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to all our readers!***



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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.**



As a child I loved getting presents. There was something particularly satisfying at seeing, and hearing the rustle of, a bulging pillow case of presents downstairs near the tree. I don't particularly remember a stocking full of goodies to greet me at the end of the bed on Christmas morning, instead we had a family tradition of Christmas tree presents which were unwrapped in the afternoon, after the Queen. I liked that second wave of small presents almost as much as the first.

What I was not so keen on was the task that followed of writing thank you letters. They always seemed such a chore. However, as an adult, I know how much I appreciate those 'thank you's'. If the giving was face-to-face then verbal thanks are enough, but if the giving was at a distance or if a gift was sent by post it is good to know it has been received safely. I do try to choose appropriate gifts, so I do hope that the recipient likes them, but, if nothing else, I hope the gift has been received in the spirit in which it was given: with love. With this in mind I do try to get round to my adult 'thank you's' with a better grace than as a child.

But what happens if the gift you receive is just not 'you'? A gaudy scarf or tie you wouldn't wear in a pantomime? Your first thought is not 'thanks' but 'can I exchange it?' Let's face it, most people's fashion sense is different from ours, or we would all be wearing the same clothes, and some people's fashion sense is just plain different! However, most people give a gift out of love and a desire to give, and it is in this spirit that we should receive all gifts – those to our taste and those which are not. Our thanks is as much for their love for us as for what they have in fact given us.

Saying 'thank you' for a gift is not just about good manners, or keeping aunty Kathryn sweet. Being grateful is actually good for us. Being grateful correlates with being happy.

A number of years ago I was struggling with depression and I found it was too easy to have a 'glass half empty' attitude to all of life. In depression negativity rules. One of the things which helped me to change my attitude was to make a daily list of five positives of the day. Perhaps a New Year resolution for 2019 is to keep a 'gratitude diary', filled with all those daily things for which we can be glad – the helping hand, the warm hello, the new life in the garden, the unexpected thank you.

At heart, gratitude arises from existence. God our Father has made me the person I am; how wonderful is that? Life is a wonderful miracle from start to finish; how can we do anything but constantly express our gratitude to our Creator. And if we start from that premise of thanksgiving for our life, then that thanksgiving automatically overflows to those around us who love us and care for us.

"For all that has been – thanks; for all that will be – yes". Those words were jotted in his diary by Dag Hammarskjöld, one-time Secretary General to the United Nations. They are words which are highly appropriate for this, the beginning of a new year, and yet that are, in reality, so difficult to say.

Just before Christmas a few years ago a close friend of mine died. I had known Canon Ron Diss since I was a student in Southampton in 1981. He took me under his wing and was such a formative influence on me growing up and growing into ministry. I still miss him terribly. Perhaps you too have lost a close friend or a relative this last year, or the year brought illness or work or money problems. In our world there have been terrible tragedies and catastrophes: earthquake, flood, drought, fire. "For all that has been – thanks" – that is so difficult to say.

What has our Xian faith to say to us? As far as I understand it, the Bible speaks to me of a God who loves the whole of creation, a God who is involved throughout the history of the world and humanity, and who is constantly striving to redeem the world.

We can say "for all that has been – thanks", not because the death of a loved one or some terrible world event doesn't matter - the tragedy remains an awful tragedy. But we can give thanks for God's continuing presence in the midst of the tragedy, his presence in the persons of goodwill and positive action, who give money, or risk their lives to save others, or work for peace. We can give thanks for the continuing redemption of the world – a hope expressed in the Christmas story we have heard once more.

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## New Year Greetings



**The parish clergy and their families wish you Peace and Joy in 2019**

**We have been very grateful for the kindness of your Christmas cards and greetings – please accept this as our expression of heartfelt thanks.**

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What's happening at

# St Mary's Thakeham

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## ST MARY'S THAKEHAM FAMILY SERVICE

Over the last few years, Thakeham Church has had a 'Theme for the Year' to link together each of their Family Services, eg "The 'I am' sayings of Jesus", and "The Little People of the Bible". During 2018 we embraced a theme of "Co-Stars of the New Testament". We asked that, should we make a movie of the New Testament, who might star beside Jesus? We then found out more about these remarkable people, by hearing readings, seeing drama, and watching videos.

Each month we built up a calendar of co-stars, that went like this:

**January:** The Three Kings

**February:** Simeon

**March:** John the Baptist

**April:** Mary Magdalene

**May:** The Disciples

**June:** Mary and Martha

**July:** Paul

**August:** Peter

**September:** The Virgin Mary

**October:** Zaccheus

**November:** Nicodemus

**December's** co-star was something of a surprise as it turned out to be "everyone in the congregation", ie "YOU".

Our finished "Co-Stars Calendar" looked like this:



Sara Jane managed the impossible, by weaving this final theme into a Christingle Service, by speaking about Jesus' words "You are the light of the world" (Matthew 5:14). She was ably assisted by a rather extraordinary human Christingle. Church can be fun!

2019's theme is obviously, as I write, a very carefully guarded secret! Should you wish to discover what it's to be, then we'd love to see you at a family service. They start at 10.30am, on the first Sunday of the month!

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.

## Thakeham & Sullington Church Youth Groups

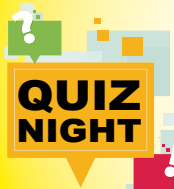
Come and join one of our fortnightly Friday evening youth groups

**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 7.15pm in the Church Rooms at Thakeham.

**T&F** (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](mailto:youthwork.stmarysthakeham@gmail.com), or call 01798 817522

## A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY



## 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

## Knit and Stitch Tea on Tuesday

Thakeham Church Rooms 15 January between 2pm and 4pm

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

## The Wild Fortune Quiet Garden

Through the winter seasons of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany 2018-19, the Wild Fortune Quiet Garden will be closed.

We give thanks for all those from near and far who have journeyed with us over this last year and look forward to welcoming you again in the spring of 2019.

With love and prayer for Advent and Christmastide

Tessa & Mark



*'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



"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 Sullington



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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**

## 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.



## ST MARY'S CHURCH, SULLINGTON CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Despite the morning of 25 November starting off with persistent rain, all the supporters of St Mary's Church, Sullington, were at Sullington Parish Hall busily getting ready for the 12.30pm start of our annual Christmas Fayre. We have been holding our Christmas Fayres at the Parish Hall now for 12 years and the event has become very popular with the residents of Storrington and Sullington, and with some people coming from further afield. There was a wide variety of stalls and bargains, including cakes, nearly new, Guess the weight of the cake, Crafts, Church Wax candles, Hamper raffle, Tombolas, including a Bottle Tombola, Table decorations, and much more. Children were catered for with Letters to Santa, Face Painting, Children's tombola, Crayoning and the chance to meet Father Christmas himself in his Grotto and receive a present.



Revd Sara-Jane Stevens, our new Priest-in-Charge, alternated between working on the stalls and meeting all those who attended, including Father Christmas!

A great time was had by all and we look forward to seeing everyone again next year.



## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, SULLINGTON

On 11 November the congregation of St Mary's Church, Sullington, held our Remembrance service. The congregation gathered in the churchyard at the E24 Submarine memorial for prayers and the Last Post, followed by the laying of the wreaths by Terry Nowell representing the Submariners Association, Nathan Buckell representing the British Legion, and Gail Kittle representing the Storrington and Sullington Parish Council.



## Tea with the Vicar

10 January 3pm till 5pm  
At Thakeham Rectory. All welcome.





# What's happening at St Mary's Storrington

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

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Revd Jacque Peal (743083)

**Verger:** Michael Taylor (742218)

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Stella Hastings & John Taylor (745477)

## Captain of Bellringers

John Taylor (745477)

## Pastoral Scheme

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## Recorder

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## 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 Jacque Peal – 743083.

**Altar Servers:** Revd Jacque 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.

## 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."

## 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, 8 January 2019** – Church of England will lead

**Tuesday, 5 February** – Community Church will lead

*One in faith and love and praise*



St Mary's Church  
Church Street  
Storrington

*Wednesday 16 January  
10am to 11.30am*

And every 3rd Wednesday of the month

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

## STORRINGTON REGISTERS

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

- 14 Oct Tessa Jasmine Bertram (adult)
- 18 Nov Ellis Emery James Whitmarsh (son of Sarah and Joe)
- 25 Nov Finley Louis Webber (son of Chelsea and Morgan)
- 2 Dec Toby John Tremlett (son of Katie)
- 2 Dec Orla Nicole Tolerton (daughter of Gwenola and James)

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

26 Nov Roderick George Reid (87 years)

*Interment of ashes only*

29 Nov Sheila Valerie Webber (77 years)

## Memorial Service

23 Nov Richard William Munday (68 years)

## Church@4pm 20 January

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.



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"For all that will be – yes". That too can be a difficult statement to make for who knows what the coming year will bring? Perhaps it will be a new job, or retirement, or another awful tragedy in the world, perhaps a death in the family, or a new baby or a marriage.

For Jesus in our Christmas readings all was future, he was just a baby. With the coming of the wise men at Epiphany to worship him and bring valuable gifts, his future must have looked rosy to some. Gold is for a king, surely a glorious future? But myrrh and frankincense are for dead bodies and tombs, what horrors are in store? Jesus' future was unknown and unclear at the Epiphany.

Or again, at Gethsemane, when the future was so much clearer, how easy did Jesus find it to say "For all that will be – yes"? And yet he did – "not my will, but yours, be done".

For Jesus, his whole life was one of 'thanks' for the past and 'yes' to the future. This 'yes' was not just one of passive acceptance, but of active acceptance; he did not wait for the future to happen to him, but stepped out to meet it. He didn't wait for the guards to find him in Gethsemane, but went out to meet them. And out of his yes to the future, and his faith in the God who is always present we have been given the seeming tragedy of the cross which has been transformed into the triumph of the resurrection.

We stand here at the beginning of the rest of our lives. We might look for more light on the future, but at present there is none; we can only put our trust in the God who is always present; who always encompasses us in love; who never abandons us to tragedy, but helps us on from tragedy into triumph. The God of the past, the present, and the future. We can only put our hand into the hand of God and step out into the future. As the author Joan Chittister puts it: "Faith is one long alleluia sung into a dark night, the only end of which is another challenging dawn".

"For all that has been – thanks; for all that will be – yes".

REVD KATHRYN WINDSLOW  
Rector of Storrington

## Family Support Work was established in 1890 by a group of churchwomen in Chichester

We support children and families through difficult times in their lives, including low income and poverty; mental or physical ill health; disability; learning difficulties; school non-attendance and exclusion; bereavement; family break-up and domestic abuse.

We help children and parents / carers to resolve problems, develop confidence and resilience and improve relationships.

We work closely with schools to support children to stay in mainstream education and do well.

FSW also provides food parcels, clothing, household goods and help with winter fuel bills where necessary.

Our aim is to support parents as they try to ensure that their children have the best start in life – "A strong family for every child in Sussex"

In 2017-18, FSW provided intensive one-to-one emotional and practical help to 298 families and 476 children. A total of 1,245 children benefited from group activities.

Our family caseloads and numbers participating in activities were 100% higher than in the previous year.

Our churches regularly organise events to raise money for FSW, so please do support these events advertised in this magazine.

For more information on the work of FSW, or for more help if you or someone you know is in need, please see their web site: <https://www.familysupportwork.org>.



Revd Kathryn Windslow baptised Toby John Tremlett on Sunday 2 December. The photo from left to right shows... Tom Tremlett, Adam Lamport, Sarah Warwick, Karen Guy and then Toby and his mum Katie Tremlett. Kathryn is in the photo as well, of course! Tom, Adam, Sarah and Karen are the godparents.

It was such a lovely service!

## 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.

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## 18 - 25 January WEEK OF PRAYER for CHRISTIAN UNITY

APPLICABLE TO ALL CHURCHES

### Christian Unity Week takes place each year from 18 to 25 January.

This year the main service will be on Sunday, 20 January. On certain other days there will be a short service or event hosted by one of the churches followed by refreshments.

#### Friday, 18 January at 9am

Unity Week Morning Prayer  
at Our Lady of England RC Church, Monastery Lane

#### Saturday, 19 January at 1pm – 3pm

Unity Week Prayer Stations  
at St Mary's Church, Thakeham

#### Sunday, 20 January at 6pm

The main inter-Church Unity Week Service at  
Steyning Grammar School, Rock Road, Storrington  
arranged by Storrington Community Church

#### Monday, 21 January at 9am

Unity Week Morning Prayer  
at Our Lady of England RC Church, Monastery Lane

#### Tuesday, 22 January at 8pm

Chemin Neuf Community Prayer Group  
at Storrington Priory, School Lane

#### Wednesday, 23 January at 8.30am

Unity Week Morning Worship  
at St Mary's Church, West Chiltington

#### Thursday, 24 January at 11.30am

Unity Week Prayers and Reflection  
at St Mary's Church, Church Street, Storrington

#### Friday, 25 January at 2.30pm

Unity Week Prayers at Trinity Methodist Church,  
off Thakeham Road, Storrington

## LETTER FROM BISHOP MARK

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year to you! With Christmas behind us, we begin to follow Jesus afresh through a new year and respond both to the compassion he shows us and to the challenges of his teaching. Over the last few years, The Diocese of Chichester has travelled through each year with a particular focus: mercy, the Bible and, in 2018, prayer. We are encouraged to travel through 2019 looking through the lens of vocation.

2019 has its calendar of scripture readings, its festivals and solemn days and its decision-making moments. In all of these we are invited to listen afresh for the voice of Jesus and we are invited to listen out for his calling us in new directions, to fresh courage and sometimes to fresh sacrifice. Just as the reading of scripture is a lifetime's work and prayer is a lifetime's conversation, vocation is a lifetime's journey. The Good Shepherd never stops calling his sheep onwards. Vocation is not simply responding once or about making a prayerful choice of career. It is about responding repeatedly, day after day and moving in one direction or another as the Good Shepherd leads.

Through this Year of Vocation, we are invited to be especially attentive to the ways in which God is calling us into new territory. We are invited to explore what possibilities God is opening up for us to serve him through our family life, through our professional life or maybe through some particular service within His Church. We are also invited to take a fresh look at what God is doing in other people and to recognise how he is at work, developing and maturing their skills and understanding. Perhaps it will be you that recognises what God is asking of them and helps them to understand it too. It is not always the person being called that hears a voice first. Sometimes someone has to tell them before they recognise it for themselves.

May 2019 be a year of listening not only for our own sakes, but also for those who rely upon our hearing.

With prayers and good wishes,

+Mark



## YEAR OF VOCATION 2019

### ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS RAFA CHAPEL SUSSEXDOWN

Communion with the residents  
24 January 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

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

A WOMEN LED, GLOBAL,  
ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT

1 March 2019

St Mary's Church,  
Storrington

*Come – Everything is Ready!*

Prepared by the  
women of Slovenia



## PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

### A Prayer for Family Life

God of compassion,  
whose Son, Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,  
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,  
and on the cross drew the whole human  
family to himself:  
strengthen us in our daily living  
that in joy and in sorrow  
we may know the power of your presence  
to bind together and to heal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.





## SULLINGTON 122 YEARS AGO

### EXTRACTS FROM CANON PALMER'S DIARY – JANUARY 1897

**Fri 1:** Fine and damp. 38 degrees. Pruned a few of the standard apples. Begin coal-carting.

**Sat 2:** Sharpening morning then cleared. 39 degrees. Took Frank and Napper to Pulborough and brought back Charles and George Parkinson who lunched: George Cartwright left on bicycle.

**Sun 3:** Christmas II. 39 degrees. A very thin morning and good evening congregation. Preached from notes on "So teach us to number our days etc." and in evening extempore on "oil in the lamps".

**Mon 4:** 41 degrees. Fine, dull, chill. Steam rolling the lane. Coaling. Clara meets Violet Richards in the carriage for the first time after it returned from Steyning renovated. Visit Emy on 'affairs'.

**Tue 5:** Very wet morning and generally raining. 40 degrees. Board of Guardians. Cold plum pudding, and Officers Pension Act.

**Wed 6:** 45 degrees. Generally fine and dull and a stormy SE wind. Heeling up rhubarb. Small bills trickling in. To my evening service at Cobden but find Mrs Long 'shut out' by the keeper, so home. Clara takes Violet Richards, Cicely and Jean Napper to a fancy dress dance at Stopham. Am reading August Hares autobiography, amusing but sadly indecent.

**Thu 7:** 45 degrees. Dull to rain. Gardened: pruning and cutting back hollies. Called on old Pickford and got wet riding home.

**Fri 8:** After a wet morning an entirely wet day. 43 degrees. Sent Sam Stringer with the cart for the new man. Practice in the evening at the school and a game of chess with Rogers.

**Sat 9:** Foggy and dark. 43 degrees. Arthur King called and was amusingly shy over his engagement. Had a Christmas tree for the Sunday School and various others at the school.

**Sun 10:** Epiphany I. Foggy, mild to rain. 45 degrees. Old sermon from 1888 on notes Psalm 119 Ch 33 v 4. On Collect for the day "the need of Light, Perception, Knowledge, Power and Grace". From the lecture in the afternoon after a baptism on Jesus as Light John XII 46.

**Mon 11:** As yesterday, very thick. 41 degrees. 7 of us planted each a tree forming a belt to the south of the stile in the south east corner of the upper meadow in honour of Her Majesty's Glorious Reign. Visited people in the lane: find two young married couples unconfirmed.

**Tue 12 – Thu 14:** To Tonbridge Wells where we had foggy weather – home by Brighton. Thought M gone back in mind a little.

**Fri 15:** A sprinkling of snow, raw from north east. 42 degrees. Dragging the front field. Violet Richards left for Winchester. Had my service at Roundabouts. Newton practices with May for an entertainment.

**Sat 16:** Dull to snow in afternoon. 34 degrees. Frank Marten with the girls to Town for Marshalswick. Heard from P.C.S. [Paul Stewart?] former pupil, now a secretary to the American Ambassador in Paris. To Humphreys and Hoares.

**Sun 17:** Epiphany II. Snow on ground, 32 degrees. Have had a very quiet sabbath, *nous deux seuls*. Thin congregations of course snow being a great deterrent. Preached in morning from notes on the injunction to the XII and in the evening old sermon on the change produced in the characters of Peter, James and John.

**Mon 18:** Sharp frost, bright sun. 32 degrees. Cut down a good deal of the holly on the copse path. To Chantry: called on Mr Hainesworth and visited Paiges and Nichols. Wrote to Cecil Parker.

**Tue 19:** Dull, hazy. 36 degrees. Board of Guardians and District Council nothing of much interest. Drove Clara to call at Parham House and Rectory, Dined at Sandgate solely. Mrs Felton taken poorly.

**Wed 20:** Raw and dull. Snow on hills strong north east wind. 33 degrees. Staked and tied apples. Told Mrs Hallett that she might have an extra four shillings per week for the monitor. To Cobden with Clara in evening: a keen wintry dark walk but a good gathering.

**Thu 21:** Finer, 32 degrees. A very wintry air hills still snow powdered. Walked to Fryern with Clara. Pruned Marie Louisa.

**Fri 22:** Fine morning but followed by snow storms. To Chichester asylum committee, full meeting: laying up of garden and report from an old hand of Brookwood asylum: called on Clarkson and rode home in a white storm.

**Sat 23:** Bitterly cold with some snow storms. 30 degrees. Carrying out manure to front field. Kept at home and worked up my year's accounts. These came right within one penny but show too large an expenditure £1,024, odd (more than income).

**Sun 24:** Epiphany III. Fine bright, 32 degrees. Blue sky on a bright snow. Poor congregations. Preached in morning on old notes on Gods work in Creation – snow and frost. Psalm 147 in afternoon on Isaiah LV the contrast between the reward of Gods servants and others.

**Mon 25:** Fine, bright morning, snow giving. 35 degrees. The severity of the air seems passing. Walked to Wantley, looking up candidates for confirmation. Pruning orchard trees.

**Tue 26:** Very keen north west wind and frost, 32 degrees. School 21/32. Attended a meeting this afternoon at Storrington on Emoluments attached to the officers under the Board of Guardians and on the new sign post in our district of which no less than 25 are needed! Many down with influenza colds Hoare etc.

**Wed 27:** Milder, 35 degrees. Rode to Ashington rectory to inquire after Eustace Heartly who has had scarlet fever. To Threales in evening but a very few there, Roundabout being down with prevailing cold.

**Thu 28:** Morning fine and brisk: afternoon dull and damp, 34 degrees. Called on Faithfull and Hoare. Paid licenses. Condoled with Widow Madgwick.

**Fri 29:** Morning fine then dull and chill afternoon, 35 degrees. The girls returned from the visit to Marshalswick. Had two letters from Hal telling of his start for home. Heard from my Mother (through Smith) of her having been in bed with bronchitis. Rode the horse to Roundabouts and enquired after some sick there.

**Sat 30:** Thaw and rainy morning then cleared, 37 degrees. Walked to enquire at the house of Parish aegrot with cold and to Chantry to see confirmation candidates.

**Sun 31:** Epiphany IV. Dull, foggy, 37 degrees. Fair morning congregation considering the weather: from notes on "hope of the just" from Job XXVII. After we had come in we received of our old neighbour and friends removal by death this morning. JW Hoare visited Mrs H in the evening: cannot but feel thankful that he was spared a long illness. Old sermon in afternoon on True Wisdom Job XXVIII.

## SULLINGTON AND THAKEHAM YOUTH UPDATE

Another bumper harvest from the congregations of Sullington and Thakeham in support of the Link to Hope Shoebox appeal. A whopping 79 packed and beautifully wrapped parcels sent down to the Worthing warehouse in November. Grateful thanks to the Youth Group and their leaders, to everyone for donating contents and boxes and a special mention to Chris Whitehead for delivering them and volunteering at the packing centre. What a team we have here!

## 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:

#### 2019

<b>9 January</b>	An Epiphany Lunch at Chichester College
<b>24 to 27 May</b>	A visit to Bavaria with the Chichester Cathedral Choir
<b>6 June</b>	Friends AGM with a Communion service, lunch and Guest Speaker the Very Revd Jonathan Greener, Dean of Exeter
<b>18 to 20 July</b>	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](http://www.ccfriends.org) or email: [friends@chichestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:friends@chichestercathedral.org.uk).

## CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL FREE LUNCH TIME CONCERTS

### JANUARY

- Tuesday 15** Fiona Jones & Sophie Aynsley, (Oboe & Piano)  
**Tuesday 22** Miriam Kramer & Nicholas Durcan, (Violin & Piano)  
**Tuesday 29** Masayuki Tayama, (Piano)

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



## Come and join our SPACE

Someewhere 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)

## 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.

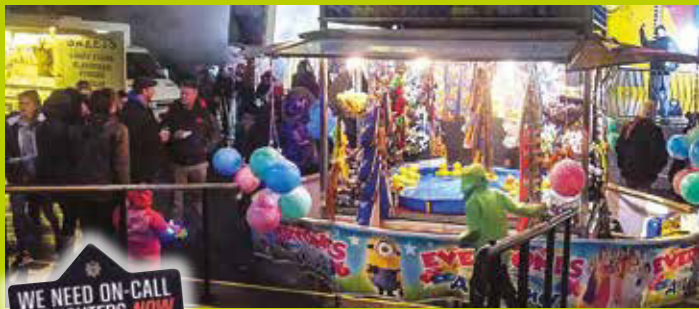


Our 2019 Winter programme starts with a 'Nouvel An' and Quiz on **Sunday, 13 January**.

We are hosting another 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](http://storringtontwinning.co.uk)  
 or contact 01903 744024 / 745325



## STORRINGTON CHRISTMAS NIGHT 6 DECEMBER



Despite the poor weather, the evening was a great success and well supported by a good crowd of children and their parents, not forgetting grandparents.

The hamburger stall was doing a good trade, together with the roasted pig stand, so I guess there were plenty of hungry people around.

Many of the shops were supporting the event by dispensing free mince pies, mulled wine, sweets and other delights.

The lads from the Fire Service were also on hand to support the event; they are always looking for volunteers, and they do a grand job, not only putting out fires but the unnerving task of sorting out road accidents.

*Brian Burns*



### **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](mailto: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.

Thanks to our links with the Rotary Club, some children from across the school have enjoyed trips to local activity centre, Lodge Hill. The days were filled with learning and team building activities and great opportunities. Our Year 6 children have also been enjoying outdoor activities on their residential trip to PGL. The group had an amazing week and came home on the Friday very tired and with lots of washing for their families! Closer to home, our Book Club visited the Storrington Library to share reading with parents, teachers and librarians; we are very much looking forward to forging stronger links with the library in 2019.

At the time of writing, the school is full of the beautiful sound of children rehearsing for our Christmas Productions. Rehearsals were interrupted for a morning however in order for our Year 3 to put on a Drumming Concert for their families; the group had been learning and practising all term and the rhythms and sounds they produced were quite stunning.

We would like to wish everyone in our community very best wishes for a happy and healthy 2019.

*Rebecca Stables, Business Manager*



# STORRINGTON CONSERVATION SOCIETY

Winter means shorter daylight hours and we tend to prefer indoor activities where we can keep warm. Wildlife is not so fortunate. Some birds, like swallows, migrate to warmer parts, others, such as sparrows, stay. Those who leave are replaced by others from colder parts, among them Bewick's swan, Canada geese, redwings and fieldfares. Feeding is essential. We can do our bit for garden birds, such as sparrows, tits, robins and blackbirds, by filling bird feeders and making sure they have access to fresh water. Tough it is not only birds that need care. Hedgehogs are among animals whose numbers have declined sharply. In winter they require somewhere to hibernate, and piles of leaves in the garden provide a suitable refuge, which is useful so long as they can gain access to the garden, such as a small gap in a fence. A bowl of cat food (never bread and milk) together with a small bowl of water provides a feast for them if there is a mild spell. We can all help to conserve our wonderful wildlife.

The working party which was due to meet on 1 December was unfortunately cancelled due to rain. The Thursday afternoon group met on 20 December, also at Fryern Dell. The first working party in the new year is on **5 January** at 10am. The plan is to carry out woodland management and restoration in the Lower Dell. The Thursday group meet on **15 January** at 2pm to carry on with our winter work at Fryern Dell.

Those who enjoyed the Christmas festivities may be considering the need to reduce any weight gain. Joining a working party can help by providing gentle exercise in congenial company. Give it a try! All are welcome; gardening wear advised, tools provided, and a cup of coffee.

We wish all our readers a peaceful and fulfilling 2019. Make it a year of conservation!

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](http://www.storringtonconservation.org.uk).

Stuart Kersley



## STORRINGTON FLOWER CLUB

**Wednesday 23 January at 2pm**  
**Sullington Parish Hall**

**Demonstrator: Nina Tucknott**  
**Theme: Wood You Believe it**  
**Competition: Jack Frost**



## STORRINGTON AND DISTRICT PROBUS



### Members' Annual President's Ladies' Dinner and Dance

As autumn finally gave way to winter, the Storrington Probud Club held, one of its major events of the year, the Annual Ladies' Dinner & Dance at the West Sussex Golf Club. The Club members dug out their dinner jackets and their ladies put on their posh frocks to dance the night away. This great night was organised splendidly by John Wilkinson, Vice-President and presided over by Andrew Boulton, President of the Club. As usual the WSGC provided an excellent three course dinner with brilliant service. Andrew gave a heartfelt speech about the pleasure he had in being a member of Probud for six years and the many activities he and Sheila, his wife, had attended. Andrew then thanked the Ladies for their support to the Club and its members and then he proposed the toast to the Ladies. Sheila then responded on behalf of the Ladies with a very witty and amusing speech. Following toasts to the Queen and Probud, the music and entertainment began, and this was provided by Kerry Leburn. She soon had everyone tapping their feet or testing their *Strictly Come Dancing* skills on the dance floor and until late into the night.



Prior to the dinner and dance the Club Members had enjoyed a number of activities and events including a carvery lunch at the Tollgate in Bramber organised by Tony Girard and presided over by Andrew Boulton. The speaker at the lunch was organised by Les Allen-Williams and he was Mark Perry-Nash, who having grown up in Chicago gave a really amusing talk on "Chicago in the Roaring Twenties". Mark covered the start of Chicago as a city and the rise of the gangsters from the early days through Prohibition and of course ending with the modern-day gangsters such as Al Capone.

Following a previously successful night, Richard Green and Rob Neal-Smith organised an 'Indoor Fun Race Night' at the West Chiltington Village Pavilion with a fish and chips supper. The Race Night was presented by Benjamin Haskar, who made sure everyone had a fun time in making out their betting slips and running a very smooth entertaining night.

One of the many regular features of the Club's activities is a Shuffleboard Evening, and Paul Weaver and Richard Green organised the latest successful one, at the West Chiltington Church Hall, with hot drinks and cake for everyone.

Don Cleary organised another of his enjoyable Coffee Mornings at The Labouring Man in Coldwaltham. This was a huge success with the new owners providing homemade biscuits and good coffee and a roaring fire with a warm and welcoming atmosphere. The members attending were so impressed they made bookings for lunch whilst they were there, and Don will certainly be returning there with another Coffee Morning in the near future.

At time of writing, the Club will be attending a Christmas Concert at the Chichester Theatre with "The Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines and the Cathedral Choir". Future events include more Coffee Mornings, a Skittles and BBQ night, Greyhound Racing at Brighton & Hove Stadium, 10 Pin Bowling with Chanctonbury Probud at Out of Bounds, Rustington and many more.

If you want to know more about the Club or join, please visit the Website at [www.storringtonprobud.com](http://www.storringtonprobud.com).

Peter Kerns

# CHURCH SERVICES AT A GLANCE

DATE	FESTIVAL OR SUNDAY	STORRINGTON St Mary's	THAKEHAM St Mary's	SULLINGTON St Mary's
6 January	<b>THE EPIPHANY</b>	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Family Communion 6pm Evensong	10.30am Joint Family Service (with Sullington)	8am Holy Communion
13 January	<b>Epiphany 1 Baptism of Christ</b>	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion + Footsteps 6pm Evensong	9.30am Morning Prayer	8am Holy Communion 11.30am Mattins
20 January	<b>Epiphany 2</b>	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion + Footsteps 4pm Church@4	8am Iona Communion	10.30am Holy Communion
		6pm Main Unity Week Service at Steyning Grammar School, Rock Road, Storrington		
27 January	<b>Epiphany 3</b>	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion + Footsteps 6pm Evensong	9.30am Family Communion	11.30am Family Communion
3 February	<b>Candlemas Sunday The Presentation of Christ in the Temple</b>	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Family Communion 6pm Evensong	10.30am Joint Family Service (with Sullington)	8am Holy 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**

**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

JANUARY	
<b>Tue 1</b>	
2pm	SPACE – Art and Craft Club – p14
<b>Wed 2</b>	
10am	St Barnabas Outreach – Library Car Park – p23
<b>Thu 3</b>	
10.30am	Pop-In Lunch Club – p18
7.30pm	Storrington Camera Club – Meeting – p24
<b>Sat 5</b>	
10am	Storrington Conservation Party – p17
7.30pm	Taylor Maid Concert – St Mary's, Storrington – p9
<b>Sun 6 THE EPIPHANY</b>	
<b>Mon 7</b>	
7.30pm	Storrington Museum – Talk – p22
<b>Tue 8</b>	
10am	Inter-Church Prayers – RC Church (side chapel) – p6
<b>Wed 9</b>	
7.30pm	Rotary Film Night – <i>The Post</i> – p24
<b>Thu 10</b>	
1.30pm	Mary How Bridge Drive – p34
3pm	Tea with the Vicar – p5
7pm	Bingo – Mary How Trust – p28
<b>Sat 12</b>	
9.30am	Sandgate Conservation Society – Working Party – p28
<b>Sun 13 EPIPHANY 2</b>	
1pm	Sunday Lunch Club – p18
	Storrington and District Twinning Society – Quiz – p14
<b>Tue 15</b>	
2pm	Storrington Conservation Party – p17
2pm	SPACE – Art and Craft Club – p14
2pm	Knit and Stitch Tea – p4
<b>Wed 16</b>	
10am	Café in the Church – St Mary's, Storrington p6
7.30pm	Sullington Windmills WI – p32
<b>Thu 17</b>	
7.30pm	Storrington Camera Club – Meeting – p24
<b>Fri 18</b>	
	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (until 25 Jan) – p10
<b>Sun 20 EPIPHANY 3</b>	
4pm	Church@4 – St Mary's, Storrington – p6
6pm	Unity Week Main Service – Steyning Grammar School, Rock Road, Storrington – p10
<b>Tue 22</b>	
7.30pm	Mary How Trust Film – <i>Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again</i> – p28

<b>Wed 23</b>	
2pm	Storrington Flower Club – Meeting – p17
<b>Thu 24</b>	
11.30am	Communion at Sussexdown – p10
<b>Sat 26</b>	
10am	Sandgate Conservation Society – Working Party – p28

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

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL DAYS

JANUARY	
<b>Tues 1 THE NAMING OF JESUS</b>	
<b>Wed 2</b>	<b>Basil the Great, 379</b> , Greek, theologian, supported the Nicene Creed
	<b>Gregory of Nazianzus, 389</b> , together with Basil the Great, known as one of Cappadocian Fathers – early development of Christian theology
<b>Tues 8 Baptism of Christ</b>	
<b>Thu 10 William Laud, 1645</b> , Archbishop of Canterbury from 1633	
<b>Fri 11 Mary Slessor, 1915</b> , a Scottish missionary to Nigeria. She is credited with having stopped the killing of twins among the Efik, a particular ethnic group in Nigeria	
<b>Sat 12 Aelred of Hexham, 116</b> , historian and spiritual writer	
<b>Sun 13 Hilary of Poitiers, 367</b> , patron saint of lawyers Kentigern (Mungo) 603, founder and patron saint of Glasgow George Fox, 1691, founder of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	
<b>Thu 17 Antony the Great of Egypt, 356</b> , hermit and father of monks Charles Gore, 1932, Anglican theologian (NB his brother, Spencer, was the 1 <sup>st</sup> Wimbledon tennis champion!)	
<b>Fri 18 Amy Carmichael, 1951</b> , a Protestant Christian missionary in India, who opened an orphanage and founded a mission in Dohnavur	
<b>Sat 19 Wulfstan, 1095</b> , Bishop and patron saint of Worcester (and loved roast goose!)	
<b>Sun 20 Richard Rolle, 1349</b> , religious writer, Bible translator and hermit	
<b>Mon 21 Agnes of Rome, 304</b> , virgin and martyr, associated with lambs (L. <i>agnus</i> )	
<b>Tues 22 Vincent of Saragossa, 304</b> , patron saint of vintners and vinegar-makers, island of St Vincent (Caribbean) named after him	
<b>Thu 24 Francis de Sales, 1622</b> , co-founder of the women's Order of the Visitation of Holy Mary (Visitandines)	
<b>Fri 25 THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL</b>	
<b>Sat 26 St Timothy &amp; St Titus</b> , disciples of St Paul, Timothy co-author of many books of New Testament	
<b>Mon 28 Thomas Aquinas, 1274</b> , one of the most influential theologians, patron saint of universities and students	
<b>Thu 31 John Bosco, 1888</b> , founded the Institute of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians, a religious congregation of nuns dedicated to the care and education of poor girls	

# STORRINGTON & SULLINGTON – REFLECTIONS OF THE PAST

## AFTER THE WAR

And so we enter New Year with new beginnings and hopes for the future. One hundred years ago, the start of New Year was also the end of the terrible “war to end all wars” – if only it had done so!

Many Storrington families could not look forward to happier times, those whose husbands, fathers, brothers and cousins who had joined the Royal Sussex and other County regiments and the Royal Flying Corps, later the RAF, amid cheering flag-waving crowds, only to end their short lives in unbelievable perilous squalor many miles from their home village. What did the future hold the the Hearn, Skinners, Figgs, Daughtreys, Lidbeters, Soffes, Wagstaffs, Hayters, Linfields, Atfields, Curtises, Elmses, and dozens of other families including those whose rank did not preserve them from the same grim fate as ordinary villagers, Tyrell, Austin, Pickersgill-Cunliffe, Baxter, Golds, Mond and others from the big houses – their families, too, would find their pleasant comfortable lives changed forever.

The State Pension in this country was passed into law in August 1908 and the first pension paid out to those over 70 was five shillings per week, seven shillings and sixpence for a married couple. By 1925 old age contributory benefits were ten shillings per week for widows with orphans for life or until re-marriage. The war was followed by agricultural depression – the big houses which had employed many on their estates or in domestic service now found that there was not only a shortage of labour, but that attitudes of working men who had returned from war service had changed after seeing a different side of life away from the village.

Life after the war can be best described by those who were alive at the time. Canon Palmer recorded in 1922 ...

“The condition of the Parish at this period was very uncertain and dislocated. The sale of Sandgate has been announced to Mr Stacey who is not likely to reside – all the cottagers therefore are unsettled. The acquisition by gift of the [Sullington] School and two adjacent cottages is the one cheering event. But the vacant land at the foot of the windmill common is likely to be built over by anyone who will by the plots – while the whole estate seems likely to be cut up into lots at the mercy of any buyer. Clayton Farm is also sold with Sandgate which affects some of our parishioners. Cobden Farm changes hands at Michaelmas. My glebe meadows are let to Miss H



Canon Palmer



Sullington School and Cottage

Jervoise who lives with us. The weather has been most unsettled during Sept. much lack of sunshine, cold nights, fog and little opportunity of harvesting corn crops.”

In October 1922 he recorded that his ...

“... harvest thanksgiving service was well attended with 12 more males than usual of the upper class type ... Evening turned dark and damp but temp. very high. The lighting of the church better, but not really good ... legal summer time ends on the 8th.

By 1923 Canon Palmer wrote that the condition of the Parish was more settled, but changes were evident.

“Many buildings are in the course of erection on the Chantry corner of a superior description, while the Common is being rapidly

fringed in a NW direction by a heterogenous class of dwelling, mostly of the bungalow type. The population will have largely increased during the past three years but the census of 1921 is not yet published ... on 12 February Sandgate House was formally opened and dedicated to the service of those needing Rest and is



Mr and Mrs Stacey

now under the superintendence of its owner, Miss Gaunt Woeffl with her assistant Miss Pearce. It is called “The Home of Rest” for working girls (primarily). Mr Stacey, the purchaser of the estate is building himself a home on the premises.”

He mentions on 30 September 1923 that the whole year has been remarkably uncertain and the crops had alternated between very dry and hot and coldish and wet weather conditions. Cereals were cheap in consequence of large Canadian and other imports but sheep sold above the average

price. Farmers call loudly for Government aid – wages being high and produce poor and cheap. Wages about here up to 30/- and 35/- . Rates very high.”

Canon Palmer died in 1928 aged 96.

In 1907 Mr Albert Hecks, a West Country farmer, hired a train and brought his entire farm, lock, stock and livestock, to Pulborough Station, where it was all de-trained and brought on to Sullington Manor Farm, where he became Lord Egremont’s tenant. By 1920 he had bought the farm, all 500 acres up to the Downs and north over the very rough heather and bracken of the Warren, including the watermill in Chantry Lane. Mr Hecks had a respected name among sheep farmers and was a noted judge at shows. He built up his



Mr Albert Hecks

own flock of Southdown sheep. His young family were among the “bright young things” of the early 1920s with active social lives beyond the village – parties, dances, car jaunts and involvement in local organisations, including the new Storrington Choral Society and the Sullington Merrymakers, a concert party which raised funds which were contributed to local needs and Worthing Hospital.

Young Bernard Hecks loved tractors more than horses, and everything mechanical. By 1921 he had removed the old mill wheel and milling gear and installed a water turbine using the power of the mill pond to generate the first electricity in the area, firstly to light the lambing yards and then extending the wires to the church to replace the old oil lamps with electric light in time for the Harvest Festival – accounting for Canon Palmer’s comment about the church lighting. It was not long before people asked him to supply electricity to their homes and shops and Storrington Church. Once people had “the tricity”, as his sister Queenie Hecks admiringly called it, other things followed – kettles, electric irons, vacuum cleaners – and wireless sets. In 1923 Ron Vine opened

a new shop in Storrington selling these desirable things, very early wireless sets and the components for people to build their own before commercially made sets became available. He also charged accumulators and sold the big heavy batteries needed in association with them.



As the years passed and more buildings went up, the village was visibly changing. People became concerned, like Canon Palmer, to think of the Warren, a lovely open area where they could walk and enjoy the magnificent views, being covered with houses and streets. In the early 1930s plans were submitted for the total development of the Warren to accommodate 109 houses. Homes were already being built along the road edges and in 1933 a conference by the Building, Town Planning and Byelaws Committee of the Rural District Council was called to take possible steps to preserve the Warren; a purchase committee was formed, consisting of the Rev W Bramwell, Miss



Remington, the Rev S Le Mesurier, Major Sheppard, Mrs Sinclair, Mr TA Emmett, Lt Col HV and Mrs Ravenscroft, Miss Clarke-Williams and Mr WA Fox.

The story of the purchase of the Warren for £1,687 by 1935 and its presentation to the National Trust was featured in a 2010 issue of *Three Heralds* and fully detailed in my book *Sullington Domesday D-Day*.

The *West Sussex Gazette* of 20 June 1935 had a long column celebrating the golden wedding of Mr and Mrs Jesse Knight living at *Homeland*, Roundabouts. He had been a farm hand on the Fryern Estate and his photograph together with his sheep dog appeared with the article. In 1922 had come a great shock to them when the Fryern Estate, like others, was sold and they had to leave their cottage which went with the estate. They had raised a family there of two sons and three daughters together with an adopted daughter, who rallied round and installed the couple in the comfortable little bungalow nearby at Roundabouts. There were six cottages in the hamlet occupied by rural workers, all of



whom had to go. Their homes were acquired afterwards by people of means, and no others had been built to house the displaced wage earners, the reporter added.

*Among other items in the news in 1919*

**5 June:** The French government have appointed Mr Emile Mond of Greyfriars to be a Chevalier of the Legion of Honour in recognition of the services rendered by him in connection with the foundation of Lycees de Londres which were established in 1915 under the auspices of the Institut Francois de Royaume Uni for the purposes of providing secondary education for French children during the war. The King of the Belgians has also created Mr Mond an officer of Leopold in recognition of similar services in connection with the education of Belgian children.

**3 July:** A very amusing and enjoyable afternoon's cricket was witnessed at Storrington on Wednesday. The occasion was a match between women and men. The latter were handicapped by having to bat left-handed. The women batted first and knocked up a good total of 80 (54 being wides), top



*Advert for Sandgate Park in "Come to Sussex" guide (pre-war)*

scorer was Miss E Hull. Fielding on the part of the men caused great amusement to the onlookers as they gave a run to their opponents each time they made a mistake by using their right hand. The gentlemen managed to knock up 133. A Atfield scoring 54 and Mr Heffer 32. One amusing incident was the decision of the umpire in the case of one gentleman who was given out for "over the line".

**10 July:** On Sunday about 50 Comrades of the War proceeded by the local military band, marched to the parish church for the thanksgiving service and there was afterwards a procession through the village, the band playing several selections in the Square under the conductorship of Mr CH Mitchell to the great pleasure of a large crowd.

**17 July:** On Sunday the Storrington Band marched to Thakeham on a recruitment drive for Comrades of the Great War, followed by about 60 of them and playing inspiring music en route.

On Peace Day there will be sports on the college recreation ground for the Comrades of the Great War, tea for the children, dancing on the cricket pitch and a display of fireworks. Storrington Band will be in attendance the whole day.



The Comrades of the Great War became the British Legion.

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



## STORRINGTON & DISTRICT MUSEUM

The Museum will open after the Christmas and New Year break on **Saturday, 12 January** with a new exhibition based on artefacts received during the past year, augmented by some that are in store and rarely seen by the public.

The Museum is an on-going and living record of our district's history, and, while we have little storage space, relics of Storrington and District's past are warmly welcomed.

On **Monday, 7 January**, the monthly talk on "The Shepherds of the South Downs" will be given by Ian Everest. The title made me think of Findon sheep Fair and the Australian sheep farmer with his troupe of "dancing" sheep. I am sure Ian Everest's talk will be quite different from that!

Another date for your New Year diary is the talk on Monday, 4 February, which will be given by Jackie Lee about "My Time as a Magistrate".

On November 17 and 18, the Museum welcomed local artists, both amateur and professional, to the 9th Annual Art Show, organised by Patricia Wilks. The Show each November is pencilled in to the Museum diary from one year to the next, and preparations start early in September. This year there were one or two new entries but inevitably there are changes and this year we were very sorry that Alison Milner-Gulland had an accident which prevented her from taking part. Alison designed and painted the blinds in the Museum and office some years ago, and there is something missing from an Art Show without her input.

As well as the Art Groups there were a number of independent artists taking part, with around 200 entries, and the variety of subjects painted and the media in which they work, showed amazing skills. As well as watercolours of flowers and plants, Caroline Gibbs showed a whole range of small intricately embroidered items. Also shown alongside her paintings and pyrography pictures, were Joanne Goddard's immaculately handmade soft toys. These items and the variety of handmade greeting cards on sale demonstrate a different artistic skill and add an extra dimension to the Art Show proper. All in all, a successful weekend with over 200 visitors and with much-needed funds raised for the Museum, made up by donations from the artists, proceeds from the tombola, and the sale of home-made refreshments, which were so popular that supplies rapidly diminished on Saturday and the Catering team had to go home and cook more soup and cakes for Sunday, but that all added to the satisfaction of knowing that it had been such a successful and enjoyable event.

The December talk was given by Tim Stanton from the West Sussex Library Service, who told us about the infamous John George Haigh in a talk called "Acid Baths, Spivs and Vampires". Fortunately Tim did not over dramatise these ghastly matters, but treated them very matter-of-factly and with a touch of humour which the audience appreciated. He said that of all the genres on offer at the Library, "Crime" was the most popular, and of all his Talks this was also the most popular, which is psychologically interesting. In one of the photos he showed us, a crowd was just standing staring at one of the houses associated with Haigh. Why? Tim did not offer an explanation, he simply told the story.

John George Haigh was born in Stamford, Lincolnshire, on 24 July 1909, to John Robert, an engineer, and his wife Emily. This couple were very strict and very religious. Their son was introverted, but musical, and learned to play the piano well (which was helpful later). He gained a scholarship to Queen Elizabeth Grammar School in Wakefield and then took up an apprenticeship in motor engineering, but never completed it. Instead he began drifting from one occupation to another and by 1934, aged 25, he was married

to Beatrice Hamer. He had been sacked from an advertising firm for suspected theft and a few months into marriage he was jailed for fraud. His family had no more to do with him and his wife left him, having had their daughter adopted.

In 1936, out of prison, he went to London and became a chauffeur to William McSwan, and then pretended to be a solicitor. Another prison sentence for 4 years for fraud ensued. On release he continued as before and frequently returned to prison. He became a fire watcher in 1941 during the war and, of course, stole from the properties he "watched".

In 1943 he met McSwan again, and was introduced to his parents who were well off. Haigh began collecting rents for them from their London properties. In 1944 he was involved in an engineering business with McSwan, which failed. He procured a revolver, shot McSwan, and boiled his body down in acid at 79 Gloucester Road, Kensington, telling Mr and Mrs McSwan that their son had gone to Scotland to avoid Military service. He then disposed of the parents in the same way, pouring their remains down a drain. He stole their money and, in the end-of-war chaos, nobody missed them. Haigh moved into Onslow Court Hotel in Kensington and gambled away the £8,000 from the McSwans.

Dr Archibold Henderson and his wife Rose (for whom Haigh played the piano) were his next victims. By now he had moved to 2 Leopold Road, Crawley, and moved the tools of his trade there from Gloucester Road, and gradually spent their money – another £8,000. He kept their dog and their motor car.

A rich widow, Olive Durand-Deacon, aged 69, was his last victim. He said he that he was interested in her ideas for artificial fingernails and took her to Crawley to see his workshop. Her hotel reported her missing because of her unpaid bills. The police traced her and searched the Leopold Road offices and found oil drums and sludge, coats, a handbag, and false teeth belonging to Mrs. Durand-Deacon. Both Sussex CID and Scotland Yard were involved.

Haigh was taken to Horsham Police Station in Barttelot Road and charged at the Old Town Hall. He pleaded insanity, saying that he was a vampire and needed human blood to stay alive. He was taken to Lewes Crown Court on 18 July 1949. His trial was conducted by eminent officials, among them Sir Hartley Shawcross and the forensic pathologist, Keith Simpson (the first pathologist to be recognised by the Home Office). All the proceedings were sensationally reported in the newspapers and drew large crowds of onlookers. He was found guilty on 20 July (his plea that he needed blood was not deemed sufficient reason for him to be treated as insane). He was taken to Wandsworth Prison in August and at 9 pm on 10 August he was executed by hanging by Albert Pierrepoint, and buried in an unmarked grave.

This was the first crime where the forensic evidence was made public. Tim Stanton named several books, plays and films about this terrible scoundrel, who must have displayed a certain spivish charm, wining and dining his clients, but who was cold, callous and "cheerfully indifferent" to his crimes and his victims.

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## This year I will...

I'm sure you know the saying about shoemakers' children going barefoot. Well, when I'm not gardening, my day job is about helping people to make changes in their behaviour that lead to benefits for them and for society, so of course I'm terrible at making New Year's resolutions that last. This year I resolve to do better...

### I will deal with the weeds that matter.

A funny thing I noticed during the hot summer was that some of the plants with weeds growing around them coped better than those without. I didn't water my raspberries and currants at all, but they (and the large-leaved weeds growing around them) thrived. It makes sense, because on the allotment I deliberately grow courgettes at the base of sweetcorn (or sunflower) plants as sweetcorn have shallow roots and benefit from having them shaded by other plants' leaves. So, I'm going to remember this and focus on getting rid of fibrous-rooted weeds like couch grass, flowering weeds and thugs (I'm looking at you, stinging nettles, bindweed and horsetail) and worry less about the others that are actually helping the plants I want to keep.



### I will not buy plants in black plastic pots.

Gardeners' World viewers learned in 2018 that plastic is a huge problem in the horticultural industry and how hard it is for home-gardeners to reduce their use of plastic



that can't be recycled. Black plastic flowerpots seem to be the stumbling block, so growers and garden centres are starting to use new taupe-coloured pots which in theory, can be recycled by local authorities that take yoghurt pots, etc. The bad news is that most councils (including West Sussex) still refuse to take them via household recycling bins but are under pressure to change. So if I buy any plants this year, they will not be in black pots, and I'll save the pots up until they can go in the recycling bin.

### I will do more sitting in the garden.

Some flowers are literally here today, gone tomorrow. This year, I'm going to do a lot more sitting and give them the attention they deserve.

Cheryl Brown



## WEST CHILTINGTON AND STORRINGTON MOTHERS' UNION

There is no meeting in January but members will gather

**Mothers' UNION**

Christian care for families for a New Year Lunch at Joanna's in Storrington on **Thursday 3 January**.

Selsey Branch have invited us to a Eucharist Service at St. Peter's Church, Selsey at 9.30am on **Tuesday 22 January**. This will be followed by refreshments and a talk by Diocesan President Kathryn Anderson on "MULOA – MU Listening, Observing, Action", which is the way forward for MU across the world. Hopefully this will inspire new ideas to develop our Branches.

A reminder to members that subscriptions become due on 1 January: £26 for members, and £20 for Indoor Members.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

Jean Hunt

## West Chillington Dramatic Society

November was a busy month for the Society. Firstly we had the production of Francis Durbridge's *House Guest* to stage and perform, to be followed by a play reading at the Five Bells in Smock Alley. *House Guest* was virtually sold out on each of its three nights and was greatly enjoyed by audiences, actors and crew. This was the first production where we have made seats available to book on-line and proved to be a quite popular move.

The play reading was *When we are Married* by JB Priestley and was attended by not only members of West Chillington but members from Billingshurst and Ashington dramatic societies. The success of the evening means that this farcical comedy will be our May production in 2019, to be directed by Caroline Woodley. Auditions will be held on 7 and 10 January.

At our members' evening on 15 December, we undertook 'A Play in a Day'. We staged a one act play unknown to anyone save our directors, Angela Sloan and Julian Hoad. All the work associated with a stage production started at 9am on Saturday morning culminating in a performance at 7.30pm that same evening. The play was followed by a Turkey Pie supper.

The Horsham District Year of Culture 2019 is nearly upon us and plans for our competitive festival in July are coming together. The dates are fixed, the Village Hall is booked and we have a number of Societies from throughout the Horsham District looking to participate. More information regarding the Festival will be forthcoming in the New Year. In the meantime if you would like to learn more about the Society's activities contact our Membership Secretary Christine Pearson on 01798 874456.

Happy New Year to one and all.

Geoffrey Steward, Chairman



## 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 2 Jan – 10am to 2pm**

For more information about the project please visit our website or email [HospiceOutreachProject@stbh.org.uk](mailto:HospiceOutreachProject@stbh.org.uk) or call 706357.



## Positive Annual General Meeting

At our AGM, held in the Pavilion on Thursday 22 November, Chairman Steve Watkins said he was pleased to report another positive season on and off the field. Whilst the senior team might have been expected to struggle after being promoted two divisions, the eleven in fact came close to achieving another promotion thanks to excellent individual performances all round. Steve praised the captain Ian Homewood for his leadership, organisation skills, and performances with bat and ball, whilst Andy Livermore proved to be a more than capable vice-captain. Steve also thanked Jim Harden, our regular umpire; Colin Harrison and Mike Ballard, for their preparation of wickets and maintenance of the square; Bill Norris, for keeping the pavilion and bar in good order; Simon Haggart, for being the Club's former league representative; and Carol Bryer, Steve Porter, and Jude Houghton, for their various contributions.

Steve confirmed the West Sussex Invitation Cricket League (we were a founding Club member and first title holder in 1979) had been wound up, and the new Sussex Cricket League had been inaugurated at a recent meeting attended by Steve along with Malcolm Flitt, who had been elected to the League's finance committee. Next season, we will continue playing in Division 8 of the West Region, the largest of the League's three Regions comprising altogether some 140 teams.

Turning to the juniors, more popularly known as the Cygnets, Steve reported that the section was going from strength to strength, with growing support from a dedicated committee of parents and others in the roles of coaches, helpers, and fund raisers. Our decision to embrace the ECB's "All Stars" project for introducing 5 to 8 year olds to cricket had proved to be the right one, with a dozen boys and girls being recruited. Two of the older boys had been successful in being selected for training as part of the District squad of "Western Warriors". None of this outstanding progress in just a few years would have been possible without the leadership and enthusiasm of the Cygnets' manager, Martin Fisher, whom Steve thanked fulsomely. Next season, we will be fielding three Cygnets league teams: U14, managed by Martin Fisher, assisted by Mark Hunton; U11, managed by James Harrington; and U9, managed by Daniel Grainge, assisted by Matt Carver.

Steve next turned to the fund raising for a new two bay outdoor practice net, which will be a tremendous asset for nurturing current and future generations of young cricketers. Despite having experienced more disappointments than successes with our applications to community and other funds, we have now raised some £25k towards a revised, lower, target of £40k. The Club's own contribution has

been increased, and in this connection Steve thanked Sam Robertson for organising the car wash during the summer that made a profit of £800. The main fund raisers so far are Steve himself, supported by Malcolm Flitt and Chris Winter, and, James Harrington, earlier thanked by Martin Fisher for managing the U10's this year, is now promoting a sponsorship package to the local business community.

The election of officers was a straightforward matter as virtually all existing bearers were re-elected, as follows:

President: Chris Winter  
Vice Presidents: re-elected en bloc  
Chairman: Steve Watkins  
Vice Chairman: Martin Fisher  
Secretary: Steve Porter  
Treasurer: Carol Bryer  
Welfare Officer: Jude Houghton  
Club Captain: Ian Homewood  
Vice Captain: Andy Livermore  
Cygnets Manager: Martin Fisher

### plus new positions

Cygnets Representative (on Club Committee):  
James Harrington  
League Liaison & Committee Fund Raising Representative:  
Malcolm Flitt

In his concluding remarks, Steve said the Club was in the best of health for many years, and the future looks very good. He urged everyone to continue supporting the Club so that it can go on from strength to strength.

Chris Winter

## Interested in photography?

Looking for an opportunity to develop your interest and skills?

Come and join us, visitors welcome.

Our programme includes guest photographer talks, demonstrations, competitions, practical workshops and a monthly coffee club.

### NEXT MEETING

Thursday 3 January 7.30pm

Members evening - The Best Day's Photography I Ever Had.

Thursday 17 January 7.30pm

3rd Print & Projected Image Competition with an (Open Subject) theme. The judge for the evening will be Rob de Ruiter ARPS

Thursday 31 January 7.30pm

Guest Speaker Bill Brooks LRPS - In Anna's Footsteps.

### MORE INFORMATION:

[www.storringtoncc.org.uk](http://www.storringtoncc.org.uk) or

contact Janet Brown

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**SOC** Storrington  
Camera Club



## Rotary Film Night at Sullington Parish Hall Wednesday 9 January



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.

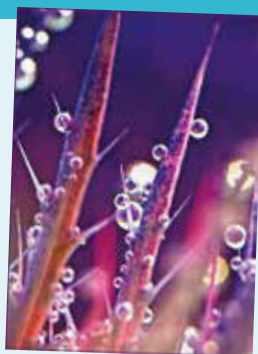
Anyone needing transport should contact Roger Jamieson on 01798 813956

For further details please contact Ken Collins on 01903 740745

**Rotary Club of Storrington & Pulborough District**

During the season, our guest speakers present their approach and passion covering a wide variety of different photography styles and techniques. When sharing and discussing their specific areas, each brings home the diversity of photography and the opportunities open for everyone to take and create images that meet their interests, and are personal to them.

This diversity in approach was definitely the case with two of our recent speakers. The first was Colleen Slater who shared with us her work covering flowers, insects and macro photography. One of Colleen's specialisms is taking



images of flowers underwater using a fish tank filled with water lit by sunlight, but using coloured sheets to make colourful shots. As Colleen explained, flowers give off oxygen underwater for up to 24 hours, so when submerged they create a series of air bubbles along the petal edges. This style of photography is a very different



subject that allows alternative approaches using different colours and light. One interesting tip she shared was 'Quality Street' wrappers make good colour filters and backgrounds! Colleen then showed some of her close up macro shots of flowers and insects and how she uses an attachment to the camera. This, together with a link to her mobile phone, allows very precise incremental increases of focus. The software she uses combines these multiple images to give a very detailed final image.

The second speaker was Leo Rich who entitled his talk 'Sliding into Digital'. Expectations were high as Leo has had over a 1000 images receiving an award over the past eight years. As the title suggests, Leo started by sharing his experiences with colour slides before his move into digital.

Leo shared some wonderful images of people and wildlife, brought to life by travellers' tales and laconic anecdotes.

So what's Leo's secret? His approach to portrait photography is to establish a strong human relationship with the subject. This was borne out by the fact that Leo could remember the names of most of his subjects and is testament to the rapport established before the shutter was pressed. Once your subject is on-side then it becomes that much easier to manoeuvre them in front of a sympathetic background and gain a few seconds to set the camera properly and compose the shot – a much better formula than trying to quickly grab a shot.

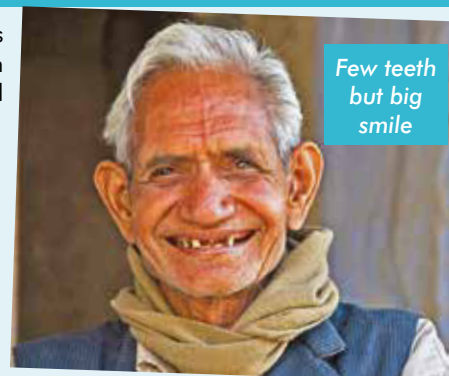


Look of Disapproval

Leo then presented a number of his wildlife images and, like any

subject, part of his success is down to preparation by understanding and researching the area alongside garnering local knowledge, before and during his expeditions. As with any wildlife, no matter how much preparation you undertake, there is always an element of luck and being in the 'right place at the right time'

to capture that magical or perfect image. One of those situations for Leo was of a tiger at the Ramthambore reserve in India where he managed to capture a shot of the tiger charging through the shallow lake towards its prey. The prey looked as though it might be Leo himself, so large in the frame was the charging tiger – nearly a case of the wrong place at the wrong time!



Few teeth but big smile



Female Banded Demoiselle

What the two speakers showed is, that for some areas, having a detailed approach and using camera accessories and software can produce amazing images. However, it isn't a mandatory

requirement. Being able to

capture images straight from the camera that reflect what you saw at the time and a record of the memories of that image can also be achieved by a little thought and preparation. Each has its merits and it is very much down to what approach the photographer feels most comfortable with and what they wish their image to portray.

Both Colleen and Leo have been awarded Associate of the Royal Photographic Society. However their interests, approach and styles were very different and show the diversity of photography.

Kevin Harwood



Night Heron Flight



Potter and Apprentice



## SANDGATE CONSERVATION SOCIETY

Into the New year with all resolutions intact.....if one of them happens to be 'exercise' or even 'more exercise' then perhaps a few stints with one of our 'work parties' might fit the bill!

We will be in action on **Saturday 12 January** on Sullington Warren from 9.30am till noon and again on **Saturday 26 January** in Sandgate Woods from 10am till noon.

You will be supplied with tools for the job and rewarded with refreshments during the mornings. The exercise will be at your own pace and the results will benefit not only your well-being but also the community and the countryside. All of this at no cost and shared with a friendly group of people in an area of outstanding beauty.....what more could you ask?

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

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 works closely with the National Trust and Horsham District Council, then please contact Brian Burns on 743001 and also take a look at our web-site: [www.sandgate-conservation.org.uk](http://www.sandgate-conservation.org.uk)

Brian Burns

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The Village Minibus is available every other week.  
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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](mailto:sussexwestngs@gmail.com)  
[ngs.org.uk](http://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.

### THE MARY HOW TRUST FILM SOCIETY

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

### MAMMA MIA! HERE WE GO AGAIN (PG13)

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The Guardian

Tuesday 22 January

New loyalty card - watch 6 films and get your 7th free!  
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All proceeds to the Mary How Trust for Cancer Prevention  
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Whilst many of us had recently paid tribute and been saddened by the death and funeral of long standing member Marie Titchener, our Christmas luncheon went off to a great start as glasses of Prosecco flowed and ladies snuggled up to chat before a welcoming open fire. The prospect of a traditional three-course lunch beckoned and the enthusiastic and vibrant exchanging of Christmas cards took place, plus the mounting contemplation of a free raffle. All were excited by the imminent visit, from British aristocracy, no less, of the well-known celebrity Lady Crabtree, who had kindly agreed to speak to us on Growing Old Disgracefully – a subject close to our hearts.

During coffee, we watched Lady Crabtree's chauffeur suitably prepare the small staging area with a stylish, satin covered lectern in readiness for her ladyship's talk. Time to begin!



Lady Crabtree entered to applause and to the hilarious comment of..."If the Queen isn't free then get Lady C." and from then on it was non-stop laughter for the remainder of the afternoon.

Lady Crabtree, known as Connie to her friends, was not a

stranger to some members of her audience, who were delighted to see her again and to benefit from the pearls of wisdom issuing from her mouth regarding the chosen topic, as well as those three strings sitting around her neck: a most expensive and elegantly dressed lady who also kindly complimented many of us on our own attire.

Connie gave many examples of age and of growing old disgracefully. Here are some of her guidance quotes and invaluable suggestions: Good wine improves with age; Old age is always 10 years older than you are; All women look like their Mums eventually; Always talk to your mirror on the wall; Take Oscar Wilde's comment of "Youth is wasted on the young", seriously and think young; The only time you want to be older is when you are under 10, over 80 you're boasting about your age and then over 90 you're positively blaze!; You can teach an old dog new tricks; Gardeners live longer because they look ahead and concentrate on growth and life; Bright red lipstick takes the focus off wrinkles; Write at least one thing to do in your diary each day as something to look forward to; Smile as nobody is ugly when they smile; Vaseline has a variety of uses; Improve memory by learning a 20 line poem one line a day; Write about your life to bring back forgotten memories as well as to leave a valuable personal history for your children; Wear bright colours; If you wish to clear an area say in a conversational voice that you have a "contagious disease"; Return junk mail packed with other junk mail; Have fun and use your imagination to make up suitable deterrent stories for nuisance calls; Accept as normal incontinence, funeral parlours, mobility aids, cold limbs, dim eyes, false teeth, porches with swings, heating pads etc. etc. etc.

As you can see we had quite an in depth look at various issues and one interesting question was, "If you did not know your date of birth how old would you think you were?" So thank you Connie for such a lively and interesting talk and we are glad that you won a potted plant prize in the raffle – we hope to see you again soon.



Similarly we look forward to meeting our next speaker, Dr Frances Hurd, who will talk about "Nineteen Years at The Chalk Face" at our regular New Year meeting on 3 January. Thank you ladies.

Russ Fry



## THAKEHAM GARDENERS' CLUB

### Thakeham Gardeners' Club

Benjamin Pope spoke to the Club at the November meeting, his theme was 'Creating Movement Whilst Still Frozen'. Benjamin is head gardener for a private garden near Rogate. This role includes looking after a large, walled kitchen garden, herbaceous borders, shrubberies, topiary, ornamental lawns, a floral meadow, water features, ornamental woodland and hedges. Ben's team propagate, grow and store fruit, vegetables and cut flowers for the house, whilst maintaining the garden to a very high standard. And in his spare time he looks after the onsite apiary.



Benjamin gave us ideas to keep the garden looking good during the winter months. He suggested making use of curves rather than straight lines and mixing path materials. He showed us wave hedging in this garden and talked about repeating various sizes for perspective. Light and reflections play their part and plants should be placed to catch the light. In the garden he manages, a formal pool was created to reflect a particular tree. Perennials, especially grasses and asters, should be left through the winter. We were shown Barnhaven primulas which he highly rated and, for winter flowers, cyclamen coum and hederifolium with ivy type leaves which appear after flowering, as well as chionodoxa 'lilac giant'. Benjamin was thanked for his enthusiastic talk.

The Club doesn't meet in January so the next meeting will be on 12 February.

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

The President, Erika Brichta, opened the November meeting by welcoming members and drawing their attention to the many garments on display. Members had been asked to bring wedding dresses or special occasion outfits. These formed the basis of the evening's social time quiz 'Guess the occasion, the year and the owner'. It proved tricky, out of a total of 33 points available, the winning team only managed 13, but it was great fun especially hearing the history of each outfit.

The main thrust of the evening was the formation of the Committee for the following year and election of the President. This was achieved and Erika will continue as our President. The Secretary's report took us through all the things we had accomplished through the year. The Treasurer's report gave us satisfaction that it had been a very good year, with our membership remaining stable in numbers although there had been changes to some of the faces; new members will always find a warm welcome! Our fundraising efforts have been very successful. Next year we will celebrate 50 years since our formation; lots of exciting events to plan for and to look forward to.

Before we broke for refreshments, Elaine Waight joined us and spoke about the remit of Family Support Work, for who she works. FSW assist around 300 families across the Chichester Diocese. We will once again pass our decorated Christmas parcels to Elaine for distribution. Elaine was warmly thanked by Erika, then, following refreshments and the drawing of the raffle, the meeting closed.

Sullington Windmills meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm at Sullington Parish Hall; new members and visitors are always welcome. The next meeting is on **16 January** and the speaker will be Caroline Nicholls talking about her time as High Sheriff of West Sussex. Should further information about the WI be required, please contact Erika Brichta on 742039.

*Erika Brichta*

## LEXOPHILE MOMENTS!

- No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.
- If you don't pay your exorcist you can get repossessed.
- I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down.
- I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.
- Did you hear about the crossed-eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils?
- When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble.
- When chemists die, they barium.
- I stayed up all night to see where the sun went, and then it dawned on me.
- I changed my iPod's name to Titanic. It's syncing now.
- England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.
- This girl today said she recognized me from the Vegetarians Club, but I'd swear I've never met herbivore.
- I know a guy who's addicted to drinking brake fluid, but he says he can stop any time.
- A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.
- I got some batteries that were given out free of charge.
- A dentist and a manicurist married. They fought tooth and nail.
- A will is a dead giveaway.
- With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.
- Police were summoned to a day care centre where a three-year-old was resisting a rest.
- Did you hear about the fellow whose entire left side was cut off? He's all right now.



## NOVEMBER 2018 WEATHER REPORT

### Something of everything

November 2018 has brought quite a typical assortment of weather conditions. It began quiet enough with very little rain during the first 5 days and I spent a lovely afternoon on Cissbury Ring in golden light with not a cloud in the sky enjoying a lovely panorama that took in Chanctonbury, Kithurst and Sullington Hills. Towards the end of the month rain was falling in sheets, the wind reached 50 mph in gusts at Storrington and on some days the hills were engulfed in leaden, low stratus cloud.

At my Storrington weather station I recorded a monthly total of 124mm which is about 24 per cent above par. In spite of a few frosty nights when the air temperature (read at 1.2 metres above ground) fell below freezing and about 10 nights when the grass minimum (recorded just above the blades of grass) dropped below 0C, overall it was about a degree above average. On the 5 it reached just short of 18C more like May than November. Incidentally the UK's highest ever November temperature was 22.4C at Trawsgoed, Ceredigion in 2015.

We even had a taste of winter like weather when during the 20th the temperature was only about 3C during the afternoon with a raw cold rain falling and overnight parts of West Sussex had some snow. Did any very early risers observe any flakes falling overnight of the 20- 21 in the 3 *Heralds'* area? Snow was seen at Handcross for instance and north of Haywards Heath with Hurstpierpoint receiving some too.

Fortunately the weather this November was nowhere near as potent as that experienced in 1703. Sussex was right in the path of the great tempest. "No pen could describe it, nor tongue express it, nor thought conceive it unless by one in the extremity of it". These were the writer Daniel Defoe's words after he had witnessed what was arguably the greatest storm of all. From midnight until dawn on the 26th a 'perfect hurricane' raged across the south of England such that in the grey and feeble first light 'nobody could believe the hundredth part they saw'. And with good reason for many buildings were in ruins, their roofs missing or they had collapsed completely. Streets were deep in fallen masonry, tiles and chimney-stacks. Many thousands of trees lay strewn about as if felled and trampled by a crazed giant, church steeples lay prostrate on the ground and over 400 windmills were shattered. Brighton 'looked as though the enemy had sacked it'.

It is scarcely conceivable to imagine the appalling state of the sea and the terrifying affects on shipping around our coast that fateful night. By dawn hundreds of vessels had been smashed to pieces. Estimates varied from 8,000 to 15,000 lives lost, most at sea.

*Ian Currie, Weatherman and editor of Weather Eye magazine*



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## COULD 2019 BE YOUR YEAR TO VOLUNTEER FOR ST BARNABAS HOUSE?



St Barnabas House hospice is opening up its doors and inviting anyone who is looking for a rewarding volunteering experience to come along to an informal volunteer recruitment open day on Friday 18 January.

St Barnabas House depends on over 1,500 dedicated volunteers who help in the hospice, in the charity's shops

and at fundraising events in West Sussex. Volunteers make a big difference to the lives of patients and their families during difficult times. In 2017/18, hospice-based volunteers provided 35,839 hours of support, saving the hospice £514,211.

The charity prides itself on being able to offer a wide range of volunteer roles to suit all ages, skills and interests. Roles include Community Companions who visit patients in their own homes; volunteers who serve meals in the Day Hospice or greet visitors on reception in the In-patient Unit; drivers who collect and drop off patients to the hospice; Family Services Visitors who offer bereavement support; and non-patient facing volunteer roles such as administration, fundraising event support, maintenance and gardening.

Joe Bryant, aged 72 from Shoreham-by-Sea, has volunteered in the Maintenance Team at St Barnabas House for 11 months where he says he has made friends for life.

Joe said: "I had never done voluntary work before in my life, it had never even crossed my mind. I decided

to volunteer as I wanted to give something back after losing my wife in the hospice.

"When my wife was ill, I used to sit in the cafeteria where I met volunteers who were so kind to me. They said, "If ever you need to come in here for a coffee and a little chat, then let us know".

A few months after I lost my wife, I remembered how nice they had been to me so I took them up on their offer. Now I've made friendships that I would never have made otherwise."

Mark Francis, the hospice's Voluntary Services Lead said: "Volunteers are the backbone of the charity and I am constantly amazed by their enthusiasm and passion. We want to support volunteers in finding the right role for them and offer an induction to the organisation and full training.

"The recruitment open day is a great chance for potential new volunteers to informally meet some of our current wonderful volunteers. It's also an opportunity to find out more about the variety of different roles and benefits of volunteering for St Barnabas House."



**If you want to make a difference in your local community, drop in to the St Barnabas volunteer recruitment open day at the hospice on Titnore Lane, Worthing, between 10am and 3pm on Friday 18 January.**

**For more information about volunteering you can call 01903 706315, email [volunteers@stbh.org.uk](mailto:volunteers@stbh.org.uk) or visit [www.stbh.org.uk/volunteering](http://www.stbh.org.uk/volunteering)**

St Barnabas House is a charity whose aim is to provide high quality, specialist palliative care, both within the hospice and in the comfort of patients' homes, caring for adults with advanced progressive life-limiting illnesses.

Patients are never charged for their care. It costs £6.5 million each year provide all of the hospice's care services and only a small part of these costs are state funded. This means that the majority of the money has to be raised through voluntary donations from local communities within the Worthing, Adur, Arun and Henfield areas.

Over the last 45 years, the hospice has cared for thousands of patients and their families in the areas of Worthing, Adur, Arun and Henfield.

Joe Bryant,  
Maintenance  
Team volunteer

## 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 1.30pm at West Sussex Golf Club.



Roanne Moore, marketing and 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](mailto: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!"

## West Chilt Jazz Club

West Chiltington Village Hall RH20 2PZ

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More information and late tickets from Keith Rushton

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[www.westchiltvillagehall.org](http://www.westchiltvillagehall.org) go to "Jazz Club"



## Note from the editor....



I don't like making New Year resolutions, mainly because it means I have identified shortcomings in my life that really I should have addressed before and not left until 1 January!

However, if 1 January prompts you into action then that's great! Although let those promises we make to ourselves, others or God, be realistic and achievable, and ones that we really do mean. We need to be true to ourselves in what we want to achieve. Ask others close to you to help, and that includes asking God. He may not be there for 'physical' help but He is there in spirit. I always feel when I fail at something, it is because the devil is working against me, and that's because the devil wants to win over God! So don't let the devil win! Whatever you want to achieve, you CAN do it, with God behind you!

Happy New Year to you all

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