilton Branch was held on 6 December, our Christmas Party. Members and guests were superbly entertained by Ian Miles, one of Storrington Church's organists, and Carmen Kew, a member of Storrington Church Choir.

Ian accompanied Carmen on the piano, as well as treating us to his solo rendition of a comic song about carol-singers. Carmen not only sang beautifully but also delighted us with the sound of her Celtic harp. Both of them then led us in singing carols before we all enjoyed a festive tea provided by the members. Proceeds from the raffle and the sale of the lovely table decorations made by Sonia Fox and Joan Elkin amounted to £112, which will be divided equally between *Away From It All Holidays* and the Eastbourne Family Contact Centre, our Chichester Diocesan Projects.

Twelve members gathered at *Joanna's* in Storrington on 3 January for lunch and enjoyed good food and fellowship to start the New Year.

Our AGM is on **7 February**, followed by members sharing their favourite poems.

On **28 February** we shall be holding our annual Wave of Prayer Service in West Chilton Church at 12 noon, followed by refreshments. Non-members are very welcome to join us.

Jean Hunt



Rotary Film Night at Sullington Parish Hall Wednesday 13 February 2019



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

Anyone needing transport should contact Roger Jamieson on 01798 813956

For further details please contact Ken Collins on 01903 740745

Rotary Club of Storrington & Pulborough District



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Note from the editor....



In January, we are bombarded with media articles telling us we need to diet and do more exercise; as if this is something new! Do we really need to be reminded we shouldn't be eating cakes, biscuits and chocolate? We have heard it many times before, but we still succumb to that slice of cake with our afternoon tea and ignore the advice!

We hear readings from the Bible when we are in Church, but do we really listen to what is being taught? Do we take note of what God is telling us? I am sure we sometimes 'switch off' as we have heard the story before, but we should listen anew each time and really think about the meaning. Take time to read the passage again when you get home and learn something and follow that teaching.

We can never be told enough the best lesson is to love God, love yourself and love your neighbour. If we love ourselves, that may help us to resist those cakes and do more exercise!

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