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**Thakeham Flower Festival**  
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Holy Sepulchre **WARMINGHURST**  
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# THE PARISH CHURCHES OF

St Mary  
STORRINGTON



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SULLINGTON



St Mary  
THAKEHAM

## IN THE DIOCESE OF CHICHESTER

### PARISH CLERGY

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	<b>Hon. Assistant Priest</b>	Revd Rupert Toovey BA (Hons), FRICS, FRSA, ASFAV (742888)

### 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 Revd Sara-Jane Stevens.

**All telephone numbers are 01903 unless otherwise stated.**



June is a busy month in my family for birthdays. A great excuse to get together, celebrate, reminisce and spend time in each other's company. And of course, a perfect occasion to crack open a bottle of bubbles! Did you realise the Bible even suggests this? In Deuteronomy 14, once the tithe has been paid to God, one should spend on "wine and strong drink, so you and your family can eat and enjoy themselves in God's presence".

However, there never seems to be enough time in this busy world to spend with our loved ones, despite all the time-saving gadgets and luxuries we now have. Family is so precious; both the family you are born into, and the 'family' of friends whom you choose. The Bible tells us that we are one family, connected to each other and accountable for one another "in Christ we, though many, are one body, and each member belongs to all the others". Let us make time to honour that commitment and responsibility, pick up the phone and make a date today. No-one on their death bed is ever recorded to have said, "I wish I'd spent more time away at work."

Well summer is coming. How are you going to spend quality time with those you love and in the beauty of our Creator God's masterpiece, the Sussex countryside? One of the opportunities available for you is the Thakeham Flower Festival (blatant advertising alert!). From Friday 14 June until late on Sunday 16 June, just follow the signs to The Street in Thakeham and park on the Glebe Field. You will be given a map of the 'open gardens' to visit and a programme of all the many activities. Come hungry because there will be food on sale too.

Then on Sunday evening there will be a Songs of Praise style service at 6pm, led by our very talented music group, with time set aside to thank God for the family in our lives, the beautiful place in which we live and all the many blessings we have received. All are welcome. Will I meet you there?

SARA-JANE STEVENS

*Priest-in-Charge of Sullington and Thakeham with Warminghurst*

### STORRINGTON FLOWER CLUB

Wednesday 26 June at 2pm

Sullington Parish Hall

Demonstrator: Pat McDonald

Theme: 'It will be an Adventure'

Competition: Tropical



**SATURDAY 8TH JUNE 3.30PM**  
**ST MARY'S CHURCH, STORRINGTON**

## Songs of love & poems for the summer

FOLLOWED BY TEA & CAKES AND A RAFFLE

*Soprano: Jillian Arthur*  
*Piano: Liz Hewson Winning*  
*with students and friends*

ENTRANCE FREE: WE INVITE DONATIONS  
ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO ST MARY'S CHURCH

*Arranged by St. Mary's Church Storrington Concert Committee*

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# St Mary's Thakeham



**Sullington & Thakeham with Warminghurst**

Same family. Two parishes. Working together.

[www.thakehamchurch.com](http://www.thakehamchurch.com)

## Churchwarden

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## Bellringers: Tower Captain

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**St Mary's Thakeham**  
**FLOWER FESTIVAL**  
& OPEN GARDENS  
14 to 16 June 10am - 5pm  
"Walk on the Wild Side"

See page 13 for details

## Knit and Stitch Tea on Tuesday



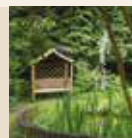
Come along, meet with friends and catch up over your favourite stitch-craft project.

Thakeham Church Rooms  
18 June between 2pm and 4pm

All welcome. Enquiries to Wynn Lednor - 743025



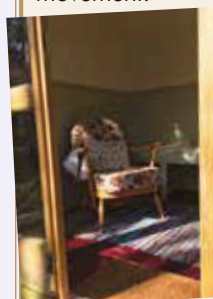
## The Wild Fortune Quiet Garden



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

Following the renovation of our home after the water damage in November last year, we opened the Wild Fortune Quiet Garden for the summer on 8 May. The next dates are 12 June and 10 July, 10am-12.30pm. This year is our 20th anniversary of being affiliated to the Quiet Garden movement so we are especially pleased to be able to continue to be part of this very gentle, vital and often hidden ministry of prayer and welcome.

As previously, places are limited to eight and booking is essential. If you would like to come, please let us know your preferred date; our email address is below. There is no charge, but donations are welcomed in aid of the Quiet Garden movement.



Arrivals are from 9.45am. Each morning will begin at 10am with a time of welcome and focus, followed by personal time to sit, walk, pray, read, be, in the house and prayer loft, garden or woods. Refreshments are available through the morning on a self-serve basis. We shall then gather at the end of the morning for shared reflection and closing prayer. The mornings finish by 12.30pm.

[wildfortune@btinternet.com](mailto:wildfortune@btinternet.com)

Thakeham Church invite you to the next

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

**SATURDAY 1 JUNE 8.30am**

With guest speaker

**PLEASE NOTE LADIES  
ARE INVITED TO THIS  
MONTH'S BREAKFAST**



## ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS RAFA CHAPEL SUSSEXDOWN

Communion with the residents  
Thursday, 27 July 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



"Loving God and  
Loving our Neighbour"

# 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**

## SUMMER EVENSONG AT SULLINGTON CHURCH

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

From a classical saying  
*Medici cure to ipsum*

Quoted by Jesus in Luke 4: 23, he suggested that his home supporters would have liked him to note "Physician heal thyself".

We will think on subjects contributing to His Healing Ministry

**2 June** Vaccines - gateway to survive

**7 July** No, not magic mushrooms but the magic of fungi!

**4 Aug** Wait and see

**1 Sept** Down and out – not necessarily

**6 Oct** My Peace I leave with you

**Key thought:** For Jesus no one was or is untouchable.

## ST MARY'S CHURCH, SULLINGTON GARDEN PARTY

This year, our Garden Party was hosted by Ann Salinger, who welcomed us to her beautiful garden. Although the weather forecast was not too promising, it was not too cold and we all enjoyed sitting out on the lawn enjoying good company, while tucking in to a wealth of home-made cakes and a steady supply of tea. For those seeking plants for their garden

there was a wide choice to be had, while old favourites such as the tombola and raffle stands were very popular. A lovely afternoon was had by all and our thanks go to all those who worked so hard to make the day the success it was, and especially to Ann for being such a generous host



## Tea with the Vicar

**4 July 3pm till 5pm**

Harold and Cecily Linfield, Plum Tree Cottage,  
Thakeham  
All welcome.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

**Saturday 14 September**

**Table Top Sale at Thakeham's new Village Hall**

**Saturday 23 November**

**Christmas Fayre at Sullington Village Hall**





# 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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## Parish Secretary

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## PCC Secretary

Val Rice (918958)  
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## Retired Clergy

Revd John Peal (743083)  
Revd Jaquie Peal (743083)

**Verger:** Michael Taylor (742218)

## Sacristy Team

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

## Captain of Bellringers

John Taylor (745477)

## Pastoral Scheme

Barbara Buchanan (741916)

## Recorder

Rob and Alison Wall (743713)

## Readers and Sidesmen

Vera Blake (743974)

## Electoral Roll Officer

Val Rice (918958)

## Director of Music

Stephen Bloxham

## Assistant Organists

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

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

## Church Flowers

Anna Forster (745392)

## Child Protection Officer

Jackie Lee (743661)

## Bible Reading Fellowship

Amanda Hislop (743700)

## Bible Society

Jean Hunt (01798 813681)

## Christian Aid Co-ordinator

Anna Forster (745392)

## REGULAR ACTIVITIES

**Church Services** see page 18.

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

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

**Altar Servers:** Revd Jaquie Peal (743083)

**Bellringers:** Fridays, 7.45pm - 9.30pm.

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

**Church Cleaning:** Jeannie Watten (742542)

**Church & Churchyard Maintenance:** Ray Hunt (01798 813681)

**Mothers' Union:** Jean Hunt (01798 813681)

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

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

## STORRINGTON REGISTERS

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

7 April Isaac Michael Kieran Wright (son of Ruby and Connor)

5 May Ethan John Forster (son of Lauren and Mark)

**Marriages** - *to love and to cherish ...*

4 May Alexander Chasmar and Susanna Farrell

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

2 May Scott John Barnes (46 years)

7 May John Binks

8 May John Derek Tunnell (85 years)

**Interment of ashes only:**

27 Mar Vera Lilian Schofield (95 years)

4 Apr Jean Mills (78 years)

25 Apr Doreen Virginia Marie Smith (94 years)

## DIOCESAN PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

In 2015, a new five-year diocesan strategy was launched. As the five years draw to an end, the Diocese is consulting on the strategic focus for the next five years, building on the last five.

Part of the consultation will be at meetings in each deanery, where one of the three bishops will outline the current thinking and listen to your feedback. Everyone is invited to attend the next Deanery Synod for the Storrington Deanery which will be held in St Mary's Church, Storrington, on **Wednesday 27 June**, 7pm for 7.30pm. Bishop Mark of Horsham will be speaking at this meeting.

Whether or not you are able to attend, the Diocese would love to hear your feedback and invite anyone to complete a survey which can be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/DRFRW7Y> and should take no more than six minutes to complete.

Please note that the survey is completely anonymous – not even IP addresses will be collected. So please do be completely honest, and give your real views.

## PAELLA & QUIZ EVENING

Come and enjoy a relaxed, fun evening with good company at the Old School, Storrington

**Saturday 1 June**

**7pm for 7.30pm**

**Tickets: £12.50**

available from Barbara Buchanan (741916) or Storrington Rectory Office (open Tues and Thurs mornings)

Please bring your own drinks – glasses can be provided  
Quiz teams will be made up on the night

In aid of St Mary's Church, Storrington



**Church@4pm 16 June**  
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.





# CELEBRATING THE 25th ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST WOMEN PRIESTS

I am in the company of the Revd Kathryn Windslow and the Revd Jacquie Peal. Twenty-five years ago they were amongst an extraordinary cohort of women who were the first to be able to answer God's call to ministry after the Church of England finally allowed their ordination to the Priesthood.

In 1992 the Church of England General Synod finally approved the way for women to be ordained Priests although it was not until 1994 that the necessary legislation was passed by Parliament.

Kathryn grew up and came to faith at St Mark's, Horsham, where her father served as a Churchwarden. I ask her when she first became aware of God's calling, she answers "I was 16 when I first became aware of a calling to serve God and to serve people as a Priest – my family were as surprised as I was. After I finished school I took a degree in Theology at a Roman Catholic college to discern where God was calling me." Kathryn would spend a year as a volunteer in Southampton then, in 1984, she went forward for selection and started training as a Deaconess. The role of Deaconess was the only paid role for women in ministry at that time. She became a Deaconess in 1986 and in 1987 was ordained as a Deacon by the then Bishop of Horsham, Colin Docker, who had also confirmed her. In 1989, still unable to be ordained as a Priest, Kathryn became only the fifth woman in charge of a Parish in the Diocese of Lincoln.



*The Revd. Jacquie Peal on the day she celebrated her first Eucharist in 1994*

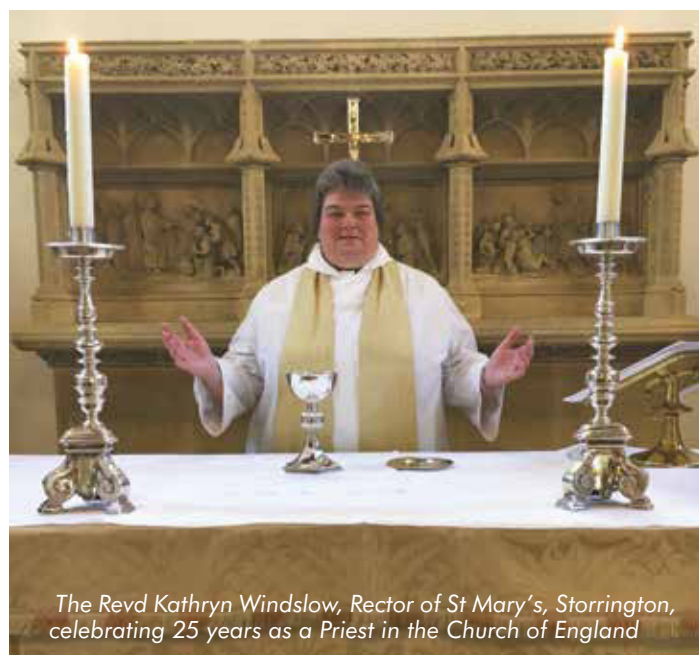
I ask Kathryn how it felt in 1992 when the news came that the Church of England's General Synod had voted in favour of the ordination of women Priests. She replies, "It felt like affirmation of my calling at last and my parishioners rejoiced with me – some came clutching Champagne bottles!"

Two years later, on 22 May 1994, Kathryn would find herself in a packed Lincoln Cathedral with family and friends. All had come to celebrate and bear witness to the first ordination of women to the Priesthood in the Diocese of Lincoln. The Bishop anointed Kathryn with holy oils and the Holy Spirit. As he prayed the ordination prayer over Kathryn

her colleagues came forward to lay hands on her and to pray. Kathryn says "The weight of colleagues and their blessing was both supportive and overwhelming. I felt an overwhelming sense of joy." She left the Cathedral as an ordained Priest in the Church of England.

The next day she was able to celebrate her very first Eucharist. Kathryn recalls, "Celebrating my first Communion was completely different and yet the same; it was just the right thing. It was the final fulfilment of my vocation." She pauses to reflect and continues: "It was wonderful to be amongst that vanguard of women as the church affirmed our calling to be Priests. There was a real sense of gratitude for the women who had gone before us and paved the way for our ministry."

I ask Kathryn how priestly ministry continues to speak into her life, she responds "Being with people at the big moment in their lives – the death of a loved one, a wedding, welcoming a person into the church through baptism – it's an immense privilege being invited into people's lives. The theologian Austin Farrer describes Priests 'as walking sacraments', we make God visible to people in their lives."



*The Revd Kathryn Windslow, Rector of St Mary's, Storrington, celebrating 25 years as a Priest in the Church of England*

Kathryn's story resonates with Jacquie's. Jacquie explains "I had never expected to be able to be priested, it was wonderful when the news came through. The Synod had been so hedged in prayer – it had to be God's will." Jacquie is clearly moved as she talks about the moment of her ordination. The joy of administering the Host to her mother in her wheelchair and the moment that a Roman Catholic priest asked for her blessing on the day of ordination.

Jacquie says "What a privilege and a joy it has been to have gone through that time with that first tranche of women to be ordained in 1994."

I ask her what stands out in her years as a Priest and she responds "It has been such a blessing that John and I have been able to work together and celebrate the Eucharist together. My thing was young people and home groups whilst John ran the projects – we complimented each other."

Alongside her Parish work Jacquie would become a Chaplain in the fields of mental health and hospices which she describes as "costly but beautiful".

I describe how I witness women Priests enriching the church and our communities and how I celebrate and thank God for their work. Kathryn concludes "Women Priests rebalance and inform our understanding of God who made women and men in God's image." I could not agree more.

Rupert Toovey

St Mary's Church  
Church Street  
Storrington

Wednesday 19 June  
10am to 11.30am

And every 3rd Wednesday of the month  
Held in the Rectory garden this month

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

## EASTER DAY SERVICE

Members of Storrington's Trinity Methodist Church were encouraged by the attendance at an early morning service, the first for several years, on the South Downs on Easter Day.

Thirty people representing all the 3 *Heralds* churches, plus West Chiltington and the Community Church, as well as Methodist Church members, took part in a short communion service in fine weather led by Revd Dawn Carn.

Trinity hope for an even bigger attendance next year, even if the weather is not as good!

## PALM SUNDAY AT ST MARY'S, STORRINGTON



Rescue donkeys enhanced the Palm Sunday service at St Mary's, much to the enjoyment and surprise of the packed Church.



## EASTER AT ST MARY'S, STORRINGTON

A dramatic depiction of the tomb and the resurrection of Jesus was on display in the churchyard – a wonderful visual display.

## STUNNING EASTER FLOWER DISPLAYS

The team of flower arrangers showed off a magnificent display of flowers over Easter at St Mary's, Storrington. The Easter Garden was created by volunteers and children.



## PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

Grant, O Lord, that –  
the perplexed may find guidance,  
the tempted may find the strength to resist,  
the doubting may find certainty,  
the sad may find comfort,  
the lonely may find friendship.

William Barclay



## Christians in Storrington Monthly Inter-Church Prayer Meetings Everyone welcome

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

**Tuesday, 4 June** – Church of England  
**Tuesday, 2 July** – Community Church will lead  
*One in faith and love and praise*

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

### EVENTS AT THE PRIORY

#### QUIET DAYS AT THE PRIORY

**Wednesdays 10am-4pm  
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)

## CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL FREE LUNCH TIME CONCERTS

### JUNE

**Tuesday 4** James Dutton (*flute*), Oliver Davies (*piano*)

**Tuesday 11** Maria Luc (*piano*)

**Tuesday 18** Jane Faulkner (*violin*),  
Pal Banda (*cello*)  
Timothy Ravenscroft (*piano*)

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





— St Mary's Thakeham —

# FLOWER FESTIVAL & OPEN GARDENS

14, 15 & 16 June

10am - 5pm

**"Walk on the Wild Side"**

— [www.stmarysthakeham.org](http://www.stmarysthakeham.org) —

## FRIDAY

### 10am–5pm Events include:

- Flower Displays in St Mary's Church with theme 'A Walk on the Wild Side'
- Bric-a-brac stall
- Refreshments

### Evening entertainment in Thakeham Village Hall 7pm for 7.30pm **£10\***:

- Auction of Promises (auctioneer Rupert Toovey)
- Cheese & Wine Tasting

*Entry is **FREE OF CHARGE** unless otherwise stated.*

*\* Evening event's tickets **must be purchased in advance** by ringing **01798 813012***

*All proceeds to be shared between St Barnabas House, Jubylee Bakes & St Mary's Church*

St Mary's, The Street, Thakeham, Pulborough, West Sussex RH20 3EP

## SATURDAY

### 10am–5pm Events include:

- Flower Displays in St Mary's Church with theme 'A Walk on the Wild Side'
- Bric-a-brac stall
- Refreshments
- Open Gardens in The Street & Crays Lane **£5**
- Barbeque
- Stalls
- Open Mic
- Children's Activities
- Bell Tower Visits

### Evening entertainment in Thakeham Village Hall 7pm for 7.30pm **£20\***:

- Performances from Male Barbershop Chorus Sussex Harmonisers
- Professional Magic Circle Close-up Magician Mike Fairall
- Food included

## SUNDAY

### 10am–5pm Events include:

- Flower Displays in St Mary's Church with theme 'A Walk on the Wild Side'
- Bric-a-brac stall
- Refreshments
- Open Gardens in The Street & Crays Lane **£5**
- Barbeque
- Stalls
- Guest Appearance from BBC Radio Sussex's star gardener Tom Brown
- Children's Activities
- Dog Show
- Morris Dancing
- Steel Band
- Happy Days Big Band
- Teddy Bear Parachute Jump

### Evening event in St Mary's Church Thakeham:

- Worship Group 5pm followed by Songs of Praise at 6pm



## STORRINGTON VILLAGE DAY

### Headline opening Act for Storrington Village Day announced

The Happy Days Big Band is the headline opening act at Storrington Village Day on 29 June at the Hormare Recreation Ground in Storrington.

The Band was formed in September 2018 by Chris Day. Based in the Storrington area of West Sussex, it is made up of adults and young people from the local area. They are making a name for themselves playing big band classics, jazz and swing numbers from the likes of Herbie Hancock, Josef Zawinul and Bill Withers alongside well-known contemporary tunes from artists like Stevie Wonder and Bruno Mars.

They join a host of family attractions at this free event that include Magician & Entertainer Nick Clark and Storrington First School choir & dancers. Impulse Leisure will demonstrate Zumba Dancing. There will be a best Scarecrow Building Competition, Funfair and Amusement stalls, Morris Dancing, a SADCASE Classic Car exhibition, a dog show run by Crossways Veterinary Group and an Archery demonstration participatory for Village Day visitors. The culmination of an exciting day will be a performance by the hugely popular Chance Singers - so get ready to dance, dance, dance!

Village Day Chairman Tony Vaughan said, "We are delighted that Happy Days Big Band is to be part of our big day and they will provide a rousing start to events in the Show Arena".



## CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL FRIENDS

Chichester Cathedral Friends are proud to be the sponsors of The Southern Cathedrals Festival being held in Chichester from 18 to 20 July.

We are delighted to invite you to the Southern Cathedrals Festival, and to an exciting programme of events, performances and services held in Chichester Cathedral and other iconic venues around the city centre. The Festival is a rich celebration of the friendship between the three Cathedrals of Chichester, Salisbury and Winchester.

The 400th anniversary of Heinrich Schutz's *Psalmen Davids* falls this year and pieces from this exquisite collection feature in two of the concerts.

Three choral concerts take their place in the programme alongside four services (one recorded for broadcast by the BBC) and there is evening entertaining being staged in a marquee in the Deanery garden on the Friday and Saturday evenings. The Festival culminates in a performance of one of the greatest achievements of Western music, JS Bach's *St John Passion*, in which the three choirs are joined by an exciting line-up of soloists and the acclaimed period-instrument orchestra Florilegium.

We look forward to seeing you there! Full details and tickets are available on Chichester Cathedral's website <https://www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/services-events/southern-cathedrals-festival-2019> or from the Cathedral shop in the Cloisters.



## SEA SUNDAY AND MISSION TO SEAFARERS



The Anglican Church and other Christian churches recognise the second Sunday in July as Sea Sunday, this year being 14 July. It is a day when we can reflect on how much we rely on and owe to seafarers; more than 90% of world trade is still carried on the sea. How can we support seafarers as we do not have access to ports? You can show your interest by supporting the work of The Mission to Seafarers, an organisation with its headquarters in London in Dick Whittington's Church, not far from St Paul's Cathedral.

The Mission to Seafarers works in over 200 ports across the world. I was fortunate during my career with them to work in Gibraltar, Hong Kong, on the South bank of the River Tees, Middlesbrough and Yokohama in Japan.

The Mission to Seafarers celebrated 150 years of service to seafarers in 2006, the year I retired from an active lay ministry. The organisation was formed in 1856 with the amalgamation of several smaller 'missions'. The original name was The Missions to Seamen, changing name to The Mission to Seafarers in 2000. The origins can be traced back to the ministry of an Anglican priest, John Ashley who, in 1835, on holiday with his family at Clifton near Bristol, he was walking along the cliffs with one of his young children. The child asked how the people living on the lonely looking islands of Steep Holm and Flat Holm went to church. To satisfy his own curiosity, Ashley hired a boat and went to visit the farmers and fishermen and received a warm welcome, so warm that he visited the islands regularly over the next three months. On one of his island visits towards the end of his holiday, he asked a fisherman about the fleet of sailing ships anchored the Penarth Roads awaiting a favourable wind. He was told that no clergyman ever visited these ships, so he hired another boat and went to visit them. The reception on the first ship was a little awkward, probably as the crew were not used to having a clergyman aboard. Ashley made many more visits to these ships and eventually turned down the offer of a parish appointment, instead carrying on a ministry among seamen.

In 1837, following the advice of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Ashley founded the Bristol Channel Mission, with a name change in 1845 to the Bristol Channel Seamen's Mission. Other mission stations were set up around the British Isles and when these came together as the Mission to Seafarers in 1856 there were 14 stations manned by seven chaplains, seven honorary chaplains and six scripture-readers.

Much has changed since those early days, with time alongside reduced due by modern methods of handling cargo; in past times it took several days and dozens of stevedores to unload or load a ship. Today, it is a matter of hours, with cargo being stacked on pallets, loaded into containers for safer and more efficient handling. This modernisation means that crew members have very little time in port and due to modern engineering, crew numbers have decreased. What used to be the safe manning number has now become the number of crew members required. Often crew double up on jobs. During my time with the Mission, time alongside varied from two to thirty hours. There are Flying Angel Clubs in many ports but often seafarers do not have the time to visit them so a ship visiting ministry is as important today as it ever has been. Chaplains take with them on their visits the means for seafarers to contact their families, chaplains have had to keep up with modern technology. Skype and mobile phones are now tools of the chaplains' trade. In my time, mobile phones were just becoming freely available, as was e-mail. The centres I worked from provided cheap international phone cards and computers for seafarers use. We also offered a transport pick up service for those who had the time.

If you would like to hear more about the work of the Mission to Seafarers and some of my experiences, please join me at the 10am service at St Mary's, Storrington on 14 July.

Keith Taylor



## SULLINGTON 122 YEARS AGO

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

**Tue 1:** Heavy rain in morning then clear. 55 degrees. Again a fine steady soft penetrating rain. Walked with Clara and called on Mrs Cunliffe (grey widow) and left a first card on Patrick of Washington. Dined at Sandgate and discussed ways and means for the 22nd (Mrs Green and Mrs Felton). Mrs Hallett gives notice for September.

**Wed 2:** Fine and warm. 58 degrees. Pricked out many bedding plants. Girls drove into Findon and Worthing – music lessons and dresses. Had a choir practice in Church this evening of the anthem for 20th.

**Thu 3:** Very warm but hazy. 60 degrees. Wasted 2 hours sitting on Downs expecting an army! Young Jelf and his sister come over. Received Ellerton's biography interesting as an authority on hymns and a composer.

**Fri 4:** As yesterday. 63 degrees. Chicken house roof under repairs. Cicely went off to Marshalwick to assist at the dedication of a window tomorrow to Mrs Marten. Paid Mrs Crowhurst and saw her new Sheepwash. Had an anthem practice at the Church. Heard from Edward Gibson of a matter of his release.

**Sat 5:** As yesterday. 61 degrees. Edmund C from Burpham anent proposed picnic. Then Mr and Mrs and Miss Neel teaed and supped. Put out my last flowers in the west border.

**Sun 6:** Whit Sunday. 66 degrees. Wrote my sermon on the Holy Spirit and mission work. John XVII; a very poor congregation at evening service and only 5 to Holy Communion! The Neels here. This very hot weather and thunderous makes many slack.

**Mon 7:** Hot and hazy to thundery rain. 58 degrees. The Neels have been here on and off all day. The afternoon turned out wet so that a tea on the Downs was stopped.

**Tue 8:** Overcast rain at night. 55 degrees. The girls left for Town, the Napers. Board of Guardians and District Council. Also a school meeting about the new scheme for Confederation for Grants. Duke and I appointed.

**Wed 9:** As yesterday. 25 trusses of hay to the loft. Dull and damp after last night's fall. Men employed repairing the chicken house and pointing walls under barn. Walked to Fryern for a lecture by Mr Goring about insect pests and how to destroy them and showed us the 'anti-pest'. Worked up school accounts our average only 22.

**Thu 10:** Very fine and bright. 55 degrees. First peas. After breakfast rode up to look at a sham fight on Harrow hill and that country: a very pretty sight: looked up some new folk at High Tittens, Dean. Mrs F Chapman (Alice) comes over with the baby.

**Fri 11:** As yesterday. 59 degrees. Began cutting front meadow. Parkinson comes up to lunch and audits school accounts. Some strawberries. Drove Clara to Pulborough for practising.

**Sat 12:** Very warm. 30 degrees. Began haymaking in earnest with a long spell of the 'kicker'. Visited along the Washington Road. Jubilee mugs given out and pretty invitation cards.

**Trinity Sunday:** As yesterday, brisk. 67 degrees. Fair morning good evening congregations. Preached from notes on Hebrews i 2 and the Creation of Man in the likeness of God. Sat out on the lawn enjoying the cool breeze and hay scents.

**Mon 14:** Fine bright. 59 degrees. Had a rare days hay making helped by two youngsters Merrit and Pascoe, and a continental gent from the farm in the evening about four tons up from lower half of front meadow cut upper half. A letter from Arthur King dated Thobha, Rawul Pindi, 24 May! Under canvass.

**Tue 15:** Much as yesterday. 59 degrees. Our School Inspector *et sa femme*: all went well. Tossed out the upper part of the front meadow.

**Wed 16:** Stormy morning with some scud. 53 degrees. Turned our hay, but received a check. Had a good practice this evening of the Anthem and Hymns. The girls returned safe and cheery from Town.

**Thu 17:** Fine but unsettled. 54 degrees. Attended Arch Deacon's visitation: a short muster. Took EP and did not stay for lunch. Found my front meadow well handled by Ringrose and Co and secured. Hay barn full: therefore nearly 2 tons per acre.

**Fri 18:** Very stormy with rain early. Gale from the west. 50 degrees. Curious variation in temperature. Sunday 67 degrees. Cold and boisterous. Cicely lost many small chickens and ducks last night. The girls dined at the Marjessons to meet 'the Military', some good photos by Mr Neel sent us. Meeting of Technical Sub-committee at Austins.

**Sat 19:** Unsettled, chilly, strong wind rain at night 52 degrees. Board of Guardians instead of Tuesday and just got a quorum. Got all the nine acre down and rain on the top of it. Grand practising for tomorrow in Church: Frau Korber assisting.

**Sun 20:** Trinity I Thanksgiving Day. Our thanksgiving service has passed well, most of our people attending service. Our Anthem and Hymns were twice sung as well as the National Anthem! My sermons were on "Dependence on The Lord" and on the value of the National Anthem as a prayer.

**Mon 21:** Dull to fine. 65 degrees. Neel left early for Town. Jubilee and Responsions. Then we had a hay day: a sulky sky, but we were able to carry more than 3 acres of the 9. Webster and Fox cycled from Brighton. Cicely and the girls went to Rowdell in the evening.

**Tue 22:** Dull misty morning and fine bright afternoon. Has been a perfect day for the Great Victoria Exhibition. Here we had our afternoon at Sandgate much to the satisfaction of all. Mr Fenton did his part quite well. The bonfires at night were beyond all expectations for number and effect: we returned home tired by 12.

**Wed 23:** Very fine, bright and warm. 70 degrees. Devoted to haymaking: secured the 9 acre with 10/11 tons of excellent hay: Reeves the Carrier helpful with two wagons.

**Thu 24:** Very hot and thunderous. 68 degrees. XXVII Wedding Anniversary! Finished our rick about 11 tons from the 9 acre. Put up outside blinds: very, very hot. Had the new vicar of Washington over here and Decies and Austins: croquet and general listlessness!

**Fri 25:** Dull warm. 60 degrees. To Chichester to Asylum meeting, short and sweet, called on Mr Birkett the Chaplin. 15 North Pallant, an amiable man. On to Portsmouth. Saw the Marten family but not the fleet, dimmed by haze and shut out by times of trains late and everything more or less in a muddle.

**Sat 26:** Hot morning then thunder. Rain in evening. 63 degrees. Broad beans ready. Bees gave us much trouble: attacking chickens and all who went near, probably thunder and the loss of honey. Gardened putting out petunias etc. bought yesterday. Turned stock into the front field.

**Sun 27:** Trinity II. Misty and steamy afternoon and thunder. Very scanty congregations. Preached on Psalms CXXII and CXXXI "I was glad" and humility.

**Mon 28:** Fine then some thunder rain in evening. 65 degrees. Employ a man trimming hedges and ditches. Plant out petunias and mow lawns. Drive Clara to Pulborough Rectory on a false quest of SPG meeting: Burke at fault. Marshals cannot come tomorrow. Frightened by Martens feet, enquire seriously about bicycles.

**Tue 29:** Fine hot thundery. 62 degrees. Call register at school 24/25. Our parlour maid Harriet Rapley left us for Sandgate: she is succeeded by one Annie Matthews, less experienced. The Marshals from Chithurst were to have come but stopped by thunder and distance. Mrs Hoare and two Godstone nieces in evening.

**Wed 30:** As yesterday. 64 degrees. Worked up and got correct long monthly accounts. Heard from Neel that he had passed Responsions. The loss of the P & O Aden on Suqutra between Colombo and Aden and the tornado in Essex on 24th are a foil to our Jubilations.



## WEST CHILTINGTON AND STORRINGTON MOTHERS' UNION

### Mothers' UNION Christian care for families

We are very grateful to Jeannie Watten for opening her house on 23 April for our fund-raising Coffee Morning. Members and guests chatted over coffee, made purchases from the bring & buy, and cake stall, and most of those attending won a raffle prize. Thank you to all for your support, and I am pleased to report that £167 was raised for Branch funds.

Diane Clack was our Speaker at the Meeting on 2 May, holding our attention as she explained how the MU Parenting Programme benefits parents and grand-parents. Diane is part of a three-woman team, led by Marion Pope, Training Officer at Mary Sumner House. Their role is to train Facilitators to lead Parenting Groups. Diane is very much hands-on however, as she and her colleague lead Parenting Groups in the Littlehampton area. With audience participation, she was able to demonstrate techniques that help parents improve their skills in bringing up their children. A course lasts for six weeks and, apart from learning these skills, friendships are formed within the group which continue after the course is over. One such group got on so well that they all got together for a family picnic. The mistaken view that Parenting Groups are for bad parents may put off parents signing up but, as Diane has experienced, those participating are good parents wanting to be the best they can be. Should any parent or grandparent wish to know more about the MU Parenting Programme please contact Jean Hunt on 01798 813681.

On **6 June** we shall be delighted to welcome back Rob Wall as our Speaker. Rob will tell of his recent trip to Bethlehem, which is sure to be a fascinating subject.

We meet at 2pm in West Chilton Church Hall, visitors very welcome.

Jean Hunt



THE CHURCHES CONSERVATION TRUST

### 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY LECTURE

St Mary the Virgin, North Stoke

**Wednesday 12 June 2.30pm**

**Ptolemy Dean in conversation  
with Dr Annabelle Hughes**

Ptolemy Dean is the Surveyor of the Fabric of Westminster Abbey and was responsible for the new Millennium Tower and Diamond Jubilee Galleries. He advises the National Trust and Salisbury Cathedral and is buildings adviser for the BBC2 'Restoration' series. He has written on Sir John Soane, and recently on *Britain's Buildings, the Unseen in the Everyday*.



Retiring collection in aid of CCT.

Admission by reserved ticket from Janet  
Aidin 01798 872531 [janet@aidin.co.uk](mailto:janet@aidin.co.uk)  
Refreshments will be served.

## THE DAVIDSON AFFAIR

Performed on Palm Sunday at St Mary the Virgin, North Stoke.

This is a good play and a celebrated one. The Easter events are hard enough to fathom. The mounting trepidation which builds in Holy Week gives way to judicial murder. This, for Christians, is resolved in the Resurrection, bringing about the rebirth of hope. How then to interpret this for a modern world grown sceptical? This is precisely what Ian Macgregor does in his dramatization of Stuart Jackman's novel. The play is also about the power and the shortcomings of investigative journalism. The reporter Cassandra Tennel weighs the pros and cons of the evidence, but she is not a lawyer. In making her own judgment of the facts, she glimpses, as she says, light around an opening door.

Cassandra has been sent to Jerusalem by an international newspaper to investigate a rumour that a man hanged for treason has emerged alive. The scene is set three days after the hanging and the dead man's cronies are lying low. One, Thomas the garage owner, thinks his hopes are ended; another, The Magdala, an exotic dancer, tells an extraordinary tale of visiting an empty tomb that very morning and meeting the dead man. On the strength of her report, Zaccheus, once a servant of the occupying power, is selling everything he owns and heading for Galilee to meet the dead man. Meanwhile the powers that be, the Governor-General Lord Pilate, and the High Priest Lord Caiaphas, each put their own worldly and political spin on the rumour. Cassandra plays them off against each other to hilarious effect. But she is stumped. She is becoming convinced, yet who apart from her would believe the evidence of a lap-dancer, a mechanic and a tax farmer? The Magdala challenges her, "You don't think God concerns himself with dancing girls?" But the last witness Cleopas is an intellectual, a respectable civil servant. He says he met the dead man on the Emmaus bus and then sat down to dinner with him. He says enough to turn Cassandra from scepticism towards conviction. But as Cass's Editor comments, you don't change the news-hungry but know-all public that easily - and here the play ends.

Actors Emeritus, the seasoned and professionally-trained troupe which performs in support of charitable causes, gave this play on Palm Sunday at North Stoke under the direction of Brian E Cook. It was a perfect ensemble piece, ingeniously directed for dramatic contrast in every scene-change, creating a tension between high drama and comic irony. The nine players produced skilful cameos in a series of vignettes, each one colourful and memorable yet well-related to the others. Costumes were beautifully chosen. The Magdala slipped in at dusk to be interviewed in spangles and dark glasses, while Lord Caiaphas was the embodiment of ice-cold ruthlessness in snapping black robes of office, dwarfing his cringing secretary. There were moments when the action seemed to be suspended - the friends' last meal together, the familiar voice heard near the garden tomb. This device allowed us to sense elements of the narrative which transcend logic. Only a production of this quality can give insight into a story which is totally strange yet very familiar. This illuminating performance gave the audience exactly what was needed.

The play was presented by the Friends of St Mary the Virgin, North Stoke, by arrangement with RADIUS, the Religious Drama Society of Great Britain.



St Barnabas House  
Hospice Outreach Project

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

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

**Wednesday 5 June and 3 July- 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.

## 1ST STORRINGTON RAINBOWS AND 2ND STORRINGTON BROWNIES

During the Easter holidays we planned a Brownie activity day at the Blackland Farm Girl Guiding site near East Grinstead. This gave an opportunity to those who are uncertain about staying away from home on a Brownie pack holiday, and for them all to experience what the site has to offer.



We started at 10am with the climbing wall. Some were braver than others and climbed right to the top, but everyone gave it a go. Girls have to wear safety harnesses and hard hats and are supervised and encouraged by the Blackland instructors. Next was the crate challenge. This relies on working with a partner and keeping your balance as the crates are stacked higher after each step up. Again safety gear is worn, and girls are held securely in the air when they overbalance and the pile of crates tumbles, before being lowered gently to the ground.

After eating our packed lunches, we resumed the afternoon with bungee trampolining

and then grass sledging. The sledging takes place on a steep

slope, and while it is fun to descend at speed, it is hard work dragging the sledge back to the top for another go.

Parents collected their daughters at 4pm and they all went home excited and tired.

Joan Parkes



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



## THAKEHAM VILLAGE HALL

The new Village Hall has now been open for six months, since our long-awaited but very sudden move last December.

The first few weeks involved finding out how things worked, setting up a website and booking system, and establishing new policies to run the Hall. We are grateful to our two part-time Managers, Sarah and Amanda, for the time and effort they have put in to get the new Hall up and running. We now have a fantastic modern facility for our growing community, which offers things that we couldn't do in the old Hall. There are still one or two problems that need sorting out, but we are getting there! All of the existing Clubs and activities have transferred from the old Hall, such as Bridge, Gardeners, Toddlers, Morris Dancing, and Martial Arts. In addition new clubs, such as Table Tennis and Short Mat Bowls, have been set up (but not yet Badminton, if anyone is interested in doing so), and we have a monthly Community Social Evening, and a twice-monthly drop-in Coffee Morning. Other new classes and activities are also now using the Village Hall, some in the large Main Hall and some in the smaller Chesswood Room. So come along, join in something, or set something up yourself! Details of all of these clubs and activities are on our website, and also details for hiring the Main Hall or the Chesswood Room for personal functions and celebrations: [www.thakehamvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.thakehamvillagehall.co.uk). Or contact the Hall Managers at [info@thakehamvillagehall.co.uk](mailto:info@thakehamvillagehall.co.uk) or call 01798 815467.

John Bearman (Chairman, Thakeham Village Hall Committee)

## THAKEHAM MORRIS

The traditional start of the Morris Dancing season is 1 May, and Thakeham Morris celebrated the 'New Year' around breakfast time at the new Thakeham Village Hall.

Winter practice had taken place in the Hall from January, and the Morris side had performed at the official opening of the new Hall in March. Hopefully, all was in place for the new season, our 28th, in spite of possible age and



memory problems. After a few dances, some appropriate May Day poetry, and a few waves at people on their way to work, the Morrismen retired inside the Hall for a welcome breakfast. The New Year celebrations continued later that evening at the local White Lion pub, with a dancing session followed by the Annual Dinner and a few beers. To finish the day, and empty the pub, the Morrismen's day concluded with a music session and more poetry. The Morrismen are now out on the road for the rest of the summer, visiting different pubs on various Wednesday evenings, dancing, drinking some ale, and playing more music. Come and join us! Details are on our website [www.thakeham-morris.org](http://www.thakeham-morris.org). uk or contact our Bagman: [bagman@thakeham-morris.org](mailto:bagman@thakeham-morris.org). uk

John Bearman, Squire, Thakeham Morris

## Come and join our SPACE

Someone 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)



# CHURCH SERVICES AT A GLANCE

DATE	FESTIVAL OR SUNDAY	STORRINGTON St Mary's	THAKEHAM St Mary's	SULLINGTON St Mary's
2 June	<b>Sunday after Ascension</b>	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Family Communion 6pm Evensong	10.30am Joint Family Service (with Sullington)	8am Celtic Communion 6pm Evensong
9 June	<b>WHIT SUNDAY/ PENTECOST</b>	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion + Footsteps 6pm Evensong	9.30am Morning Prayer	8am Holy Communion 11.30am Matins
16 June	<b>TRINITY SUNDAY</b>	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion with Healing + Footsteps 4pm Church@4	8am Celtic Communion 6pm Evensong	10.30am Joint Family Communion (with Thakeham)
23 June	<b>Trinity</b>	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion + Footsteps 6pm Evensong	9.30am Family Communion	11.30am Family Communion
30 June	<b>Trinity 2</b>	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion + Footsteps 11.45am Baptism Service 6pm Evensong	8am Holy Communion	10.30am Joint Family Communion (with Thakeham)
7 July	<b>Trinity 3</b>	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Family Communion 6pm Evensong	10.30am Joint Family Service (with Sullington)	8am Celtic 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

**Wed** 9.30am Registrar of Births and Deaths – Storrington Library – pre-booking only – 01243 642122

**Fri** 10am Storrington Community Market – Village Hall

### Storrington Library Opening Hours – Tel. 839050

Monday to Friday 9.30am – 5.30pm

Saturday 10am – 4pm

The Churches of Storrington invite you to

## SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB

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

**1pm on Second Sunday each month (except August)**

at the Old School, School Lane, Storrington

**Tickets (£4.00) are available from**

Louisa Austin, Church Street, Storrington



## STORRINGTON POP-IN LUNCH CLUB

**Storrington Village Hall**

**First Thursday of each month**

**(except January and August)**

**COFFEE served from 10.30am**

**LUNCH available: £3.00 12 noon – 1pm**

(Soup, Ploughman's and home-made puddings)

**ALL ARE WELCOME. Come and meet old friends**

**and make new ones. No need to book – just turn up.**

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



# WHAT'S ON

June	
<b>Sat 1</b>	
8.30am	Men's Breakfast – St Mary's, Thakeham – p4
10am	Storrington Conservation Society – Working Party – p21
7pm	(for 7.30pm) Paella & Quiz Evening at Old School, Storrington – p6
<b>Sun 2 SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION</b>	
6pm	Summer Evensong – St Mary's, Sullington – p5
<b>Tue 4</b>	
10am	Inter-Church prayers – RC Church (side-chapel) – p 10
2pm	SPACE – Arts and Craft Group – p17
<b>Wed 5</b>	
10am	Quiet Day at the Priory - p10
10am	St Barnabas Outreach – Library Car Park – p16
2.30pm	Arts Society, Storrington – Lecture – p23
<b>Thu 6</b>	
10.30am	Pop-In Lunch Club – p18
2pm	MU Meeting – p16
<b>Sat 8</b>	
10am	Sandgate Conservation Society – Working Party – p31
10.30am	Visiting Bellringers from Lower Beeding (ends 11am)
12.30pm	Wedding – St Mary's, Storrington – James Webber and Emma Tompkins
3.30pm	Concert – St Mary's, Storrington: Songs of Love and Poems for the Summer – p3
<b>Sun 9 DAY OF PENTECOST / WHIT SUNDAY</b>	
1pm	Sunday Lunch Club – p18
<b>Mon 10</b>	
7.30pm	Thakeham Gardeners' Club – Meeting – p23
<b>Tue 11</b>	
7pm	Storrington Dramatic Society – <i>Oliver!</i> – p21
<b>Wed 12</b>	
10am	Wild Fortune Quiet Garden – p4
2.30pm	50th Anniversary Lecture at North Stoke – p16
7pm	Storrington Dramatic Society – <i>Oliver!</i> – p21
<b>Thu 13</b>	
7pm	Mary How Bingo – p27
7pm	Storrington Dramatic Society – <i>Oliver!</i> – p21
<b>Fri 14</b>	
10am	Flower Festival, Thakeham - p13
7.30pm	Storrington Dramatic Society – <i>Oliver!</i> – p21
<b>Sat 15</b>	
10am	Flower Festival, Thakeham - p13
7.30pm	Storrington Dramatic Society – <i>Oliver!</i> – p21
<b>Sun 16 TRINITY SUNDAY</b>	
10am	Flower Festival, Thakeham – p13
4pm	Church@4 – St Mary's, Storrington – p6
6pm	Evensong at St Mary's, Thakeham – p13 and p8
<b>Tue 18</b>	
2pm	SPACE – Arts and Craft Group – p17
2pm	Knit and Stitch Tea – p4

<b>Wed 19</b>	
10am	Café in the Church – at the Rectory, Storrington – p9
7.30pm	Sullington Windmills WI – Meeting – p28
<b>Fri 21</b>	
7.30pm	Storrington Horticultural Society – Talk – p27
<b>Sat 22</b>	
10am	Sandgate Conservation Society – Working Party – p31
<b>Sun 23 TRINITY 1</b>	
<b>Tue 25</b>	
7.30pm	Mary How Trust Film Society – <i>Stan &amp; Olie</i> – p24
<b>Wed 26</b>	
2pm	Storrington Flower Club – Meeting – p3
<b>Thu 27</b>	
11.30am	Holy Communion – Sussexdown Chapel – p4
7pm	(for 7.30pm) Storrington Deanery Synod- St Mary's, Storrington – p6
<b>Sun 30 TRINITY 2</b>	
10am	Baptism – St Mary's, Storrington – Amy Morgan (daughter of Katherine and Ivan)

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

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL DAYS

### JUNE

<b>Wed 5</b>	<b>Boniface (Wynfrith), 754</b> , Bishop, patron saint of Germany, Martyr
<b>Thu 6</b>	<i>Ini Kopuria</i> , 1945, founder of the Melanesian Brotherhood
<b>Sat 8</b>	<b>Thomas Ken, 1711</b> , an English cleric considered the most eminent of the English non-juring bishops
<b>Sun 9</b>	<b>Columba, 597</b> , Abbot of Iona, missionary
<b>Tue 11</b>	<b>BARNABAS, APOSTLE</b>
<b>Fri 14</b>	<i>Richard Baxter</i> , 1691, puritan church leader
<b>Sat 15</b>	<b>CORPUS CHRISTI</b> , celebrating the real presence of the body and blood of Jesus Christ, in the Eucharist, known as transubstantiation. <i>Evelyn Underhill</i> , 1941, an English Anglo-Catholic writer and pacifist known for her numerous works on religion and spiritual practice
<b>Sun 16</b>	<b>Richard, Bishop of Chichester, 1253</b> , patron saint of Sussex <i>Joseph Butler</i> , 1752, Bishop of Durham, philosopher
<b>Mon 17</b>	<i>Samuel and Henrietta Barnett</i> , 1913 and 1936, social reformers
<b>Tue 18</b>	<i>Bernard Mizeki</i> , 1896, apostle of the MaShona (South Africa), martyr
<b>Wed 19</b>	<i>Sundar Singh of India</i> , 1929, Sadhu (holy man), evangelist, teacher of Christianity
<b>Sat 22</b>	<b>Alban, c.250</b> , venerated as the first-recorded British Christian martyr
<b>Sun 23</b>	<b>Etheldreda, c.678</b> , Abbess of Ely
<b>Mon 24 NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST</b>	
<b>Thu 27</b>	<i>Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria</i> , 444, teacher of the faith
<b>Fri 28</b>	<b>Irenaeus, c.200</b> , Bishop of Lyons, teacher of the faith
<b>Sat 29</b>	<b>PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES</b>



# STORRINGTON & SULLINGTON – REFLECTIONS OF THE PAST

## THE COLLEGE

Storrington's famous 'College', as it became known, was a military crammer, founded here in 1871 by the then new Rector of Storrington, the Revd George Faithfull. Before this time, it was the accepted custom to purchase military commissions, but this practice was replaced by competitive examinations; well-off families wishing to send their sons into the army, possibly thinking that their boy was not really bright enough to pass the entrance examination without help, or needed specific tuition and personal application, would send their son to an army 'crammer' such as Mr Faithfull's highly thought of establishment.

The College was housed in Church Street buildings, which were then houses [there were no shops], from The Forge to Rosemary for lectures and some living accommodation. Students were also boarded out around the village, as were



their horses, grooms, dogs

and servants. There was a good-sized field behind Church Street suitable for sports of all kinds. Mr Rapley, a local resident and employee of Greenfields of Storrington, kept notes relating to our history.

He wrote: "The College ... has had a long and interesting career. There were in those early days as many as sixty pupils at a time ... seemed almost to fill the village."

The census for 1891 recorded 246 families or households making a total population of 1293 people. Changes over the years amounted to 1754 in 1931 which was the last figure before WWII when no census was taken.

Mr Rapley again: "In 1888 Major Austin, who had been working with Mr Faithfull, took over The College until 1899. The Boer War broke out and claimed nearly all the students. In fact, so empty did the place become that Major Austin himself went on active service. He had returned to Storrington for some time when in 1908 he was joined by Mr W A Fuller. The latter was a teacher born and bred. His grandfather had spent nearly all his life between Eton and Cambridge as a boy, undergraduate, Master of Lower School and finally Provost of King's, whilst his father had been Fellow and tutor of Emmanuel College, Cambridge. Added to this, Mr Fuller had a deep love and sympathy with boys, especially dull and stupid ones and a tremendous vitality with which to help them. One of them wrote after Mr Fuller's death, "It is a terrible misfortune for all the lazy boys who might have come to Storrington."

He had spent many years abroad as a special correspondent of the *Morning Post* and *Standard* in Berlin, Brussels, Rome and Paris and was not only a very accomplished linguist but also had a wide outlook and understanding of human affairs and people. The College rapidly rose again in numbers and successes until in

1914 the Great War again called most of the pupils to active service. The lapse of records between 1892 and 1908 prevents a complete Roll of Honour, but of the pupils who had been at Storrington since 1908, forty gave their lives, and in June 1919 the war

indirectly claimed Mr Fuller's life. Passing on his motor-bicycle the new aerodrome at Polegate, he was run into by a lorry, the driver of which had a wounded leg which prevented him applying his brakes in time.

The College was then full once more, and at the request of many parents, it was decided that Mrs Fuller should carry it on with Mr Gerard Smith, who was a classical scholar of Worcester College, Oxford, and had had a long experience of teaching from the time he left university. But he also had even greater gifts of sympathy, humour and understanding of human nature, and a perfect genius for friendship. Many indeed are the men throughout the world who look back with gratitude to the wise words and counsel and the help he gave. For ten years The College continued most successfully. As the need for Service candidates became less, more students passed from it to Oxford, Cambridge, and other universities, taking up their lives in all manner of professions all over the world. During this period in 1918 the chapel was furnished and dedicated. Many Old Boys, who have happy recollections of services in that chapel, will be glad to know that the altar and all the furniture has been accepted by the Dean and Chapter of Chichester Cathedral and will be used to furnish a chapel in the north-west corner especially for children's work. The Roll of Honour has gone with it and all those names, together with those of Mr Fuller and Mr Gerard Smith, will be annually remembered at the altar.

In 1927, it was felt that Mr Gerard Smith needed more help and Instructor-Captain Green RH joined him in partnership, but only four months later in January 1928, Mr Gerard Smith, wisest and most loved of men, died very suddenly. Again Mrs Fuller carried on, this time with Captain Green as partner, until very recently it was decided to close the College down. Captain Green goes as partner to a similar establishment and Mrs Fuller into retirement in Hampshire, where she will be followed by the love and good wishes of many Old Boys to whom she has been a friend and second mother.

Games and sport of all kinds have played a great part all through the College history. In the dim and distant years there are stories of a four-in-hand; twice the college has had its own pack of beagles. During the last twenty years it has had its own rugby, soccer, cricket and hockey teams holding its own and sometimes pulling off memorable victories against teams from Lancing, Hurstpierpoint, Brighton and Christ's Hospital as well as villages. The matches against the home teams of Storrington always aroused keenest interest and rivalry.

Since Mr Fuller's advent in 1908, over four hundred pupils have passed through the College; since its foundation probably two thousand.

Thus far Mr Rapley's account:

*In 1930 after the College closed down, The Forge was purchased by Mrs Greenfield where members of the family lived for many years. There persisted a local legend that the future Field Marshal Montgomery attended Mr Faithfull's establishment, but this is untrue. 'Monty' wrote in his memoirs ...*

*"In 1907 entrance to the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, was by competitive examination. There was a first qualifying examination in which it was necessary to show a certain minimum standard of mental ability; the competitive examination was followed a year or*

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## STORRINGTON DRAMATIC SOCIETY

### Oliver!

Sullington Parish Hall

11 – 15 June

Tue, Wed and Thu at 7pm

Fri and Sat at 7.30pm



For the Society's summer production, we have gathered together a group of very talented youngsters and, together with a few more seasoned actors, we have pleasure in presenting *Oliver!*

This is quite a demanding musical but the cast have responded well under the direction of Charlotte Amey, so if you want to spend an enjoyable evening of song, dance and drama, watching local talent, then come and join us.

Tickets are available from Fowlers Estate Agents, on-line or from cast members.

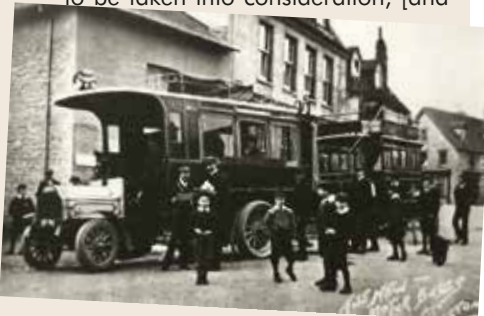
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so later. These two hurdles were negotiated without difficulty, and in the competitive examination my place was 72 out of some 170 vacancies. I was astonished to find later that a large number of my fellow cadets had found it necessary to leave school early and go to a crammer in order to ensure success in the competitive examination."

Montgomery was a pupil at St Paul's School in 1902, leaving there in 1906 before entering Sandhurst in 1907 and graduating a year later. So much for local myths, perpetrated by people, quite positive that the story was true.

As can be imagined, the effect on a small country village with little outside contact of an influx of wealthy adolescent boys and young men left an indelible imprint. Apart from organised sports and amusements, boys being boys, there were other tales of garden gates seen floating on the village pond or the mill-ponds, missiles of various kinds being shot at the tempting gas lamps in the street and even through windows, the lamps themselves being extinguished behind the lamplighter's back as he retreated on his route, farmer's cows being let out to mingle in The Square and on one occasion, the tall telegraph pole outside The Dawes being festooned with chamber-pots like a Christmas tree. A more serious occurrence was the setting light to the thatch of the malthouse attached to Lady Place in Monastery Lane, the remains of the malthouse was subsequently demolished. Anything that could enter the minds of idle lads freed from their studies was joyfully undertaken. The attitude of local people at that time was that they were "just lively young gentlemen" and such things were to be expected. A visit from The College butler, with a soothing donation of cash after such escapades or damage, usually settled matters. There was also the trade and services that the village could offer to be taken into consideration, [and anyway, this was long before ASBOs!]. It did, however, lead to The College being known in some circles as "the little 'ell under the 'ill".

Joan Ham (Village Historian)



## STORRINGTON CONSERVATION SOCIETY

The work party, which met on 6 April, cleared the banks and stream of rubbish between Love Lane and the Hormare area. In that short stretch of the River Storr, in less than an hour, six large bin bags were filled with cans, bottles, plastic, cardboard, broken toys, metal scraps and other discarded items. In addition, a supermarket trolley and a car tyre were removed from the stream. Then on 4 May the work party cleared that part of the stream to be used for the duck race. This time the rubbish, as well as cans, bottles etc., included a forty gallon drum, a corrugated iron sheet and a bicycle.

All this is just a symptom of how careless we can be in treating the world in which we live. Until the present, the consequences of our behaviour haven't seemed to affect our way of life to any great extent. So we haven't changed, though there have been those who have warned that we have to change if major problems are to be avoided. Now we are seeing those warnings were only too accurate.



It is a global issue. The resources used by this country and the pollution we generate are small proportions of the world totals. It is easy to say that what we can do to improve will not make much difference. But if we are to persuade other countries,

especially the major polluters, to take action we have to set an example. We led the industrial revolution, now we can lead the environmental revolution if we have the will. We have the wit.

We meet again on **1 June at 10am** in the Glade to continue the work of path clearance. We have to keep undergrowth and overgrowth at bay for the benefit of walkers. As usual, those interested in finding out what we do are welcome to come and see, and perhaps fail to resist the temptation to join in.

We hope the duck race was enjoyed by all, free of debris.

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







## Windmills and water mills

The current special exhibition about wind and water mills has brought people from all over our area to the Museum, so, although there is now little left of the original buildings, the fascination with the industrial past is still there. A note in the Museum says that in the 1880s one could see "sixty working windmills within a ten mile radius of Storrington". By 1929 all had gone as working units, although some remain, even today, as working museums with full sets of stones (Salvington Mill) or as dwellings (John Ireland's mill at Washington).

There were three windmills in Storrington that we know about. The first to disappear was the Black Mill, a post mill on Byne Common, for which Windmill Copse off Wantley Lane is named, although the mill was on the other side of the road in the corner of Mill Lane and Fryern Road. We have one photo of this mill, where it stands well into the background of Gatley's Mill and the millpond. It burnt down on 20th August 1871, and the mill wheel is supposed to have rolled to the pond where it sank "with a mighty sizzle".

The next to go was the White Mill on Sullington Warren. The iron shaft of this post mill is still there, but it is hard to imagine the site as it was then because now it is entirely enclosed by tall, dense trees. Although the mill ceased working in 1907, it stood till 1911 when, like so many others, it was consumed by fire. There were several reasons for this: mills were made of wood, the stones if poorly adjusted or not fed properly or even if they ran too fast because of a sudden wind could cause sparks to fly, flour itself is highly combustible, and also windmills, by their very nature, are not situated near any water to douse the flames! It was a heath fire which took the White Mill away.

The last of our windmills to go was the Black or Box Mill on Kithurst Warren. It was overhauled in 1906 but stopped work in 1919, by which time local milling had become unprofitable. It was dismantled in 1923 and a house was built on the site. You can see one of its stones being used as a step into the garden from Kithurst Lane.

The Storrington area is generally thought to have three water mills: Chantry, Byne (Bine, Joyes, Gatleys or Storrington), and Hurston. Corn milling is one of the oldest, most important, and necessary crafts. Bread was "the staff of life". (Potatoes did not arrive in Europe until the late 16th century.) A large part of a woman's day must have been spent grinding the corn by hand to make the daily bread. As communities settled man, rather woman, power was replaced by donkey, horse, or, in places with a reasonable flow, water power.

The Domesday Record of 1086 says that Storrington had four mills. These were all water mills, as windmills were not introduced for another one hundred years. There were two mills at eleven shillings, one at five shillings, and one at three shillings. Sullington had one at six shillings, Thakeham one at three shillings, Washington one at fifteen pence. The shillings and pence were, I believe, what they were worth in tax to the King or chief land owner. Where were all these mills? We have the ghostly remains of three, possibly four: Hurston Mill, Chantry Mill and Storrington or Byne Mill. Maybe another was the fulling mill, probably situated near the waterfall in Chantry Lane, or maybe it was much further downstream towards Pulborough.

Hurston Mill is first mentioned in 1042. It is shown on a map of 1724. In 1833 Thomas Reeves lived there. By 1972 Miss Greenfield in "Round About Old Storrington" says that the ruin of Hurston Mill was there "although its former purpose is no longer recognisable". It once had two overshot wheels and ground corn for bread up till 1899. It then ground animal feed till 1911 when it was demolished.

Chantry Mill, apparently sometimes known as Park Mill, in Sullington parish was "a small corn mill with an overshot wheel". A mill had stood on this site from at least the 13th century. Two mills were recorded in Chantry Lane in the 18th century, one probably being

the fulling mill. Chantry Mill ground corn till 1921, when the stones were replaced by a turbine by the farmer, Mr Hecks, to supply Sullington and Storrington churches and some houses with electricity. The mill house is still there, but all the machinery has long gone.

The third watermill, Gatleys, Bine, Byne, Joyes or Storrington, stood to the north of the pond in the middle of Storrington, more or less where Pond House is today. Its shape and size must have altered over the years because one report says it was a small corn mill with an overshot wheel driving one pair of stones, and another says it was a tall building with four floors with three sets of stones. In 1654 the mill was occupied by Richard Turner. In 1794 Jacob Pope passed it to William Botting. Mr Joyes and Mr Gatley worked it in the last century. In the 1930s two sets of stones were removed and the third ground meal till the 1950s. By the 1960s it was derelict and despite efforts to conserve it, it was pulled down in the 1970s.

All these mills flourished for a while, but with growing populations they gradually became uneconomic. The stones themselves, looking so simple, were in fact complicated. The best came from France and were made by a stone mason. They had to be grooved so that the flour could run off them. They had to be perfectly horizontal and the gap between them had to be exact. Some might last for 50 years but the ordinary ones were only good for about 15 years. They weighed between half a ton and three-quarters of a ton. Imagine getting them up the "39 steps" in Sullington Warren. No wonder mills disappeared when steam power and trains made life so much easier.

The Weald and Downland Museum and Horsham Museum generously lent us some mill artefacts and paintings, and we are very grateful to them for their co-operation.

The exhibition will end on 9 June and the next, about Rydon School 1940-2017, will begin on 22 June.

On 24 April, at the new Thakeham Village Hall, there was the first of what is hoped will be regular monthly community meetings. The theme of this first evening was history, designed to encourage interest in forming a Thakeham Village History Group. Our Chair, Patricia Wilks, was asked to talk about Storrington Museum and how it works. Among the items she took along with her to demonstrate some of the work that has to go on behind the scenes to conform to good museum practice, was an original Accessions Book which illustrated how every artefact in the Museum collection is marked with a code and recorded. Originally the entries were made in copperplate handwriting, but now it is all being put on to a database.

Patricia also took the complete set of books of the Storrington Village History Group's researches on casualties of the First World War, one for each village in the Museum area. Each of the villages involved received their own copy and the Thakeham book had been presented to St Mary's, Thakeham. The Rector, Revd Sara-Jane Stevens, said how grateful the parish was to have this very moving memorial. It was an enjoyable evening, with a film of the renovations carried out to the Blue Idol Quaker Meeting House, followed by a picnic supper.

Finally, the Museum has a display table, with a glass top and shelves, which is in very good condition but which is surplus to our needs. It is 1 metre long, ½ metre wide, and 70cms high. We would accept any reasonable offer for this table – it is far too good to throw away – so if you are interested please contact Cliff Wilks, 743437, clifford.wilks107@btinternet.com, and he would be glad to show it to you at the Museum.

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## Time to let the B-list into the garden?

How many times have you spotted a garden centre promoting plants that are 'midge-friendly' or 'attractive to caterpillars'? As gardeners, we're often encouraged to garden in a way that is kind to nature. But that advice is normally accompanied by pictures of A-list wildlife: blue tits, hedgehogs and Peacock butterflies.

Well, we can't have butterflies without caterpillars and the birds and hedgehogs depend upon those protein-rich leaf-munchers, plus the other bugs, slugs and all manner of creatures that get labelled as 'pests'.



I'm writing this in the same week that a global assessment of nature announced that a million species now face extinction within decades, largely because of humans changing the way land is used. Another report says that the picture could be particularly bad for insects and points out that without them, life would not be much fun for

humans given the important role beetles, wasps, bees, and yes, those lovely butterflies and moths, have in pollinating crops. As gardeners, I think we have a responsibility to provide places where nature can have a home.

I garden a lot alongside schoolchildren, and it makes me think carefully about how I approach weeding and protecting plants from the animals (other than us!) that want to eat them; I'm aware it will probably influence the children's attitudes to nature. I've started letting things go and seeing what happens. Last summer, the Kale hosted a family of caterpillars...but they soon went, and guess what? The Kale grew back in the autumn. Now we've let the old plants go to seed and the bees and hoverflies are massing around the hundreds of simple yellow flowers they provide. If there's space for them, weeds get to stay and feed the pollinators before heading to the compost bin.



It may look a bit 'untamed' but the garden is packed with wildlife this year and we're looking set to have a bumper fruit crop. If you still need convincing, maybe this will do it: midges are the primary pollinators of the cacao tree; no midges, no chocolate.

Cheryl Brown



**THE ARTS SOCIETY**  
STORRINGTON



The June lecture is on **Wednesday 5 June** from 2.30pm to 3.30pm at West Chilton Village Hall. A lecture by Ian Swankie: The Medieval Guildhall – London's Nerve Centre for 2,000 years. In the centre of the City of London stands its ancient headquarters, the medieval Guildhall, one of the capital's hidden gems. The present building dates from 1411 and is still in use today. The whole building stands on the site of London's Roman amphitheatre the remains of which are still visible today. This lecture describes the Guildhall exterior and interior. We look at some of the key monuments in the building and then study some of the many paintings depicting the Guildhall's rich history contained in the adjacent Guildhall Art Gallery. We finish by going 18 feet below street level to the Roman amphitheatre.

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

Linda Hannaford



**THAKEHAM**  
GARDENERS' CLUB

Ray Broughton made a welcome return in April when he came to speak about 'Growing under Glass'.



Ray has a wealth of knowledge which he imparts in a most entertaining manner. He recommended growing tomato plants in straw bales which he said produced a bigger crop due to the increased root warmth. Barley straw is best if you can get it as hay contains seeds which may sprout. Ray's talk included many other aspects of gardening such as cleaning tools with tomato ketchup and making nettle fertiliser. All members agreed we had had a superb talk and we look forward to welcoming in Ray again. He was warmly thanked.

Our next meeting is on **10 June** when Laura Uphill will be speaking on 'Medicines & Foods of the Hedgerow'. Our competition will be 'A Single Rose'.

Meetings take place at 7.30pm on the second Monday in the month in the new Thakeham Village Hall. We welcome new members and guests; come along to the Hall on Club night or ring our Secretary June Jordan on 741772 for further details.

Sandra Jenkins



# WORTHING SAMARITANS CELEBRATES 50 YEARS OF LISTENING



Worthing Samaritans opened in April 1969 and now annually receives 146 times the number of phone calls it received in its first year. At a celebratory civic reception at St Pauls in April, guests heard that the longest serving volunteer at the branch has given his spare time for 48 of the 50 years the branch has been in existence and Mayor of Worthing, Cllr Paul Baker, spoke of his personal experience of losing a friend to suicide.

An independent branch, affiliated to the national Samaritans charity, Worthing needs in excess of 100 volunteers at any one time. Trained 'listeners' respond to phone calls, text messages and e-mails 24 hours a day, and face-to-face callers at its Lennox Road location, 9am-9pm every day. Mark White, 51, has been a listener for two years and says the hardest thing about the role is "the harrowing calls; what some people are having to deal with and how low they are. Some calls just can't shift from my mind, but you can't dwell on them." Mark has severe glaucoma and took on a volunteer role with Worthing Samaritans after recovering from alcoholism. "I got in a bad way due to the loss of my eyesight and then I learnt how important listening was from my own experience of counselling and group therapy. Giving someone five minutes to talk can be crucial."

prepares you for when you're ready to take the next step. There's post-training mentoring and on-going emotional and practical support to help you build your confidence. It may seem daunting but joining the Samaritans is one of the most rewarding things I've ever done. What struck me when I joined was the immense sense of support and community."



The branch is totally reliant on donations and is proud of how far it has come. Director, Liz Riach, hopes that Trustees will be celebrating additional milestones in future years.



The charity's roots were formed in 1953 by vicar and cartoonist Chad Varah, after he conducted a funeral for a 14-year-old girl who had taken her own life. Chad found himself motivated to offer informal counselling to his parishioners, and 18 years later he officially founded the

Samaritans to try to save the lives of people who were contemplating suicide. Across the UK and Ireland, the charity now has 20,000 volunteers and, on average, answers a request for help every six seconds. In 2008, Worthing Samaritans took 13,000 telephone calls, had 51 visitors and responded to 425 emails. The branch also began supporting the Samaritans Prison Listeners Scheme within HMP Ford. In 2017, this had grown to more than 25,000 phone calls (via its freephone 116 123 number), over 1500 emails and over 2000 text messages during the year. But it's not just suicidal callers that Samaritans support; the free service is available to any person, any age, enduring difficult times for whatever reason and simply need someone to talk to, anonymously. Recently, the charity has revealed new branding that is focused around the concept of 'human connections' and features a range of connector-inspired graphics. Human connections is seen to be the heart of what Samaritans provide on a daily basis.

Blanche Potter, 38, a Worthing resident, has been part of the speakers' team and is currently a listening volunteer at the branch. The speakers' team deliver talks at businesses, local groups and events on topics including emotional awareness and how to recognise the signs of poor mental health. Blanche said "The Samaritans provide such a vital service for so many people and I've always had the greatest of respect for what they do. I had been commuting to work for a year and was shocked by the number of fatalities announced on the tracks during that time. On a particular day, after yet another fatality, I went onto the Worthing Samaritans website and contacted them to become a volunteer."

When asked what her advice would be to those thinking about volunteering, Blanche said, "Do it! The training is thorough and

## How to help:

- Worthing Samaritans has a charity shop on Strand Parade, Durrington, which helps fund the self-sustained Samaritans branch; clothing and donations of items are always welcome.
- As part of its 50th Anniversary, Worthing Samaritans has launched a 50/50 appeal and is seeking 50 companies to kindly donate £50 via the donation link at [www.samaritans.org/branches/worthing](http://www.samaritans.org/branches/worthing)
- There is an indoor cycle ride entitled "Help us to keep going" in October that members of the public can participate in if they would like to help fundraise.
- Contact Worthing Samaritans at Lennox Road, Worthing or via @WorthingSams on Twitter, if you are holding an event and are able to collect monetary donations, or you are a school or organisation that would like to book a speaker.
- Volunteer. Information sessions are held monthly, all dates are posted on Twitter and listed online.



## THE MARY HOW TRUST FILM SOCIETY

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

### STAN & OLLIE (PG)

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**Tuesday 25 June**

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## SANDGATE SINGERS

The Sandgate Singers performed *Carmina Burana* by Carl Orff on Saturday 6 April to a full hall. We sang at Steyning Grammar School, the Shooting Field site for the first time.

We were accompanied by a children's choir from Steyning Grammar School, and also Storrington and Thakeham Primary Schools.

The choir were privileged to be accompanied by Ed Jones, baritone, Neil Jenkins, tenor and Jillian Arthur, soprano and a percussion ensemble headed by George English. Adrian Bawtree and Alison Manton played on two grand pianos which gave a beautiful depth of sound. Peter Allwood, our Musical Director, was the conductor.

The spring term has now started and we are rehearsing for our summer concert. This will take place on Saturday 13 July at Steyning Grammar School, Rock Road site. Do come along and listen to 'Opera and Operetta Choruses' at 3pm, followed by tea and home-made cakes. Tickets are £10 (free for children) and will be available from The Card Shop, Storrington or on 741984.

Future concerts include Christmas Carols at Our Lady of England Catholic Church, Storrington on Sunday 8 December at 7pm. We will also be singing Haydn's *Creation* at Arundel Cathedral on 14 March 2020 at 7.30pm.

If you would be interested in joining Sandgate Singers, and we're always on the lookout for men in particular to boost their ranks, please contact our Chairman, John Fisher, on 741256 or visit our website [www.sandgatesingers.com](http://www.sandgatesingers.com). We meet on a Monday evening at Sullington Parish Hall from 7.15pm. We're a friendly choir and you will have a great time, even going home feeling tired but upbeat! Come along and try us out!



SANDGATE SINGERS



## STORRINGTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

### Containers and hanging baskets

A busy month for the Society with both our normal monthly meeting and a visit to Dorset.

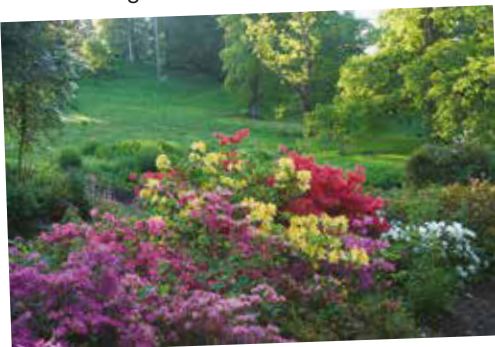
This month's speaker was Sally Primett from Village Nurseries who talked and demonstrated how to get the best results from planting up containers and hanging baskets. Village Nurseries are a family owned traditional nursery business, operating from West Chiltington for over 25 years.

The starting point on whatever container is used is to ensure there is adequate drainage and to achieve this she uses a small amount of bark at the bottom of the container, although shingle or old crocks would also be OK. If you are using hanging baskets with an inner polythene liner, make sure this is punctured to ensure good drainage.

She also cautioned that care was required with containers particularly as to position whether they were to be free standing or against a wall as this would influence how that should be planted.

Both containers and hanging baskets should be made up using the coloured wheel principle to ensure that different coloured plants are positioned so the colours compliment each other. Sally said that as a guide she would use 11 plants in a 14 inch basket, 3 in the base, 3 in the middle and 5 on the outside rim.

Sally demonstrated the use of different types of plant by planting up a large number of containers and hanging baskets all of which were very generously donated to the Society and were included in the evening raffle.



Earlier in the month the Society enjoyed a day's trip to Dorset, spending time visiting the market town of Dorchester and the gardens at Minterne House in Minterne Magna. Dorchester itself is well-known

for its Roman history and, of more recent times, its association with Thomas Hardy with the house he designed and built for his own use in 1885 and lived there until his death in 1928. Our visit to Minterne House was to see the Himalayan gardens which contained a fascinating collection of Rhododendrons and Azaleas and are a legacy of the Victorian plant hunters from their visits to the Himalayan region.

The first Rhododendrons were planted following the Ernest H Wilson expeditions to the Himalayas in the 19th century with many more plants being added between 1900 – 1938.

The gardens cascade down a valley with many small streams and waterfalls helping to create a Himalayan atmosphere.

At our next meeting on **21 June**, Dr Becky Peacock will be giving an illustrated talk on the Watercress Line.

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Michael Webber



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The April meeting was opened by the President, Erika Brichta, who welcomed all members, with a special welcome to the visitors. Erika gave her report during which she informed members the April Pop In Lunch at which Sullington Members had helped, had been a huge success, as was the coffee morning held at the new Village Hall in Thakeham. After the coffee morning, members were given a tour of the new estate and some of the new houses. A certificate was presented to Pat Jenkins, in recognition of her planting a tree at Northwood National Trust Estate at Slindon, on Saturday 16 March, where 100 oak trees were planted to commemorate 100 years of the WI in West Sussex. This was followed by the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports.

Barbara Ehlers, the speaker, was introduced, her talk entitled 'History of Silver Hallmarking & Making Silver'. Barbara, a qualified Silversmith, started her talk by saying as far back as 361-334 BC coins were made of silver, and during 460 BC it was discovered silver contained healing properties. Even today, some medical dressings contain particles of silver. Today Mexico is the main producer of silver, closely followed by Asia and China. Silver is used in the manufacture of microscopes and telescopes, and the making of quality mirrors. Fine or pure silver has a fineness of 99.9%, the missing percentage is simply traces of impurities, and it is used to make bullion bars for investments. The silver worked with nowadays is referred to as Sterling silver; it is 92.5% silver and 7.5% copper. The copper is used to toughen the silver.

The word 'Sterling' emerged in England in the 13th century. A hallmark indicates the amount of pure metal in the alloy, and means the article has been independently tested; it also guarantees that the article conforms to all legal standards of purity. Goldsmiths Hall in London was the first Assay office in the UK, founded around 1300. The other Assay offices still in existence in the UK are to be found in Birmingham, Edinburgh and Sheffield. There is also an Assay office in Dublin. Each of these Assay offices has its own relevant Hallmark. Any new item must be taken or sent to an Assay office to be tested. With the use of slides, Barbara showed the different Hallmarks including a few 'Special Hallmarks' used for various celebrations, such as the Silver Jubilee in 1935 through to the Diamond Jubilee in 2012.

Barbara said she understands why many of us put our silver away; the cleaning takes up so much of our precious time. Her remedy is to line a bowl or basin completely with kitchen tin foil, add boiling water and a handful of Bicarbonate of Soda, place your silver in the bowl and leave to soak, and it will come out sparkling clean.

Barbara closed her talk and presentation by telling members she loves working with silver. She had a career change 20 years ago, setting up a new studio, which was fun, but needs a great deal of equipment, many of which you cannot buy, you simply have to make it yourself. Barbara had brought along a selection of the jewellery she had made, for members to examine, or maybe treat ourselves by purchasing one of the lovely items on display. After many questions were asked of Barbara, Marita Watteau thanked Barbara for her interesting talk and presentation.

Following refreshments, members enjoyed a quiz, relevant to Easter week as all the answers were names of sweets or chocolates. The quiz had been set by Maureen Sherwood. After the raffle was drawn the President closed the meeting.

The next meeting will take place on the **19 June**, the speaker will be Graham Minett, his talk entitled 'My Writing Journey'. Competition is 'A Summer Rose'. We meet on the third Wednesday of each month (2nd Wednesday December) at Sullington Parish Hall at 7.30pm. If you have never attended a WI, meeting do come along, you will be made most welcome. Should you require further information please contact Erika Brichta on 742039.

Pat Snape

## WEATHER WATCH

### Desert dust, snow pellets and a memorable Easter—The Weather of April 2019

"March winds and April showers bring forth May flowers" is an old and well-known weather adage but there were not too many showery bursts during April as it had only 23% of the average rainfall at Storrington with a similar pattern over much of Sussex.

However, there were plenty of them on 3rd and it was a cold day and they contained a wintry mix of hail, snow and snow pellets, the latter I witnessed first-hand on my way back from a speaking engagement near Crawley.

There were snow pellets, formerly called soft hail or the German 'graupel', falling onto the roof of my car around 15hrs. It counts as a day with snow observed. It occurs with a very cold atmosphere especially in the late winter or spring. The freezing level at midday over Sussex was only 2000 feet or 600 metres. The pellets are quite brittle and they can often be seen to break when falling on a hard surface and have been described as looking like balls of polystyrene. Chanctonbury Hill was coated white for a time with snow pellets during the afternoon and there was a cover for quite a while near Madehurst and Slindon.

Following this unsettled spell, there were 14 days with no measurable rainfall for many and this included a memorable Easter. From Maundy Thursday to Easter Sunday it was virtually cloudless and the temperature rose to 25.6°C in Storrington

on 20th, worthy of a warm July day. The sea breeze was little in evidence and 24°C was reached at Shoreham. Bank Holiday Monday enjoyed some sunshine too and the thermometer reached 22°C. However, the sunny daytime conditions were followed by clear nights resulting in sharp drops in temperature leading to some frost on the ground around dawn, followed by a 20°C rise of temperature by early afternoon on successive days over Easter. Over the month as a whole, the warm days were balanced out by the cool nights with the overall temperature mean for the month around half to just one degree above par in our area.

Shoreham on Bank Holiday  
Monday 6 May



The warmth brought the bluebells into flower but the cool nights and the drop in day time temperatures towards the month's end helped to preserve the wonderful blue mist like displays in our local woods. The

southerly winds responsible for the warm weather also brought dust from southern Europe and even North Africa's Sahara Desert. After Easter we had some light rain that deposited the grains but was not hard enough to wash them away. The rain drops evaporated leaving behind a blotchy coating. It was especially annoying for car owners especially if you have black painted bodywork which showed up every speck. Gardeners though may be pleased to know that the deposited minerals are good for plants and help to enrich soils.

Ian Currie, Weatherman and editor of Weather Eye magazine

# CRICKET IN STORRINGTON



## Winning Start to Season for 1st XI

The new Sussex Cricket League season started for us on Saturday 27 April with an away match against Wisborough Green. We won the toss and elected to field. Skipper Ian Homewood was soon among the wickets, backed up by father and son Livermore, and Rin Tomsett. The home side's innings lasted 32 overs for a modest total of 98, Ian Homewood taking 5-42. Our openers, Miles Scerri and David Livermore reached a fifty partnership before the first wicket fell. Dooglas Sopp joined Miles who promptly lost his wicket, leaving veteran Mark Haggart and Dooglas to take us to an 8 wicket victory and 30 points. Miles scored 36 and Dooglas an unbeaten 34.

The following Saturday, at home to Stirlands, the visiting side decided to bat and scored 168-7 in their 40 overs. Adam Homewood was the pick of our bowlers with 4-31. Skipper Ian Homewood scored 60 before Mark Haggart (44\*) and Charles Brown (27\*) took us to a 6 wicket victory and 26 points.

After regular indoor practice sessions, the Cygnets' first league matches of the new season were played at home on the first May Bank Holiday weekend, in bright but chilly weather. The U11 squad fielded a development team against a strong Stirlands side, playing hard ball league for the first time, competing well with the scores for the 16 over pairs match being 102 vs 65 in favour of Stirlands CC. The U14 team faced Ferring afterwards, with the older visiting team victorious by 46 runs: Ferring mustered 154 runs in their twenty overs, and the Cygnets 108 runs (readers please note that the scoring in junior matches is very different to that in adult cricket). Two good early season matches for the Cygnets to gain experience and match practice.

The new Friday training sessions and social evenings for the Cygnets and supporters, from 6pm, have got off to a flying start with two excellent training sessions with great support from parents and the social membership. New members and all existing members are always welcome to drop in and support the Club. For further information, please contact Martin Fisher, Cygnets Manager, on 07850 416886, or Steve Watkins, Chairman, on 744217.

The new All Stars 5-8 years section is holding weekly sessions on Sunday mornings from 9.30am, until the middle of July. Prospective new members can contact Martin for further information or sign up on line via the All Stars section of the England & Wales Cricket Board (ECB) website. The newly formed U9 squad will be playing mini-match Festival cricket against different Clubs in the soft ball format. And, the Club's coaches have helped the Sussex CCC development officer during a one day coaching session at the nearby Storrington Primary School.

All in all, exciting times for many young aspiring cricketers in the Village!

Fund raising for the new outdoor nets has been boosted significantly since our last report, and we are now tantalisingly close (90%) to our target of £40,000. We were delighted to learn that the Chanctonbury Lions had decided to increase their original pledge, and the Sussex Cricket Foundation has awarded us a grant. Monies have also come from token schemes run by ASDA and Waitrose, a grant from the Police Property Act Fund, whilst our own on-line auction, created and run by James Harrington during April, raised an amazing £1,500. The ECB is supporting us with a loan, and we are now confident that the nets will be installed before the summer is out.

Chris Winter

## SANDGATE CONSERVATION SOCIETY

### Easter-Egg Hunt

Once again the annual Easter-egg hunt took place on Sullington Warren on Saturday 20 April, organised by the National Trust, aided and abetted by the Sandgate Conservation Society.

Without doubt it was the best weather we have ever experienced for this event with over 200 children and parents, not forgetting grandparents, attending the event! Quite amazing, and needless to say a good time was had by all, particularly with the reward of chocolate Easter-eggs donated by the National Trust.



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

In fact, clues and questions are set over the warren, all skilfully co-ordinated by Brenda Goodman and Charlie Cain, the National Trust Warden, aided and abetted by other kind volunteers.

The work parties will be in action on Sullington Warren on **Saturday 8 June** on Sullington Warren from 9.30am till 12midday and in Sandgate Park on **Saturday 22 June** from 10am till 12midday, so if you feel like a bit of gentle exercise at your own pace, then you will be more than welcome.

To learn more about the Sandgate Conservation Society, who work closely with the National Trust and Horsham District Council, please contact: [www.sandgate-conservation.org.uk](http://www.sandgate-conservation.org.uk) or Brian Burns on 743001.



Brian Burns



# The Floral Fringe Fair

We are very excited to announce that our seventh Floral Fringe Fair has moved for 2019 to Amberley Museum and Heritage Centre, Station Road, Amberley, Nr Arundel, West Sussex BN18 9LT.

The Floral Fringe Fair is **1 and 2 June** from 10am to 5pm. There is ample parking in the station car park and beyond in the farmer's fields.

For visitors to the fair the entrance price is £10.00, which includes entry to all the museum exhibits (their normal charge is £14.50) children £2.00, under 4's free. Dogs on leads.

Amberley Museum is a registered charity. It is an exciting 36 acre site in a former chalk pit containing not only some very well preserved lime kilns, a greenwood village, a steam crane, a bus garage, a print workshop, a wireless exhibition, Nature trails, an electricity museum, a steam train running on tracks round the site and much more, including a quite extraordinary collection of Industrial vintage items, such as an extensive collection of old buses, televisions and bicycles. The Floral Fringe Fair still has the theme of encouraging visitors to make their gardens wildlife-friendly but it has evolved into much more. It has become a unique fair with a personality and atmosphere, very popular with families and dog-owners.

The fair is a must for plantaholics and wildlife enthusiasts. We try to make our fair special by ensuring, as far as possible, that everything on sale is hand-made or home-made, or at least designed and produced by the stall-holder selling it, except in the case of Steampunk and Vintage stalls. Also we are particularly keen on promoting and choosing businesses from Sussex, Surrey, Kent and Hampshire. The fair is all about artists and makers and producers of aesthetic and beautiful things; it is about food that is locally grown and raised and all things green, health-enhancing and countryside-based. Last year saw the introduction of an inventive new flavour of Steampunk. It is typically English, massively creative and totally eccentric, so fits in well with our ethos and the industrial history surroundings. We have invited several Steampunk societies to come this year dressed in Steampunk style. We also are very excited to announce that the talented and eccentric Ichabod Steam will be bringing his new invention to the fair.

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Contact Jean at [jeanjackman@hotmail.com](mailto:jeanjackman@hotmail.com) or call 07939 272443

Classic car owners are invited to bring their cars to display but need to fill in a registration form please. Available by email as above.



West Chillington Dramatic Society



The EU elections caused problems with our May production as the Village Hall was required as a Polling Station. We therefore had to cancel our opening night and put on a matinee performance on Saturday 25 May.

We will again be present at the 100th anniversary of the West Chillington Village Show on 13 July, when our stand will be taking on a 1919 theme. As usual, we will have a competition with prizes and it will present an opportunity to meet and talk with some of our members and joining our very friendly society.

Shortly following the show will be the West Chillington Drama Festival, featuring seven drama groups from the surrounding area in a one act play competition. The Festival is our contribution to the Horsham District year of Culture 2019 and takes place on the evenings of 24, 25 and 26 July, the plays being presented crossing the whole spectrum of drama, from comedy to thriller. Tickets will be available at £10 each, both on-line and from our usual box offices, with more details being published on our web site [www.wcds.co.uk](http://www.wcds.co.uk) in the coming weeks.

In addition to the grant we obtained from Horsham District, we have three local companies who have agreed to sponsor this exciting event, namely Batcheller-Monkhouse, Crossways Veterinary Practice and Southern Cranes and Access. We do, however, have other sponsorship packages available, both corporate and individual, and more details are available by e-mailing [chairman@wcds.co.uk](mailto:chairman@wcds.co.uk)

We are continuing to look for new members, particularly in the younger age groups, so why not come and visit our stand above or contact our membership secretary Christine Pearson, [membership@wcds.co.uk](mailto:membership@wcds.co.uk), who will be pleased to provide information and membership forms.

Geofrey Steward, Chairman

Rotary Club of Storrington & Pulborough District

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**Bank Holiday Monday 2019  
26 August**

Pitches available at £7 per car and from £10 for vans.  
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**STORRINGTON COMMUNITY MARKET**

**We're open every Friday between 9.45am and 11.15am in the Village Hall in West Street.**

Cakes, biscuits, pies and savouries, jams and marmalades, local honey, eggs, knitted hats, jewellery and crafts, books and magazines, DoTerra Essential Oils, local fruit and veg, plants, mushrooms, The Village Deli, Boutique 35 fashion and Forever Aloe health products. Tea, coffee and biscuits in our cafe.



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

One of the great things about photography is the ability for everyone to interpret a scene, vista or subject from their own perspective.



Deluge – Chris West

This variety is always seen in our competitions where members' submissions show their interests in what they capture along with their interpretation. For our latest competition there were two set subjects. For projected images this was 'Whatever the Weather' and for print images 'Square Format', an additional criterion required all images to have been taken since May last year. Despite the images having to meet the set subject brief the

variance of images and styles were displayed.



Rain Squall Passing Through – Liz Barber

The 'weather' theme certainly brought a varied selection with images covering rain, mist, sun, strong winds, storms and night. The good thing is that it doesn't necessarily require the photographer to travel long distances to capture a great shot as opportunities can be found locally if you are prepared to venture out.

After working his way through the wide variety of images entered, our judge, Rob White, selected six that he awarded top marks. The greatest success was given to Liz Barber who had both of her images in the final selection. 'Rain Squall Passing Through' and 'A Bit of a Blow' that shows Newhaven harbour lighthouse during one of the winter storms.

The other top scoring images were from David Seddon with 'Puffin in the downpour', 'Winter Misty Morning' from Kevin Harwood and



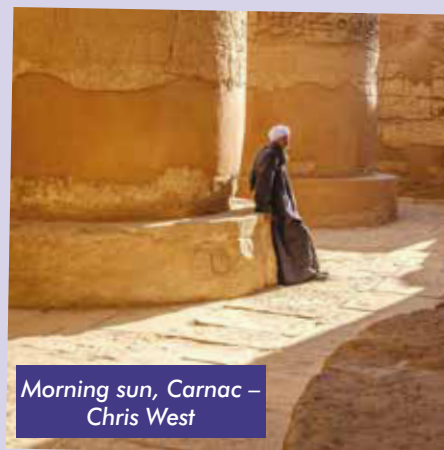
Puffin in the downpour – David Seddon



Mist on the Pond – Daisy Kane

'Deluge' from Chris West which the judge liked with the symmetrical curves from the light, rain shadow, door canopy, umbrella and shadow. The final image, that also won Projected Image of the night was from Daisy Kane, 'Mist on the Pond' taken in Petworth Park.

With the 'Square Format' prints five images secured top marks. 'Spark of Inspiration



Morning sun, Carnac – Chris West



Rain Squall Passing Through – Liz Barber

from Janet Brown, 'Pulsatilla' from Liz Barber, 'Leadenhall Market', from Martin Tones, were three of these. The final two from Chris West achieved top place. 'Caught on camera' and 'Morning sun Carnac' which also won the Print of the Night award.

As part of the 'Set Subject' evening a cup was awarded to the member with the highest overall score in both subjects. Congratulations went to Liz Barber who won the award by only dropping 1 point for her four images.



Winter Misty Morning – Kevin Harwood

Kevin Harwood

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## THE RUDES ARE BACK IN WEST CHILTINGTON

Put Thursday 13 June in your diary to see the Rude Mechanical Theatre Co who will be on the recreation ground in West Chiltington again for their annual outdoor theatre.

They will be performing a revival of their inspiring *Ikarus Inc*, a play about hopes and dreams. You won't want to miss it! Set in the little town of Dreamville, Indiana, in the '50's, a travelling salesman, Daedalus H Gildersleeves, and his son, Ikarus, sell dreams from a suitcase. Secret hopes are laid bare as they begin to fly the townsfolk up into the clear blue skies to their dreams. Hilarious, romantic, tender, searching, and laced with rock'n'roll! Meanwhile, the ladies of the local Buffalos Club, the Buffalasses, enter a competition to make the biggest pumpkin pie ever to raise money for 'the sufferin' poor'. For Ol' Mercy Coffin it is just the devil tempting them. But will they fly and achieve their dreams or come crashing down to the cold hard earth? Will the pumpkin pie get baked? Will they win the competition?

Tickets are £17 + concessions, available from NISA, Haglands Road, or call 01323-501260.

Also online at [www.therudemechanicaltheatre.co.uk](http://www.therudemechanicaltheatre.co.uk). Bring a picnic, your own chair and warm clothing for an English summer.

## Note from the editor....

Having recently had a health issue, which, had the results been as scary as I thought they may have been, could have changed my life.

Fortunately, it was nothing so sinister, although I still have problems but which hopefully can be rectified. However, it made me think how precious life and health is, and you never know what is round the corner. So my profound message for this month is make sure you live every day to the full. Be glad of every minute of every day – it is a God-given gift. Be happy, laugh lots and love everyone, even those you don't know. Strangers are only friends we have yet to meet.

With God's blessings and much love to all, and thank you to everyone for all your prayers and love for me.

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