

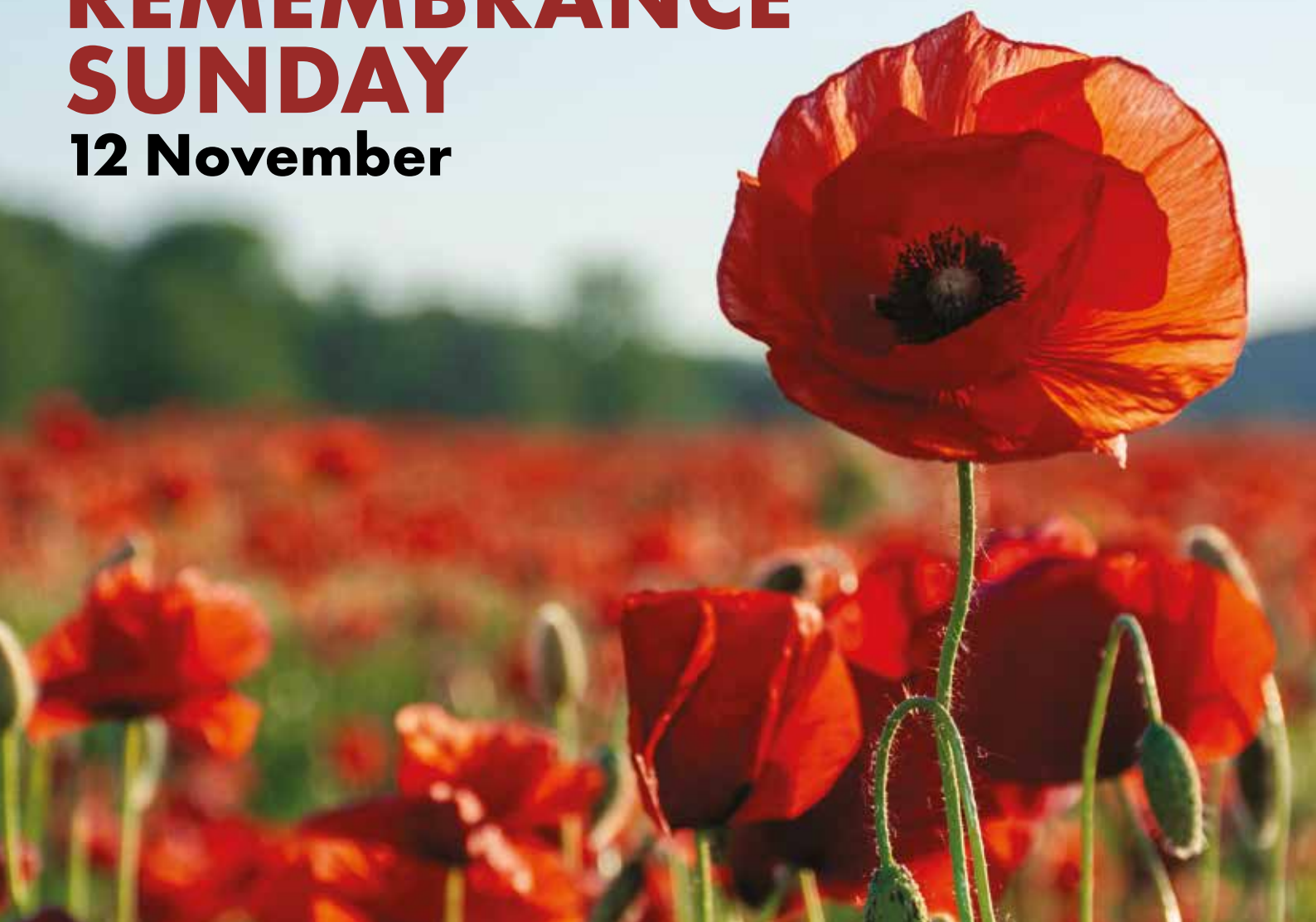
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I've often reflected that you can journey far by remaining in the same place. I've lived in Storrington and worshipped at St Mary's for most of my life. My Dad would take me and my brother Ben to the 8am BCP Holy Communion from when I was nine years old. Ben and I were often Servers at the 10am service of Holy Communion when the whole family came. Teresa and I brought our girls up as part of this Christian community.

As an Oblate in the Order of St Benedict, I understand the importance of stability, of remaining in the same place, and I have borne witness to God's grace in shaping and forming me through my relationships with the people at St Mary's over many years and generations.

I was Priested at St Mary's in 2011 and I have been blessed to be rooted here over many years. It is from this ancient Christian place that I have been sent to exercise workplace ministry amongst the networks of people I serve as a full-time auctioneer and valuer of art and antiques. Waiting on invitation, as Priest I take sacrament, prayer and blessing out into the world, meeting and serving people where they are, often at profound moments of change in their lives. I celebrate and affirm calling and vocation in the everyday. God has blessed this ministry which has grown beyond all measure. My calling to this ministry, to my work at Toovey's and my public duties, continues to grow and has never been stronger. What fascinates and excites me about God's calling is that it is constantly evolving and changing as we walk as pilgrims in the world. After much prayer and discernment, I have come to understand that this is where God is calling me to stand. To fulfil this next stage and pattern of ministry and to fulfil God's calling, it is necessary, and time, to retire from my office of Associate Vicar at St Mary's, Storrington. My last Sunday will be 26 November.

I have never been more in love with Jesus Christ or so humbled by the grace of God; his love for me and for us all. Work can be holy and in God's purpose and after a break I hope I will once again be blessed to serve others both as a worker priest and auctioneer in the wholeness of my life. St Mary's will, I feel sure, continue to hold a special place in my heart and life.

It remains for me to thank Kathryn and you all for your love, prayer and support. Thank you my friends. May God bless you and those you love.

RUPERT TOOVEY
Associate Vicar, St Mary's Church, Storrington

MESSAGE TO ALL 3 HERALDS CONTRIBUTORS

Due to our printing requirements before Christmas, we need your copy for the January magazine early! Please ensure delivery to Amanda Hislop by email at 3heralds@gmail.com or to the Rectory Office, Rectory Road, Storrington RH20 4EF, by Friday, 1 December. Thank you for your help.

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 7 November – Church of England will lead
Tuesday 5 December – Chemin Neuf Community will lead
One in faith and love and praise

A PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

May the strength of God pilot us,
and the power of God preserve us.

May the wisdom of God instruct us
and the hand of God protect us.

May the way of God direct us,
and the shield of God defend us.

Amen



CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS

We invite extra singers who would like to join Storrington Church Choir for the Carol Service and other Christmas services to come to the Christmas section of the choir practices on Fridays at 7pm, starting on 3 November; regular Choir please arrive at 6.40pm to practice for the forthcoming Sunday.



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MURDER MYSTERY IN THAKEHAM!

Once again Thakeham Church entertained us with an excellent Murder Mystery play and dinner at Thakeham Village Hall. In the afternoon, a matinee performance also took place with ice cream and light refreshments.

The title of the play was *Who Killed the Farmer?*, superbly written by Chris Martin, directed by and starring Matt Harder, with Allison Goodfellow, Jo Saunders, Christine Hounslow, Cliff Purvis, Nigel Barnes and Bob Stevens.

Those who were lucky enough to attend either of the performances were in for a treat and the play kept us all wondering "who done it?" for a long time!

The Village Hall is an excellent place in which to hold such an event and, judging from the smiles on the faces of the audience as they left, it was much enjoyed by all. Let's hope there will be further productions in the not too distant future!

Julie Andrews writes, "What a talent we have at Thakeham! The cast put on an amusing adaptation of the murder of a not very likeable landowner farmer. Our table had to deduce who did the dastardly deed (and we did!); great fun! Many thanks to everybody involved!"

Others wrote, "Entertaining, engaging, fun and memorable!" "Fun entertainment and camaraderie!"

A huge £2119.32 was raised for St Mary's Church, Thakeham; thank you to all those involved and to all those who supported.

Phillippa Warner



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What's happening at

St Mary's Sullington



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THAKEHAM AND SULLINGTON:

Times of Church services can be found on page 18.

Alternatively you can visit the Church website for further details.

Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in us

SULLINGTON QUIZ NIGHT

Thank you to everyone who came to our fundraising quiz in the beautiful Sullington Tithe Barn. It was a fabulous evening attended by over 100 people and as you can imagine there was a lovely atmosphere of fun and competition. Thank you to Graham, Gail and Anna Kittle, Sullington Manor Farm.



Tea with the Vicar

Thursday 23 November 3 to 5pm
at Greenacres, West Chiltington

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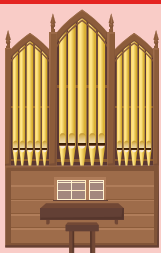
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What's happening at St Mary's Storrington

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Sam Ward (893794)

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Church Flowers

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Safeguarding Officer

Jackie Lee (743661)

Christian Aid Co-ordinator

VACANT

The Rector, Revd Canon Kathryn Windslow, will take Friday as her day off.
The Rectory Office is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am – 1pm.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Church Services see page 18.

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

Altar Servers: Revd Jacquie Peal (743083)

Bellsingers: Fridays, 7.45pm – 9.30pm.

Church & Churchyard Maintenance: John Butler (745091)

Mothers' Union: Jean Hunt (01798 813681)

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

SPACE: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 2pm – 4pm at the Old School. Contact Barbara (741236)

Home Group: Thursday mornings at 23 Orchard Gardens, 10.30am – 11.45am. All welcome. Contact Sonia Fox (745703) for more details.

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18 Sept Stella Christine Hastings (77 years)

19 Sept Ian Keith Ferguson (93 years)

22 Sept Doreen Patricia Corcoran (98 years)



EVENSONG WINTER TIME

Evensong, usually held at St Mary's, Storrington, on the first and second Sundays in the month, will start at 4pm from Sunday 5 November



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Sunday 12 November at 2.55pm

All are invited to take part in the Service of Remembrance at Storrington Parish Church, assembling if fine for the laying of wreaths at the War Memorial on the south side of the Church.

This is an inter-church service arranged in conjunction with the Royal British Legion. Civic leaders, local councillors and uniformed organisations are invited to be present, with banners if appropriate. Medals to be worn. Youth organisations will be invited to take part in a parade beforehand arriving at the War Memorial for 2.55pm (this will not take place if wet – in this event all assemble in Church). This service replaces 4pm Evensong.

CHILDREN'S GIFT SERVICE

Sunday, 3 December at 10am



During the Family Service, everyone is invited to bring gifts for needy children which will be distributed, through Family Support Work. A simple, durable and inexpensive toy or book would be much appreciated. Please wrap gifts using ribbon or string rather than sellotape. A label stating contents and suitable age-range would help staff to give the presents to appropriate children.

St Mary's Church, Storrington

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The St Mary's Parish Visiting Team contact is the Rector, Revd Canon Kathryn Windslow (742888).

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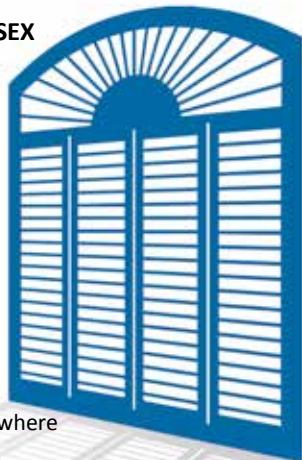
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THANK YOU, JOHANNUS!

**Saturday 4 November at 2.30pm
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On Saturday 30 September, the Order of St Richard medals were presented at Chichester Cathedral to members of various churches throughout the diocese. This is an annual award for lay people within the Diocese who have made exceptional contributions to the parish, the local community, or the Diocese and on this day we are proud to say our own Ann Salinger had been chosen to be one of the recipients, joining Douglas Parkes, who received his medal last year.



Accompanied by Douglas, her daughter Abi and myself, we enjoyed a beautiful service led by Bishop Ruth, the Bishop of Horsham, during which Ann was presented with her medal. After the service we retired to another part of the Cathedral for photos to be taken. Throughout the whole service and the journey home, Ann never stopped smiling, announcing on her arrival home that this had been a most wonderful day and one she would never forget. We wish Ann well, and thank her for all her hard work during the 24 years she held the position of Church Warden.

John Williams

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH AT THE OLD SCHOOL

Christmas is the season of goodwill and giving.

Our aim is to bring a little joy and company into the lives of those who would otherwise be alone over the festive season.

Christmas Day lunch will again be held at the Old School, School Lane, Storrington on Christmas Day starting at 1pm. A traditional Christmas lunch is provided for members of the community by a team of people who ensure the time is filled with fun, friendship, music and hopefully a visit from Santa to complete the day.

Transport by either the Community minibus or car can be arranged on request when booking.

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2pm Holy Communion (BCP)
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In Memoriam

IDA DARLINGTON

12 October 1925 – 5 June 2023

Ida was born in London in 1925, the third in a family of five children. Her mother, Caroline, was the daughter of German immigrants, farmers, and her father, Carlo Stepancic, born near Novo Gorica in today's Slovenia, was a chef working at a number of famous restaurants. Ida and her siblings, Pat, Vic, Joan and Margaret, grew up in London amongst a colourful immigrant community with food and hospitality at its heart. Ida's mother's family were bakers.

With such culinary skills in the family it should have perhaps been unsurprising that Ida's cakes, jams and marmalade were celebrated. She enjoyed a freedom playing ball games, tops and whips, skipping and conkers with her friends and siblings on the streets of London.

Through the dedication of her head teacher, Miss Lyons, Ida became one of the first pupils from her primary school to pass her eleven-plus exams and attend St Olave's and St Saviour's Grammar School. In 1939, Ida was evacuated first to Hove and then to Chertsey. The teachers there encouraged her to apply for Oxbridge. She chose, instead, to go to Leeds where she found herself one of only a few women at the University. There she read zoology and chemistry, and became a biochemist at Broadgreen Hospital, Liverpool. She was an avid reader and delighted in books throughout her life.



Eric and Ida on their wedding day – 14th July 1951 at Stoneycroft, Liverpool

Ida moved to Storrington in 1954 with her husband, Eric, and her eldest son, Richard. Lois and Andrew (Andy) were born and, as they neared the end of primary school, Ida went back to college to retrain as a teacher. Inspired by the generosity of Miss Lyons, she took her teaching very seriously with a great interest in her pupils. Indeed, Ida Darlington was a wonderful inspiration to me. She taught me when I was just nine years old at Storrington Primary School. A passionate educator, she took delight in young people. And later we would become friends.

She and Eric loved to sing and play the piano, a party and country dancing with family and friends were favourites. When Ida retired, she joined Friends of the Earth, played handbells at

Storrington Church, volunteered at the Amberley Chalkpits Industrial Museum and the St Barnabas Charity shop. She loved volunteering with the Sandgate Conservation Society, working on Sullington Warren on Saturday mornings. She and Eric loved the great outdoors and were part of a keen group of regular walkers (the Downhillers); she won a medal for completing the Seven Sisters Path in one day. Latterly as her sight failed, being outside smelling the flowers, plants and fresh air continued to bless her.

After they had retired, Ida and Eric started travelling, visiting Lois in France and Spain and then Andy and his wife, Jessie, on their farm many times. She delighted in Andy and Jessie's pioneering regenerative agriculture and walking in the mountains of France, which surround their farm. She delighted in her grandchildren there too, spending time with Robin and Jeremy. Ida was so excited when Robin and Jackie were blessed with Tyger, a great-



grandchild! After Eric had died in 2011, she continued to visit delighting in the land, walking and her family.

Ida and Eric were always very supportive of their grandchildren. Ida was proud when Maja went to Leeds University to study zoology as she had done. When Maja graduated in 2019, she became the third generation of Darlington women to graduate at Leeds, Lois having read French and English there. When Maja took her Masters in bio-diversity, conservation and land, she found her ideal job as a Greenpeace campaigner, following in the footsteps of her environmentalist campaigning Granny.

Throughout Ida's life, the Church played an important part: her childhood local Church, St Michael's Paternoster Church in the City of London, the Student Christian Society in Leeds, and her local Church in Liverpool. Her faith was central to her life and she enjoyed exploring it in discussion when she joined the Alpha Course, so much so that she continued afterwards to meet regularly with a group of fellow participants. She also delivered Bible Reading Fellowship notes every month until only a few years ago. The fig tree in Ida's garden came from a cutting of a cutting from the fig tree at St Michael's Paternoster Church, reminding her of her very early days.

At St Mary's, Storrington, she surrounded herself with love and friendship across the generations and blessed our community and was blessed by it. Determined, resilient and creative, Ida set an example of Christian faith. Her family and childhood experiences, her deep social conscience, and her care for the world, shaped her and informed her generous and outward-facing heart.

*Rupert Toovey DL
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On 1 October we had the most special Harvest service at St Mary's Thakeham. The Church was adorned with amazing, autumnal flower displays and harvest donations of fruit, vegetables and groceries. Reverend Jill Simpson led our communion service during which the Music Group blessed us by singing a beautiful piece.



David Whitehead began his talk by proceeding to make himself a cheese sandwich! He was thankful to God for seeds; wheat to make the bread and grass seed for the cows to eat the grass so butter and cheese could be produced. He was thankful to God for farmers who plant the seeds, thankful to God for making people who produce the food and thankful to God for the skill of those who produce machinery to make growing and producing food easier. The message to take away: let's remember to thank God daily. He drew the line at opening a beer to go with his sandwich;

malt is seed too isn't it?!

Good 'ole Nigel Barnes copped it once again and was transformed into a scarecrow by the children, with the help of David!

We sang traditional Harvest hymns and thanked God for farmers, praying that future crops would be good for their sake financially. It was a beautiful service - fun, thoughtful, thankful and full of God's presence.

A lovely lady, visiting with family came to me after the service and said, "What a wonderful service! You can feel the Holy Spirit in the Church! I feel filled afresh with the Holy Spirit!" Amen to that! Thank You Lord!

Donated groceries, fruit and vegetables were shared between Family Support Work, Turning Tides and Wholesome Warehouse. My husband Derek and I took the fresh food to Wholesome Warehouse the following Tuesday when they opened. They were overjoyed! They had literally just been praying that somehow food would arrive as they had very little fresh produce to give to the families they support - around 130 a week. I felt quite emotional; how God answers prayer! I had led the prayers at the Harvest service and ended by praying that God would put us in the right place at the right time, so two prayers answered!



Lis Osborne

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Travellers

Regular readers will probably have guessed that I'm not one of the world's great travellers. Until a month ago, I hadn't been outside the UK since 2016, so I had some trepidation about flying to Canada last month. There's no getting away from it that flying does not tick many green boxes. The best I can say is that Gatwick airport has different litter bins for different sorts of waste; otherwise, your main distraction is shopping while you wait for your flight. Happily, I had charged my Kindle with lots of books to read.

Transport is considered to be among the top five contributors to the climate crisis. The distances between places in Canada are big; when you ask "how far?" the answer is always in time taken to drive there. There certainly isn't a public transport infrastructure such as we have here, so I was dismayed to hear the news that the UK government has put back the dates for the phasing out of petrol/diesel cars, and also gas boilers.

Renewables

The first part of the stay was in a cottage on an island in the middle of one of the Northern lakes of Ontario and at the very end we visited Niagara Falls, where the original power generation plant was designed by one Nikola Tesla. Ontario's energy production is 33% hydro/wind/solar and 59% nuclear. It's difficult to compare the numbers; Ontario is about 4.5 times the size of the UK and has only a fifth of our population. Even the population of the whole of Canada is under 60% of ours with a vastly larger area, although much of it is very sparsely populated. From various sources I made this table that I think illustrates how much we rely on fossil fuels.



Sources of energy - %

	Hydro	Wind	Solar	Oil / Coal / Gas	Nuclear	Other
Ontario	24	8	1	7	59	1
Canada	60	5	0.3	18.7	15	1
UK	2	28	2.3	52.3	15	0.4

A big question in my mind is how "clean" is nuclear energy? I can't answer it. I put the question into a search engine and got so many conflicting results that it will take me until next month to read through them. One thing is clear to me is that any energy source must have an environmental impact, so a key issue to me is how great is that impact and do the benefits outweigh any adverse impact?



A new meaning to "earth closet"

The cottage mentioned above had an "earth closet," there being no mains water or drainage on the island, and no septic tank because the island is basically a chunk of rock. Cue for picture of our loo while staying there. Having used the loo, you turned the handle over and over and it mixed in earth. Surprisingly it wasn't smelly, and our hosts assured us that it had functioned well for years.

Passive house

The middle part of our stay was in a "passive house."

This is a house with a near zero carbon footprint. It was built only five years ago for my husband's cousin, who wanted to prove that it cost no more to build than a house built



to ordinary specifications. It is triple glazed, and super insulated. It is powered mainly by solar energy, with a little extra from Ontario's grid. There is an air/ground source air-conditioning and heating system. In summer air is drawn in from several hundred metres away, it travels through a pipe deep in the ground which cools it, and is pumped into the house. In winter the same system results in cold air from outside being heated through the ground; there is no other heating. Chris and Judy, who own the house, have already spent four comfortable Canadian winters there, when temperatures dropped to -25°C. See <https://www.passivhaustrust.org.uk>.

One of the things that struck me travelling around Ontario villages was how much local produce was available. Most villages had a shop and there were farm shops and stalls along all the local roads. Did you know Canada produces peaches? I didn't. There were huge punnets of peaches, tomatoes, peppers, pumpkins and sweet corn. People were buying them to bottle and store. I also visited a cheese shop and of course, maple syrup stores.



This reminds me we have our own local produce; farm shops in Washington and West Chilton, and the market every Friday in the Village Hall. We also have a refill scheme at the leisure centre every Friday from 8am until 2pm.

Need something repaired? Sewing repairs can be done by volunteers at The Hub on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 10am to 12 noon. If you need a small electrical repair, head to the Friday market on the first Friday of each month.

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Sun 1: Trinity XXII. Rough wind, occasional rain storms, cold. Preached from Psalms in morning on the Sin of Leasing taken from Erskine Clarke's in volume of *Common Life Sermons* – in the afternoon a course on the Prayer Book. Walked with Erskine Elliott by Rock: his sentiments on Right and Wrong are by no means bad.

Mon 2: A very stormy sky with heavy wind at night. Glass down to 29.36 degrees, the lowest I have recorded this year: the papers give account of much damage done on Thursday and Friday. The *Prince Consort* nearly wrecked going up from Portsmouth to Liverpool to watch the steam trains there: and gets to Kingston with 7ft of water inside! Fetched Emmie home from Wiggonholt where she had been staying for 10 days: the drive very cold. Wrote to Challis.

Tue 3: Heavy rain throughout with wind. A sad day. The squash court progresses, but business indoors very dull.

Wed 4: Drizzly morning storm day throughout. Set out for Worthing in the light rain, which dropped off about 12. Poor Erskine is cut up about news of the death of his brother in India. Lunched with the Gibson's.

Thu 5: Dismal rough wind with occasional scud. Dismissed the Anti Papal Demonstrations and their cohorts penniless, and communicated to *The Times* of our locality of the sentiments regarding them.

Fri 6: Fine and bright, though sun reluctant. Dined at Highden this evening with Erskine Elliot but found our host poorly. Planted Post Laurel hedge.

Sat 7: Fair morning but rain in afternoon. Busy with court. Wheat sowing and potting geraniums and nothing else of importance done.

Sun 8: Trinity XXIII. Dull stormy rain on and off through the day. A melancholy day for an assembly in God's House, but we had a nice gathering in the afternoon and the children to sing nevertheless. Preached 2 sermons on texts in connection with the old word 'Conversation' the afternoon one collection 61 shillings and tuppence. Poor little Freddy spent the day with us: certainly, he has little mind, never opens a book. Read Arnold's life: the 1833 – 7 persecution after the publication of his pamphlet on Church Reform.

Mon 9: Lord Mayor and Prince of Wales! Fine and clearing cold north wind, frosty night. Made all square with the wheat sowing. The stones begin to be laid and things look tidy. To Cobden on a Parochial visit, to old Mrs Lufford and Elizabeth Hard. A good story begun in book by Henry Kingsley.

Tue 10: Raw with a south west wind and heavy showers. Beach is gazetted to Dublin and Stanley to Westminster as expected: *The Times* has a very complimentary article on the former appointment. My mother has a capital letter from Edward who continues at Kussowlie in good health: his next letter will probably be from Delhi. Parochial visits 'Lisher and Denman' in afternoon and sermon on Proverbs XII v 28. A pithy verse the sermon and substance of all theology. Read some of Robert Browning's wild, disconnected, enigmatical, gaspy poems. A rare bit amongst the heaps of rubbish: two poems on Italy are good.

Wed 11: Very raw with heavy rain in morning. The very type of a November day! Reading with Erskine Elliot, a short walk, Browning, and a short sermon are my work today: Robert Browning poetry is most unique: a wild and raggedly clothed talent, and yet much talent and a deep insight into the subject he treats: 'Men and Women' short poems on most differing subjects are mostly intelligible. *The Epistle of the Arab Physician* about the raising of Lazarus is cleverly executed: the story of Fra Lippo Lippi is strikingly sketched. The Emperor autographed the congress for the Queen.

Thu 12: Fine and frosty. Started away for Steyning at 7.15 this morning – crisp and white with frost and arrived at 8.05 being 6 miles in 50 minutes with the old'un. By train to Brighton, where spent a very pleasant 5 hours between the hairdresser (who brushed us up by steam), old Veasey, casually met, the cliff and parade, crammed to the full with all that is vulgar, loud and unutterably snobbish. The Penny Post inserts my letter about the 5th.

Fri 13: Fine and warm after a white frost. The bricklayers still about, but the court is finished and looks really as if ought to demand 2/6 per hour for the privilege they are playing in.

Sat 14: Dull, still and mild. Lunched. Mother and Annie and self at Ballard's. The bricklayers leave us, having done all our work very satisfactory in the fortnight. In *The Times* in a leader of today on America says that the cause of the war is the Union, a pet theory of a political system to exist with the evils of the institutions. 1 ½ millions of men to 6 million of money have been sunk in sacrifice to the Union!!!!

Sun 15: Trinity XXIV. As yesterday dull, mild, still. Fair congregations and attentive ones: sermons from Corinthians 10 last verse the Secret of Life and from Joel 2 being a text to hang a lecture on viz The Confession in the Prayer Book. Heard from Fairbairn, saying that he could entertain me at Christmas.

Mon 16: Foggy, still, rain generally mild and dank. The King of Denmark is dead, our Princess's father becomes King while her brother is King of Greece. Our first game in the new court came off today, and I am well satisfied with it: beat Erskine hand over hand.

Tue 17: Dull and mild. Drove Annie and Erskine to Parham and in the park. Inspected Donald, who we found eating hard as usual but very lame and stiff from a swollen fore-knee – he would make an effective photograph. Floor put down in Harness room.

Wed 18: Fine, brisker but dull and cloudy. To Mrs Luxford, who better and to her that simple tract of the '2 Paths'. Annie accompanied the Hards and the Coopers. One of the most exceedingly trying scenes today, caused by my mother's martyr sacrifice to world of strife.

Thu 19: Fine, dull, mild so has been a perfect day. Heard from Challis. Colonel Crawley was put on his trial at Aldershot on Tuesday. Miss Molineux marries Lord William Lennox, an old 'rip' of 60. The Schleswig Holstein question assumes a serious aspect upon the death of the King of Denmark and the accession of Prince Christian. Drove Erskine to Pulborough this morning to meet his father at Three Bridges. I by train to Petworth and then to call at Burton; no one at home so walked back by Coates and beautiful Fittleworth Common to Stopham, where fell in with old Bartalott and with him went to Quell Wood to see a party of shooters Bryan (captain) Charles Goring, Haywood Hawkins and Graham of the 23rd and a Chichester solicitor named Johnston a new recorder of that city. Tea'd with Knight and discussed my wants a labourer and a boy: he thinks he can furnish the latter from his large school resources: is dubious about the former. Returned with Erskine by a mild bright moonlight and learned of a visit from Foster's of Burpham. Annie goes to see a meet at Parham and Emmy to Fryen.

Fri 20: Fine and mild. Walked with Erskine to Madehurst where Nicholas by appointment gave us lunch and showed us over his place and church: the latter is very forward in the Restoration and promises to be very pretty and effective. Our walk was delightful and took us about 2 ½ hours. The sun lighting up the sea in gleamy streaks of gold and silver gave us a view from the Downs rarely surpassed. Schleswig Holstein is publicly claimed by the new King of Denmark on the one hand and Prince Holstein Augustinburg on the other: while *The Times* gives us some verses on the Congress likening the Emperor to a Pike among other small fish.

Sat 21: Gloomy and at 5pm a gale with rain. Beat Erskine hollow at Fives. Called on the parishioners in the home circuit. The great Alexandra case is being argued and the Crawley trial proceeds rather favourably for the petitioners.

Sun 22: Trinity XXV. Fine but threatening with wind. Preached on Sin being the Death; and gave a lecture on the Confession. This being our last Sunday in the Christian Year I gave an exultation of better and more regular attendance in Church and Sacraments.

Mon 23: Mild dull and still. Drove Annie in the Hansom (rendered most consistent by two or three more of my own ingenious devises) to Wiston for dinner: a large and awesome party at first, but they developed into a

very ordinary lot, whose talk was chiefly of breach loaders and foxes eg Percy Wyndam and wife: Major Boulton and wife, Mr and Mrs and Miss Brand. Colonel and Miss Lloyd and Mr and Mrs Napier, A L Smith and Mrs Maine and young Wilberforce made up the lot gave Chatfield his day of departure as we went homewards. But isolated patches of golden leaves are now remaining while the Arbutus outside my window becomes more gorgeous every day with its red and green.

Tue 24: Very wet and very warm. Erskine at times proves restive over lessons, but soon permits his feelings to evaporate. Paid the Major a gossiping visit this dull afternoon and brought home a pheasant. Crawley's trial crawls on, and only interests because there is a total death of all other news.

Wed 25: Fine and extra mild. All day with my mother in Town, business and shopping! She left for Charlie's and I left by the 6 train here. Erskine met me with the horse half way.

Thu 26: Foggy and raw towards evening. Our holiday, so to Pulborough driving for a pull but floods swamp the boathouse so on to Petworth with the old nag who took us over up and down the road (rendering worse by unlimited repairs) with great ease. Walked Erskine around the park inspected a steam ploughing machine and home to tea at Knight's – inspected also a boy for my small work as he effected his sums at Night School. Annie spends her day at Fryen. Edward writes me a line from Delhi where he had just arrived (October 20) mentions Carew Gibson's present of £50 with much gratitude.

Fri 27: Damp and dull, mild. Mant lunched and played Fives with us. Emmy returned from Fryen after a week's stay. Freddie Gibson tea's. I pay the cook her wages and administer to her a lecture on Cream! and on Scream! We are invited (Annie and I) to dine and sleep at Lancing Manor, which we accept! This is a novelty; I venture and predict it no unpleasing one DV. Wrote a whole sermon. Erskine worked up Henry II and no end of mathematics.

Sat 28: Fine and brisk. Ascended the Downs en mass. Emmy riding a rough pony got for her in Storrington she seems in high spirits. Annie and I visited Cobden. I dined at Highden in the evening found it very cold riding.

Sun 29: Advent Sunday. Cold, fine and very bright evening sets in with nipping frost. Good congregations today. Preached on the Necessity of Christ's coming to us and being with us in our daily work and an extemporary on Things Old and New introducing some wholesome truths respecting Itching ears Hebrews XIII.

Mon 30: Fine and cold but falling glass. The news this morning is sad. Lord Elgin, Viceroy of India, one of our most successful governors in the East was dying of dropsy of the heart as the mail left. Also the letter dispatches are published and have passed on the French Emperor's proposal of a Congress, concluding with a refusal on our part to entertain it. My morning disturbed by 2 visits from the Railway Agents to deposit with me in the absence of an authorised Parish Clerk their notices of the routes to be submitted by Parliament: two schemes are afoot. Clarke's cottage is inspected by Mrs John Wedge of Pulborough and is found wanting. Visited Mrs Scutt (Quinsy) Frances (Liver) and a glib newcomer, Burrell at Barns Farm.

1ST SULLINGTON BROWNIES ARE BUSY



Shortly before the schools broke up for the summer holiday, 1st Sullington Brownies and 2nd West Chiltington Brownies joined forces for a Brownie holiday at the Girlguiding site Blackland Farm, this possibly being the last time we were able to use the site.

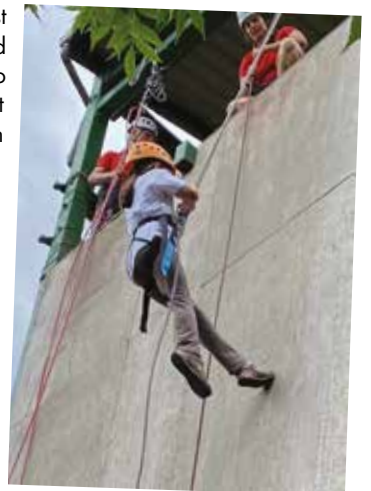
All the Brownies settled into the lodge, called Weavers, very quickly, with our theme being *Go Wild*. They spent their time away testing their vocal strength singing songs around a campfire, challenging their fears by enjoying adventurous activities such as abseiling, crate stacking, tunnelling and archery, along with enhancing their creativity such as creating an animal eared headband and air dry clay animal keyrings, all whilst earning badges along the way.



At the start of this autumn term, the Brownies chatted happily about everything they love about Brownies, contributing towards a display in the hall foyer as they went. The girls have learnt about dementia, talking about how their own family members are affected, and making the

pledge to help spread the word that there is more to a person than dementia. After completing a number of activities recommended by The Alzheimer's Society, they were told they were now officially a Dementia Friend.

At the end of September, 1st Sullington Brownies again joined with West Chiltington Brownies to attend a regional Guiding event just along the road at RSPB, Pulborough Brooks. Over 100 Brownies and Rainbows explored the reserve, discovering Phantom midge larva, Mayfly nymphs, Backswimmers and Water beetles whilst pond dipping. They hugged trees until they found their tree twin (one where their fingers just met whilst hugging) and made art using things found on the woodland floor. They explored an area of the reserve not open to the public and searched for mini beasts using techniques such as shaking branches and brushing tree bark, and had a relaxing time enjoying a sensory walk after a few nature related yoga poses. The Brownies were all awarded a *Growing Up Wild* badge.



New volunteers and members are always welcome. If you think you might enjoy what we do, please do get in touch. There are various ways you can get involved.

SUSSEXDOWN CHAPEL SERVICE

Monthly chapel service has resumed at Sussexdown (Care South) in the RAFA chapel. Following a 32 month hiatus of Covid restrictions, Sullington Parish are pleased to offer a traditional language Prayer Book communion with hymns for residents and their friends. We really look forward to seeing you in the chapel on the first Thursday of the month at 2.15pm.



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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
5 November	4th before Advent	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Family Communion 4pm Service of Light, Hope and Remembrance	10.30am Joint Thakeham/Sullington Church for All Service	8.30am Prayer Book Communion (BCP) 3pm Evensong
12 November	3rd before Advent Remembrance Sunday	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion 2.55pm Service of Remembrance – see p6	8.30am Celtic Communion 10.30am Remembrance Service	10.45am Remembrance Service
19 November	2nd before Advent	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion with Prayers for Healing	8.30am Celtic Communion	10.30am Holy Communion
26 November	CHRIST THE KING Sunday Next Before Advent	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion	10.30am Family Communion	8.30am Celtic Communion 10.30am Morning Prayer
3 December	Advent 1	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Family Communion Children's Gift Service 4pm Evensong	10.30am Joint Thakeham/Sullington "Christingle" Church for All Service	8.30am Prayer Book Communion (BCP) 3pm Evensong with Advent Carols

Check parish websites and Notice Sheets for up-to-date information.

Midweek Holy Communion Service at St Mary's Church, Storrington, on 2nd Wednesday at 10am, 4th Wednesday at 2pm and 5th Wednesday at 2pm, all followed by Café in the Church

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Parish Priest: Fr Charles Howell

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

Tel: 740338

STORRINGTON CHAPEL

North Street

Sunday Services 10.30am and 6.30pm

Enquiries to Storrington Chapel Evangelical Church,

North Street, Storrington RH20 4DH

Email: contacts@storringtonchapel.org.uk

LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH, STORRINGTON

Chanctonbury Leisure Centre, Spierbridge Road

Family Worship – Sundays 10am

Enquiries to Katherine Edwards

Life Community Church Office, 7 The Square, Storrington

Office open: Monday – Wednesday.

Out of hours contact: Nathanael on nat@lccstor.org

Tel: 07450 176315 Email: admin@lccstor.org www.lccstor.org

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH

Thakeham Road

Sunday Service 10.30am

Minister: Revd Dr Frank Okai-Sam

Tel: 01273 597122

Email: trinitychurchstorrington@outlook.com

www.facebook.com/TrinityStorrington

Our building is now registered for same-sex marriage

WEEKLY EVENTS

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

Fri 9.45am Storrington Community Market – Village Hall

STORRINGTON LIBRARY – Tel. 839050

Opening Hours

Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm, Saturday 10am – 4pm

Knit and natter Adults Wednesdays 2pm-3pm

Toddler time Under 5s Thursdays 10am-10.30am

Rhyme time Under 5s Tuesdays 10.45am-11.15am

STORRINGTON

POP-IN LUNCH CLUB

Storrington Village Hall

11.30am until 2pm on the first Thursday of each month except January and August

Enjoy a nourishing meal with dessert

ALL ARE WELCOME

Buy a ticket at The Hub in Storrington

Co-ordinator: Penny Barnes (01798 815129)

Come and meet old friends and make new ones

All for only £3!



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

12 November

at the Old School, School Lane, Storrington

Tickets £4.00 are available from

Louisa Austin, Church Street, Storrington



WHAT'S ON

NOVEMBER	
Wed 1	10.30am Dementia-Friendly Choir – p22
Thu 2	11.30am Pop-In Lunch Club – p18 2.15pm Sussexdown Chapel Service – p17 2pm MU – Meeting – p23 7.30pm Storrington Camera Club – Meeting – p29
Fri 3	2.30pm Storrington Museum – Talk – p30 6.30pm Storrington Flower Club – Open Evening – p24
Sat 4	10am Storrington Conservation Society – Working Party – p22 2.30pm Organ Concert – St Mary's, Storrington – p9
Sun 5 4th before Advent	4pm Service of Light, Hope and Remembrance – St Mary's, Storrington – p6
Mon 6	2.30pm Reading Friends – Storrington Library – p33 7pm Storrington Slimmers – p26
Tue 7	10am Inter-Church prayers – RC Church (side-chapel) – p3 2pm SPACE – Art & Craft Club – p10 2pm The Arts Society – Meeting – p30
Wed 8	10.30am Café in the Church (Communion at 10am) – p10 7pm Rotary Film Night – <i>Living</i> – p20
Thu 9	2pm Memory Moments Café – p23
Sat 11	9.30am Sandgate Conservation Society – Working Party – p25
Sun 12 3rd before Advent Remembrance Sunday	1pm Sunday Lunch Club – Old School, Storrington – p18 2.55pm Remembrance Sunday Service – p6
Mon 13	7pm Storrington Slimmers – p26 7.30pm Thakeham Gardeners' Club – Meeting – p22
Wed 15	10am Fun Bridge Day – p4 7.30pm Sullington Windmills WI – Meeting – p30
Thu 16	7.30pm Storrington Camera Club – Meeting – p29
Fri 17	7.30pm Storrington Horticultural Society – Meeting – p21
Sat 18	10am Storrington Museum – Art Exhibition – p14 2pm Autumn Fair – Thakeham – p14
Sun 19 2nd before Advent	10am Storrington Museum – Art Exhibition – p14
Mon 20	7pm Storrington Slimmers – p26
Tue 21	2pm SPACE – Art & Craft Club – p10 2pm Knit and Stitch – p4 7pm West Chilmington Floral Society – Meeting – p22
Wed 22	10.30am Café in the Church (Communion at 10am) – p10
Thu 23	2pm Memory Moments Café – p23 3pm Tea with the Vicar – p5 7pm Performance – West Chilmington Dramatic Society – p25

Fri 24	7pm Performance – West Chilmington Dramatic Society – p25
Sat 25	10am Sandgate Conservation Society – Working Party – p25 10am Christmas Coffee Morning – St Mary's, Storrington – p9 7pm Performance – West Chilmington Dramatic Society – p25
Sun 26 Next before Advent Christ the King	
Mon 27	7pm Storrington Slimmers – p26
Tue 28	1.30pm Macular Support Group – p15
Wed 29	10.30am Dementia-Friendly Choir – p22 2.30pm Café in the Church (Communion at 2pm) – p10
Thu 30	5pm Storrington Village Christmas Event – p10 &25 7.30pm Storrington Camera Club – Meeting – p29

Details of all church activities on pages 4,5,6, 9 and 18.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL DAYS

NOVEMBER	
1 ALL SAINTS' DAY	
2 All Souls' Day (Commemoration of the Faithful Departed)	
3 Richard Hooker, 1600 , Anglican priest and theologian <i>Martin of Porres, 1639</i> , renowned for work with the poor	
6 Leonard, 6th century <i>William Temple, 1944</i> , Archbishop of York and Canterbury	
7 Willibrord of York, 739 , Apostle of the Benelux countries	
8 The Saints and Martyrs of England	
9 Margery Kempe, c.1440 , wrote first autobiography about her pilgrimages	
10 Leo the Great, 461 , secured unity of Western church under papal supremacy	
11 Martin of Tours, c.397 , Christian saint – famous story of cutting his cloak	
13 Charles Simeon, 1836 , founder of Church Missionary Society	
14 Samuel Seabury, 1796 , first bishop of Episcopal Church in USA	
16 Margaret, Queen of Scotland, 1093 , saint, recognised for her work with charity and religious reform <i>Edmund Rich of Abingdon, 1240</i> , Archbishop of Canterbury, university colleges named after him	
17 Hugh of Lincoln, 1200 , Bishop, patron saint of sick children and swans	
18 Elizabeth of Hungary, 1231 , devoted her short life to poor and sick	
19 Hilda, 680 , important in conversion of England to Christianity <i>Mechtild, 1280</i>	
20 Edmund, 870 <i>Priscilla Lydia Sellon, 1876</i> , founded Society of the Most Holy Trinity	
22 Cecilia, c.230 , patron saint of music	
23 Clement, Bishop of Rome, c.100 , considered first Apostolic Father of the Church	
25 Catherine of Alexandria, c. 305 , martyr, the firework, Catherine Wheel, is named after her	
30 ANDREW THE APOSTLE, Patron of Scotland	

SOUTH DOWNS PROBUS



We have had a very busy and enjoyable few months at The South Downs Probud Club. Although we are a bit depleted in numbers, many of our members enjoyed a trip in July down The Wey and Arun Canal followed by a meal at The Onslow Arms where the barge picked us up. It was a lovely day out for all of us as can be seen in the accompanying photo.



At the end of August we took part in the annual Inter-Probud Croquet match at The West Sussex Croquet Club in Southwick. It was another beautiful day and about 50 members including wives from six

clubs took part, a couple of them for the first time. It was an immensely enjoyable day, not least because of the marvellous buffet lunch put on by the Croquet Club. The players were divided into two sets according to their experience and playing ability; the better ones called *The Professionals* and mostly belonging to a club, whereas the rest only play once a year and were therefore *Amateurs*. But don't let that fool you as they are just as competitive and everyone gets to have several matches before it starts to get narrowed down to the eventual winners. The *Amateur* winners were Simon from Chanctonbury Probud and Jean from South Downs. In the photo is the organizer and presenter of prizes, Jonathan Isaacs together with the winners.

It was a great day and we all voted to do it again next year!



We have had all the usual lunches including the prestigious ones at West Sussex Golf Club when we are accompanied by wives. They always put on a sumptuous spread and we have a great time together. We are one of the few clubs who

regularly invite wives to the quarterly lunches, as well as to the lovely coffee mornings at Spring Gardens café where we sit amongst the palm trees and antique opulence of the greenhouse. Like Kew but on a small scale! Very decadent.

In September our events organiser, David Brewerton took us to Glynde Place near Lewes for a most interesting tour of parts of the house not occupied by the owners. It is like Parham House with such a different history going back hundreds of years. It was amusing to learn, in a way, that the house was populated by Roundheads and across the A27 were the Cavaliers. How difficult for everybody. The house is set in 6000 acres of land and the view across to the South Downs was immense. You just needed a horse to gallop into the distance!



We had a speaker at our last lunch talking about different aspects of crime. Colin Turner was a solicitor who had been a Magistrates Clerk for many years and regaled us with inside knowledge of some of the goings on in Courts. Our next speaker is our own member, Tony Gledhill GC, who is going back to being a policeman in the East End of London in the 1950's and 60's. Probably a bit different to today's system when truncheons and whistles were the main technology, together with those mysterious blue police boxes which became inhabited by a well-known time-traveller!

So we have had a busy few months and our programme for 2024 is being worked up and looks like another good year. If you would like to join us please contact the President, Don Johnston, at donjohnston@btinternet.com. We would love to see you.

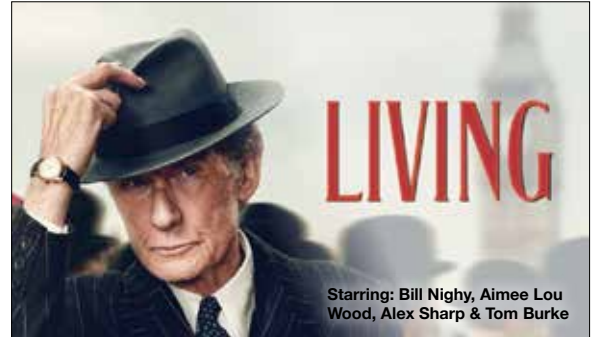
Don Johnston



FILM NIGHT

At Sullington Parish Hall
Wednesday 8th November 2023

THIS MONTH'S FILM



Performance commences at 7.30pm

There will be 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.

For further details please contact Ken Collins on 01903 740745

Rotary Club Members can provide transport to the Film Night for local residents who are unable to make their own arrangements. Anyone needing transport should contact John Ollerton on 07523322554

Storrington & Pulborough District Rotary Club

All proceeds go to charitable causes supported by Rotary. Registered Charity No. 1029115

Living, starring Bill Nighy. In 1950s London, a humourless bureaucrat decides to take time off work to experience life after receiving a grim diagnosis.

STORRINGTON COMMUNITY MARKET

Storrington Village Hall, West Street

FRESH LOCAL PRODUCE:

Homemade Cakes, Quiches & Biscuits • Sausage Rolls • Fruit • Veg • Plants • Homemade Marmalade, Jam, Chutney & Honey

EVERY Friday
9.45 - 11.15am

- PLUS** • Carol's pet rugs, cushions, quilts & bunting
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• Erika's Crochet creations • Elaine's Glass Art & Jewellery
• Iryna's Ukrainian dolls & art • Rich's woodcraft gifts • Velda's aprons
• Locally produced cards • Gilly's preloved homeware
• Charl's Neal's Yard products & Flamingo Paperie stationery
• Nick's Vinyl records, singles & LPs from the 60s to the 90s
• Sussex Green Living recycling collection point
• Cafe - tea, coffee & biscuits



DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

8 December - Community Christmas Market - lots of festivities, mince pies with your tea or coffee in the cafe and Christmas gifts for all the family

Market closes on 22 December and reopens on 12 January

ACTIVITIES AT THE VILLAGE HUB

Run by Life Community Church, Storrington
7 The Square, Storrington

TUESDAY

In Stitches – 1.30pm to 3pm

A fun, social group for people who like to stitch. Bring your own knitting, embroidery or another project. We can teach you if you'd like to learn!



WEDNESDAY

Bible Encounter – 10am to 12pm

This is a great group for those wanting to pray and learn more and explore the Bible.



THURSDAY

Baby Club – 10am to 12pm (term time only)

Join our supportive community group and connect with others. Older siblings welcome!



Monthly High Tea – last Thursday – 2.30pm to 4pm

Meet new friends, enjoy homemade delicacies for £3 per person. Book tickets in advance from The Village Hub.



Thursdays Together – For over 65's, every Thursday except last of the month – 2.30pm to 4pm

Join us for tea, games, and company. Bring a friend and join in!



FRIDAY

Ukraine Drop-in – Open from 10am to 1pm

We're here to help you with a range of services, including form filling and general help and information, with access to authorities to assist with housing etc. We also offer English language classes.



SATURDAY

Repair Café – every third Saturday of the month from 10am to 12pm

Looking to repair your broken or damaged items? The Repair Cafe is here to help, so bring in any items needing mending, from clothes to appliances and more.



CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUPS ON FRIDAYS

Chanctonbury Leisure Centre

Sparks Toddler Group – 10am – 11.30am

Come and connect with other parents and guardians at our baby and toddler group for the local community. Each week there are toys, bouncy castles, crafts, a bible story, a song and some refreshments (for children and adults). Entry is £2 per child and £1 for each additional child, and if it is your first time it is free! There is no need to book in advance.



Fireworks Kids Club – 6pm – 7.15pm

For KS2 children from year three to five. A safe place outside of school where children can come to have fun, learn about the Bible, develop life skills and meet their friends. Each week there are games around a different theme.



Wildfires Youth Group – 7.30pm – 9pm

For children from year 6 upwards. A fun, relaxed time for young people to hang out, bring friends, and join in with games and activities.



Groups meet term time only. Run by Life Community Church.



STORRINGTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

A packed audience of members and guests welcomed Miles Hayward, a local specialist grower of Japanese Maples, to their meeting who gave a very informative and interesting talk on these plants, including many helpful tips on successful growing of this beautiful plant.

Miles studied Botany at Reading University and then started his practical experience working at specialist hardy and exotic nursery Big Plants and it was here that he gained a wide practical knowledge of plants from bamboo, Palms, Olive Trees and other ornamental trees and shrubs. This also gave him a greater understanding into local garden conditions, soil types and micro-climates, this knowledge being essential, he said, in making the correct choices for the transfer of young plants to gardens which helps ensure greater success for the plants themselves in their new surroundings.

The Japanese Maple has a long history and there are, in fact, over 250 cultivars of Japanese Maples. The *Acer palmatum* forms of this plant have been part of Japanese history for centuries. It is believed the first recorded plant dates from the 7th Century and consequent refining of different cultivars have resulted in the distinct differences of size, leaf shape and colour we see today. Dr Thunberg christened the species named



Acer palmatum dissectum
'Firecracker'

palmatum after the hand (palm) like shape of its leaves. Japanese Maples continued to change and grow with the tallest species of just over 30ft and the smallest a diminutive 1.5ft. Each suited to specific growing and climate conditions but overall a hardy low maintenance tree.



Acer palmatum 'Phoenix'

Miles gave general guides to selecting the right Maple/Acer and how to grow it if you are considering keeping it in a container but they were only a guide as it is also essential to take note of soil type and quality as well as local conditions and any special circumstances regarding location of the property where the Maple is to be planted.

There are species designed to thrive in almost every soil condition, however none do well in overly boggy conditions.

1. It is important that the container is the right size to start, this should be twice the size of the root ball. Much larger gives too much soil around the root which increases the chances that it will become saturated making the plant susceptible to root rot.
2. Acers have shallow roots which require plenty of oxygen so drainage is important to prevent waterlogging
3. Think about where you are going to site your plant. Acers are hardy but as a general rule grow best in a sheltered spot away from strong winds. As a guide, Green Maples can tolerate a certain amount of sun but are best kept in dappled shade. Red and purple Acers need sun to develop their dark hues, but not too much, as they could scorch in the summer sun and are best given some shade during the day to prevent scorching of the foliage
4. Only prune if necessary as most maples in pots have a naturally elegant open structure and shape. These plants are dormant from November to January so this is the best time to prune removing badly placed or crossing to help encourage a good shape and open structure.

The meeting closed with a raffle and light refreshments. Our next meeting is being held as usual at the Storrington Village Hall on **17 November** commencing 7.30pm when it will be our AGM followed by a talk by Felicity Lewis on The Versatility and Sustainability of Black Sheep's Wool.

Michael Webber

Web Site: storringtonhorti.org.uk

STORRINGTON CONSERVATION SOCIETY

Much of the landscape that surrounds us, not only new housing, has been shaped by human activity. Most of what may seem natural is the result. For example, thousands of years ago the Downs were covered by trees. Early farmers started to clear the forestry to encourage grass to grow for the benefit of livestock. This also made habitat for a large range of wildlife, from butterflies and birds to numerous plant species. Over the centuries human settlements brought more changes, then the need for food during and after the Second World War meant much of the grassland was ploughed for crops.



Dark Green Fritillary

Nature doesn't stand still. The small amount of remaining grassland then began to be covered by scrub, endangering the rare species which rely on that grassland. Not that scrub has no place, it also provides habitat for different insects, reptiles and birds. It is a question of keeping things in proportion for the benefit of as much wildlife as possible in the interests of biodiversity.

The conservation work the Society has been doing on Chantry Hill has this in mind. The chalk grassland area we are clearing has been invaded by scrub. If left untouched, the grass will be overwhelmed. The hope is that by limiting the scrub, rare species of butterflies, such as Duke of Burgandy and Grizzled Hopper, together with orchids, will thrive. The National Trust and other organisations carry out similar work on a larger scale on other parts of the Downs.

The recent State of Nature report shows almost 1,500 species of wildlife in GB are at risk of extinction. Other species are in serious decline. The trend is reversed when we actively help nature.

Every little helps! In fact, most gardens can be made havens for wildlife. Even the right choice of flowers can attract butterflies, bees and other insects.

Our work party on 7 October carried out further clearance of invasive plants at Hurston Warren SSSI for the benefit of the important heathland there.

The next work party meets at 10am on **Saturday 4 November** at Chantry Hill to continue with the scrub clearance to enable the grassland to recover. All welcome to share the work and enjoy the scenery. Share transport where possible.

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

Stuart Kersley



WEST CHILTINGTON FLORAL CLUB (AFFILIATED TO NAFAS)

Tuesday 21 November
1.30pm for 2pm

Christmas Workshop with Lucinda Knapman

Visitors are most welcome, £5 entry fee.

The meeting will be held at West Chiltington Village Hall, Mill Road, West Chiltington RH20 2PZ.

For more information, please contact Brenda on 01798 813712 or Carol on 01798 813608.

Email: wchiltfloralclub@gmail.com



THAKEHAM GARDENERS' CLUB

The subject of the September meeting was Herbs and our speaker was Martin Jarvis from Culberry Nursery in Angmering. Martin began his talk by telling how the nursery was started back in 1948 by his ancestors when it was growing vegetables for the London markets. However, as early as 1949 they started growing mushrooms which continued until 1990 when they stopped and concentrated on the sale of compost. For the past 20 years they have been growing and selling herbs alongside bedding plants, perennials, vegetable plants, shrubs and still a lot of



Culberry Nursery

compost.



Selection of herbs

Martin showed images of many of the herbs they grew and he had brought with him several pots of herbs which were sold to members. It's surprising that a number of plants that seem to appear in our gardens without being planted which we call weeds are actually herbs, either culinary or medicinal. Martin said that clubs are very welcome to pay group visits to the nursery and see how the herbs etc are grown so we

hope to arrange a visit next year. Culberry Nursery also attends many local farmers markets, including Storrington and Steyning and, if ordered in advance, will bring compost for collection.

The meeting on **13 November at 7.30pm** will welcome back Martin Duncan, head gardener at Arundel Castle, who will talk about the gardens surrounding the castle and other gardens worldwide that he has worked in. There isn't a Club competition this month.

Tickets will be on sale for the Christmas Party evening on 12 December, and 2024 subscriptions will be due.

Club meetings are held monthly, usually on the second Monday at 7.30pm in Thakeham Village Hall and visitors are warmly welcome. For further details please contact Chairperson Gil on 01798 812748.

Sandra Jenkins

 **Enjoy Singing**
Want to make new friends? 

Join a new Community Choir in Storrington!

1 and 29 November 10.30am – 12.00

**Trinity Methodist Church, Thakeham Road,
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A dementia friendly choir (but open to all)

Are you experiencing memory problems?*

Singing in a choir might help?*

No audition, no music scores;
just the words of popular songs

Coffee and chat, too!

Contact Robert Gamble at
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*Choir open to anyone, irrespective of age, health or singing ability

I start on a sad note. On 18 September we said our heartfelt farewells to our dear friend and long-standing MU member, Stella Hastings, in a packed St Mary's Church, Storrington, which echoed with love from family and friends and all who knew her. She was a kind and gentle soul who will be much missed and remembered. Our MU branch was honoured to cater for the gathering after her funeral. There were twice as many guests as were expected, a tribute to Stella indeed, but thanks to our members who made cakes and sandwiches and helped on the day, plenty to go round.

The Annual Gathering at York on 23 September

Barbara Buchanan, Jeannie Bell and myself made our way to York to join the gathering. Over 800 members descended on York from all corners of the UK and further afield. We met in fellowship and prayer to look back on the year and our accomplishments and to discuss strategies and action ahead.



Sheran Harper, our World Wide President, gave a keynote speech which was heart-warming and heart-breaking. Many of us were reaching for our tissues when she spoke of the MU involvement in Africa and South America and those places she visits in her role, across the World. MU is there leading and supporting Human Rights issues:

Childhood marriages and pregnancies, domestic abuse, gender violence, literacy programmes and empowering women to take the lead in their communities and build small businesses to feed their families.

MU is much more than tea and cake and a speaker on a Thursday afternoon! Here at home we are starting our Rise Up campaign against domestic abuse.



At 5pm we attended York Minster for Sung Evensong dedicated to MU. We were honoured to be addressed by The Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell, who, we were informed, never came in on Fridays and certainly not to give a sermon!

I feel we have all come away with fresh ideas and new enthusiasms.

Autumn Gathering

Jeannie Bell and myself attended our Autumn Gathering on Saturday 7 October at St. John The Evangelist in Brighton. A beautiful large and airy church, well-suited to our gatherings. We were introduced to the concept of *Metamorphosis*, a follow on from last year's transformation,

L to R Sheran Harper, Lynne Tenby (past World Wide President), Archbishop of York

and is a MU approach to change, stepping out of our comfort zone to encourage new ways of attracting new members, and getting ourselves noticed out in our communities.

After a packed lunch and chat among the various branches we enjoyed a Service of Thanksgiving with Eucharist before saying our goodbyes and setting off for home.

Talk on Oberammergau

After Jeannie had welcomed us all and given out a few notices (regarding socks for Gatwick Detainees and the booklet of Stella's funeral), she introduced Roger and Sue Overton-Smith who had been to Oberammergau in 2022. The play has an interesting history. In 1633 the village was suffering from the plague and the villagers vowed that if God spared their lives, they would perform a play every 10 years depicting the life and death of Jesus. Nobody died of plague thereafter and the villagers kept their word to God by performing the passion play for the first time in 1634.

Oberammergau is a small village with a population of about 5,000 on the eastern side of Bavaria bordering with Austria. The play involves a large cast of over 2,000 people: actors, musicians, and behind the scenes hands who are all residents of the village. The play also depicts scenes from the Old Testament, *tableaux vivants*, in which the actors remain motionless whilst the choir sing.

Roger and Sue have been there four times, the last in 2022 when they went by coach rather than flying. When they were dropped off at Horsham the coach driver said that they had done 2,024 miles. Roger said it was beautiful to be able to see Europe, all the mountains, the greenery, the lakes. It was an excellent talk, finishing with tea and cake!

Maria Radford

Future events at West Chiltington Church Hall

2 November at 2pm

Flower Arranging at Westminster Abbey, by Brenda Bull

7 December

Christmas Party and Tea

Sonia Fox


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Memory Moments Café - Storrington
For people with memory problems and their family / care partner

Second and fourth Thursdays of the month
Ravenscroft Guide and Community Hall
2.00pm - 4.00pm

*Join us for a little fun and laughter, with tea/coffee & cakes,
plus music, games, dance, crafts and much more.*




For info call 01273 494300 or info@knowdementia.co.uk
Registered charity no. 1154361

STORRINGTON & SULLINGTON - REFLECTIONS OF THE PAST

REVD HENRY PALMER AT SULLINGTON – PART 17

The Rector reflects that, "My tea at Sandgate after church has become an institution," adding mysteriously, "Ann much bitten with the Grand Scheme." A little unusual carelessness from him on "exercising the Dorset, who was being held by too long a tether got him a kick in the leg." It did not stop him [Mr Palmer] walking with GCG to call at Wiston, Rock, to see Blackiston. Not surprisingly, he was "very stiff in the thigh by the evening." It was no better the next day, "which prevents much exercise" but not, it seems, from going round "the home circuit."

There was bad news from Chithurst where Annie was staying, that his poor sister was down with a very bad quinsy – so much so that Charlie [Charlotte, his other sister] had been up all night with her. "The doctor ordered blisters and emetics." [This sounds terribly severe for a patient with a very painful throat!]. A letter from brother Edward reported that there was smallpox at Meerut, but he had been vaccinated. The Rector and his mother had another talk about the "Grand Scheme". Two more letters, one of which should have been delivered the previous day, announced Annie's alarming illness, which caused his mother to prepare at once to start for Chithurst. While waiting for the fly, Henry King [Charlie's husband] appeared, having left home at 6.30am with the alarming information of Annie being in great danger. "The swelling was on both sides of the throat and has well-nigh closed the aperture. Poor Al!" Both Henry King and Mrs Palmer went in the return fly, "and I am left to await today's report which I hope to get tomorrow somehow or other." [This was life before telephones or mobiles and messages travelled at the speed of a horse]. "Of course my day has been wretched, together with this wretched weather. I to Highden to say we can't dine there. CG offers me 3 weeks yachting trip about the middle of May, which if all things go well, I am inclined to accept. He liberally offers all expenses." This would not be before another 2-3 months.

The weather did not help as there were heavy rain storms with violent winds next morning. The news from Chithurst [by post] was happier. "Annie's quinsy showed signs of breaking and she was better." By the 18th there was no news, but Mr Palmer's mother did not return, "so trust that all's well." The Rector lunched at Fryern "and played ball with Miss Ethel – they are two charming little things," i.e. the King twins he had baptised. These diversions could not blot out the Rector's financial problems, and dining with GCG "talked to him more openly than usual – money matters – letting the house – matrimony." The post from his mother was more favourable about Annie although "she has had a very severe illness and DG she has surmounted it." There was a letter from CG anent the proposed yachting trip – very kind and generously worded. Also from GF offering money to stock my farm, 50 and £100 – Annie still needed night watching although she was coming round slowly.

His mother returned to the Rectory after a week away, saying Annie remains "prostrated to a great degree." For the Rector there was a "dreary constable Vestry." Hardwick supercilious talked a stream of humbug over a cross in the churchyard. A visit to Cobden "found all with coughs and chilblains, etcetera, but nothing serious."

Sunday was very wet and stormy, resulting in two congregations of 12 apiece. "We always hitherto had a morning, to which no-one came. What can be said of a thoroughly wet Sunday in a country hamlet? Very little I own, except that it tests the patience of the pastor and the sincerity of the flock." The news was just as melancholy, as it was the day of Cardinal Wiseman's funeral. This had filled four columns of *The Times*, of which the Rector commented "... far too much space for such a man, who though he was talented and genuine, was not a man of very great work. Manning's sermon was snubbed."

In the parish there was diphtheria at Cobden. "A wee lamb of my flock (little Peter) died of it last night aged 5. He was grave – as usual and sensible to the last, thanking his father and saying 'goodbye' like a little man. Another child in the same family also very ill. Much 'poorliness'

rather than illness among my lot. All the creaking hinges seem to creak badly just now." On Ash Wednesday the Rector attended the service at Storrington which he found "long and formal including communion and communion service." He decided to experiment with his own evening service – a litany and sermon, at which he had an encouraging attendance, "a nice little congregation – 12 adults and 6 or 8 boys – and he was glad to see all his night-school present – "unsolicited."

There was news from Marlborough College [his alma mater] of the severe illness and death of "... poor EC Boyle of brain fever. I mourn him greatly and lose a genial clever true friend." His death was reported in *The Times* – age only 27.

Mr Palmer and his mother, newly returned from a visit in Findon with 'the Brians', "go further and further into the Grand Scheme over some mulled cough mixture." A letter came from Emmy [who had evidently not obeyed her mother's 'summons home'] "full of Captains, Colonels and a sprinkling of Generals" brought the news that she had managed her return to be delayed for a little while "of which we are all glad." Still very much occupied with his Grand Scheme, the Rector drove to consult Sinclair, Rector of Pulborough, who approved of the letting, but on the return journey "the horse shied, twisted around sharp and continued backing and overturned the carriage. Happily he did not plunge afterwards so that I escaped entirely. The trap was slightly smashed, the object of terror was a clothes basket on a truck. The man was very useful in helping me to take the harness off and right the machine."

Joan Ham (Village Historian)

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All tools, gloves etc are provided, so just turn up at the above mentioned locations on the dates specified. Do come along and give it a try; you will be most welcome.

To learn more about the Sandgate Conservation Society, who work closely with the National Trust and Horsham District Council, please contact Brian Burns on 743001 or see www.sandgate.conservation@gmail.com.

Brian Burns



West Chilmington Dramatic Society



Over the last month, activities at WCDS have included a Play Reading for Fun at The Five Bells in West Chilmington, at which we read the Agatha Christie mystery, *Afternoon at the Seaside*. The event was well-attended and well-received. We hold these readings three times a year. They are fun and informal events, so please look out for them, as all are welcome.

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Our rehearsals for our production of *Jack of Diamonds* by Marcia Kash and Douglas E Hughes continue. This is directed by Sue Goble and will be performed at West Chilmington Village Hall on **23, 24 and 25 November at 7.30pm** each evening. Tickets to see this hilarious play are still available via our website www.wcds.co.uk or at our box offices: Nisa Local and the Post Office Stores, both in West Chilmington. Tickets cost £12 for adults and £6 for those under 18 years old.

Other future events include our December Members' Evening at West Chilmington Village Hall on Saturday 16 December. Entertainment will feature the magician, David Croucher, and there will be our traditional seasonal pie supper. Details on how to book tickets will be announced on our website after our November production.

If you are interested in finding out more about WCDS, or even in joining us, please see our website www.wcds.co.uk.

Angela Sloan

Vice Chair, West Chilmington Dramatic Society

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Awards All Round

At the end of a difficult season for our senior League teams, as player shortages meant weakened sides for most matches, the following awards were made:

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Top Run Scorer: Martin Fisher
Top Wicket Taker: Steven Livermore
Captain's Pick: Guy Humphries
 (Player of the Season)

2nd XI

Top Run Scorer: Jason Clarke
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Captain's Pick: Noah Philby

Development XI

Top Run Scorer: Gus Humphries
Top Wicket Taker: Thomas Wroe
Captain's Pick: Alfie Furlonger

On the evening of Friday 8 September some 200 people, comprising our Cygnets boys and girls plus coaches, parents, friends and other members of the Club, filled the cricket field for the presentations of awards:

Overall Cygnet of the Year: Rowan Sillet

Overall Cygnet Team Player: Samuel Clarke

Under 13s Coaches' nomination: Thomas Wroe
 who scored 124 runs, took 6 wickets and several catches

Under 11s Players' nomination: Massimo Phillips
 who scored 421 runs, took 21 wickets and 4 catches.

Under 10 Player of the season: Henry Grainge
 Runner-up: Archie Sadler

The U10s had played fewer than expected League matches as several opponents could not raise sides. Four wins were achieved.

Under 9s Coaches' nomination: Alfie Lane

Girls

Players' nomination: Lea Vincenzo

Coaches' award: Nyah Bond

Most Improved player: Abigail Shepard

After the above awards had been made to the various age groups gathered in different parts of the field, everyone came together in front of the pavilion to hear the Chairman, Steve Watkins, talk about the progress of the Club since last year and present two cups. The Cotton Cup, in memory of a former player and official of the Club, was presented to Tom Fisher for being a model Cygnet over ten years, that have included playing in the senior sides, assisting with junior coaching and latterly helping with the newly formed disability group. We were delighted to have Ian's widow, Mrs Verena Cotton, along with her two sons, David and Geoffrey, present for the occasion.

A new second cup, the Jags Cup, given to the Club by Ian Jagger, a former minor county player who now lives on Hormare, was presented to Thomas Wroe, aged 14, for his all-round playing performances with senior and junior sides.

The Cygnets will be training in the adjacent leisure centre this winter on Fridays from 4.15pm to 5.30pm. Newcomers should contact Martin Fisher on 07812 257263 for further



Presentation of the Ian Cotton Cup to Tom Fisher with Chris Winter (President) and Mrs Verena Cotton

information about specific dates for different age groups. Our U12s begin their indoor league fixtures on Sunday 5 November against Brighton & Hove.

Hot off the press is the news that our three Sussex Pathway juniors, Rowan Sillet (U11) with Ben Davis and Massimo Phillips (both U12), have been retained for another year in the Pathway programme meaning they will continue with training at the Hove County Ground from November to March and be available for representative match selection next summer.

Chris Winter



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All of us wonder at the miracles of nature when a flower or an insect has been photographed 'close up and personal'. Similarly, everyday man-made items, like postage stamps and miniature works of art such as illuminated manuscripts, quite literally show their true colours when subjected to the close-up treatment. There are many photographers, amateurs like us, who specialise in this type of photography and who produce stunning results, and often with modest photographic equipment.

Storrington Camera Club has a long tradition of natural history photography; past and present members, including Iain and Jean McWhirter, Derek Grieve and Kevin Harwood, have brought us images of all creatures great and small from around the world, pictures which have excelled in county-wide competitions and beyond.

Nowadays, one of our new kids on the block is Andy Jones who is a RSPB Volunteer at the Pulborough Brooks Reserve and teaches nature photography courses there. Andy is one of those annoying people who can identify birdsong from 100 metres, and always get it right. Another such enthusiast is our recent recruit George Reekie whose fascination is with moths; did you know that whilst there are 59 species of butterfly in the UK, there are around 2500 species of moth?

We trailed in Andy's and George's wake on our recent Club trip to Pulborough Brooks as they found tiny flies, spiders, and moths on what seemed just any old branches to the rest of us, and they then showed us how to take photographs of them, some of which accompany this article.

Photographers refer to close-up work as 'macro photography' and it is far from easy; there are two major technical problems both dictated by the rather inconvenient laws of optics:

Firstly, a conventional lens will not focus sharply on something as close as a spider, for example. There are several ways round this. Believe it or not a simple adapter to enable a conventional lens to be mounted the wrong way round on the camera will enable it to focus very closely. Or a set of extension tubes to move the lens away from the camera sensor will do the same, as will screwing a magnifying lens on the front of the conventional lens. However, none of these bargain basement solutions will do the job as well as a dedicated, specialist macro lens, and cue an expensive visit to the camera shop.

Whichever method is used though, there is still the problem of limited depth of field. This means that, whilst the camera can focus sharply where the photographer wants, only that part will be in sharp focus with the rest of the image becoming ever fuzzier in front of and behind that point, and markedly so, and for the dedicated macro photographer this will not do.

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Chris West



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On a wet and windy evening, members of Sullington Windmills WI gathered for the September meeting. The President opened the meeting by welcoming everyone, with a special welcome to our new member, and introduced the speaker for the evening, Lesley Chamberlain, her talk entitled *The History of Parham House*.

Lesley is a guide at Parham and, with the aid of excellent slides, members were taken on a guided tour of Parham House and given the history of each room, including the Long Gallery, which is the third longest in England. The estate was originally owned by the Monastery of Westminster and was granted to Robert Palmer by King Henry VIII in 1540. In 1577, Thomas Palmer, grandson of Robert Palmer, laid the foundation stone for Parham House. After inheriting the house, Thomas sold it in 1601 to Thomas Bishop, whose descendants lived there (11 generations) until 1922, when the Hon Clive and Alicia Pearson bought it. The house, being in a bad state of repair, renovation works continued during the 1920s and 1930s, with detail given to historical accuracy.

It is not just the house that holds historical interest; the 875 acres of grounds includes a 4-acre walled garden with a 1920s Wendy house and a greenhouse which also dates to the 1920s. During WWII, many Canadian soldiers were based in Nissen huts on the Parham Estate and remained there until the end of the war. Around 30 evacuee children from London stayed in Parham House for the duration of the war.

Clive and Alicia, assisted by their daughter Veronica Tritton, first opened Parham to visitors in 1948. Veronica devoted her life to the care of Parham House until her death in 1993. Her great niece, Lady Emma Barnard, with her husband and their family, moved into Parham House in 1994 and are the current residents. The house is now owned by a charitable trust. Simon Jenkins, the Guardian Columnist, and author wrote in his book, *England's Thousand Best Houses*, "Nothing at Parham is superfluous, nothing unloved. It is a house of magic."

Following this interesting talk, the business part of the meeting took place along with refreshments. A book sale and an opportunity for members to catch up with friends old and new replaced our usual social time. The President closed the meeting after the raffle was drawn.

New members and visitors are always most welcome, meetings take place in Sullington Parish Hall, on the third Wednesday of the month (2nd Wednesday in December) at 7.30pm. The next meeting will take place on **Wednesday 15 November**, when the speaker will be Jan from Stitch, the sewing shop in Storrington. Jan will demonstrate crafts for Christmas and members will have an opportunity to make a Christmas table decoration. If you require further information about Sullington Windmills, please contact the President on 741078.

Pat Snape



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Tony Gledhill is the Treasurer of the Victoria Cross & George Cross Association, so he is well able to discuss the background of both awards, together with an insight into the lives of many holders.

After leaving school, Tony joined the Metropolitan Police. On 25 August 1966, as a constable with his partner, Constable Terry McFall, he was on patrol when they were ordered to chase a car driving the wrong way down a one-way street. Fifteen shots were fired at their police car during the ensuing chase. The criminals' car crashed into a lorry and they attacked the police officers, who were trying to arrest them. Both police officers were injured in the confrontation but managed to subdue the men until assistance arrived. For this, Tony was awarded the George Cross. Tony was promoted to Detective Sergeant in 1976. When he retired from the Police in 1987, he joined the Royal Mail (Post Office Investigation Department). Tony is now retired.



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STORRINGTON DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Wow! Christmas is on the horizon but Storrington's Dramatic Society is even closer to presenting *Cinderella Two – The Sisters Strike Back* by Andrew Yates, their pantomime for 2023. It is a very comical sequel to *Cinderella* with some unusual characters and a dastardly plot to undo the happy ending we usually see in panto. Will the Ugly Sisters succeed? Come to Sullington Parish Hall on one, or even two, of the performances to help the 'goodies' in their efforts to deny the 'baddies' their wicked schemes.



Tickets are adults £12, children under 16 £6, and will be available through members of SDS, Fowlers Estate Agents and on-line through SD website from early November.

Be sure to book early as this local pantomime has always proved very popular with packed houses practically every performance. Shows will take place on **6, 7, 8 and 9 December** with a matinee on 9 December as well as an evening performance. Start times vary so please take care to note the time on your ticket.

Thinking of coming? Then start practicing your boos and hises and cheering to be ready to participate fully in this seasonal experience.

David Chinn



Extreme gardening

According to the Met Office, the average high temperature for October in West Sussex, is 15°C (60°F) but this year, we've had plenty of days in the 20s. In the flower beds, I can see the leaves of snowdrops and yes, Daffodils poking through the soil already. Do they think it's spring? I know these hardy characters will handle the inevitable frost, but I'm nervous about the rest of the garden and what might be coming its way.

It's hard to know what weather to plan for, but here are a few things to keep in mind while gardening in uncertain times.

Appreciate what you have, while it's thriving

Thanks to last winter, shrubs and trees that had survived for years, died. As gardeners, we often remind ourselves 'There's always next year'. But that's no comfort when an established plant that you love keels over. There is always next year, to try something new or garden differently, but there is this year too to spend time enjoying what is looking great, while you can.



Take cuttings from your favourites

If you need a replacement, you will already have one on the go and if you end up with spare plants, it's easy to find someone to donate it to or trade with. This year, I'm propagating Pineapple Sage, Lavender and a couple of other plants that will struggle in extended periods of cold, wet weather.



Avoid soggy bottoms

Containerised plants are more likely to suffer if we get a lot of rainfall and there are some plants that will hate sitting in damp soil. Prepare for this by adding grit when planting up and by raising pots off the ground. You can buy pot feet to do the job but

I'd rather spend the money on plants so I'll be experimenting with whatever I can find lying around (sturdy sticks, flat stones, pieces of broken tile and old hob pan supports).

Remember to water

When the days are grey and gloomy, it's easy to forget that it hasn't rained for a while. Once a week, have a wander round the garden with the watering can and pay particular attention to any evergreens you have in pots. Including that poor old Christmas tree from last year.



Cheryl Brown

NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDEN UPDATE

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