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SULLINGTON AND THAKEHAM WITH WARMINGHURST

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A Rumpus at the Rectory!

On Sunday 20 February our lives changed forever. Two Springer Spaniel – English Pointer cross sisters moved over the road from The White Lion Inn in Thakeham to The Rectory. Just eight weeks old, super cute and very intelligent, we were soon to find out who was training whom!

Our new girls came in and turned the house upside-down. Chew toys everywhere, and not a few little puddles. But we are complete, and the house training is coming on in leaps and bounds. We are a house full of warm puppy-cuddles and so much fun.

The two new arrivals are very keen to meet all their neighbours; human, animal and interesting smells alike. You may find us sitting watching the world go by or exploring, when they are able, walking in the fields. Come over and say hello.

It is humbling to consider how baby animals place their trust in one so completely. The world is a new and rather daunting one for them. They rely on us for food, safety, relaxation, stimulation, and sleep, yet their protectors are the most dangerous species on the planet. If only they knew.



If only they saw the pain and damage we cause our fellow humans.

If only they knew the destruction we have waged on our natural world.

If only they could glimpse the cruelty that results from our selfishness.

Humans – the apex predator. Would they trust us if they knew?

Can humans change their metaphorical spots? In the Church of England, we are striving to



live by the 5 Marks of Mission, number 5 of which is “to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth”. This is a huge challenge, and an impossible task, if we take too large a view. However, we can make a real difference, starting at home, starting small. Let us be responsible with how we treat our pets, our commitment to recycling, reviewing and reducing our plastic consumption, ‘upcycling’ rather than buying new when possible and giving to charities that work by these ideals.

Although we live here, the earth’s resources are not ours to do with what we will. “The Earth is the Lord’s and everything in it” Psalm 24:1. Psalm 104:24-25, “How many are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures beyond number – living things both large and small.” We are but caretakers, stewards, if you will, of God’s creation. If we treat creation with the same love and care God showers on us, ‘what a wonderful world it would be’.

SARA-JANE STEVENS

Priest-in-Charge of Sullington and Thakeham with Warminghurst

PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

You are the love of each living creature, O God.
You are the warmth of the rising sun.
You are the whiteness of the moon at night.
You are the life of the growing earth.
You are the strength of the waves of the sea.
Speak to me this night, O God,
speak to me your truth.
Dwell with me this night, O God,
dwell with me in love.

from *Celtic Prayers from Iona*
J Philip Newell



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Roger Watts (01798 813775)

Gift Aid Officer

Bob Timms (01798 813807)
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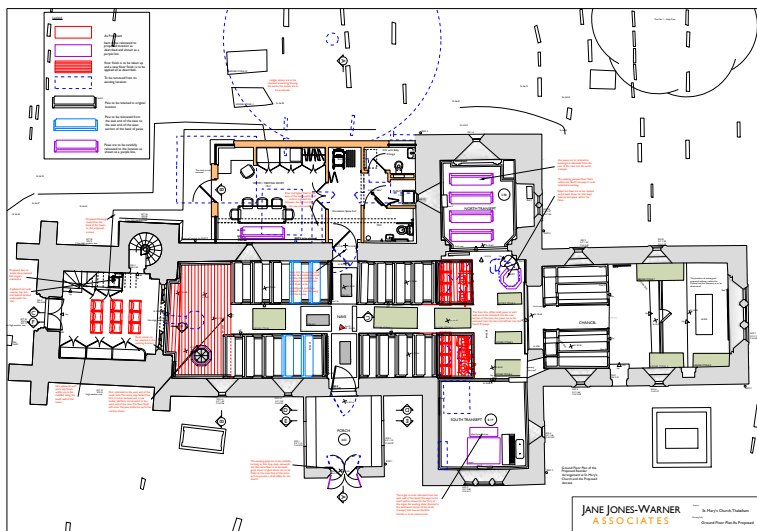
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UPDATE ON PROGRESS ON RE-ORDERING PROJECT FOR ST MARYS THAKEHAM

The public meeting held on 22 July 2018 raised a number of issues as reported in the October 3 *Heralds*.

We have been able to respond to most of these and have incorporated the following solutions in our latest proposals as follows:

- We have moved the coffee area into the bell tower and the dishwasher and fixtures will be located under the stairway leading up to the bell ringers' gallery
- We have enlarged the vestry area to include a meeting room which can be used as a crèche
- We have agreed the layout for the bell ringers
- We have levelled the area round the font at the back of the Church, using steps rather than a ramp
- We will delay the repointing and incorporate the work with the main contract to avoid the necessity to get a separate Faculty



The layout drawing is available for study in the Church Rooms.

These proposals were put to the PCC and it was agreed that we should proceed on this basis. Our architect is now preparing the documentation for the Planning Application and the Faculty, taking into account the comments and reports from the specialist consultative bodies. These include a tree report, bat survey, architectural significance and a statement of need!

It is estimated that it will take eight months to prepare the detailed drawings, specification and tender documents and we hope to receive permission to start work on site early in 2020. We will hold a further information meeting in the autumn to explain the programme.

Thakeham Church invite you to the next

MEN'S BREAKFAST

on **9 March, 8.30am** at Thakeham Village Hall
Come and enjoy a cooked breakfast, an inspirational speaker and good company!
Please let Derek or Lis know if you would like to come by telephoning 01798 813012 (for catering purposes).

Look forward to seeing you there! *Derek Osborne*



FSW Christmas Quiz 2018 – Results



Thank you to everyone who took part in the quiz and to Liz McGregor and Viv Stuart for the preparation and printing, etc.

1st place – a triple tie on 93 points – congratulations to Andrew and Sheila Boulton, Stuart and Chrystalle Kersley and David and Carol Peacock.

4th place – Peter and Sandy Clark (88 points)

5th place – Charles and Felicity Hadley (85 points)

I apologize that section 2 was unclear. The pairings were not the opposite letters. They could be all mixed using all 10 letters in each column - my fault! Some answers were better than mine! But, of course!!

Harold Linfield

Knit and Stitch Tea on Tuesday

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



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

What's happening at

St Mary's Sullington



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Church Flowers

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Lifts to Church

Anne Owen (743973)

Church Fabric Officer

Douglas Parkes (743106)

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Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in us

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

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, starting on Sunday, 7 April.

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

7 April Leprosy – touch and go

5 May Stay put – don't put others at risk

2 June Vaccines – gateway to survive

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

MORNING PRAYERS

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

Everyone is welcome to join her.



LENT LUNCHES

Thakeham, Sullington & Storrington Churches

Lent lunches will start on **Ash Wednesday, 6 March, at 12.45pm** and will continue for six weeks – the last one will be on Wednesday, 10 April. The venue is the Church Rooms, Thakeham.

The lunch is homemade soup and bread roll and cheese followed by coffee and tea and the cost will be £3.00. Any profit will go to local charities

The Revd Sara-Jane Stevens will hold a short time of reflection each Wednesday at 12 noon in the Church Rooms prior to the lunches.

Once again all three parishes will be working together to provide the delicious lunches. All welcome.



The Wild Fortune Quiet Garden



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

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

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

Editor

Easter Lilies

Lilies in memory of loved ones can be ordered for Easter

If you would like to order a lily, please contact Muriel Astley 01798 812706



Tea with the Vicar

4 April 3pm till 5pm
At Muriel Astley's, 41 Martlets,
West Chiltington. All welcome.





What's happening at St Mary's Storrington

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

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PCC Secretary

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Revd Jaquie Peal (743083)

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Stella Hastings & John Taylor (745477)

Captain of Bellringers

John Taylor (745477)

Pastoral Scheme

Barbara Buchanan (741916)

Recorder

Rob and Alison Wall (743713)

Readers and Sidesmen

Vera Blake (743974)

Electoral Roll Officer

Vacant

Director of Music

Stephen Bloxham

Assistant Organists

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

Footsteps (Sunday School):
Jackie Lee (743661)

Church Flowers

Anna Forster (745392)

Child Protection Officer

Jackie Lee (743661)

Bible Reading Fellowship

Amanda Hislop (743700)

Bible Society

Jean Hunt (01798 813681)

Christian Aid Co-ordinator

Anna Forster (745392)

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Church Services see page 18.

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

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

Altar Servers: Revd Jaquie Peal (743083)

Bellringers: Fridays, 7.45pm - 9.30pm.

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

Church Cleaning: Jeannie Watten (742542)

Church & Churchyard Maintenance: Ray Hunt (01798 813681)

Mothers' Union: Jean Hunt (01798 813681)

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

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

ASH WEDNESDAY – 6 March

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

MOTHERING SUNDAY – 31 March

Families are especially invited to the Mothering Sunday Family Service on Sunday, 31 March, at 10am.

CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL COMPLETE RENEWAL

The Church Electoral Roll is a list of baptized people who consider themselves to be supporters of a particular parish church; at this time of year we aim to bring it up to date and this year everyone currently on our Roll will be contacted to enable a new Electoral Roll to be prepared. This happens every six years. If you are not yet on the Roll and would like to be, please find the appropriate form at the back of Church or at the Rectory Office, returning it to Storrington Rectory Office (details above).

STORRINGTON REGISTERS

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

27 Jan Albert Charles Massbery-Radlett (son of Lizzie and Ross)

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

8 Feb John Elliott Frazier-Mills (84 years)

11 Feb Derek Graham Raby (91 years)

14 Feb Grant Trevor Perkins (55 years)

Interment of ashes only:

17 Jan Frederick Walter Lambert (87 years)

18 Jan Sylvia Hyams MBE (86 Years)

St Mary's Church
Church Street
Storrington

*Wednesday 20 March
10am to 11.30am*

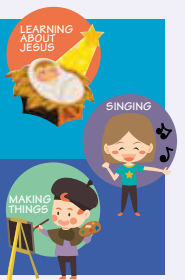
And every 3rd Wednesday of the month

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

Church@4pm 17 March

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.



IN MEMORIAM SYLVIA HYAMS

23 November 1932 to 14 December 2018

Sylvia Hyams (nee Bagnall) was born in Hastings, the third of four children to Richard Dayrell Bagnall OBE and Else May Bagnall. With her two brothers and sister, the family lived in Whitbourne in Herefordshire. Aged around 5, Sylvia had her first car ride when the family moved to Ledbury. Her father died when she was 7 and times were fairly hard so her mother took in army officers in charge of the local POW camp. Aged around 9, Sylvia's contribution to the war effort was to fatten up her pet rabbits and sell them at the Market House in Ledbury. This may have been when she honed her future money-raising skills.

Sylvia attended Court House School in the village, followed by The Alice Ottley School for Girls in Worcester. Being a schoolgirl during the war, a shortage of sugar gave Sylvia a love of sweets and a dislike of the dark. While travelling to school each day by train, there were frequent stops in dark tunnels while air raids took place overhead.

Sylvia was at school on a grant and therefore had to leave aged 16. In 1949 she trained as a Nursery Nurse with Dr Barnardo's at St Christopher's College, Tunbridge Wells and then went to Cardiff University as a mature student to read Social Sciences. Sylvia really enjoyed her time in Cardiff, making lifelong friendships, joining the university choir and singing in Welsh.

After university she joined London County Council as a Child Welfare Officer based in Shoreditch in London's East End and spoke of London smog and the poverty of the area where she worked. She became a senior social worker specialising in the adoption of babies. Her role included finding the best match for babies put up for adoption with their potential new families. This was a hugely important task requiring considerable research, insight and sensitivity. For many years, even to retirement in Storrington, she received news and Christmas cards from families who were so very grateful for her decision making. She and David even attended a couple of weddings of the 'babies' she had placed.

While working in London, Sylvia lived in a flat in the Kings Road, Chelsea and at that time attended the wedding of her oldest brother. It was at the wedding that Sylvia met a youngish man called David, brother of the bride. David had returned from his work abroad and having met Sylvia, also found a flat in the Kings Road, Chelsea! Sylvia and David's mothers lived in the same road in Bexhill, East Sussex and, of course, they were already related through the marriage of David's sister to Sylvia's brother. Despite an age gap of 13 years, Sylvia and David proved to be soul-mates and married on 9 November 1957 at St Peter's Church, Bexhill. Theirs was an extremely happy and fulfilled marriage for just under 50 years until David died in November 2004. David compared his 'Darling Sylvia' to the perfect wife depicted in Proverbs 31 v.29 and wrote of his love for Sylvia for 'your kindness, patience, tolerance, unselfishness, care and cheerfulness'.

Sylvia and David had five children: Caroline, Christopher (who died aged 5 days), Andrew (whose life was lost in a road accident aged 16), Geoffrey and Jennifer. Family life at 29 Mayfair Avenue, Whitton, Middlesex was full of fun and love and activities; often entertaining family, friends and visitors from around the world. While David commuted to London each day, Sylvia brought up their children and made lifelong friends with local families. Together with a friend she opened a preschool nursery, Caroline being in the first intake.

Sylvia and David were members St Mary's Church, Twickenham and

Sylvia recruited other mothers to start a crèche so the mothers could worship while their children were well looked after. They also attended Whitton Baptist Church where Sylvia helped with the Girls' Brigade.

Having left professional work on her marriage, Sylvia returned to nursery school when Jennifer was old enough to go to nursery school herself. Sylvia also worked for a private care agency run by a friend and finally retrained as a school secretary and worked at two schools. For many years Sylvia worked at a Roman Catholic primary school in Teddington, Middlesex. She claimed she was appointed to the job not for her skill with a typewriter but because she was happy to administer first aid to the pupils which the Headmistress, Sister Delores, thought far more skilful than any administrative ability.

Not only did Sylvia carry her bicycle over the Thames footbridge at Teddington Lock each day to school, but she found time to tend a very productive allotment, filled the freezer with home-produced meals and ran the household and additional visitors with efficient but loving precision. She planned the weekly menus and provided a balanced diet to include home preserved fruits, jams, allotment-grown vegetables, home-made biscuits and her famous Seville Orange marmalade which has been enjoyed by numerous households over many years from Whitton to Storrington and beyond.

Sylvia's marmalades feature prominently in her fundraising for Helen House Hospice for Children. This next chapter in her life began when David retired and they moved to Storrington in October 1984. Shortly before their move, Sylvia saw a television interview with Sister Frances Dominica who was inspired to open the first children's hospice in the world on ground belonging to her religious order in Oxford. This idea resonated with Sylvia, and once established in their new Storrington home she put her considerable energy and enthusiasm into fundraising, culminating in an annual Open Day held in October at 9 Hormare Crescent. Sylvia and David sent in excess of £71,000 to Helen House.

During retirement, Sylvia and David enjoyed memorable and adventurous foreign holidays and Sylvia was an enthusiastic gardener who loved birds, especially owls. She also enjoyed sewing and canvas work, reading and walking in the countryside and along the seafront. Together, Sylvia and David were committed to local activities; were joint editors of 3 *Heralds* from 1986 - 1989 and helped to organise the Storrington minibus service. Sylvia helped to set up the Storrington Community Market, becoming Chair and managing this weekly focal point in the village. Sylvia helped with the Sunday Lunch Club, the monthly pop-in lunch club and was secretary of the Alison MacDonell Trust. She was a seasoned speaker at various clubs and societies, always raising awareness of Helen House and donating any fees to their work.

Community work, together with her work for Helen House, awarded her an MBE in the New Year's honours of 2013. Her MBE was a complete surprise to her and she heard about it while staying with Jennifer and her family in Sydney, 11 hours ahead of the UK announcement. Even in laid-back Australia, an invitation to Buckingham Palace for their Grandma led to a certain kudos at school for her grandchildren.

By then Sylvia had become an experienced long-haul traveller, making every trip to Australia on her own and embracing the journeys with her typical no-nonsense approach. Above all, she loved to spend time with her six grandchildren whether in Sydney or Surrey.

Sylvia had a very deep and lifelong Christian faith. She and David led Bible study groups and Sylvia devoted many hours to visiting the

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...IN MEMORIAM *continued*

housebound and others in need of support. In her commitment to St Mary's Storrington, she was a Lay Minister of Communion and served as Churchwarden from 1995 - 1999.

For the last five years of her life, Sylvia's deep friendship with local widower John Bradley was wonderful for them both and added further adventures around the country and abroad. They spent many happy days benefitting from Sylvia's skill and enthusiasm at helming John's boat on the Norfolk Broads. Together they kept a number of favourite pub chefs in business!

In Sylvia's own words, "I have had a very good life with the best possible husband and so many blessings". Sylvia and David together managed to come to terms with their sadness at losing their infant son Christopher and their enormous grief at the death of their son Andrew.

Sylvia's life was one of love and service to others; core Christian values. In celebrating her life, we recognise that her example and influence have been both profound and far reaching. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend. She was efficient, reliable, sensitive, a confidante, true friend and advisor. Her children and grandchildren have been set a very high benchmark of love and positivity and are grateful for all she has taught us and all she has been to us.

Caroline Cudmore, Geoffrey Hyams
and Jennifer Hughes (son and daughters)

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

**Come – Everything is
Ready!**

**St Mary's, Church Street,
Storrington, 2pm on Friday 1 March**

The invitation is for everyone, men, women and children of all ages, to join this Day of Prayer. Women of Slovenia have prepared this year's service. They encourage us to reflect on the barriers they have faced since the end of the Second World War when their country was part of Yugoslavia. They share the challenges they have met and their hopes for the future.

World day of Prayer is an international, inter-church organisation which enables us to hear the thoughts of women from all parts of the world; their hopes, concerns and prayers. An international committee is based in New York and there are national committees in each participating country.

Much work is done in preparation for the Day, which is celebrated in over 120 countries. It begins in Samoa and prayer in native languages spreads across the world; through Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe, the Americas, finishing in American Samoa some 38 hours later.

All are welcome to take part at St Mary's, Storrington.

Refreshments follow.



WELCOME EASTER DAY ON THE SOUTH DOWNS!

Members of Storrington's Trinity Methodist Church will be gathering at Chantry Post, at the top of Chantry Lane, on Easter Day, 21 April, at 6.30am to welcome the day of Christ's resurrection.

There will be a service lasting 30-45 minutes led by Revd Dawn Carn.

A warm welcome, including coffee and hot cross bun, to anyone who would like to join us!



Car parking available.

Christians in Storrington Monthly Inter-Church Prayer Meetings Everyone welcome

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

Tuesday, 5 March – Chemin Neuf Community will lead
Tuesday, 2 April – Our Lady of England RC Church will lead
One in faith and love and praise

**Easter floral
workshop.....
take home an
arrangement
and pop it on
the table for
Easter**
... simple!



at The Old Workshop,
Sullington Manor Farm,
Sullington Lane,
Storrington, RH20 4AE
01903 745754

On Saturday 13 April 2019

Morning: 10am – 12 noon
or

Afternoon: 2pm – 4pm

All you need to bring are your secateurs and some scissors!
Please ensure you let us know the shape of your table!

£25 per head – to book a place call 01798 812658 or
email info@st-marys-sullington.org

In aid of St Mary's church, Sullington

ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS RAFA CHAPEL SUSSEXDOWN

**Communion with the residents
28 March 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



FRENCH FILM NIGHT

**Friday, 22 March 2019
at 7.30pm**

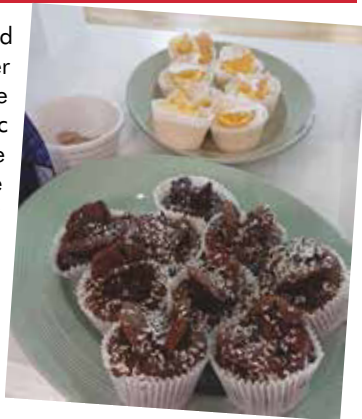
**at Trinity Methodist
Church, Storrington**

Further details please visit our website:
storringtontwinning.co.uk or contact 01903 744024 / 745325



TGIF JANUARY LAUNCH!

The TGIF Youth group hosted the first clubs and societies taster evening in January and were delighted with the enthusiastic turn out. Eager enquirers were greeted with a veritable cake mountain to set the tone for any new members of the youth group, with food-based activities being the mainstay of our programme. Grateful thanks to all the clubs and groups who came out and demonstrated for us and also particularly to the talented bakers who provided such sweet treats for the evening. It was great to host such a successful all-age event bringing so many different facets of village life together in the fabulous new Hall.



WEST CHILTINGTON AND STORRINGTON MOTHERS' UNION

Mother's UNION

Christian care for families

At the AGM on 7 February, Jean Hunt presented the accounts, accepted by the members, and then gave the Branch Report for the past year.

The new Branch Leader, Sally Boyland, and Secretary, Ella Coventry, were elected in September but took up their roles at this meeting. Committee Members Sonia Fox, Stella Hastings, Pauline Turier and Jeannie Watten were duly elected.

Stella Hastings was thanked for her service to the Branch as Secretary and presented with a gift. Jean Hunt also received gifts but remains in office as Treasurer for this Triennial.

The business being concluded, members then shared their favourite poems, ranging from serious and spiritual to funny and hilarious. Several favourite poems were those learnt at school, familiar to us all but well-worth hearing again.

Before our next meeting on **7 March**, we shall be providing and serving the Lent Lunch, for £5, at West Chiltington Church Hall at 12noon. Do come along and join us and then stay for our meeting at 2pm when the Revd David Coleman will tell us about his Journey of Faith.

Jean Hunt



CHEMIN NEUF COMMUNITY

The Priory, School Lane, Storrington

EVENTS AT THE PRIORY

QUIET DAYS AT THE PRIORY

Wednesdays 10am-4pm
27 March 2019; 5 June 2019

Step off the world for one day... a talk, guided prayer and simple lunch. Spiritual Accompaniment if you would like it.

For any further information or to reserve a place,
storrington@chemin-neuf.org

The Chemin Neuf Community

Lent Course

Lord Jesus, Teach Me to Pray

The Priory
25 February for 7 weeks

Anyone, from any Church, who wants to deepen their life of faith and prayer will be very welcome. Charles and Felicity Hadley with Iwona Peda, Head of House, will be leaders. Meetings Mondays at 7pm for about one and a half hours.

More details from Charles and Felicity on 740787 or email Charles.felicity@gmail.com and Iwona Peda on 742150 or email storrington@chemin-neuf.org

CARMIN BURANA

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SULLINGTON 122 YEARS AGO

EXTRACTS FROM CANON PALMER'S DIARY – MARCH 1897

Mon 1: Fair morning, turned to heavy rain in afternoon. 43 degrees. To Angmering, to Orme's where a paper on 'advertising' in the Church, some 10 present, well sustained: moderation and sobriety advised as most in accord with Christian Principles. Home in soaking rain. The rest to a Storrington Concert, where the girls gave their duologue. Hal left.

Tue 2: Fine till evening when heavy rain to a gale. 43 degrees. Board of Guardians, only just a quorum: decided on a new well. Maud Margesson and her younger brother lunched. We all watched a game of football at Storrington.

Wed 3: Ash Wednesday. A strong NW gale with rain and sleet. 40 degrees. Hardly able to get to Church at 11am, only ourselves. At about 11am the large elm to the left of the gate crashed down, nearly reaching the drawing room window! A terrible wreck and irredeemable gap! Also a good young tree close to the rails in the west hedge of the upper meadow. Had my last service at Cobden, concluding the parable of the prodigal and a class of confirmees.

Thu 4: Cicely's birthday XVIII. Again very rough and with constant storms. 40 degrees. Men at the big elm. I drive Cicely to call at Wiston Rectory: find old N looking very well.

Fri 5: Generally fine. 39 degrees. Spent most of my day in the garden assisting clearing up, witnessing root blasting etc.

Sat 6: Dull, raw showery. 40 degrees. Lidbetter and co. have nearly disposed of the elm which lies in large confusion all over the lawn. Attended the first meeting of the Roads Committee at Storrington. F Chapman called in looking very well.

Sun 7: Lent I. Rather raw but fine and quiet. 40 degrees. Fair congregations. Sermon in the morning on the miracle of the Leprosy with application to the Holy Communion "Crumbs needed" humility and persevering faith. In afternoon Catechized on questions after the Creed and then had the Cobden and other girls. In evening a very old sermon on Fifth Commandment applied to parents, taking first lesson Genesis XXII as basis.

Mon 8: Very fine with a little frost. 36 degrees. Grand day for clearing our lawn a little of big elm pieces. Finished most of wall trees.

Tue 9: Dull to rain from SE. 45 degrees. School 26/33. Walked with May to Fryern, where saw Arthur and his bride and Captain Congreve. Men still sawing away and clearing the 'lugs' of the elm.

Wed 10: Fine afternoon, wet morning with some cold storms. 41 degrees. Brighton for hairdressing and my first attendance at the Standing Committee of the Conference full meeting.

Thu 11 – Sat 13: Dull and showery generally. At Goodwood for County Council and Asylum meetings. Hal and I and Edmund Cartwright came over to lunch on the Saturday afternoon, latter en route to Burpham.

Sun 14: Lent II. Very rough and wet and raw. 45 degrees. Had, of course, very small congregations. Preached from an old sermon on the 2 sacraments as "Helps" provided by our Saviour (in connection with Collect) and in afternoon on Bethel, tracing the gradual knowledge of God's Presence through the Old and New Testaments.

Mon 15: Heavy rain storms all day. 43 degrees. Kept in all day with a cold. Hal left this afternoon.

Tue 16: Heavy storms but afternoon clear. 45 degrees. Board of Guardians and District Council lasting until 3.30p.m. Much talk about roads; appointed our Surveyor again with a caution.

Wed 17: Very heavy rain at intervals. 48 degrees. Amount of rain fall must be very great. Our Confirmation at Storrington at 3pm. I

presented 7 lads and 4 girls, for us a good number and I think in better trim than usual. The whole number was 61. The Bishop was very direct and earnest in his address, and not too long. The service only an hour.

Thu 18: Finer, clearing E. Stirling with Miss Holland came on a visit: we dined young Robertson and Anderson.

Fri 19: Fine with brisk westerly. 46 degrees. Preached at Pulborough in evening, notes on Isaiah 6 v 1 The importance of realising the Unseen: May with me. Heard of the death of Knight of North Chapel.

Sat 20: Fine, bright. 48 degrees. The whole afternoon taken up with some races of the pupils from Washington to Storrington. Mr Harringworth called: his manners saponaceous somewhat.

Sun 21: Fine but rather foggy. 49 degrees. My congregations today but poor considering this very soft, spring-like day. Old sermon on "The Kingdom of God is not in Word but in Power" and on the neighbourliness of common worship! Evelyn Margesson and his sister walked over to tea and we walked with them to the hilltop; he a very intelligent fellow, stationed at Allalabad.

Mon 22: Fine, the Downs hazy, some showers from SW. 50 degrees. Rode to enquire after Andrew, Parham, injured – teaed with the Gynns: visited the fallen trees in Parham on my way back: Hal drove up behind me unexpectedly. Ground too wet for doing much in the garden.

Tue 23: Fine, downs foggy. Warm 48 degrees. School 30/33. The young ones had a bicycle run in their numbers. We blew up our big piece of elm near the gate. Felton and Dorian Smith dined.

Wed 24: Much as yesterday. 48 degrees. The home party over to Petworth to be present at the practising, sowing onions and parsnips etc. finished pruning. Have got in some of the neighbouring labourers in the evening to do odd jobs.

Thu 25: As yesterday. 50 degrees. Painters begin outside. Planting potatoes and sowing small seeds. Spent the best part of my morning over the Glover's farm hearing Hurst deal with 4 tenants, one of whom Avennell took things much to heart. A large bicycle party who had been to Waltham teaed here.

Fri 26: Rather misty and stormy from the South. 48 degrees. To Chichester asylum committee: Neel to Littlehampton. Hal leaves for London.

Sat 27: Windy but fine from West. 48 degrees. Our two guests leave. Hal returns in evening rather disappointed. I call on Faithful and talk over the Glover's farm etc. Cicely and May take tea with Mrs Hainesworth of Chantry.

Sun 28: Lent IV. Dull and misty, strong SW. 45 degrees. Fair congregations considering: preached two old sermons Sacrament on the Nature and Dealing with Temptation and on Joseph the Type of Christ in His "Come Near To Me". Had some of my recently confirmed about Communion.

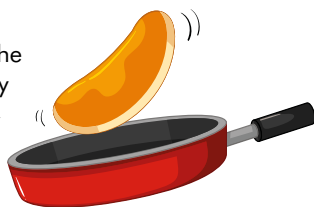
Mon 29: Bright and colder. 42 degrees. Avery brisk vigorous air. Rather frosty morning. Good for all the work that is going on in the farm and garden. Dragging meadows, painting house.

Tue 30: As yesterday. 42 degrees. Early frost. Board of Guardians sampler day, long and muddling. After which sowed sweat peas, potato planting goes on merrily.

Wed 31: Dull and showery. 48 degrees. School 27/34. To Cobden visiting with May: made fixtures for our Confirmed to attend here to prepare for Holy Communion.

THE PULBOROUGH PANCAKE DAY IS BACK!

After a break of a few years, the famous Pulborough Pancake Day is back on **Shrove Tuesday, 5 March.**



With another generation of the Kaiser family running the event, the aim is to beat the 600 pancake sales from the last event in 2010!

This charity event will be supporting the local Macmillan Cancer Care for the Palliative Unit at Midhurst, the Pulborough Lunch Club and Wednesday Afternoon Club that provide meals and social entertainment on a weekly basis for many local elderly residents from Pulborough and the local villages.

The event will run from 11.30am to 3pm and from 5.30 to 9pm in Pulborough Village Hall. Freshly made savoury and sweet pancakes will be on offer, licenced bar and a tombola. René and Louise Kaiser are the pancake makers with local chefs, Lee Forbes, Cathy Roberts and Jason Taylor-Bowers in the kitchen during the serving times.

For more details please contact Louise Kaiser on 07872393098 or email louisemkaiser@hotmail.com.

STORRINGTON VILLAGE DAY IS TO BE REVIVED!



Storrington Village Day Committee, led by Storrington & Pulborough Rotary Club, has held its first meeting and is developing an exciting programme for this great new summer event.

Village Day will be held on the Hormare Recreation Ground on Saturday 29 June, starting at 1pm until 6pm. The 1pm start will give everyone time to enjoy the afternoon's attractions, displays and arena acts.

The committee is keen to have a big village input and is encouraging as many groups as possible to join in and contribute to a fun day for the whole community. All proceeds from the event will be used to support many village activities for young people.

Village Day Committee Chairman, Tony Vaughan, said, "We are planning a fun packed day with something to lift everyone's spirits. It's an opportunity to bring the community together and for as many local groups as possible to show the village what they can do."

Entry to the event will be free.

The day will include singing and dancing by local school children, a professional entertainer, a climbing wall, funfair and games, Morris Dancing, bar and BBQ, Lions giant book fair, grand raffle, car boot sale, a display by SADCASE classic car enthusiasts, teas and cakes, songs performed by Chance, as well as charity, craft and trade stalls.

Local traders/businesses/local groups, clubs and societies, wishing to be involved in this biggest Storrington community event of the year, should contact Tony Vaughan by email: tvaughan.ashanti@btinternet.com or call 740633.

To book a stall pitch, contact: storringtonvillageday@outlook.com or call 07477 829967

To book a car boot sale pitch, contact: carboot@theallisonfamily.co.uk or call 01798 813314

**St Mary's Church
Storrington Concert
Committee presents**



BRIGHTON WELSH MALE VOICE CHOIR

at St Mary's Church, Storrington

**SATURDAY
2 MARCH
7.30pm**



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**10am until 12noon
The Green, Sullington Warren**

Come and join in the family fun
mums and dads needed to help
with the children
Refreshments at
Trinity Methodist Church
— everyone welcome!



STORRINGTON FLOWER CLUB

**Wednesday 27 March at 2pm
Sullington Parish Hall**

Demonstrator: *Maggie Hayes*
Theme: *Anytime, Anywhere, Anyplace*
Competition: *Spring Sensation*



PARHAM HOUSE & GARDENS PREPARES FOR BUSY NEW SEASON

Parham House & Gardens is delighted to have won the Silver Award in Beautiful South's Small Visitor Attraction category for 2018, and is now preparing for a busy 2019 season with a new series of events and guided tours. The House & Gardens will re-open on Sunday 21 April for a weekend of Easter family fun.

Highlights of the 2019 season include a Needlework Display, returning by popular request after last year, giving visitors an opportunity to discover in more detail Parham's needlework collection, including items that are not normally on view.

There will also be an Embroidery Masterclass led by Royal School of Needlework tutor, Chrissie Juno Mann.

Parham's annual Garden Weekend returns on the 13-14 July, followed by a new event, A Taste of Parham, on 5-6 October. Bringing together the best of homemade food, locally grown produce and estate life, visitors will be able to enjoy activities including deer walks and cookery demonstrations.

Parham is also introducing a new series of guided tours of the House and Gardens, which will be available for individuals to book. Tours include an exclusive Garden Walk with Parham Head Gardener Tom Brown and special interest tours on Parham's clocks.

The House and Gardens are open to visitors on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, Sundays and Bank Holidays.

For more information please visit: www.parhaminsussex.co.uk.



2019 EVENTS

Needlework On Display

Wednesday 22 May – Sunday 2 June

Parham is home to possibly the finest and most important collection of embroidery in the United Kingdom. This display, returning by popular request after last year, gives visitors an enhanced opportunity to discover Parham's needlework collection, including items that are not normally on view.

Parham's Artist In Residence Exhibition

Wednesday 5 June – Sunday 30 June

This year's Artist in Residence, celebrated photographer Elizabeth Zeschin, has been using a traditional large format plate view camera to capture the House, Gardens and landscape at Parham and she develops the photographs herself. Discover Elizabeth's interpretation of Parham before or after exploring the House and Gardens that have inspired her work.

Parham Garden Weekend

Saturday 13 – Sunday 14 July

One of the highlights of the gardening calendar, the Garden Weekend invites specialist nurseries from across the South East to showcase a wide variety of high quality flowers and plants. Parham's flagship event includes garden tours, talks and demonstrations from leading experts.

A Taste Of Parham

Saturday 5 – Sunday 6 October

A Taste of Parham brings together the very best of homemade food, locally grown produce and estate life. With deer walks, apple growing advice, cookery demonstrations and talks from expert growers and producers, visitors can also enjoy the spectacular seasonal displays and explore artisan stalls selling local food and drink.



SANDGATE SINGERS STORRINGTON

Sandgate Singers was founded in 1983 to offer members of the local community an opportunity to participate and gain personal benefits of choral singing.

It is a known fact that singing in choirs aids improvements in physical and mental wellbeing.

Since the choir's conception it has grown in stature into a vibrant, mixed choir of significance within West Sussex, having 80 plus members. The choir performs three concerts each year comprising varied programs of both classic choral works and secular works.

The choir is fortunate to benefit from the services of a highly regarded musical director Peter Allwood and the support of a well-known accompanist Alison Manton. Both are local to the area.

In 2018, the choir performed at Arundel Cathedral, Our Lady of England Church Storrington, and Steyning Grammar School, Rock Road Site, Thakeham. Programmes included *The Armed Man* by Karl Jenkins, songs from the shows, and *Magnificat* by John Rutter.

Auditions are not required, though a basic skill in reading music would be beneficial. Everyone is most welcome to attend rehearsals on a trial basis for two weeks, and the choir welcomes all ages. Currently the choir is looking for new members, particularly men, to balance the voice sections. If you are interested in exploring membership of the choir further, please refer to the website for information and contact details.

<https://www.sandgatesingers.com> and local press

Concert dates for 2019

Saturday 6 April	Orff – <i>Carmina Burana</i> , Venue: Steyning Grammar School, Shooting Field, Steyning
Saturday 13 July	Operetta and Opera Choruses, Venue: Steyning Grammar School, Rock Road Thakeham
Sunday 8 December	Carol Concert



St Barnabas House Hospice Outreach Project

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

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

Wednesday 6 March and 3 April – 10am to 2pm

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

1ST STORRINGTON RAINBOWS AND 2ND STORRINGTON BROWNIES

Each year, Guiding all around the world celebrates Thinking Day on 22 February, as it is the joint birthday of our founders Lord and Lady Baden-Powell.

In February last year, my husband and I spent a few days in Singapore after a holiday encompassing travel to Cuba, Mexico, Hawaii and New Zealand, and prior to joining a cruise for the final leg of our trip. As we were there on Thinking Day, we took a train ride to visit the Singapore Guide Headquarters a few miles north of our hotel. We were welcomed in by a lady who introduced herself as PK, a former Trefoil president from 2013 to 2017. When leaders travel abroad we often take some Guiding badges with us if we think there may be an opportunity get some from another country. I was happy to swap my English badges and receive several Singapore badges in return, which are now proudly displayed on my camp blanket as a memento of the trip.



I was surprised and pleased to receive a recent e-mail from PK recalling our visit a year ago, and wishing our Rainbows and Brownies a happy 2019 World Thinking Day. I have replied and sent some photos of the girls. Singapore does not have Rainbow units and the leaders I spoke to were quite enthralled at the thought of 5 year olds in uniform. Brownie and Guide units are run by teachers as after-school clubs, and so there is never a problem finding leaders.

Singapore celebrated the Chinese New Year in February. The Rainbows learnt about this year's animal, and made pig cards as a memento, with a curly pipe cleaner tail.



Joan Parkes



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

JULIA DONALDSON TO SET OFF THE STARTING PISTOL AT THE 21ST STORRINGTON VILLAGE DUCK RACE ON SUNDAY 12 MAY



The Friends of Storrington Primary School are delighted to announce we have a special guest joining us for the 21st Storrington Village Duck Race from midday on Sunday 12 May at the Library Car Park.

Julia Donaldson will be coming along to start the first race of the day and to show her support for one of the most 'quackers' local events in West Sussex.

Julia Donaldson CBE is an English writer, playwright and performer, and the 2011–2013 Children's Laureate. She is best known for her popular rhyming stories for children which include *The Gruffalo*, *Room on the Broom* and *Stick Man*.

Julia will come along to get the day underway by starting the first race of the day which promises thrills and spills as the ducks race to glory alongside a great range of entertainment for all the family.

The first race starts at approximately 12.30pm so join us from midday on Sunday 12 May at Riverside Walk and Library Car Park to race ducks and raise money for the Friends of Storrington Primary School. There will more hotly contested races this year with six heats, with the top ten ducks from each heat being entered into the Grand Finale, making seven races in all. Prizes are on offer for each of the heats with cash prizes available for the winning ducks in the Grand Finale.

To add to the fun, there will be fun-fair rides and face-painting, craft stalls, music, bar, refreshments, ice-cream and cakes plus the ever popular BBQ, and local band Rocket Rockit will be performing classic tunes, old and new.

All proceeds from the Duck Race will go to Storrington Primary School to provide and maintain facilities and equipment for the children.

The Duck Race team are taking bookings for stands now so if you have an idea for a stall or a craft business that you want to promote please get in touch with foss.school@aol.co.uk.



Come and join our SPACE

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

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

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

For more information contact: Storrington Rectory Office (742888)



BINGO



Thursday 14 March
and on the second Thursday of every month
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CHURCH SERVICES AT A GLANCE

DATE	FESTIVAL OR SUNDAY	STORRINGTON St Mary's	THAKEHAM St Mary's	SULLINGTON St Mary's
3 March	Sunday Next before Lent	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Family Communion 6pm Evensong	10.30am Joint Family Communion	8am Celtic Communion
6 March	ASH WEDNESDAY	7pm Ash Wednesday Eucharist with imposition of ashes		
10 March	Lent 1	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion + Footsteps 6pm Evensong	9.30am Morning Prayer	8am Traditional Communion 10.30am Mattins
17 March	Lent 2	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion + Footsteps 4pm Church@4	8am Celtic Communion	10.30am Joint Family Communion
24 March	Lent 3	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion + Footsteps 6pm Evensong	9.30am Family Communion	11.30am Family Communion
31 March	Lent 4 Mothering Sunday	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Family Communion 6pm Evensong	No Service (Joint Family Communion at Sullington)	10.30am Joint Family Communion for Mothering Sunday
7 April	Lent 5 Passiontide	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Family Communion 6pm Evensong	10.30am Joint Family Service (with Sullington)	8am Iona Communion

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

OTHER CHURCH DETAILS

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Our Lady of England, Monastery Lane

Mass – Saturday 6pm, Sunday 8am and 10am

Daily Mass: Monday – Friday 9am.

For other midweek services, confessions etc., please contact

Parish Priest: Fr Charles Howell

2 St. John's, Fern Road, Storrington RH20 4LW

Tel: 740338

STORRINGTON CHAPEL

North Street

Sunday Services 10.30am, 6.30pm

Church Elder: Graham Thrussell

Tel: 01243 545737

grahamthrussell.GT@gmail.com

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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

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Thakeham Road

Sunday Service 10.30am

Minister: Revd Dawn Carn

4 Gorse Avenue, Worthing, BN14 9PG

Tel: 260356 (Church Office: 746390)

www.trinitymethodiststorrington.uk

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WEEKLY EVENTS

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

Storrington Library Opening Hours – Tel. 839050

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

The Churches of Storrington invite you to

SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB

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

1pm on Second Sunday each month (except August)

at the Old School, School Lane, Storrington

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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

MARCH	
Fri 1	
2pm	World Day of Prayer – p10
Sat 2	
10am	Storrington Conservation Society – Working Party – p31
7.30pm	Concert – Brighton Welsh Male Voice Choir – p15
Sun 3 SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT	
Mon 4	
7pm	<i>Chemin Neuf</i> Lent Course – p13
7.30pm	Storrington Museum – AGM – p22
Tue 5	
10am	Inter-Church prayers – RC Church (side-chapel) – p10
11.30am & 5.30pm	Pulborough Pancake Day – p15
2pm	SPACE – Arts and Craft Group – p17
Wed 6 ASH WEDNESDAY	
10am	St Barnabas Outreach – Library Car Park – p16
12 noon	Lent Reflection - Thakeham Church Rooms – p5
12.45pm	Lent Lunch - Thakeham Church Rooms – p5
2.30pm	Arts Society Storrington – Lecture – p27
7pm	Ash Wednesday Eucharist - St Mary's, Storrington
Thu 7	
10.30am	Pop-In Lunch Club – p18
12 noon	MU Lent Lunch - West Chiltington Church followed by <i>My Journey of Faith</i> with the Revd David Coleman – p13
7.30pm	Storrington Camera Club – Meeting – p24
Sat 9	
8.30am	Men's Breakfast – p4
Sun 10 LENT 1	
11.45am	Baptism – St Mary's, Storrington, of Emilia Philippa Tucker (daughter of Ellie and Josh)
1pm	Sunday Lunch Club – p18
Mon 11	
7pm	<i>Chemin Neuf</i> Lent Course – p13
7.30pm	Thakeham Gardeners' Club – Meeting – p24
Wed 13	
12 noon	Lent Reflection – Thakeham Village Hall – p5
12.45pm	Lent Lunch – Thakeham Village Hall – p5
7.30pm	Rotary Film Night – <i>A Star is Born</i> – p22
Thu 14	
7.30pm	Bingo – Mary How Trust – p17
7.45pm	Storrington Dramatic Society – <i>The Thrill of Love</i> – p24
Fri 15	
7.30pm	Storrington Horticultural Society – Meeting – p34
7.45pm	Storrington Dramatic Society – <i>The Thrill of Love</i> – p24
Sat 16	
7.45pm	Storrington Dramatic Society – <i>The Thrill of Love</i> – p24

Sun 17 LENT 2	
11.45am	Baptism – St Mary's, Storrington, of Nelly Belinda Marie Windeatt (daughter of Lucy and Dion)
4pm	Church@4pm – St Mary's, Storrington – p6
Mon 18	
7pm	<i>Chemin Neuf</i> Lent Course – p13
Tue 19	
2pm	Knit & Stitch Tea – p4
2pm	SPACE – Arts and Craft Group – p17
Wed 20	
10am	Cafe in the Church – St Mary's, Storrington – p6
12 noon	Lent Reflection – Thakeham Church Rooms – p5
12.45pm	Lent Lunch – Thakeham Church Rooms – p5
7.30pm	Sullington Windmills WI – Meeting – p28
Thu 21	
7.30pm	Storrington Camera Club – Meeting – p24

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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL DAYS

MARCH	
Fri 1	David, Patron of Wales, c.601
Sat 2	St Chad, 672 - Bishop of York, introduced Christianity to Mercia
Thu 7	Perpetua, Felicity and their Companions, 203 , Christian martyrs
Fri 8	Edward King, 1910 , Bishop of Lincoln <i>Felix of Burgundy, 647</i> , credited as the man who introduced Christianity to the kingdom of East Anglia. <i>Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy, 1929</i> , priest and poet, nicknamed 'Woodbine Willie' during World War I for giving Woodbine cigarettes along with spiritual aid to injured and dying soldiers
Sun 17	Patrick, Patron of Ireland, c.460
Mon 18	Cyril of Jerusalem, 386 , bishop, confessor and doctor of early church
Wed 20	JOSEPH OF NAZARETH Cuthbert, 687 , monk, bishop and hermit, considered Patron Saint of Northern England
Thu 21	Thomas Cranmer, 1556 , leader of the English Reformation and Archbishop of Canterbury
Sun 24	Walter Hilton of Thurgarton, 1396 , English Augustinian mystic <i>Paul Couturier, 1953</i> , French priest, instrumental in establishment of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. <i>Oscar Romero, 1980</i> , Archbishop of San Salvador, assassinated
Mon 25	ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Tue 26	Harriet Monsell, 1883 , Nun, founded the Community of St. John Baptist
Sun 31	John Donne, 1631 , poet, Dean of St Paul's Cathedral in London, and MP

STORRINGTON & SULLINGTON – REFLECTIONS OF THE PAST

FIRE! (PART 2) AND RESCUE

We left the Storrington Volunteer Fire Brigade busily scrubbing and cleaning Mr Lurcock's house after they had washed soil and mud from his garden into his kitchen with their exciting new fire engine demonstration in The Square.

The new engine needed more space than the manual Merryweather pump, so the wall of its shed was pulled down and the fire station in West Street extended out to street level. A local carpenter who had a son in the Worthing Fire Brigade made big glass-fronted doors for the extended building. They had just £35 in the bank to meet the price of the new engine which cost £400 and they also needed more fire hose. Nothing daunted, Charles Mant visited Capt Ralph Stobert of Abingworth and Major Hartley-Clark of West Chilton, both of whom had recently had fires which the Storrington Volunteer Fire Brigade had attended, also Col Ravenscroft JP of The Abbey, and persuaded them to join with him and his wife, Mrs Ethel Mant, guaranteeing a £500 overdraft at the bank. This group became Trustees.

Later when Capt Stobart left the district and Major Harley-Clark asked to be released, the overdraft had been greatly reduced, so



Fire at Abingworth



Charles Mant visited AER Gilligan, the cricketer [also later an England selector] who lived locally and had his house saved from fire, to replace them. He was a great supporter of the Brigade and agreed to become a trustee.

The next thing they needed was a lighter appliance to bring back dirty hose from fires, inspect hydrants and attend chimney fires. They had a very good and useful member of the Fire Brigade at the time, Ralph Peterson, who owned School Hill Garage [demolished with other buildings when today's Waitrose was built], and who knew what was needed. He had a Chevrolet chassis taken in part-exchange and gave this to the Brigade. A fire tender body was made locally and this was fitted with new tyres, a ladder, hose box and two fire extinguishers.



First motorised engine – solid-tyred Fiat



Storrington Fire Station in 1930

By 1929, some 'very useful' new recruits included 'Roly' Greenfield, who later became Second Officer, and eventually Chief Fire Officer, George Goring and Billy Bowers. By 1933, the overdraft was cleared and with new money another pumping unit was

purchased – a Dennis fire engine with Bayley Fire Escape, offered by Chief Officer Delve of Croydon Fire Brigade. Next, a new calling system, an electric siren was bought and fitted to the roof of Charles Mant's house – 'Gedding' in Church Street. Storrington's turn-out time was considerably improved by this installation. A lot of fires were now being attended with the result that Billingshurst and District asked Storrington Volunteer Fire Brigade to take them over. Their equipment, now with two fire pumps and a tender, needed more space again and the men themselves built a second bay out to the street where the two engines stood proudly side by side behind glass doors. The self-building saved a lot of money, only the cost of materials and "beer for those who worked" was involved. The Hon Clive Pearson of Parham, who had his own private Fire Brigade, gave them the large door posts needed and "a terrific beam" to go across the front of the building. Charles Mant recalled "we had some friends and helpers in those days."

The year was now 1937, and rumours of forthcoming troubles were circulating. All the Fire Chiefs were called together to discuss what the Fire Brigades should do in case of war and in 1938 the Fire Brigade Act was passed. 1400 Volunteer Fire Brigades in the country became the responsibility of the local councils and it became law for them to be rate-supported and taken over. Charles Mant bemoaned the passing of the volunteer spirit and the idea that "we all worked hard for a common cause, i.e. to defeat the enemy always with us – FIRE". Steyning and Henfield Fire Brigades were bought out by the Chanctonbury Rural District Council who contracted with the Storrington Voluntary Fire Brigade to carry out their duties for the annual sum of £393 per annum. Charles Mant was appointed Honorary Chief Officer for the whole of the Chanctonbury area – 114 square miles. Their job was now much more important and they needed to provide equipment for the whole district. As the old Fiat had been in service since 1928, it was felt advisable to purchase a third appliance.

A Bedford truck with large hose box and extension ladder, a pump on a trailer towed by the Bedford was "one of the new Worthington-Simpson pumps that proved to be, later on, a very fine war-time pump." At the same time, a call-bell system was installed in each man's house, operated from 'Gedding'. War-time readiness included sub-stations at Houghton, Amberley, Coldwaltham, Pulborough, West Chilton, Thakeham, Washington, Ashington, Water Lane Sullington, Beeding, Small Dole, Shermanbury and Woodmancote. These, with the three main stations at Storrington, Steyning and Henfield, were all organised by Charles Mant. The Fire Guard attached to the Civil Defence was also formed in places too small for a fire brigade. The Fire Control Room was at 'Gedding' and the volunteer telephone operators were trained by Mrs Ethel Mant. Her staff during the day were Mr and Mrs AER Gilligan, Miss Morris, Mrs Mortimer, an old lady from West Chilton, Miss Langhorne and others. Night duty was undertaken by Mrs Mant herself.

After Dunkirk "Things hotted up – August-September – the Germans were coming over at all times and incidents happened all over my area – Mrs Mant and I did not have our clothes off for weeks on end. Our biggest daylight raid and fights overhead was on September 4 1940. My Chanctonbury units did splendid work that day – we had many planes brought down in my district at Pulborough, Storrington, Washington, Henfield and Steyning. Everyone who was in the Control Room and out on the job with machines worked with a will – my head man at Pulborough, Leading Fireman Mackie, sustained a very bad accident that day whilst going to a crashed German plane at Toat. He had a 'head-on' collision in Toat Lane with an army vehicle. He sustained a broken pelvis etc."

In addition to her telephone duties, Mrs Mant used to provide and

make tea for the various crews and Miss Morris took it over to Cootham squad and other nearby stations.

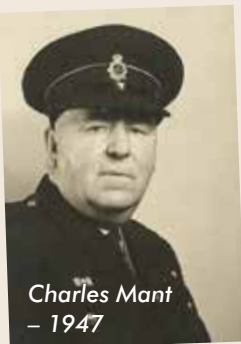
August 1941. The Fire Service stations and sub-stations became merged into 32 Fire Force, with Divisional Officer H J Jones of Worthing in control of this division, and Fire Force Commander Lou Calvo in charge of



Storrington Fire Brigade, circa 1940 - 42

the whole Fire Force with HQ at Woking – he had part of Surrey and all West Sussex under him. As a fireman at Brighton, he had taught Charles Mant to drive his first motor fire engine.

When the new NFS [National Fire Service] was set up, the government bought the fire appliances at Storrington, except the old Fiat which was sold to be broken up, and the Storrington manual Merryweather pump was later presented to the WSCC to be kept for all time as a museum piece: [for some time it was displayed in the big Fire Brigade building in Chichester and then went to its permanent home in Amberley Museum]. The Control Room behind 'Gedding' was requisitioned by the Home Office, also the Fire Station in West Street, and made into a full-time station. Girls were installed in the Control Room; first Miss Mitchell, who afterwards married Fred Burdock, a full-time fireman here, and Audrey Powell, who developed TB after the war and lived with the Mant's after being discharged fit from Aldingbourne. She married Mr Cripps. Mrs Mant was made Leading Firewoman.



*Charles Mant
- 1947*

After the war in 1948, Charles Mant was awarded the King's Fire Service Medal in that New Year's Honours List and also the Fire Services highest award, The Services Rendered Decoration. The award was presented on behalf of the King by the then Lord Leconfield on the lawns of the WSCC's Chanctonbury House, watched by Mrs Ethel Mant and the 90-year-old Mrs Mant, Charles Mant's mother – "the last time she walked up Church Street." The NFS lasted for three years after the war

and Charles Mant retired from service in 1947. The Brigades were handed over to the County Councils: Storrington, Steyning and Henfield, with the other West Sussex councils to the WSCC, and Mr A J Bridie OBE was appointed its first Fire Chief Officer. One of his first acts was to invite Charles Mant to come back into service with the rank of Assistant Divisional Officer to look after retained stations in the 'A' Division under Divisional Officer T A Heslith.

A New Role

On 26 June 1949, the Brigade sent an appliance from Petworth to attempt to rescue a carthorse which had fallen down a well at New Place Farm, Plaistow. Hazelmere also sent an appliance and crew. It was very difficult, and finally Charles Mant was phoned and asked if he could help. Although he took his pulleys and slings, [his day job was as a vet], they could not get the poor horse out alive as an overhead roof made it impossible to use their equipment.



*Presentation to Charles Mant by
Lord Leconfield - 1948*

On 27 June 1949, they were called to rescue a cow bogged in a muddy ditch at Coldwaltham Brooks and Charles Mant was called out again; this rescue was successful. Chief Officer Bridie was present and the decision was made at once that they must have an Animal Rescue Section of the West Sussex Fire Brigade. Charles Mant was asked to improvise slings, hobbles, a hood for head protection etc, which he did. They went to a marine store at Portsmouth and bought a set of pulleys and blocks for raising animals and Charles Mant went on a lecture tour of 23 stations in West Sussex talking about the subject, as well as to the London Fire Brigade HQ and East Sussex Fire Brigade at Uckfield speaking to over 100 officers and men. Deputy Chief Officer at Reading and Berkshire Fire Brigades came to Storrington for a demonstration of the gear and copies were made for them; two sets were installed at Storrington and Chichester and many fine rescues were accomplished. Charles Mant attended most of them, one as far as the Hampshire border at Harting. He also visited all the racing stables, hunting, stud farms and riding schools in the area to assess risks, nearest water supplies and types of buildings, but admitted that they could never know sites of some bad risks unless they had been there before – bogs, ditches, the rivers Adur and Arun, and worst of all, cesspools and underground tanks. The whole subject of Fire Brigade rescue work was "very near to my heart ... I love it."



13 July 1959. On his 75th birthday, Charles Mant received the RSPCA's Certificate of Merit after saving 100 animals with his equipment.

Footnote to the Old Storrington Volunteer Fire Brigade:

It was decided that the work of the Trust was now completed and that it was time to wind it up. Everything was audited by Stubbs and Spofforth and all investments cashed. Mr and Mrs Mant and AER Gilligan decided the money should be given to Fire Brigade Benevolent funds; £1,000.11.1d to the National Fire Brigade Benevolent Fund and £400 to the British Fire Services Association Benevolent Fund. "It was indeed a good idea, I feel, to end up the work and money of this fine old Fire Brigade which in the old days, the 20s and 30s, was thought to be the best equipped and manned Fire Brigade amongst the villages and towns of West Sussex being entirely supported by voluntary contributions."

Today's Fire Brigade volunteers face many problems unknown to the gallant founders with their hose truck and horse-drawn manual Merryweather pump unstinting war-time service. They can be called out to road traffic accidents with their distressing human casualties, chemical spills, terrorist attacks, rescue of people and animals and many events unknown in the past. Today's Storrington Fire Brigade, in its purpose-built Fire Station on School Hill and equipped with everything that these times require, is appealing for volunteers to join them. It deserves the very best, as it always has done from its early days, so that a proud history of service can continue into the future.



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STORRINGTON & DISTRICT MUSEUM

Museum members and friends were treated to an unusual evening meeting in February. Jackie Lee introduced the subject of the meeting, 'Magistrates in the Community' and was then joined by her colleague, Aimee Blattman-Esswood.

Between them they gave us a lively insight into the work magistrates do, not so much in the actual Courtroom, though that came into it, but outside the Courts as well, and also what it takes to be a magistrate.

First of all, a magistrate can grant a warrant at any time of the day or night. They also, however, go to schools, from primaries to sixth form colleges, to discuss with young children the concepts of right and wrong, and, with older children, their responsibilities and the consequences of their actions. With older children, their work is part of the citizenship curriculum – PSHE – Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education, which will soon be a compulsory element in their education.

In Secondary Schools, the magistrates provide all-day workshops covering topics such as drugs, alcohol, bullying, cyber bullying, and social pressures. They also talk about their roles as magistrates, about Courts, sentencing, the police, probation and Community Order work. They visit sixth forms and law students, and they talk to interested groups, like us, and to ex-prisoners, to help them back to ordinary life.

The magistrate has a long history, its position being firmly established by Edward III's reign in 1350, when magistrates had the power to make arrests of 'offenders, rioters and barrators', and also to try certain cases. In 1600 they had the power to sentence offenders to whipping and transportation. "So, who can be a magistrate?" we were asked. The answer is – almost anyone over the age of 18 and below 70. There are exclusions though; if you have a conviction, if you are a bankrupt, or a member of the Police. Magistrates must be honest, fair, and respected members of the community; six points on a licence might raise some questions! Magistrates are unpaid, but they might have some expenses paid if they are still in employment. The minimum time

spent working as a magistrate is 13 days a year, but after that it is variable. There are few young magistrates, the numbers increasing with age. Experience is important. There is a level which must be reached before you are accepted for this work. People wishing to become a magistrate need to observe the Court sessions for a while; anyone over 14 may visit a Magistrates' Court whenever they wish and then an application must be written. If that is satisfactory there are two interviews and the successful applicants are sworn in before a Judge. And then you receive all of three days training!

In Court, three magistrates, that is the presiding magistrate and two wingers, who are all equal, have to apply existing UK criminal and some civil laws. They have a legal advisor sitting with them. They have to listen and use their common sense to determine the guilt or innocence of the defendant, from the facts that are presented to them by the Prosecution and the Defence. They then sentence those who plead guilty or are found guilty after trial, and impose fines, community sentences, or imprisonment for up to six months for adults and up to two years in Youth Courts. They deal with all driving offences, except deaths and dangerous driving, with assault, domestic abuse, GBH, drugs, cybercrime, animal welfare, and fraud. All cases begin in Magistrates' Courts and 95% are dealt with there. All offenders are put into custody and the charges against them are discussed with the Crown Prosecution Service, and those with sufficient evidence against them are charged, and then either bailed or put in custody. The need for an interpreter is considered, because all have the right to understand the proceedings.

At this point we had our raffle and tea and biscuits, and a Court Room was prepared!

Then we had an enactment of a Court case. A pickpocket had been seen by a member of the public stealing a wallet and the Police had arrested him. At first one felt quite sure the defendant was guilty, but then the evidence made one wonder. With only the given facts to go on, a decision was difficult to arrive at. You have to use your judgement. If you are not sure you have to say the defendant was not guilty; better that than an innocent person being punished. The whole proceedings were very much of an eye-opener and it was a most worthwhile evening. Also, some of our members are very good actors!

The Museum will hold its AGM on **Monday 4 March**. Afterwards, Alan Spencer will tell us about Mulberry House.

On **Saturday 23 March**, at 7.30pm there will be a Quiz Evening with the usual raffle and prizes. Tickets, £10 each to include home-made supper, can be obtained from Eunice Allen on 746569 or Patricia Wilks on 743437. Make up table of 4 or join table on the evening.

The Talk on **1 April** will be given by Mark Perry-Nash, entitled 'The Wind in the Willows, with reference to Edwardian Times'.

The talk on 13 May will be by Rupert Toovey who will tell us about his life in antiques and we hope he will carry out one or two valuations.

Mary Wilson

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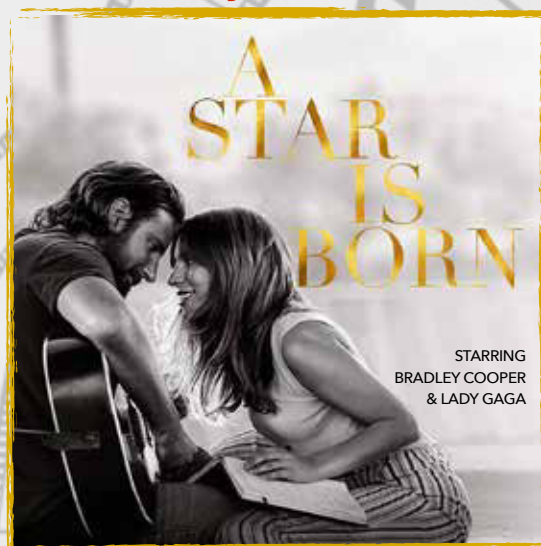
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Rotary Film Night at Sullington Parish Hall Wednesday 13 March 2019



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

Anyone needing transport should contact Roger Jamieson on 01798 813956

For further details please contact Ken Collins on 01903 740745

Rotary Club of Storrington & Pulborough District



Spring into action?

"Hello, stranger!" said the allotment when I visited last week. To my relief, the weeds seemed to have spent as long in hibernation as me, but I need to start being a better friend to my patch now we're heading into spring. On the other hand, it can be wise to take things slowly, not least to avoid a visit to the chiropractor.

March is a strange month for gardeners. The hardy annual seed packets say we can start sowing this month. The potatoes chitting in egg boxes look ready to go in the ground and the siren call of spring seems irresistible. But then remember the snow we had last March and the frosts that hit in April? Maybe this year will be different.... but what can we do this month, that won't risk being too much too soon?

Cut things back

I leave stems on my hardy perennials for the winter but now they need removing to make room for fresh growth. The same goes for Cornus and Salix (Dogwood and Willow) that give lovely colourful stems in the winter but will get woody unless cut back hard. My bush roses can be pruned now too.



Split things up

As long as it's mild, March is a great time to dig up and divide plants to make more of them like Rudbeckia, Ajuga (bugle) and hardy geraniums. This works for snowdrops as well, but I'll leave the leaves of spring bulbs



to die back so they feed the bulbs for next year.

Tackle the perennial weeds

The stubbornest weeds, such as nettles, dandelions, docks, etc. will soon be putting on new growth; time to dig them up and get them into the green waste bin before they start spreading.



And when that seems too much effort, I'll just be sitting back and watching someone else do the hard work when *Gardener's World* returns.

Cheryl Brown

The Society's February Members' Evening saw the production of Geoff Adams' one act play *Women and Children* which won the Chairman's Challenge trophy in 2017. This play, based upon his experiences during his police career, gave those present an insight to how experience, timing, and a degree of luck assisted in solving a crime in the 1980's. We presented cheques of £250.00 to two charities during the evening, one to St Barnabas House Hospice the other to the Alzheimer's Society. A quiz devised by Janet Methley and a fish and chip supper rounded off an enjoyable evening for 70 members and their guests.

Rehearsals are underway for the May production of J B Priestley's *When we are Married*, a comedy set in Yorkshire during the Edwardian period. Tickets will go on sale in April so keep an eye open for box office and on-line details.

We have now chosen our entry for the July Drama Festival following the play reading last month, and the play we have chosen is the comedy *Between Mouthfuls* by Alan Ayckbourne, with Janet Methley directing. Replies are awaited from some invitees so we can finalise the programme; more details to follow.

If you want to know more about our activities, please contact our Membership Secretary, Christine Pearson, at membership@wcds.co.uk

Geoffrey Steward, Chairman



THE MARY HOW QUIZ NIGHT IS BACK!

ARE YOU A MATCH FOR THE INN-QUIZZATOR?

Saturday 13 April

West Chillington Village Hall

Doors open at 7pm; eyes down at 7.45pm

Join Doug 'The Inn-Quizzator' Brown for a fun evening with friendly competition and a broad range of questions to appeal to all-comers.

Teams are 6 to 8 people, and tickets cost just £8 per person.

Bring a picnic for a tasty half-time break. A licensed bar will sell beer, wine, and soft drinks throughout the evening. There will be a prize for the winning team.

This is always an entertaining evening, and a fun way to support your local health screening charity.

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

**Tickets are on sale now from
Clare at the Mary How Trust:
telephone 01798-877646 or
email clare.flexman@maryhowtrust.org**





THAKEHAM GARDENERS' CLUB

The Club doesn't have a monthly meeting in January but several members did enjoy a lunch at the Old Tollgate in Bramber.

We meet again on **11 March** when Stuart Lees will speak on 'Exciting Container Gardening'. Our first competition for the year will be a Single Narcissus. Competition entries must be from your own garden.

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 Chairman Janet on 744980 for further details.

Sandra Jenkins



CROWDFUNDING CAMPAIGN FOR NEW BRIDGE

The new parkland that CEMEX have opened up for walkers off Water Lane has become very popular because of its well-constructed paths, benches, open space and interesting views.

Unfortunately, at the end furthest from the Sandgate Lane entrance the access path to Sandgate Park doesn't go anywhere except to a steep gully with a stream at the bottom which also makes the new parkland difficult to get to from the Badgers Holt entrance. People do cross the stream; they scramble up and down the muddy banks and cross it by jumping or wading across or by balancing on the various slippery logs and broken planks across it. A proper, substantial and safe crossing is obviously required and to achieve this Sandgate Conservation Society has launched a campaign to raise money to build a footbridge across the stream capable of not only providing general access but also for wheelchairs, pushchairs and prams.

The campaign is seeking a grant from West Sussex County Council's Community Initiative Fund and the application is made through its Crowd Funding platform. Apart from raising funds, the Crowd Funding process is used by the Council to gauge the level of support from the community so the more pledges for donations to the project the better. Pledges do not need to be for large amounts and just a pound or two will show community support.

The target is to raise around £2900 and the bridge will be built by volunteers with support and direction from Horsham District Council Parks and Countryside Department.

The crowdfunding page can be found at <https://www.spacehive.com/sandgate-park-bridge>



Storrington Dramatic Society
presents

The Thrill Of Love

by Amanda Whittington

14th - 16th March 2019

Sullington Parish Hall

7:45pm

Based on the true story of
Ruth Ellis, the last woman
to be hanged in Britain

www.storringtondramatics.co.uk



This amateur production is by
arrangement with Nick Hern Books

Directed by Sue Goble, this is an intense drama, based on the true story of Ruth Ellis, who was the last woman to be hanged in this country. A Soho nightclub hostess, Ruth had a stormy relationship with an abusive, upper-class, racing driver. Set in the mid-1950s, the play is not just a re-telling of Ruth's life and death, but encourages the audience to delve further into the circumstances that led her to shoot the man she loved, and to question whether the punishment fitted the crime. Was Ruth a victim of her lifestyle and, indeed, was this lifestyle chosen or forced upon her? Was she influenced by others to act as she did?

Tickets, priced at £10, are on sale now via the ticket link on www.storringtondramatics.co.uk, or can be obtained in person at Fowlers Estate Agent, The Square, Storrington.

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

NEXT MEETING

Thursday 7 March 7.30pm

Guest Speaker Jerry Webb – Street Photography

Thursday 21 March 7.30pm

Southern Federation League Competition for Projected Images. The judge for the evening will be David Eastley ARPS

MORE INFORMATION:

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SOC Storrington
Camera Club





Helen Lang and
Liz Allen Williams

The talk at the lunch meeting on 7 February was intriguingly entitled 'The Musical Brain' and so none of us were entirely certain of the talk's content and whether or not a Probus choir was on the horizon; we were not kept in suspense for too long!

An attractive young lady called Helen Lang HCPC was introduced by our Programme Secretary, Jo Gatley, to tell us about musical therapy treatments used at The Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability, based in Putney.

Helen started off by explaining the RHN was an independent medical charity providing rehabilitation and long term care to people with complex neurological disabilities, caused by damage to the brain or other parts of the nervous system. Children with learning disabilities are also treated and there is also a separate Huntington Disease Unit, all manned by multi-discipline teams of professionals, of which Helen is proud to be a member. Established in 1854, the RHN was originally known as the Hospital for Incurables, based initially in Carshalton, but moved premises to Putney in 1863. It has always been helped and supported by high profile figures, including Florence Nightingale, Charles Dickens, John Betjeman, Thomas Hardy and Otto Goldschmidt, and HM Queen Elizabeth II is the Hospital's patron.

Next Helen introduced us to the value of music therapy in the treatment and rehabilitation of people with neurological disorders. We saw an image of how our brains respond to musical stimulation and a comparison between rat, cat, chimpanzee and human frontal lobe sizes. Melodic Intonation Therapy is used on many stroke sufferers, who are left with little or no speech, and this takes the form of singing a short important phrase like "I love you" to a tune known to the patient and repeated frequently. MIT aims to convert singing into speech and it emphasises the melodic patterns that already exist in normal speech so are more familiar to the patient. Music therapy techniques such as this can help patients recover from brain injury and can also aid in physical techniques, communication and cognitive improvement. There were many interesting and relevant questions following Helen's talk and it proved to be a most informative session. Joan Richardson gave the vote of thanks and we all appreciated Helen's time with us, especially since we individually know of so many stroke victims in our elderly society. Thank you Helen and we hope to see you again.

The President, Liz Allen Williams, closed the meeting with a reminder that the next meeting on **7 March** would be our AGM, and we toasted The Queen and Probus worldwide.

Russ Fry



THE ARTS SOCIETY STORRINGTON

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

A lecture by Gail Turner Mooney: JSorolla (1863-1923) was a highly successful artist of international renown in his lifetime, but outside Spain and the United States he is largely forgotten today. Some of his best



work is on show in the house and studio he built for himself in Madrid, one of the city's 'hidden secrets'. While Sorolla admired the great Spanish traditions of Velázquez and Goya, his delightful paintings of women and children at the seaside, landscapes and the great series depicting the regions of Spain, are full of sunlight and optimism. This lecture is an excellent introduction to his work which will be shown at an exhibition at the National Gallery starting on 18 March.

Attendance is free for members, and guests are asked to make a donation of £5. Coffee and tea will be served before the lecture from 2pm. For further information please contact the Membership Secretary, Caroline Long on 744797 or by email: caroline.flong@gmail.com.

CRICKET IN STORRINGTON



Indoor and Outdoor Nets

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

Weekly indoor nets for seniors start on Sunday 24 March, from 3.30pm to 5pm, also in the Leisure Centre. Newcomers will be very welcome; just turn up, or contact our Club Captain Ian Homewood on 07734 308785 beforehand.

Building on the successful development of junior cricket over the past three years, we are hoping to 'blood' some of our older youngsters into senior cricket next season by reviving Sunday friendlies.

Our fund raising efforts for the new outdoor nets are, at present, being helped through token schemes run by ASDA and Waitrose. In addition, we have been pleased to receive an award under the Parish Council's SASSY scheme for supporting youth in Storrington and Sullington. However, a big disappointment, for us and other cricket clubs, has been the recent news that there will be no ECB grants this year; last year we had been encouraged to apply for top-up money once we were closing in on our target. We must therefore re-double our efforts to find more local support to enable us to complete the project that is so crucial for developing boys and girls as young cricketers in the community.

Chris Winter

At the January meeting, the Vice President, Maureen Sherwood, reminded members about 'Freda' our collecting box for ACWW (Associated Countrywomen of the World), donations going towards projects that support real-life changes for women in rural communities around the world.

Various activities were discussed for the coming year, including the Annual Institute Lunch on Wednesday 24 April at the Old Toll Gate, and a stall at the Duck Race on Sunday 12 May, members being asked to knit ducks or provide yellow wool for these. It was hoped members would enter the WI competitions for the South of England Show on 6, 7 and 8 June, the schedule for these was available.

A letter of thanks and appreciation had been received from Elaine Waight at FSW (Family Support Work) for our Christmas Competition Parcels which she collected after the December meeting.

We were then privileged to have Caroline Nicholls as our speaker, her talk entitled 'My time as a High Sheriff of West Sussex'

She began by describing her attire for the evening and explaining the office of High Sheriff is an ancient one dating back over 1,000 years to the Saxon period before the Norman Conquest. Today there are 55 High Sheriffs in England and Wales, the position is entirely unremunerated and is for the period of one year. The insignia of the office shows crossed swords, the crown and the red rose for England and the leeks for Wales.

We then had a power point demonstration from Caroline's year in office which began 24 March 2018. The first photograph showed a person in a field with their head and shoulders buried in the earth. This was followed by photographs of some of her numerous visits (around 300 in total) to the police, ambulance and fire services and the many voluntary, charitable and religious events staged during the year, plus, of course, the visit from Prince Harry and Meghan, the new Duke and Duchess of Sussex, to Chichester shortly after their Wedding.

The body half buried in a field? Caroline explained this was on her visit to an Outward Bound Course at Lodge Hill when two of the boys on the course led her through an underground tunnel. She heard one whisper to the other "there's a spider down here but don't tell her". We were pleased to see the next picture showed Caroline had emerged unscathed by the experience.

Pat Beard warmly thanked Caroline for such an interesting and informative talk.

We were then asked to give serious thought as to which of the short list of the six proposed resolutions we would like to go forward this year. Marita Wateau, one of our members and a WI Advisor, took us through a brief resume of each of the six, asking each member to vote for the one of their choice. These votes were sent to the County Office, then passed on to National HQ where the resolution chosen will be put forward at Annual Meeting of the National Federation of WIs in Cardiff on 6 June; a very democratic process that allows each member's vote to count.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 20 March**, when the speaker will be Barbara Ethlers, her talk entitled 'History of Silver Hallmarking & Making Silver'. There will also be a competition of 'Jewellery made from tin foil'.

We meet on the third Wednesday of each month (2nd Wednesday December), in Sullington Parish Hall, at 7.30pm. We always welcome visitors and new members; you can just turn up on the night or let us know in advance that you are coming by contacting our President Erika Brichta, by email erika.brichta@hotmail.co.uk or phone 742039, or our secretary Sara Harden, s.harden@hotmail.co.uk or 741350, or for more information check our web page sullingtonwindmills.wordpress.com.

Sheila Foster

A LOOK BACK AT JANUARY 2019'S WEATHER



View from Washington
Common of South Downs

In years to come few people will remember the weather of January 2019. There were no real outstanding weather extremes to capture the public's attention but it was a month that had some interest.

In a spell that extended from Boxing Day 2018 to the middle of January, there was only 0.4mm of rain and during this time there were 13 consecutive calm readings or days with very little wind. There is an old adage which

says that "when the glass is high and rising still, no rain today, no weather ill". Indeed the barometer reached very high values that were almost off the scale on some household instruments at 1043 millibars or 30.8 inches. You have to go back to 1962 for higher winter values.

Quite often during the month it was a case of a thick coat, scarf and gloves needed early morning but the afternoon was relatively mild. Frosts were quite frequent but afternoon temperatures were often above par. At Storrington the mean temperature was 4.2C, a little below average overall. At ground level there were 24 frosty nights with 16 air frosts measured in the screen. The second half of the month was much more unsettled as low pressure began to hold sway and it was rather cold at times too, but rainfall was still below the average, amounting to just 37mm, about 40 per cent of the norm.

As January drew to a close the wind turned northerly, bringing in air originating from the Arctic and a touch of real winter set in, with some snow. However, the 3 Heralds area escaped the heavier falls that occurred in Cornwall or those at the beginning of February in West Surrey, more northern parts of Hampshire and even East Sussex. I measured only a couple of centimetres and it soon melted and this proved a disappointment to those who had received sledges for Christmas or were rummaging in the shed for the toboggan.

My memory of the month was the magical sight of a coating of snow that lay for several days on the higher parts of the Downs seen from Storrington, making them look quite Alpine. The effect of altitude on our weather is often greater in the UK than almost anywhere in the world. Just a few hundred metres gain in height can make all the difference between rain and snow, and the South Downs viewed from Storrington on the 30th showed a snowy mantle on the upper slopes. The last day of the month dawned very chilly, giving the lowest reading at minus 6.2C and there was further snow late in the day. Ironically all the snow that fell during January occurred at night so many people may not have seen any fall at all.

Ian Currie, Weatherman, speaker and editor of Weather eye magazine
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Chantonbury Ring



STORRINGTON CONSERVATION SOCIETY

As planned, on 2 February the working party met in Fryern Dell to continue clearance around the pond. Happily, the recent snow had disappeared and it was a dry, sunny day. The 2 February marked the Christian Festival known as Candlemas. According to folklore "If Candlemas be fine and fair, there's half the winter to come and mair". Across the Atlantic, the day is known as Groundhog Day. The little beasts are supposed to forecast how much longer winter will last. They are said to come out of their burrows on that day, and if they can see their shadows it means the sun is shining, they return to their burrows, indicating winter will last six more weeks. If it is overcast they stay above ground, showing winter is over. As this is being written, it is too early to tell how things turn out this year. Folklore says more winter weather is to be expected. However it has to be noted that records show there is little evidence to support the folklore; unscientific and fairly harmless fun. Yet it is not usually harmless to ignore what science reveals. Because there have been spells of severe cold weather, some will deny global warming. They ignore the measured increase in average global temperature. Extreme weather, droughts, floods, hurricanes, heat waves and melting ice caps all point to climate change. Urgent action is necessary to increase the use of renewable energy, cut down on fossil fuels which are contributing to greenhouse gasses, as Sir David Attenborough points out.

The next time the working party is due to meet is at **10am on 2 March**. This time the work will be at the Glade, laying chippings and clearing paths.

It's not all work, there is always a welcome break for refreshments and chat to go with the healthy exercise. New helpers quickly feel in good company. Why not give it a try? Gardening clothes advisable. Just arrive at the work site.

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

Stuart Kersley

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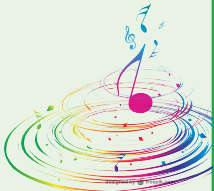
MARCH

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The show in 1923



Norman Wisdom at the show in 1959

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THE TORTOISE WALK



To all Friends of the Gilbert White and the Oates Collections, and others who might be interested

Following the success of the walk from Selborne to Oriel College, Oxford in 2016, and the return walk in 2017, which raised £32,000 for Gilbert White and the Oates Collections, the Friends have planned a walk from Selborne to Ringmer, in East Sussex. White used to visit his aunt there, and it was she who gave him his tortoise Timothy: the walk is therefore named The Tortoise Walk, though we plan to walk a bit faster than Timothy!



The walk will be of eight days and take place over three weekends: 26-28 April; 4-6 and 11-12 May. It has been researched and walked by the retired Chairman of the Museum, Rosemary Irwin, who led the two Oriel walks, and who will walk to Ringmer, too. It is largely below the South Downs with magnificent scenery.

Starting at the Museum in Selborne, the walk passes through Empshot Green, Liss, Duford Wood, Stedham, Midhurst, Heyshot, Sutton, Bury, Amberley, Cootham, Washington, Tottington Manor, Clayton, Ditchling, Street and East Chiltington, ending at White's Aunt's House in Ringmer. Nearly all the walk is off-road and averages nine miles per day. Each day can be broken earlier for shorter distances, and there are a number of pubs nearby in which to refuel.

The walk passes many fine churches and houses; walkers will provide their own lunches, with a suitable break in the walk to enjoy. Each day either ends at a pub which will welcome walkers, or with tea provided by the Friends. The Friends will arrange cars to return walkers to their own cars each day.

We hope to complete the funding for a sculpture of White seated in the gardens of the Museum, to celebrate the 300th anniversary of White's birth in 1720. A kind supporter of the Museum has already donated half the cost. The suggested donations for joining the walk will be: £20 per person per day, or £50 for a 3-day weekend, or £100 for the whole walk, plus £5 per dog per day or £30 for the whole walk.

Please e-mail richardoirwin1@gmail.com if you are interested in joining or sponsoring us. You will receive full details of the walk, including a map and start, break and end points and a booking form.

"You must know that my master is what they call a naturalist, and much visited by people of that turn, who often put him on whimsical experiments such as feeling my pulse and putting me in a tub of water" Letter of 31 August 1784, supposedly from Timothy (actually Gilbert White) to 21 year old Miss Hester Mulso.

THANK YOU FOR THE MUSIC



Over 80 local elderly residents from Storrington, Pulborough and Ashington enjoyed a lively Abba-themed concert organised by the Storrington and Pulborough District Rotary Club and performed by the West Chiltington based 'Ladies that Boogie' pop choir.

The event was held on Sunday 20 January in Sullington Parish Hall, Storrington.

Listening to a collection of well-known songs including *Mamma Mia*, *Waterloo* and *Dancing Queen*, the audience joined in enthusiastically during an afternoon where they also enjoyed home-made cakes and tea in the interval. Guests included residents from local retirement, nursing and care homes including Kensington Close in West Chiltington and Sussexdown Care Home in Storrington.

'Ladies that Boogie' entertain elderly residents at Rotary Club of Storrington & Pulborough District community concert



Rotary organiser Ray Miles said, "We were delighted so many people came along and enjoyed themselves this afternoon and we are very grateful to Amanda Russell and her singers for providing such a fantastic atmosphere."

For further information contact Ray Miles janray01@btinternet.com or call 745140

MORGANS AND TRAINS BRING SUCCESS

One of our recent meetings had the title 'The Best Days Photography I Ever Had'. The evening provided an opportunity for members of the Club to share images taken within a 24-hour period when the photographic stars aligned for them which could have been due to the location, subject, light or just at an opportune time.

Evenings like these provide an opportunity for members to share and show their images along with a story around them which otherwise may not be seen. The topics included Street Photography in Brighton, a Charles Dickens event in Rochester, Kayaking in Nepal, Orca Whales in the US Pacific North West, Wildlife from an African Safari, a Californian Mansion and Estate, Flowers and Insects. Club member, Chris West, shared a series of Morgan car images. His selection was due to one of the images being used on the cover of the Morgan club calendar whilst another won a Morgan photographic competition; a good day's photography!

Chris's success continued in January when we held our third competition of the season. His submission, entitled 'Night Shift', was taken on a late evening photo shoot at the Didcot Steam Railway Centre. It not only won him a top score but also 'Print of the Night'.

The variety of topics entered in our competitions always makes for an interesting evening. The other top scorer who had a very successful evening for the print category was Nigel Cherry for two very different images, 'Spitfires passing at high speed' and 'Ahead by a neck'.

Chris West –
Night Shift



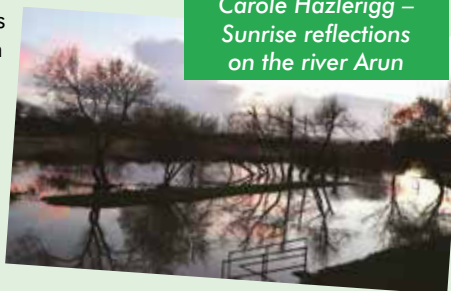
Nigel Cherry – Ahead
by a neck

In the projected image category, our 'Projected Image of the Night' winner was Derek Grieve with 'Horse Lady'. Other top scoring images were from Daisy Kane, 'Windmill sky and sea'; Janet Brown, 'Happy urchins'; Kevin Harwood, 'Osprey Catch'

and Liz Brown, 'Sunset Abstract'. It was also great to see another of our newer members, Carole Hazlerigg, receiving a high score for her local image of 'Sunrise reflections on the river Arun'.

With lots of comments and feedback from our judge, Rob de Ruiter, it proved another interesting evening with what I am sure will be taken into consideration by everyone when taking and selecting images for future competitions.

Carole Hazlerigg –
Sunrise reflections
on the river Arun



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STORRINGTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

To a very well-attended meeting, Martin Alderton gave a very informative and interesting talk on Arundel Town, past and present, its architecture, growth and development, illustrated with pictures.

To fully appreciate Arundel, it has to be seen with regard to its relationship with the river. Arun and Arundel Castle was, and still is, the seat of the Duke of Norfolk, with the ownership of the Norfolk Estate, and has had an important role in the development of the area and town itself.

The River Arun, on which the town is situated, has played a key part in the life of the town both as a means of transport and communication, transporting heavy goods away from the area, including lime from chalk pits, the working at close-by Amberley being a good example, and the incoming transport of bulky and heavy goods where extensive warehouses at Arundel docks enabled these to be transferred and distributed.

The docks closed in 1920 when new bridges built for the growing railway stopped the navigation of larger vessels.

In the late 19th and early 20th centuries Arundel was a much different town from today. Weekly cattle markets held in the High Street discontinued after the First World War. There were also some 30 public houses in the town in the 1920-1930's, two breweries and the route of the A27 ran through the centre of the town.

A number of trades people operating in Arundel can still be identified by signs on buildings, two of which are the anvil of the roof of one which was an ironmonger, and another by the chequered board on the wall indicating a gunsmith.

The Cathedral, and the dual denominational church within the castle grounds, were highlighted, as were many other interesting facts showing the working history of the town.

The evening ended with light refreshments and a raffle.

The speaker for our March meeting on **Friday 15 March** is Barry Newman who will be talking to us about 'A year on the allotment'.

Michael Webber



Note from the editor....



Inspiration for writing this note each month comes in different, and sometimes unexpected, ways. This time it came from BBC's *Songs of Praise*. The opening hymn was *One more step along the World I go* by Sydney Carter, a hymn illustrating life as a journey, travelling from old to new, and asking God to travel with us.

In this period of Lent, whether you are giving up something or embarking on a new venture, remember that God is always by your side, travelling with you on your own, individual journey. Never be afraid to ask for His help when you are struggling – He is there always.

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