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SULLINGTON AND THAKEHAM WITH WARMINGHURST		
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All telephone numbers are 01903 unless otherwise stated.



November is the month for remembering: we remember those who have given their lives in service of their country at our services of Remembrance; we remember all the holy men and women who have gone before us in our services for All Saints; and we remember family and friends whom we have loved and lost over the last months and years at the

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed, All Souls' Day.

Traditionally, All Souls is kept on 2 November, the day after All Saints, 1 November. Both of these dates fall midweek, so we at St Mary's, Storrington, have 'translated' (moved) them to the Sunday before, 30 October. We will celebrate with the Bishop of Horsham the Feast of All Saints at our 10am service. Then at 6pm we will keep All Souls tide, the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed.

For some, death is a taboo subject, to be avoided at all costs, and not spoken about in polite society. But perhaps the season of Remembrance gives us permission to reflect on what happens to us after death. We increasingly live in a culture that expects (unrealistically) to not die. Perhaps, occasionally, there is negligence by the Health Service or carers, and of course that must be challenged and stopped. But most of the time death is a result of our bodies wearing out, or ceasing to function fully any more, and being beyond repair. Somehow, though, we have lost the sense that death is a natural part of life. It is sad, it can be devastating, but it is normal.

Perhaps some of our inability to talk, or even think, about death is because we have lost confidence in what follows death. Death is the ultimate leap into darkness. There are no pictures to show us what will follow our death; no first hand reports from those who have been before (and come back). Each of us has to make the journey for ourselves, and alone.

What happens when we die? What do you believe? Heaven, hell or purgatory – do they exist? What are they like? Where will you go (you hope!)?

Many Christian teachers throughout history have written on the subject of what happens when we die. One of the great Anglican teachers was a man called Richard Hooker. Richard Hooker died on 3 Nov 1500. Hooker was a priest, or he would prefer 'presbyter', of the nascent Church of England under Elizabeth I. While working as a parish priest, ministering to and caring for his people in a village near Canterbury, he wrote eight books, collectively known as *The Laws of Ecclesiastical Polity*.

His books were principally about church government, but, in writing them, Hooker revealed his deep faith in God. Hooker's faith lies in his phrase 'Participation in God'. For Hooker, the end purpose of humanity is to be in union with God eternally, "the state of bliss"

we all desire. Hooker's regular reading of scripture, and his parish ministry of teaching and preaching, led him to the conclusion that humanity was created in order to be in full and complete union with God. However, our relationship with God has been broken by sin – our constant falling short of the target of living a good life. We ourselves are not able to heal the breach that has formed between us and God. Only God can restore the relationship begun in creation, and this he does, through the graceful gift of a new creation, a new Adam, Jesus Christ, who is God become human. God in Christ has restored the relationship with us, the breach is healed. Through Jesus Christ we are invited and enabled to live life in God's presence now on earth, and fully when we die.

We already have experience of life in God's presence here on earth – those times when you are lost in wonder at the beauty of creation, such as a tree, flower or sunset, or when your heart is bursting for love of your partner or new child, when you feel loved even though no one is in the house. But those times of being in God's presence are intermittent in our earthly lives.

'What happens when we die?' For Richard Hooker, instead of the intermittent union with God that we had in our earthly life, we have full union with God for eternity. For Hooker, the beginning and the end purpose of humanity is life with Christ in God, *participation in God*. When we die we enter fully into life with God. We are gathered up into God's welcoming arms, we are surrounded by love, we are made whole and complete. This is what heaven is about. At our death, and that of our loved ones, we begin the next stage of our journey – life lived at one with God.

This is why we can pray for our loved ones, their life continues but in a different way, for it is now life in God's presence. And where our loved ones have gone we too will follow one day, to live life with them and with God in heaven. For many in our society, death might well be the last taboo. For us Christians it will be the last, and lasting, adventure of faith as we enter fully into God's presence and are caught up into the divine life of the Trinity – Father, Son and Spirit. This is what we were created for. This is the purpose of our life.

KATHRYN WINDSLOW
Rector of Storrington

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What's happening at

St Mary's Thakeham

Thakeham and Sullington share this verse for the year. We're a joint benefice which means we also share our priest - although our styles are different.

Revd Derek Spencer www.thakehamchurch.com

Churchwardens:

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4 Crescent Rise, Storrington RH20 3NB

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PASTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR SULLINGTON & THAKEHAM:

Please contact the Revd Derek Spencer on 01798 813121 to make arrangements for Baptisms, Weddings and Banns of Marriage. He can be contacted at Thakeham Rectory throughout the week. His day off is Saturday.

LIFE AT ST MARY'S SCIPS

Who, when, where is this, and whatever does it mean?

Well, to those in the know, this is a really valued group that meets at St Mary's, usually on alternate Tuesday mornings, but also at other times when the need arises. A group of willing, able and eager volunteers who work tirelessly, and with great humour, to ensure that the grounds around our lovely Church are in keeping with the beauty of the building. They also support the smooth running of Church life with all sort of practical tasks.

Carpark boundaries neat – no problem. Sheds sealed – no problem. Chairs re-sited – no problem. Tents for the Youth Camp erected – no problem. Doughnuts eaten....no problem. Laughs a plenty – no problem...you see everyone thinks the Rector is indispensable, and that is true, but so are our wonderful SCIPS, and we thank God for them too.

New volunteers for this group are always welcome; all you need is a strong pair of gardening gloves, a willing spirit, and the ability to join in and get on with the job in hand, and turn down tasks that seem a bit much for you! And if you come along to give it a try, we'll let you know what SCIPS really means!

Get in touch through the wardens – numbers on our page header.

Thakeham & Sullington Church Youth Groups

MILESTONES is a youth group for those in school years 6,7 & 8. It meets at Thakeham Rectory every other Friday between 6.15pm and 7.30pm.
(Contact Ruth on 01798 813121)

T&IF is a group for those in year 9 upwards. It meets every other Friday at 7pm – 9pm at the Church Rooms in The Street, Thakeham
(Contact Matt & Pippa Harder 01798 817522)

We are once again collecting and filling shoeboxes for desperate families in Eastern Europe. Factsheets are available in church.

Shoeboxes need to be brought to the Rectory by 10 November.

Many thanks go to all who support this very worthy cause and to members of our youth groups who deliver them to Worthing.



St Mary's Church Thakeham invites you to
**THE FIRST TASTE
OF CHRISTMAS**

Thakeham Village Hall
Saturday 3 December

11.30am - 2.30pm

Rolls stuffed with turkey and trimmings, mince pies and other yummy festive fare

**Christmas stalls • Children's craft stalls
Raffle**



St Mary's Church Thakeham REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

9.30am Sunday 13 November

Immediately followed by a short, additional act of remembrance around the war memorial in the churchyard during which wreaths are laid and a bugler plays.

We will remember them.



Church in the Pub
1st Monday of the month
The White Lion Pub, Thakeham - 8.30pm
Come along and enjoy

A gathering of people meeting and sharing together. No fixed agenda - the aim is just to meet, chat, be real and have a bit of fun - with maybe a few 'god gems' thrown in!

Knit and Stitch Tea on Tuesday



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

Thakeham Church Rooms
15 November between 2pm and 4pm

All welcome. Enquiries to Wynn Lednor - 743025



'Remember that I have commanded you to be determined and confident! Don't be afraid or discouraged, for I the Lord your God, am with you wherever you go.' Joshua 1:9

What's happening at

St Mary's Sullington



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Churchwardens:

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Freewill Offering & Gift Aid Officer:

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Electoral Roll:

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Organist:

Beryl Hardie (892349)

Church Flowers:

Altar Rota Muriel Astley (01798 812706)
Special Occasions Jo Graves (742586)

Child Protection Officer:

Margaret Slinn (746769)

Lifts to Church:

Anne Owen (743973)

Church Fabric Officer:

Douglas Parkes (743106)

PASTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR SULLINGTON & THAKEHAM:

Please contact the Revd Derek Spencer on 01798 813121 to make arrangements for Baptisms, Weddings and Banns of Marriage. He can be contacted at Thakeham Rectory throughout the week. His day off is Saturday. Times of church services can be found on page 16. Alternatively you can visit the church website for further details.

A message from our Rector

You will find our beautiful church set in the heart of the South Downs. (just off the A283, ½ mile East of Storrington.) We welcome everyone and would be really pleased to meet you. If you'd like any further information then please get in touch with Derek - he'd be only too happy to chat with you. Please call him on 01798 813121 or by email: info@thakehamchurch.com

PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH

In aid of Family Support Work

Friday 11 November 12noon – 2pm

At Ann and Freddy Salinger's home

Tickets, on the door, £7.50 to include ploughman's, salad, pudding, glass of wine and coffee

For further details please contact Ann Salinger on 01798 813481



CHRISTMAS FAYRE

26 November 2016 2 - 4.30pm

Sullington Parish Hall



FATHER CHRISTMAS

Gift to all children wearing Fancy Dress

Balloon Man and Face Painting


Free Children's Activities

Ceramics, Jewellery, Christmas Wreaths and Decorations,
Cards, Gifts, Cakes, Tombola, Raffle, Bric-a-Brac, etc
Refreshments

Entrance 50p for adults

Children must be accompanied by an adult

(In aid of St Mary's Church, Sullington)



Still Waters:

a time to enter silence, still the mind and encounter the present moment in quiet, at St Mary's Church, Sullington.

Venue from November to March: The Wild Fortune Prayer Loft.

5 November, 3 December, 7 January, 4 February, 4 March

8.30am – Gathering in quiet in the prayer loft;
9am – Introduction and input followed by companionable silence & meditation;
9.45am – Optional sharing of insight;
10am – Circle of blessing

If you are hoping to join us, please let us know, so that we can put out enough chairs & cushions.

Please note the prayer loft is upstairs and that it is a shoe free zone – do bring woolly socks or slippers if you wish!

Contact: Mark and Tessa Holland 741904; email: wildfortune@btinternet.com; blog: www.wildfortuneblog.blogspot.co.uk

Affiliated to the Quiet Garden movement: www.quietgarden.org

The Wild Fortune Quiet Garden



Jesus said, 'Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.' Mark 6:31

Rooted in the Christian contemplative tradition of prayer and hospitality, the vision of the Wild Fortune Quiet Garden is to provide space for stillness and quiet prayer in accompanied silence in the surroundings of our home and garden and the adjoining woods of Sandgate Park.

We are open monthly on a Wednesday from 10am -12.30pm

Dates for the autumn: 9 November • 14 December

Spaces are limited to 8 and booking is essential

To reserve a space, please contact:

Tessa & Mark Holland Tel: 741904

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Blog: www.wildfortuneblog.blogspot.co.uk

Affiliated to the Quiet Garden Trust. Details of other Quiet Gardens in West Sussex and worldwide are available on the Trust's website. www.quietgarden.org

Here at Sullington we offer a mix of services in the hope that there will be something that suits everyone. Please look at the options on page 16 and choose the service which will suit you best, or give something different a go! We look forward to seeing you soon.



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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Sacristy Team:

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

Captain of Bellringers:

John Taylor (745477)

Pastoral Scheme:

Sylvia Hyams (745878)

Recorder:

Vacant

Readers and Sidesmen:

Vera Blake (743974)

Electoral Roll Officer:

Michael Taylor (742218)

Director of Music:

George Jones (850019)

Assistant Organists:

John Henville
Chrystalle Kersley
Peter Lewis
James Phillips
Simon Whitchurch
Beryl Hardie
Keith Smithers

Footsteps (Sunday School):
Jackie Lee (743661)

Church Flowers:

Jean Minter (741668)

Child Protection Officer:

Jackie Lee (743661)

Bible Reading Fellowship:

Amanda Hislop (743700)

Bible Society:

Jackie Lee (743661)

Christian Aid co-ordinator:

Sue Kibblewhite (745325)

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Church Services see page 16.

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

Choir: Fridays, 6.40pm - 7.45pm. Adults or children interested in joining the choir please contact the Director of Music or clergy.

Altar Servers: Bridget Vickerstaff (743346)

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 Group: Tuesdays, 10am at 9 Hormare Crescent.

Sunday Lunch Club (ecumenical): Second Sunday in the month. See page 16.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

All are invited to take part in the Service of Remembrance at Storrington Parish Church on **Sunday 13 November, at 2.55 pm**, 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 organizations are invited to be present, with banners if appropriate. Medals to be worn. Youth organizations will be invited to take part in a parade beforehand arriving at the War Memorial for 2.55 pm (this will not take place if wet - in this event all assemble in Church). Tea will be available afterwards. *This replaces 6pm Evensong.*

CHILDREN AND CHURCH

Owing to two special Museum events in the Old School on **Sunday 20 November**, Footsteps will meet in Church on that day. Assemble at the Children's Corner just inside the door.

ADVENT PROCESSION - Sunday 27 November 6pm

A candlelit service of darkness into light which helps us look forward to the birth of the Christchild. This service gives us an opportunity to hear various readings and enjoy singing traditional Advent hymns followed by light refreshments.

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 **4 November**; regular Choir please arrive at 6.40pm to practice for the forthcoming Sunday.

CHURCH DIARIES

A useful pocket diary is available in St Mary's Church, Storrington, which is open daily - please help yourself and make a suitable donation. Our thanks to all who advertise in the Church diary and in this magazine.

CHILDREN'S GIFT SERVICE

During the Family Service on **Sunday 4 December, at 10am**, our children and young people are invited to bring gifts for needy children which will be distributed, through the Salvation Army, in the Worthing, Littlehampton and Petworth areas. 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 the Salvation Army staff to give the presents to appropriate children.

STORRINGTON REGISTERS

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

25 Sept Edith Alice Copeland (daughter of Nicola and Ian)

Marriages - to love and to cherish...

24 Sept Matthew Osborn and Catherine Locke

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

26 Sept Irene (Trixie) Keillor (89 years)

27 Sept Joan Ivy Logan (82 years)

30 Sept Rosemary Thompson (73 years)

4 Oct Anne Maureen Joyner (82 years)

SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB - CAN YOU HELP?

St Mary's, Storrington, caters for the Sunday Lunch Club on three Sundays a year and we need volunteers to help with any of the following:

Providing transport;

Helping to serve at table;

Cooking a main course (i.e. a casserole) for 8 people (dishes, recipes & ingredients supplied);

Helping to cook/wash up, etc., on the Sunday



If you would like to help please contact Barbara Buchanan (741916)

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE SHEILA DOWNING

21 OCTOBER 1926
– 28 AUGUST 2016



Formerly of St Mary's Church, Thakeham, Sheila was one of two daughters, born in 1926 to Richard and Margaret Ball in Rotherham, where she grew up. She went on to train as a medical secretary, meeting and marrying the love of her life, Geoffery Downing, in 1952.

Married life, and the birth of two children, Gill and Richard, continued in Rotherham until their move to Wilmslow in 1962.

Sheila and Geoffery were great family people, hosting celebratory events, and being part of regular family holidays in relaxing locations, with time to unwind, and enjoy one another's company. In later life, the couple travelled farther, celebrating their Silver Wedding in Hawaii – a really special occasion.

Their move to Storrington in 1978 led to many happy, fulling years in church and community. Sheila was a skilled flower club member, gardener and baker - her son, Richard, was sure she would be awarded Star Baker for her legendary lemon drizzle! She provided both sustaining love and good food at her table, and within her home.

After the sad loss of Geoffery, Sheila went on to find ways to live independently, blessed by a circle of close friends, with her stoical attitude and awareness of the blessings of each day.

Latterly, after bouts of ill health, she moved to Guildford to be nearer her family, courageous to the end, and, making the most of those two years with family close at hand, she settled there with a happy heart.

Sheila will be sadly missed by all who knew her. Her funeral has already taken place, but there will be a short Service of Interment

in the Churchyard at Thakeham, when she will be laid to rest alongside her husband Geoffery, at the Church that meant so much to them both, and where they served with such willing hearts. Details can be requested from our wardens, contacts on St Mary's, Thakeham, on page 4.



PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

Remind me, ever-present Spirit,
when my faith and hope are low,
of the evidences of your activity in the past,
and let me watch ... for your intervention.



CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL FREE LUNCH TIME CONCERTS

NOVEMBER

TUESDAY

- 1 November** Christ's Hospital Chamber Orchestra
- 8 November** Artur Hafman (*piano*)
- 15 November** Claire Innes-Hopkins (*organ*)

Free entry. All are welcome



MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER ST MARY'S CHURCH, STORRINGTON

As some of you may know, June Sinnock has decided that, after many years of acting as Recorder of the planned giving scheme and managing the weekly Church collections and much of the gift aid work, it is time for her to give up those duties, and she has moved to a care home in Worthing.

She has been a very great help to the Parish by doing the work she did. In particular, I have been very grateful to her for taking all that work off my shoulders. A big "Thank you" to June.

Other news? Well, it looks likely that, by the end of the year, the total money we will have received from our investments and from our regular donors will be slightly less than the amount of our regular bills.

Also, next year our monthly Diocesan Contribution (what we pay monthly to the diocese for clergy salaries and Church insurance and one or two other items) will increase by £118. I do not expect this to be the only increase in our remaining regular payments.

There is a code for fundraisers that says that charities, and the church is a charity, must not be unreasonably persistent nor put undue pressure on a person to donate. I hope no one thinks our Church falls foul of either of these guidelines, and I expect many people live on income that rises, if it rises at all, more slowly than the bills that need paying.

However, can I just ask if you can afford to give even a little bit more to the Church each month? If you can, the increase would be very welcome, but if you can't then don't worry.

By the way, I've had a reminder from the Bank that cheques for the Church should be made payable to 'PCC of Storrington'.

Andrew Hammock

COMMEMORATIVE POPPY BANNER FOR ST MARY'S CHURCH, STORRINGTON

This fabulous banner was made by 1st Sullington Brownies and the Trefoil Guild and was presented to St Mary's Church, Storrington at the beginning of October. The Brownies, girls aged 7-10, had worked hard making numerous felt poppies. They also worked together to create the beautiful felted-wool background of greens and blues. This was then all put together by ladies from the Trefoil Guild, grown-ups who were previously Brownies, Guides or leaders, to create this stunning piece of art work which will be a great reminder to us of the sacrifices made by many over the



course of two World Wars and subsequent conflicts.

Thank you 1st Sullington Brownies! Revd Christine and I thoroughly enjoyed our visit to your meeting.

Revd Kathryn Windslow

WEST CHILTINGTON AND STORRINGTON MOTHERS' UNION

Mothers' UNION Christian care for families

In September, members were asked by Mary Sumner House for their views on School-based Sex and Relationships Education and, to this end, four members gathered to discuss this matter and submit their findings to the MU Campaigns Team. Other members were able to participate on-line. Depending on the outcome, MU will be able to lobby government on this matter.

At our monthly meeting on 6 October, twenty-four members listened to a very interesting talk given by the Revd Christine Spencer, Assistant Curate at St Mary's Church, Storrington. We heard about her career change from being a registered nurse in the NHS then in the neo natal unit, and many more high powered positions in the NHS, but she felt a nagging feeling she should do more. From her Church, she took the Bishop's Certificate, became involved in Church life, and finally went to St Stephen's House Theological College in Oxford to train as a priest.

Christine was thanked by Jean Hunt for an inspiring talk which was enjoyed by all our members.

At our **meeting on 3 November** we look forward to welcoming Mrs Diane Bennett, who will be talking to us about adoption.

We meet at 2pm at West Chiltington Church Hall. Visitors and prospective members are very welcome.

Pauline Turier and Jean Hunt (01798 813681)

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS



Janet Kelly and Bob Hutchinson will be giving two talks on Amberley's past, illustrated by a host of old photographs of the village and its inhabitants dating back to the 1890s, to help raise funds for the repair of St Michael's Church tower.

Both events will be held in the Church, with wine afterwards in the Church Hall, kindly sponsored by Fowler's Estate Agents.

The first, on Friday 4 November, will be about the people of Amberley and will include dark tales of brandy smuggling, illicit gambling and adulterous weekends, as well as about the many shops, farms and licensed premises in the village. Paupers, postmen, fishermen, millwrights and colt-breakers: in the words of one Sunday newspaper, "All human life was there!"

The second, on Friday 2 December, will be about the houses and how they have changed down the years. Come along and you may see who lived in your home and what it looked like in the past!

Tickets cost £15 for each talk, or a discounted £25 if both events are booked together. They are available by emailing amberleystmichael@gmail.com, or from Amberley Village Stores.

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 1 November – Community Church will lead

Tuesday 6 December – Church of England will lead

One in faith and love and praise

A GALA EVENING OF OPERA, OPERETTA AND SONG, DINNER AND DRINKS

The Singing Salon will raise the roof at St Michael's Church, Amberley, at 6.30pm on Saturday 26 November, in aid of the Church Tower fund. And courtesy of David and Lillis Lyon and Jane Mason, the concert will be followed by dinner with wine at Oak Tree House and Amberley House. At just £30 per ticket, including the concert, dinner and wine, we expect this to be a sell-out event.



The highly regarded Singing Salon is becoming increasingly well known throughout Sussex. A group of 12 singers, they meet regularly to develop their vocal and performance skills under the tuition of Pippa Dames-Longworth, who will be introducing the evening. Pippa is a highly-experienced performer, having sung in major international opera houses, including Paris Opera, Royal Opera House, Glyndebourne and ENO. Much sought-after accompanist Lesley-Anne Sammons will be playing.

They will be performing an entertaining, eclectic mixture of opera, operetta and song including some of the best-loved melodies ever written. It promises to be a great, fun evening!

The evening will end with dinner, wine and a live auction.

After the highly successful Singing Salon performance of Humperdinck's *Hansel & Gretel* at Charleston last summer, Charleston's Director wrote that he had "...the most glorious memories of an enchanted evening,presented with such flair and, of course, the most beautiful singing".

ACTNow Chair, Valerie Galbraith, says "We hope this will be a fun evening and hugely entertaining, as well as a great opening to the Church Tower campaign. We are indebted to the amazing generosity of David and Lillis Lyon and Jane Mason for opening their homes and providing dinner and drinks after the concert."

Tickets, price £30 inclusive, from averil222@gmail.com, phone 01798 831164. Please advise any dietary needs at the time of booking. For more information see www.singingsalon.co.uk

STORRINGTON FLOWER CLUB

Open Evening



with
Lorena Dyer

National Demonstrator

Christmas Wish

Friday 4 November 2016

7.30pm doors open 6.45pm

Sullington Parish Hall

Tickets £12 Contact 01903 892837

Supporting Age UK Horsham



SULLINGTON 122 YEARS AGO

EXTRACTS FROM CANON PALMER'S DIARY – NOVEMBER 1894

Thu 1: Mild, fine and thundery. School 34. Average age of my class in Bible is 10 – 12 children. Cut off the head of a dangerous fir near the stable. Rode over to Washington vicarage and had tea. Tsar dies.

Fri 2: Same as yesterday school 34. Very dull, dark and damp but warm. Drove Clara to call on Charles Johnstone now at Parham, then on to the MacKonechys. Fires only in evening for dampness.

Sat 3: Heavy storms. Hal went to Tunbridge Wells to say goodbye. Clara and I visited old Mrs Richardson and the young Penfolds.

Sun 4: Trinity XIV. Fine and mild. Very fair morning congregations and 10 to communion, Hal among them. Old sermon on All Saints and Communion of the Good. In afternoon, 36 children and some half dozen others to Litany and catechizing and evening but a handful; spoke on Amos and his warning against Bethel.

Mon 5: Dull dreary showery. Clara with Hal and May to Town, the two former to Lawson the oculist; the latter to Newcastle: Clara did not return till nearly 11 pm. Some fine rockets etc. but no procession.

Tue 6: Fine and spring-like. Visited Roundabouts where new and clean party, Richardson, 2 small children, Miss Davidson on a visit. Begin an evening class with 6 boys upstairs.

Wed 7: School 33/35. Stormy to gale and heavy rain in evening. Hal writes cheerfully from Newcastle (temporary lodgings, 59 Westmorland Road). Two men from Hammonds fixing damp chimney pots on my north chimney stack. Had to give up my first Threales meeting this evening for weather.

Thu 8: Fine and brisk. School 34. Leaf sweeping, ground much soaked. To Threales a first evening sermon, lectured on Timothy.

Fri 9: Dull morning then very wet. Little done today. Have a little head cold. Eat last melon.

Sat 10: Fine till 3pm when heavy storms. Rode with Parker to Cobden and Blackpatch. Clara had the usual female tea party. Hal has quickly moved from his first abode to lodgings in 16 Bolton Terrace at ten shillings. A calf to "Lively".

Sun 11: Trinity XV. Fine until 6pm when heavy rain and wind. Two fair congregations. Preached in morning on Hebrews IV 14. The Great High Priest, Our Faith. In afternoon Baptised Albert Ansell and spoke from lectern shortly on "As in Adam all die" and then to Chantry.

Mon 12: Extra-ordinary rain this morning and again at noon a gale. Tempestuous with tropical falls. Rode with Parker again to Thakeham. Send pigs to Worthing.

Tue 13: Fine and blowy. Roads all washed by the rains. Board of Guardians. I.G. brings an action for Trespass against the Sanitary Authority. Parsons mis-behaves.

Thu 15: Rainy morning then cleared. Floods out all round Henfield. To Cobden with Clara visiting Remnants, then to Rowdell with Cunliffes just moving in.

Fri 16: As yesterday. Wet has checked my school going all this week. Took Hoare to a Welsh Church Defence meeting at Pulborough where Barttelot presided.

Sat 17: Fine, clearing. Wreck at Worthing, 8 bodies on shore! Zadne. With Clara to call on the Yank widow, Monteith and then on the Fenwicks. Girls lunch at Wiggonholt.

Sun 18: Trinity XVI. Fine and bright. Fair congregations. Sermons on Faith morning and afternoon. Heb XI 1 and 2 and 13. Then to Chantry, where old Grevatt fades away hourly.

Mon 19: Fine. At last a whole fine day. Dug up my library border for bulbs. Clara left for Winchester and I dined at Mill Hill, meeting

Mr and Mrs Hoare of Godstone. Parkinson (curate) called; asked me to preach at Storrington on the eve of the new year yet not at Midnight.

Tue 20: Fine until midday when overcast to rain. School 34. Stringer busy over the church walk repairing lower end. Allen from Findon calls about parish politics in Wyatt and District Council. Old Grevatt dies. I take the night class of 8 in arithmetic.

Wed 21: Fine and bright. School 33. My watch returned from "Typhe", who has had it six weeks and given it some very substantial repairs. Clara returns from a successful two days at Winchester: I have a second evening lecture at Roundabouts.

Thu 22: Fine and bright. Put in some crocuses. Clara to Muntham re Guild. Returns with rumours of a meeting at Findon.

Fri 23: Fine, hazy. School 34. Planted the plums which were sent me per Fred from Worthing. Attended a charity concert at Storrington with May, Cicely and Parker. The 2 Knights were chief performers.

Sat 24: Very fine, colder. Laid the front drive with some fresh flint. Took Grevatt's funeral at Storrington: rode on to Amberley to ask after Charlie down with bronchitis, saw Earnest.

Sun 25: Trinity XVII. Fine, still and cold. Have had very fair congregations (about 60 in morning of which 30 were children). Preached old sermon on "Striving with the Maker" (Isaiah) and noted from old sermon from lessons Malachi, last chapter.

Mon 26: As yesterday but dull. Gardened putting in some crocus and tulips. Girls hockeyed at Storrington.

Tue 27: As yesterday, dull and chill and fine. Board of Guardians, good attendance. Napier lunched. Parker and I take a short ride. A Mr Green writes about his son from Marlborough College for "Magdalen".

Wed 28: As yesterday. School 35. The Laws come to us. Newton and Dorrien dine.

Thu 29: As yesterday. School 35. The neighbourhood to hockey and tea.

Fri 30: As yesterday, slightly frosty. Early to Amberley, riding takes 45 mins. An asylum committee and a general meeting – barbed wire and vagrants. Called on G Clarkson – still very prostrate. The Laws went on to Brighton.

GUIDED TOURS OF SULLINGTON CHURCH AND FARMSTEAD

At 2pm every Wednesday

Guided tour of the ancient farmstead and Church at Sullington.

Meet by the Rector's parking space.

No charge but donations to ongoing repair work greatly appreciated.





HARVEST SUPPER AT SULLINGTON PARISH HALL

This year the joint harvest meal was supper hosted by St Mary's, Sullington at Sullington Parish Hall. Almost 70 people gathered to enjoy Sullington's delicious homemade cottage, fish or vegetarian pies with Thakeham's yummy crumbles for pudding. As ever, everyone really enjoyed the meal, the company and the relaxed, convivial atmosphere and, as ever, Harold's quiz was a bit too tricky/lateral for anyone to finish! Our thoughts went out to all those across the world who are not able to enjoy good food and good friends in a relaxed social setting. Our Harvest collection of food, very well supported by 1st Sullington Brownies, went to Family Support Work, to help local families. Many thanks to Anne Owen and her team for all the organisation.



BATTLE OF BRITAIN COMMEMORATION SERVICE AT ST MARY'S, STORRINGTON

CHEMIN NEUF COMMUNITY The Priory, School Lane, Storrington

PRIORY DAY

Come and share in the life of the Community – join us for cooking, gardening, sewing or DIY and stay for Midday Prayer and lunch.

Wednesday 23 November. 9.30am-2pm

For more details or to say you're coming,
email: ccn.storrington.desk@gmail.com

A TIME OF PRAISE AND PRAYER

with a charismatic flavour

8-9pm Tuesdays

1 November • 6 December • 10 January 2017

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

12-21 May 2017

In and around Jerusalem and Galilee

More details: email Valerie at The Priory (who lived in Jerusalem for 6 years)
storrington@chemin-neuf.org

FAST FACTS ABOUT ST ANDREW

St Andrew is:

- Patron Saint of Scotland
- Celebrated on 30 November
- A day to celebrate Scottish culture, food and dance
- The flag is in the form of a white X on a blue background and is commonly known as The Saltire
- St Andrew's Societies celebrate Scottish culture around the world
- St Andrew's Day is a bank holiday in Scotland but entitlement to leave depends on the employer
- Also the patron saint of Romania, Greece, Barbados and Russia
- One of the Twelve Apostles (disciples of Jesus) and brother of St Peter
- Saint Andrew was an agile and hardy Galilean fisherman whose name means Strong and who also had good social skills. He brought the first foreigners to meet Jesus and shamed a large crowd of people into sharing their food with the people beside them. Today we might describe him as the Patron Saint of Social Networking!
- Scotland is one of the few countries to have one of Christ's disciples as their patron saint
- Did not become the official patron saint of Scotland until about 1,300 years after his death - and never actually set foot in the country during his lifetime
- Believed to have died on a diagonally transversed cross which the Romans sometimes used for executions and which, therefore, came to be called St Andrew's Cross, and is now represented in the flag of Scotland
- St Andrew's Day is connected with Advent, which begins on the first Sunday after 26 November
- St Andrew's Day marks the beginning of Scotland's winter festivals.





THE OTHER SIDE OF HAM!

Joan Ham is Storrington's Village Historian and her valuable contribution to 3 *Heralds* in writing *Reflections* is enjoyed by all. But one of Joan's other passions is her beloved Begonias. I was honoured and overwhelmed by her amazing collection when invited to venture into her greenhouse!

Amanda Hislop



ITALIAN MARKET VISITS STORRINGTON IN SEPTEMBER

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING AT THAKEHAM CHURCH ROOMS

We certainly catered for a broad customer base on Friday 1 October and made more than £400 for this fantastic cause. Four-legged friends were served outside while inside yummy mummy's chatted alongside the glamorous grans, enjoying the baked treats donated by our generous bakers. Grateful thanks to all involved who ensured such an enjoyable morning together and such a successful fund raiser.



HARVEST SUPPER AT THE OLD SCHOOL, STORRINGTON



140TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

On 22 September 2016 thousands of MU members gathered in **Mothers' UNION** Christian care for families Winchester Cathedral to celebrate this great occasion. Four of our members and a husband attended the afternoon service with the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, preaching. The whole day was joyous, with members from around the UK and across the world exchanging greetings in the streets and Cathedral.

Before the morning service, a member of Mary Sumner's family laid flowers on her grave with our Worldwide President, Lynne Tembey, in attendance, which she found very moving.

To welcome those attending in the afternoon, a priest on tom-toms led a group waving coloured silk flags in front of the main door of the Cathedral. During the service, the MU Choir from Zambia, dressed in blue skirts, white blouses and head-dresses, sang hymns in their native language, swaying in rhythm to the toe-tapping beat. Many, including the Archbishop, felt we should have got up and danced with them.

In his sermon, the Archbishop pointed out that the problems that concerned Mary Sumner in 1876 were not too different to those that face us today - poverty, parents not being able to care for their families properly, and poor nutrition, but recognised that MU has made a difference by touching lives by the Grace of "God being with us thus far."

We also heard a very powerful testimony from Neil Obbard, a former soldier suffering from post-traumatic stress, who was offered an 'Away From It All' holiday. This profoundly changed his life. He now helps on these holidays, and has seen how the power of prayer transformed the life of one particular family where the husband, who was not on the holiday but was prayed for, phoned through to his wife at the end of her stay to say he had stopped drinking.

Most of Chichester Diocese members were seated in the Quire and so watched the service on screens, but when it came to Communion The Archbishop and Lynne Tembey came to our altar to distribute Communion, which was very special. We were literally blessed by The Archbishop on his way back to the body of the Cathedral.

As Lynne Tembey was leaving, Deacon Katie Lawrance said she would have to find out how to become a member. Immediately Lynne, The Archbishop and Katie went to a side chapel and Katie was enrolled.

Festivities continued for many in the evening at a Gala Dinner at The Hampshire Court Hotel in Basingstoke. Entertainment provided by The London Revue Company entitled 'Love etc...' was hilarious, delighting us all. A Grand Raffle was held, and the first prize of a stay for two at the Midland Hotel in Manchester was won by Jean Hunt.

The Annual Meeting the next day was just as wonderful and uplifting, opening with The Saltmine Theatre Company performing the story of Mary Sumner and the beginning of MU - a very powerful presentation. At the end of our morning worship the Choir from Zambia sang, this time dressed in orange and brown, including head-dresses.

The afternoon session was opened with Daniel McAllister, Head of Fundraising and Communications, presenting one of three short films about MU projects, all of which will be available to Branches in the near future. Bev Julien (CEO) then spoke about her dream for the future of MU and what it might look like for the 150th anniversary. Clearly there is a great need for younger and more active members, and possibly more internet communications. She also said "We are not a club," meaning we are a Christian organisation that in many different ways tries to put our "Faith in Action" - which is our theme for 2017.

During our closing worship we were once again treated to wonderful singing by the Choir from Zambia. All of this was presided over by Lynne who made us feel she was 'Mum' to us all.

Jean Hunt

CHURCH SERVICES AT A GLANCE

DATE	Sunday or Festival	STORRINGTON <i>St Mary's</i>	THAKEHAM <i>St Mary's</i>	SULLINGTON <i>St Mary's</i>
6 November	3rd before Advent	8.00 HC 10.00 FC 6.00 E	(8.00 IC at Sullington) 10.30 Joint all-age Service of Rededication and Gift Day	8.00 IC (10.30 All-age at Thakeham)
13 November	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 2nd before Advent	8.00 HC 10.00 PC + Footsteps 2.55 Service of Remembrance	(8.00 HC at Sullington) 9.30 Remembrance Day Service	8.00 HC 11.30 Remembrance Day Service
20 November	Sunday Next before Advent Christ the King	8.00 HC 10.00 with Prayers for Healing + Footsteps 6.00 E	8.00 IC (10.30 FC at Sullington)	(8.00 IC at Thakeham) 10.30 FC
27 November	ADVENT SUNDAY	8.00 HC 10.00 PC + Footsteps 6.00 Advent Procession – candle-lit service from Darkness into Light	(8.00 Contemplative Eucharist at Sullington) 9.30 FC	8.00 Contemplative Eucharist 11.30 FC
4 December	Advent 2	8.00 HC 10.00 FC Children's Gift Service 11.45 Baptism Service 6.00 E	(8.00 IC at Sullington) 10.30 Joint all-age Christingle Service	8.00 IC (10.30 All-age at Thakeham)

Key: E = Evensong FC = Family Communion HC = Holy Communion (said) IC = Iona Communion MP = Morning Prayer
PC = Parish Communion Footsteps = Sunday School

Midweek Holy Communion services on Thursdays: St Mary's Church, Storrington at 10.30am and Sussexdown at 11.30am

OTHER CHURCH DETAILS

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Our Lady of England, Monastery Lane

Mass – Saturday 6.00pm, Sunday 8.00am and 10.00am

Daily Mass: Monday – Friday 9.00am.

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

COMMUNITY CHURCH

at Rydon Community College

Family Worship – Sundays 10.00am

Enquiries to Mrs Val Augustine

Community Church Office, PO Box 1020, Storrington RH20 3UY
Tel: 01798 817596

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH

Thakeham Road

Sunday Service 10.30am

Minister: Rev. Graham Locking
3 Southdown Way, Storrington RH20 3NS.
Tel: 744984 (Church Office: 746390)

WEEKLY EVENTS

Tues	10.00am	Coffee Morning – Storrington Chapel
Wed	9.30am	Registrar of Births and Deaths – Storrington Library – pre-booking only – 01243 642122
	2.00pm	Knit and Knatter Club – Hanover Walk

Fri	10.00am	Storrington Community Market – Village Hall
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Storrington Library Opening Hours – Tel. 839050

Monday to Friday	9.30am – 5.30pm
Saturday	10.00am – 4.00pm

SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB

1pm on second Sunday in the month (except August)

at the Old School, School Lane, Storrington, for those who would like to join us for friendship and food.

Tickets (£4.00) are available from:

Louisa Austin, Church Street, Storrington



STORRINGTON POP-IN LUNCH CLUB

Storrington Village Hall – First Thursday of each month

COFFEE served from 10.30am

LUNCH available: £3.00 12 noon – 1pm

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

ALL ARE WELCOME. Come and meet old friends and make new ones. No need to book – just turn up.

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



Please Note: The December lunch will be by ticket only – not at the door on the day.

There will be no Pop-In Lunch in January 2017 – our next lunch club will be on Thursday, 2 February 2017.

WHAT'S ON

NOVEMBER	
Tue 1	All Saints' Day
10am	Inter-Church Prayers – RC Church (side chapel) – p12
8pm	Chemin Neuf Praise & Prayer – p14
Wed 2	All Souls' Day (Commemoration of the Faithful Departed)
10am	St Barnabas Outreach – Library Car Park – p19
Thu 3	
10.30am	Pop-In Lunch Club – p16
2pm	MU – Talk – p12
	Fryern Ladies' Probus – Meeting – p29
5.30pm	Firework Display – Rydon – p22
Fri 4	
7.30pm	Storrington Flower Club – Christmas Open Evening – p19
Sat 5	
8.30am	Contemplative Fire – Wild Fortune Garden – p5
10am	Storrington Conservation Society – Working Party – p27
Sun 6	4th Sunday before Advent
Mon 7	
7.30pm	Storrington Museum – Talk – p22
8.30pm	Church in the Pub – p4
Wed 9	
10am	Wild Fortune Quiet Garden – p5
7.30pm	Rotary Film Night – <i>Eye in the Sky</i> – p30
Thu 10	
7pm	(for 7.30pm) Storrington Deanery Synod Open Meeting at Old School, Storrington – Alyson Heath on Family Support Work
7pm	Bingo – Mary How Trust – p18
Fri 11	
12noon	FSW Ploughman's Lunch – p5
Sat 12	
10am	Sandgate Conservation Society – Working Party – p28
Sun 13	Remembrance Sunday – 3rd before Advent
1pm	Sunday Lunch Club – p16
Mon 14	
7.30pm	Thakeham Gardeners' Club – Meeting – p18
Tue 15	
2pm	Knit & Stitch – p4
Wed 16	
7.30pm	Sullington Windmills WI – AGM – p21
Thu 17	
2pm	Storrington Conservation Society – Working Party – p27
Fri 18	
7.30pm	Storrington Horticultural Society – AGM and Talk – p29
Sat 19	
10am	Storrington Museum – Pro-Am Art Show and Sale – p22
Sun 20	Sunday Next before Advent – Christ the King
10am	Storrington Museum – Pro-Am Art Show and Sale – p22
Mon 21	
7pm	Macmillan Film Night – <i>Bridget Jones's Baby</i> – p21
Tue 22	
3pm & 7.30pm	Mary How Film Trust – <i>Foster Florence Jenkins</i> – p22

Wed 23	
2pm	Storrington Flower Club – Meeting – p28
7.30pm	Sandgate Conservation Society – Talk – p28
Sat 26	
10am	Sandgate Conservation Society – Working Party – p28
10am	Storrington Museum – Special One-Day Exhibition – WWI – p22
2pm	St Mary's, Sullington Christmas Fayre – Sullington Parish Hall – p5
6.30pm	Concert – St Michael's Church, Amberley – p12
6.00 pm	Advent Procession – St Mary's, Storrington – p6
Sun 27	Advent Sunday
Wed 30	
7.30pm	Storrington Museum – Talk – Red Arrows Display – p22

Details of all church activities on pages 4,5,6 and 16.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL DAYS

NOVEMBER	
Tue 1	ALL SAINTS' DAY
Wed 2	All Souls' Day (Commemoration of the Faithful Departed)
Thu 3	Richard Hooker, 1600 , Anglican priest and theologian <i>Martin of Porres, 1639</i> , renowned for work with the poor
Sun 6	<i>Leonard, 6th century</i> <i>William Temple, 1944</i> , Archbishop of York and Canterbury
Mon 7	Willibrord of York, 739 , Apostle of the Benelux countries
Wed 9	<i>Margery Kempe, c.1440</i> , wrote first autobiography about her pilgrimages
Thu 10	Leo the Great, 46 , secured unity of Western church under papal supremacy
Fri 11	Martin of Tours, c.397 , Christian saint – famous story of cutting his cloak
Sun 13	Charles Simeon, 1836 , founder of Church Missionary Society
Mon 14	Samuel Seabury, 1796 , first bishop of Episcopal Church in USA
Wed 16	<i>Margaret, Queen of Scotland, 1093</i> , 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
Thu 17	Hugh of Lincoln, 1200 , Bishop, patron saint of sick children and swans
Fri 18	Elizabeth of Hungary, 1231 , devoted her short life to poor and sick
Sat 19	Hilda, 680 , important in conversion of England to Christianity <i>Mechtild, 1280</i>
Sun 20	Edmund, 870 <i>Priscilla Lydia Sellon, 1876</i> , founded Society of the Most Holy Trinity
Tue 22	<i>Cecilia, c.230</i> , patron saint of music
Wed 23	<i>Clement, Bishop of Rome, c.100</i> , considered first Apostolic Father of the Church
Fri 25	<i>Catherine of Alexandria, 1748</i> , martyr, the firework, Catherine Wheel, is named after her
Wed 30	ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE, Patron of Scotland



HERITAGE LOTTERY AWARD FOR STORRINGTON'S HISTORY GROUP

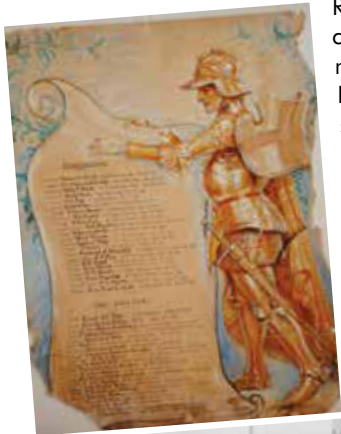
The Storrington and District Museum will be hosting a free exhibition on **Saturday 26 November**, 10am to 4pm, following the First World War events of 1916 and commemorating the men of Storrington and its surrounding villages. Research from the recent Heritage Lottery Fund award to research the Battle of Boar's Head, which involved local men from Sussex the day before the Battle of the Somme, will also be on display.

This is the third award from the Heritage Lottery Fund that the Storrington and District Museum has received. In 2013, the first award was to research the village school, where an annual school reunion takes place each September. The next award in 2014 was for the Roll of Honour, which now hangs on the walls outside of the White Horse Hotel in Storrington's High Street. It first appeared there in 1917.

The centenary volunteers hold annual exhibitions and support community projects like 'Poppies on the Pond', where pupils of

Rydon Community College made ceramic poppies for the island on the memorial pond on the Pulborough Road, each poppy representing a serviceman on the war memorial.

If you would like to be part of this exciting project, need help researching an ancestor from the Great War, or would like to be part of the Storrington and District Museum, please contact Stuart Duncan on 740188 or email storringtonmuseum@outlook.com





BINGO

Stay healthy, take control.



Thursday 10 November

and on the second Thursday of every month

Doors open 7pm Play starts at 7.30pm

Storrington Village Hall, 59 West Street RH20 4DZ

Entry only 50p (includes the chance of winning a mystery prize!)

Great prizes, raffle and refreshments – and fun for everyone!

www.maryhowtrust.org



THAKEHAM GARDENERS' CLUB

Mark Saunders, the head gardener at Fittleworth House, returned to the Club in September with his talk 'Photography to Inspire', a very apt title as his photography was stunning. Mark also brought with him his camera equipment, ranging from a very basic 'click and shoot' to a much more expensive SLR. One thing he stressed was that with digital cameras you are able to take numerous shots, and the law of averages must make one of them an outstanding recording of your subject. He told us that on some outings he will take hundreds if not thousands of shots. He also stressed the importance of keeping your lens clean, especially on your mobile phone, which he thought took excellent shots and, of course, was much easier to carry around than the SLR and tripod etc. He mentioned free apps which you could use on your phone to edit your photos and after his talk showed those interested how to apply and use it. He also said framing was paramount and that you should crop into your subject, cutting out too much sky, as if the camera focuses on the lighter sky, the photos will often come out grey, as he demonstrated. Mark's shots of gardens and close-ups of flowers were very impressive but he also showed shots of cars which he had taken at Goodwood, as I suspect cars are his second passion. In answer to one question, Mark said that the only filter he used was the skylight, which he kept on all the time. Jean thanked Mark for a very enjoyable evening, and his slides were appreciated by all those present.

Our Christmas Party takes place on **12 December**, when we will enjoy eats, quizzes, entertainment and our usual rendering of the 12 Days of Christmas, thus bringing our gardening year to an end.

Meetings take place at 7.30pm on the second Monday in the month at Thakeham Village Hall. We welcome new members and guests; come along to the Hall on Club night or ring our Chairman Jean on 745846 for further details.

Sandra Jenkins

STORRINGTON COMMUNITY MARKET

Village Hall, opposite Stable Antiques

Every Friday in November -

4, 11, 18 & 25

NEW OPENING TIMES

from 10am to 11.15am.

All are welcome
and we look forward
to seeing you especially
if you are new to
the village.

Please come along and support your local Community Market selling delicious home-made cakes & savouries, jams & marmalades, eggs, local free range pork, mushrooms & vegetables. Beautiful cut flowers, plants and perennials. Also a wide range of handicrafts, cards & jewellery and Aloe Vera skincare products. Stop for a coffee or tea and cake.

Please come along and support your local Community Market!



NEW

A secondhand Book Stall and Bric-a-brac stall will be available near the Refreshments Table so that you can browse & peruse whilst enjoying your coffee!

We are always looking for helpers and bakers and producers for the wide range of stalls. For more information please give Gilly a ring on 743888.

1ST STORRINGTON RAINBOWS AND 2ND STORRINGTON BROWNIES

Roald Dahl was born 100 years ago. His books are very popular with the Brownies, so it was fitting to celebrate his centenary year with a theme evening. Each Brownie dressed as a character from their favourite book. We had Matilda and Miss Trunchbull, Sophie from the *BFG* (Big Friendly Giant), a giant peach, Fantastic Mr Fox, and some colourful characters from *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, to name but a few. Well done parents for providing the costumes.

Throughout the evening there were tasks for everyone to complete: making Mr Twit's beard, making Roald Dahl party hats, drawing a Dream in a Jar, and a Roald Dahl quiz. There was also the "Bean Boozled Challenge" with jelly beans, where it is a lottery if you get a nice or horrid tasting bean. Great fun!

Beatrix Potter was born 150 years ago. The author was a generous patron of the Girl Guides and allowed groups to make their summer camps on her land where she enjoyed their company too. Girl guiding has produced a celebratory woven badge that features a drawing specially drawn by Beatrix Potter.



Our Rainbow enrolment evening for Iris and Isabel was themed around Peter Rabbit with appropriate cakes and games. Each Rainbow was given one of the badges to take home as a keepsake. We hope they look at it in 50 years' time and remember the fun they had at Rainbows.

Joan Parkes and Clare Worth



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.

STORRINGTON FLOWER CLUB



Nearly fifty members and visitors were welcomed to the first meeting after the summer break by the chairman, Wendy Cliffe. As you can imagine, the room was filled with excited chatter and laughter.

Wendy opened the meeting by updating members with news of all that had taken place since July. Sadly, three long-standing members had died during the summer. Wendy spoke affectionately of them: Jo Beer, Sheila Downing and Anne Joyner. Anne had been secretary to the Club for 11 years. She was an enthusiastic, interested member, taking part in competitions, flower festivals and workshops. She was an excellent flower arranger who loved colour in her arrangements. Anne sang with two choirs; locally with the Sandgate Singers and with the West Sussex Philharmonic Choir in Horsham, where she was a founding member of 35 years. The choirs will join to sing at Anne's funeral at Worthing Crematorium, performing the music Anne loved. Wendy will remember her support and encouragement, particularly during Wendy's early chairmanship. She will be greatly missed.

Wendy reminded members of the August visit to Syb Hickford's wonderful garden in Storrington, opened for NGS, where we saw how well varying slopes and levels had been managed to include ponds and planting that complemented the house and the surrounding area. Tea on the terrace completed a very happy afternoon.

The theme of the September meeting was 'Through the Ages'. Gaenor Circus was the popular and well-known demonstrator. By the end of the meeting, the stage was filled with five amazing arrangements that showed the development of flower arranging from Roman times until the present day. Gaenor used props well to stage her arrangements, and these included a full-sized fireplace and an alabaster column complete with cornucopia!



To demonstrate Japanese flower arranging from the Ikebana period, Gaenor created a stunningly simple arrangement of tall, hollow bamboo filled with large, caramel coloured chrysanthemums, symbolising honesty and sincerity, and contorted willow. Relatives would have left arrangements such as this at temples, where priests would have placed them inside. In another arrangement, an art deco feel was created using geometrical shapes, Calla lilies and grasses. A further lively arrangement of yellow calla lilies tied on to an open, willow fretwork created movement and the excitement of life today.

Members were reminded to buy tickets for the forthcoming Christmas Open Evening on **4 November** at Sullington Parish Hall at 7.30pm, an evening with Lorena Dyer, national demonstrator from Coventry. Please support, as this is the main fundraiser for the Club; a donation will be made to Age UK Horsham, which supports the Dementia Club, held at Trinity Church, Storrington.

Allison Goodfellow



St Barnabas House Hospice Outreach Project

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

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

Wednesday 2 Nov and 7 Dec – 10am to 2pm

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

STORRINGTON & SULLINGTON – REFLECTIONS OF THE PAST

THE CHURCH MEADOW

Lying between West Street and School Lane, and E-W between the Church Street houses and the old Storrington Common (now bounded by Monastery Lane) was a green meadow. This was shown on the old parish map of 1788 divided into several parts by hedges, the larger parts belonging to W Goble.



A smaller, western part and a house, the property of T Skinner, and a house and narrow strip, along today's School Lane, belonging to E Slater. Next to this, Goble had another small plot and messuage, and between this and the Churchyard was Batcock's property. The West Street edge along the road was divided into plots with buildings shown on some of them. One of Goble's fields extended right out to the street between two groups of houses. North of the Church, between Thomas Batcock's property and Church Street, the Revd Copley had property with buildings and a coppice.

The tithe map of 1841, which, however, has everything squared off, even ponds, should be regarded as a tax document rather than a geographically accurate map, as its purpose is to show properties liable for the tithe, payable to the incumbent. The Town Meadow, as it was then known, shows the whole 10 acres 1r 5p, without internal hedges, as the property of the Revd Henry Warren, with a small area next to the Churchyard known as 'Warren's plot', 1acre 3p.

Storrington's commons, properly called manor wastes, belonged to the Lord of the Manor, and were not enclosed until 1851 and shows the Revd Henry Warren still owning the 10a 1r 5p of the Town Meadow and the little 1a 3p near the Churchyard, previously the property of Goble.



In 1877, a poster was published "to the Surveyors of Storrington Sussex," signed by the Revd James Beck of Storrington, Clerk in Holy Orders, giving notice to the Churchwardens to assemble the inhabitants in the Vestry, "to submit to them my wish to divert a certain footpath across a portion of a field called or known as "Dixon's Field"". In accordance

with this, the Rector, Churchwardens and surveyors called a Vestry meeting for 22 February 1877 to consider the matter.

Two footpaths entered the field from West Street, one near the present Village Hall (not then built) and the other about half-way along West Street, possibly the site of today's Rectory Road. They converged to a single path, which then ran to the NW corner of the Churchyard. The Revd James Beck of Parham, where there was no rectory house, had bought a plot of land with a cottage called 'The Bartons' on Church Street, north of the Church, and shown in the 1788 map as belonging to the Revd Mr Copley. He had pulled down the old cottage and was building an imposing Victorian house with a carriage drive from Church Street, and gardens backing on to 'Dixon's Field'. The proposed diversion would have moved the footpath away from his garden and would have squared off the western boundary neatly.



The 'Dixon', for whom the fields was known, was Dr Dixon, who had established a pill-making enterprise in Batcock's cottage next to the Churchyard in School Lane. Elizabeth Batcock was the pill-maker, reputed to be still working

at the age of 100, when a peal of bells was rung to celebrate her great age.

The Churchyard was rapidly filling up, and more space was needed, so Batcock sold his cottage and plot of land to accommodate more burials. This is the part below the bank, west of the original Churchyard, where interment of ashes takes place, and the pump marks the old cottage garden site. When even this enlargement began to fill up, another area of the Church meadow was enclosed to the north.

The newest and third Rectory was built in 1934 on a part of the Church meadow behind Mr Beck's house. Rectory Road was laid for access from West Street, which took in more of the field, when a close of houses was built later on the eastern side of Rectory Road.

Mrs Ravenscroft owned property along West Street east of Rectory Road, and a plot of land with £500 had been given some years before to build a village hall, but as the money was not sufficient for the purpose, the land lay vacant. In 1947, Mrs Ravenscroft took out a Tree Preservation Order on the row of limes and sycamores which bordered the field above the retaining wall.

A letter from the Church Commissioners, dated 23 January 1953, stated, "The land you described as "Church Meadow" is not owned by the Church Commissioners but appears from the files at this office to form part of the glebe land belonging to the benefice of Storrington. If this is so, then the land would vest in the incumbent of the benefice concerned, who has power to sell subject to certain consents. This benefice, however, is at present vacant and any proposal to sell would rest with the Bishop...The local authority has not yet written to this office about the acquisition of 'Church Meadow' for housing."



There was a strange position at the time, as the Revd WR Bassett-Smith of Sullington and the Revd W Frostick of Storrington had both retired at the same time. The Bishop was patron of Sullington and Keble College of Storrington but they agreed to the plurality, with alternate rights of appointment. The Queen had to sign an Order in Council agreeing to this, but she was touring Australia and nothing could be done until her return, so the Revd George Mackenzie was Priest-in-Charge of Storrington, with a dispensation to live at the Rectory.



The western side of the Church meadow lost more of its space when the Glebe Surgery was built to replace the old bungalow in Amberley Road, which had served the local doctors for some years and had become inadequate for the

growing population of the village. Now, even that modern surgery is overwhelmed and needs enlarging or replacing.

The Church meadow, shown on maps variously as 'Mr Warren's piece', 'Cartwright's' or the name of the current curate, was used by the Revd Arthur Faithfull as a hayfield where children were allowed to play. Other events were al fresco tea parties given to the children by local worthies, such as Mrs King's Jubilee Tea Party.



The September meeting was opened by the President, who welcomed members, along with three visitors. She reported to members that sadly Sheila Downing had passed away. Sheila had been a member of Sullington Windmills for many years, but ill health had forced her to move to Guildford to be nearer her family. The Treasurer and Secretary then gave their monthly reports dealing with the current and future Institute activities.

The speaker for the evening was Sara Green and her talk entitled 'Dead Men Do Tell Tales'. Members were intrigued as to what this talk would contain. Sara was very well-informed on the subject of skeletal remains, and, along with the aid of excellent Powerpoint presentation, she discussed the detail of just what can be discovered from these remains. A brief description was given about the bones in the body, 206 in total, half of these in our hands and feet. During her talk, Sara touched on the subject of diseases such as Leprosy, showing skeletal remains of patients who had passed away as a result of one of these conditions. Another fact she highlighted was that teeth can be used to determine as to where a person was born, due to the water in that particular area. Rachel Martin gave the vote of thanks.

Members then enjoyed their tea or coffee and a chance to catch up with the news after the summer break.

Cheryl Brown followed on from the July meeting with regard to Sullington Windmills submitting a resolution to National Federation for adoption in 2018; members were invited to write their preferred choice for a resolution, which would be collected and discussed by members in the near future.

Ada Ball, Erica Brichta, and Marita Watteau spoke about their experiences at the recent West Sussex Federation weekend break at Denman College. Ada took a course on silver clay and showed members her work, including a very attractive leaf pendant. Erica and Marita both enjoyed time spent in the Tai Chi classes and gave a short demonstration of the exercises and movements they had been taught. The three members agreed it had been a most enjoyable weekend, and encouraged members to visit Denman, the WI's own college at Marcham in Oxfordshire.

The Exhibition for the evening was an 'Ancient Object', with several interesting items on display, some members giving the historical facts about their exhibit.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 16 November**; this is the Institute's Annual Meeting when a new Committee and President will be appointed for the coming year. There will, of course, be the usual refreshments and social time.

We meet on the third Wednesday of each month (2nd Wednesday December), at Sullington Parish Hall, at 7.30pm. We always welcome visitors and new members; should you require further information please contact Sheila on 741664.

Pat Snape

During WWII, children from the village school crossed the field to the Village Hall, keeping them safe away from road traffic, where Mrs Waller, the headmaster's wife, had organised a canteen to give them hot dinners. Today it is a popular dog-walking route, much enjoyed by people escaping the continuous roar of large vehicles and cars through the village.



It is our last peaceful bit of green, which would be a great pity to lose.

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

STORRINGTON AND DISTRICT PROBUS



The planned changes in the Management Committee and Social Committee took place in September with some new faces on each team under the new Presidency of Mike Grizaard.

Following the very successful Paella and Spanish Wine tasting evening at the West Chilmington Cricket Pavilion and then the Annual Ladies Lunch at the West Sussex Golf Club, the culinary theme was continued by an excellent dinner at The Old Forge in Storrington where the different food courses were matched with different wines. The Old Forge is closing so will be greatly missed by our *Bon Viveurs*.

Choosing one of the hottest days of the summer, a group of members and their partners car shared and visited the picturesque and historical home of Winston Churchill at Chartwell, with a nice lunch included.

The monthly lunches at the really enjoyable and efficient Tollgate Carvery at Bramber in September and October, have had the benefit of two excellent speakers: Penny Green, an Ecologist at Knepp Castle Estate, talked to us very enthusiastically about the "Rewilding Project" at the Knepp Estate where the Burrell family have stopped industrial farming in favour of turning the countryside back to nature. They have introduced wild deer and pigs back into the land which is encouraging all kinds of birds and insects to return to the natural habitat. We learnt that they are also doing safaris as well as camping in Yurts and sophisticated tents.

In October, Peter Edmonds, an ex-Air Force and an ex 'Spy', gave a humorous talk called "My Contribution to the assassination of JFK" about his time in Cyprus and Moscow in the 50's decoding and encrypting messages with the backdrop of the Cold War. By rather convoluted means Peter managed to be involved in the Suez Crisis, the Cuban Missile Crisis and JFK's assassination, or did he?

A Coffee Morning was held at The Welldiggers Arms, Petworth and this was the highlight of our coffee morning season, with Emma Rose and her team providing a fantastic service with home-made biscuits in a lovely room with a great view of the countryside.

Planned for the future is a Quiz afternoon, a morning walk around Kirdford, a talk from Katy Bourne, the Police & Crime Commissioner for West Sussex, a Ladies Night dinner at the West Sussex Golf Club, a visit to the Chichester Theatre for a Christmas concert and next year tenpin bowling, a visit to the Houses of Parliament and a possible trip to Delft and Amsterdam. Lots to look forward to!

Peter Kerns 01798 815746

MACMILLAN FILM NIGHT
BRIDGET JONES'S BABY (15)
MONDAY 21 NOVEMBER
Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start
PULBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL



Starring: Renee Zellweger, Colin Firth, Patrick Dempsey

Bridget's focus on her single life and her career is interrupted when she finds herself pregnant, but with one hitch...she can only be 50% sure of the identity of the baby's father.

Tickets: £6 available from Gatley's Pet Store, Lower Street Pulborough; on the door (subject to availability) or online from www.touringcinema.com

Wine, coffee/tea & biscuits available from 7pm with Raffle and Macmillan stall. Ices available during interval.



STORRINGTON & DISTRICT MUSEUM

The exhibition 'Optical Allusions', which will run until **14 December**, has received rave reviews from Museum visitors. "Wonderful", says one. "The best yet" says another. So do try to visit and see the quizzing glasses, opera glasses with which to spy on the occupants of the next box while ostensibly viewing the stage, the glasses for invalids that enabled them to read in bed (you can try these for yourself), and chicken glasses! Glasses for chickens – whatever next?!

The October talk, given by Bill Gage, Assistant County Archivist at West Sussex Records Office, steamed along at a rattling pace. Bill's enthusiasm for his subject was infectious and the audience was quite fired up by his talk, 'Going off the Rails'. He spoke about the benefits to the nation from the railways: employment, a job for life, the standardisation of time (Selsey was half-an-hour behind Chichester at one point), the opening up of people's lives. Many who had scarcely left their village could now travel far and wide reasonably cheaply on the railways. There was also the opening up of new markets for local goods in the cities. He spoke about many diverse railway subjects: the MP for Chichester, Mr William Huskisson (1770-1830), was the first recorded railway fatality. On 27 October 1914, the first hospital train of the Great War took wounded soldiers to Graylingwell, just outside Chichester.

In 1859, the line from Hardham to Petworth opened, and in 1866 it reached Midhurst, which had two stations because two railway companies could not agree to join together. Bill showed pictures of an accident at Midhurst, and of the royal train that took Edward, Prince of Wales, to Goodwood, but more fun was Bill's relish for the wilder side of life, such as the stops for pheasant shooting en route.

All that was in the first half of the evening. In the second half, after coffee and biscuits, amongst many other things he told us about Queen Victoria's funeral train bringing her from Osborne to London. At Gosport they became two minutes late, an unheard of, and punishable, occurrence. The time had to be made up. Victoria would not allow her train driver to go above 40mph but Driver Cooper was doing 80mph at Havant, and at 92 mph the Kaiser, on-board, said it was thrilling. You might say that the talk was a hoot!

November will be a busy month at the Museum. The talk on **Monday 7 November** will be about 'The Magic of Pantomime' and Ian Gledhill will be the speaker. Christmas catalogues arrived through my letterbox in October, so 7 November is not too early to be finding out why these traditional plays are one of our Christmas treats.

The 7th Pro-Am Art Show and Sale will be held on **Saturday and Sunday, 19 and 20 November**. The work of local amateur and professional artists will be on view and many items will be for sale. Entry will be free, and home-made refreshments will be available all weekend, from 10am to 4pm.

The Heritage Lottery Fund group researching the First World War, with special regard to local soldiers and their families, will mount a one-day exhibition devoted to the events of 1916 on **Saturday 26 November**.

A departure from our usual Monday talks and weekend events will happen on **Wednesday 30 November**, when Phil Holt, Air Display Director of the Red Arrows, will give a talk on their work and achievements. This will be held at Sullington Parish Hall at 7.30pm. The tickets may be bought from Cindy Waters on 07584 044306 or Patricia Wilks on 743437. They are £10 each, to include a glass of wine or fruit juice and canapes. This event has been on our calendar for almost a year now; Phil Holt is in such demand that we had to book him many months in advance. However, it is finally happening, so do book your tickets early because we are expecting them to be in great demand.

On **Monday 5 December**, the monthly talk will be about the development of Worthing as a seaside resort. It will be given by Dr

Sally White, who was at one time curator of Worthing Museum, and we know from past talks that she is an excellent speaker. Entry £4 to include coffee and biscuits. Non-members are most welcome.

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STORRINGTON CONSERVATION SOCIETY

As noted previously, during last winter the west bank of the River Stor became badly eroded where it flows through Fryern Dell, threatening the adjacent permissive footpath. Swift remedial action was required. First, funding had to be found to cover the cost



of materials needed for this ambitious project. We were fortunate enough to secure this from two local sources. These were the Arun and Rother Connection Project (ARC) and Storrington's oil producer, Igas, through their Community Fund. Without their generosity the work could not have been carried out.

The materials purchased for the task were hazel wands and stakes, plus 30 tonnes of chalk. During the spring and summer, our hard working volunteers, essential cost-free labour (!), first learned the skills needed, then put them into practice. This included driving hazel stakes into the side of the river bed and weaving hazel wands between them to make a sturdy barrier, then backfilling with the 30 tonnes of chalk. In all, a stretch of 150 metres has been protected. This project took 10 working parties and countless loads of chalk wheelbarrowed and deposited, celebrated with cups of coffee. It is hoped that many walkers will enjoy using the path, now made secure for the future.

Our work party on 1 October, undaunted by drenching rain, met at the Fryern Dell balancing pond to continue with the programme of clearing trees from its banks, all work towards restoring the Victorian Pleasure Garden. Our efforts continue on **5 November**, 10am-12noon (no fireworks) at Fryern Dell. Anyone interested in the work, or perhaps joining us, is welcome to come along. For details of the Thursday work party on **17 November** at 2pm, please refer to our website.

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

Stuart Kersley

ON WEST CHILTINGTON STAGE FOR 60 YEARS – AND COUNTING!



Hermin Daley, from Storrington marked 60 years treading the boards with West Chiltington Dramatic Society on 8 September. In her six decades as a member, Hermin has occupied almost every position on the Committee and taken on various guises on stage, as well as a range of backstage roles.

She said, "I've been stage struck from the age of ten. I love it. I try and do something different every time. I have recently been a lesbian murderer, an 80-year-old deaf lady and Mrs Peachum in *The Beggar's Opera*. I enjoyed that enormously. I've done all backstage roles, with the exception of lighting. I've been director and producer, as well as props, prompt and publicity."

The Society was only in its infancy when Hermin joined in 1956; it was founded just seven years earlier, in 1949.

Hermin, who also has a love of gardening and has been an invigilator at Steyning Grammar School, said, "I live in Storrington and I'm at West Chiltington because they are such a lovely crowd - very welcoming. It's always been a super, friendly crowd - no divisions."

The year she joined, the Society's productions were *The Happy Prisoner* by Monica Dickens and war story *Seagulls Over Sorrento* by Hugh Hastings. Since then she has been in a string of plays, musicals, comedies and pantomimes. Among her favourite musical shows are *Salad Days* and *My Fair Lady*.

Hermin is still going strong and it is amazing to see her versatility in the characters she plays. She is a backbone to the Society, and long may it continue! Congratulations Hermin - the Society wouldn't be the same without you!



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West Chiltington Village Hall RH20 2PZ

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More information and late tickets from Keith Rushton

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www.westchiltvillagehall.org go to "Jazz Club"



WEST CHILT JAZZ CLUB – IT'S NOT ALL ABOUT JAZZ!

Last season, the Jazz Club made a profit of £300 which was donated to the Chanctonbury Play Scheme, which provides respite care for disabled children in the summer holidays.

A fabulous donation for a very worthy cause – thank you to everyone who supports the Jazz Club – really enjoyable evenings, and brilliant to be able to make a donation to make a big difference to these children!



STORRINGTON CHRISTMAS NIGHT

THURSDAY 1 DECEMBER 6PM – 9PM

Entertainment throughout the evening will include a visit from Father Christmas, Carol Singing, Silver Band, Carousels, Fairground Attractions, Music, Drinks, Festive Market Stalls plus a variety of Food and much much more!!!

The evening commences with the switching on of the Christmas lights in Place Villerest at 6pm.

CRICKET IN STORRINGTON



Investing for the Future

Young cricketers are the future of a cricket club: a trite but nonetheless very true saying. Time was when our Club had a thriving junior section, successively managed by dedicated senior members such as Malcolm Flitt, John Davenport, and Stuart Brogdale, who single-handedly moulded many boys into top performing players. The development of youngsters into cricket these days is highly regulated, and no single person can manage alone, but leadership is still a critical factor. Although still a relative newcomer to the Club, with young boys in local schooling, Martin Fisher has taken up the mantle of his predecessors, and once again the Club has a thriving junior section. A growing number of fathers, and some of the senior players, are now helping Martin to nurture the youngsters (girls as well as boys) into the game, and, for the first time, the Club has a parent-filled Junior Committee.

This year we had excellent support from the Sussex County Cricket Club Development Manager, Carl Tupper. Through the 'Chance to Shine' programme, SCCC donated a 'hard ball' kit bag, full of bats, pads, helmets, gloves and hard balls etc, which has been both welcome and timely, as this year we started the important transition from soft ball to hard ball practice and games for the older youngsters.

Our connection with Storrington First School has remained strong, and next summer, along with SCCC, we will be providing joint coaching sessions during PE lessons and in after-school clubs. The junior winter indoor nets are already thriving, with video technology being used via tablets for coaching on technique. The Cygnets are responding well to the hard ball experience, as next season we will be entering teams for league hard ball cricket at Under 12 and Under 10 levels.

Outdoors, the Club has initiated a project to build a safe practice area, mainly, but not exclusively, for the Cygnets to use. This would replace the existing damaged practice net, and would be a permanent facility that is vandal-proof and more versatile. Significant funding will be needed, and the Club will therefore be seeking loans, grants and other fund-raising opportunities. The Parish Council, relevant Planning Authorities and Sussex County Cricket Club are aware of our initiative, and site visits from prospective suppliers are being scheduled.

Our Chairman, Steve Watkins, on 744217, will welcome enquiries about senior playing or social membership, whilst Martin Fisher can be contacted on 07850 416886 regarding the Cygnets section of the Club.

In former times and before cricket clubs had their own pavilions, let alone kitchen or bar facilities, teams would usually repair to local hostelries after a game. Newspaper reports on matches played in the 19th century sometimes mentioned such venues and "mine hosts". Hostelries familiar to Storrington cricketers during that century included the George Inn at Henfield, the Fighting Cocks Inn at Rackham, the Half Moon Inn at Storrington, the Nelson at Broadwater Green, Worthing, the Norfolk Hotel at Arundel, the White Horse Inn at Storrington, the Anchor Hotel at Horsham, the Queen's Head Commercial Inn at West Chiltington, the White Lion at Thakeham, the Crown at Cootham, and the Swan Hotel at Petworth / Fittleworth.

Chris Winter

STORRINGTON FLOWER CLUB

Wednesday 23 November at 2pm
Sullington Parish Hall

Demonstrator: Gill Homer

Theme: Christmas Creations

Competition: Santa's Gift



SANDGATE CONSERVATION SOCIETY

The social side of the Society has just resumed, where eminent speakers in their field of expertise give presentations in Sullington Parish Hall. These meetings are held on Wednesdays at 7.30pm. There is an interval during which tea or coffee and cakes are provided.

These presentations are usually aided by video recordings or visual aids, the last event was covered by Bob Palmer whose subject was moths of the UK.

Future Speakers

23 November	Ray Hale – English Countryside
25 January	Les Allan-Williams – Animal Conservation
22 February	Owl About Town – they will be flying tonight!
29 March	Tom Brown – Head Gardener of Parham
26 April	Ian Gledhill – Brighton Seaside

So why not give it a try? We are still looking for new members of the Society as our numbers do count when going in to bat against inappropriate building etc.

You do not have to be involved with the work parties, although your contribution would be greatly appreciated, but your membership, covering the whole family, is what we need.

The work parties operate from 10am till noon every month on the 2nd Saturday in Sullington Warren and on the 4th Saturday in Sandgate Park. With an offer of free refreshments for all of the 'workers', how can you refuse?

To learn more about the Sandgate Conservation Society, who work closely with the National Trust and Horsham District Council, please contact our Chairman, Jacinta White on 01798 813545.



www.sandgate-conservation.org.uk

Brian Burns

TABLE TOP SALE & COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 12 November 2016

10am – 12noon

Trinity United Reformed Church

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STORRINGTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Mike Rodgers and Lucy Watson, members of Tools and Trades History Society, came to our well-attended September meeting with a variety of old tools, old household utensils and old gardening equipment, to talk about bygone days and also to conduct a hands-on quiz.

The uses of 20 items had to be guessed and, to great amusement, they were passed from hand to hand. We were told there was only one gardening item, the rest being household.

Answers were scribbled down and finally Mike explained the use of each item. They ranged from a champagne nipper to open your 'champers', a shoe stretcher with an extra attachment to stretch the leather where the bunion was, a goffering iron, a 'possing' stick for wash days, a spinach press, a kitbag lock and other household necessities of bygone years. The gardening item was a small tool which turned out to be a seed sower.

Mike said that usually 8/20 was the norm for most correct answers but one person in our Society guessed 12 correctly, a splendid effort.

He also showed us some gardening shears from bygone years, some with very ingenious mechanisms. Mike said this was only a small part of his collection and said one could see more of his collection on display at Amberley Chalkpits Museum.

The evening ended with refreshments and a raffle. Altogether a very happy and entertaining meeting.

The next meeting on **18 November at 7.30pm** is our AGM, followed by a talk by David Millais, a leading specialist in Rhododendrons and Azaleas. Various plants will be on sale.

Sheila Parvis

IT'S PANTO TIME!

Oh yes it is!

Storrington Dramatic Society is proud to present the 2016 pantomime *Beauty and the Beast*. In this tale, as old as time, the audience is transported to a little village in rural France, *Jolie Ville*. After a chance meeting with the hideous beast, Belle and her Father, Baguette, along with Bertie and Dame Fifi Latrine, are imprisoned in an enchanted castle, where nothing is quite as it seems and all that stands between a life of normality or immortality are the dying petals of a rose. Can true love help Belle see through the Beast's hideous façade?

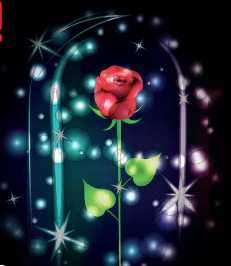
Can the evil Camilla Parker-Bike and her simpering brother, Claude, drag Belle away from her prince? Will the servants, Bon-Bon and Diablo, ever be normal again?

You'll need to "Be our Guest" on this classic journey to find out whether true love can indeed conquer all. With an outstanding cast, an excellent array of both new and original songs, and plenty of audience participation, you can be sure of a fantastic evening's entertainment.

Beauty and the Beast runs from **7 to 10 December** at Sullington Parish Hall. Tickets are priced £9 for adults and £5 for children under 12, and are available from Fowlers Estate Agency, Nisa Local in West Chiltington, and on our website and facebook pages.

For more information and tickets, please go to www.storringtondramatics.co.uk/current-show or call Roy Stevens on 741708.

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FRYERN LADIES' PROBUS



It was a pleasure to meet the two new managers, Andy and Dee, at The Roundabout Hotel and, after a pleasant lunch, the ladies were ready for some local history - right on their doorsteps. The invited Speaker for the day was none



Lady Emma (front left) with members of Probud

other than Lady Emma Barnard, Chatelaine of Parham House and home to her two sons and husband since 1994.

The history of Parham is impressive and from the time of the Dissolution of the Monasteries in Henry VIII's reign, when Parham belonged to the Abbey of Westminster, it has only been home to three families. Parham was then granted, by Henry VIII, to a London mercer called Robert Palmer who was intent on improving the rundown building and so invited his two-year-old grandson, Thomas, to lay the foundation stone in 1577 and, because he was the youngest member of the family, it was considered to be lucky. There was an additional royal connection as Thomas' mother, Elizabeth, was god-daughter to Queen Elizabeth I and it is believed there were royal visits to Parham.

In 1601, Parham was sold to Sir Thomas Bysshopp and it remained in his family for some 320 years, and then in 1922 the estate was transferred to Clive and Alicia Pearson, Lady Emma's great grandparents, and has been in her family ever since.

Parham is one of the country's finest Elizabethan houses, complete with Great Hall and Long Gallery and from the illustrations, which Emma showed us during her talk, its tranquillity and timeless beauty have changed little over the centuries. However the Pearsons initially found it in a dilapidated state with no water, electricity, proper drains and all original panelling heavily painted. So they employed the architect Victor Heal to carry out major repair and conservation during the 1920's and 1930's. All repairs used traditional methods of craftsmanship and no expense was spared on achieving high standards and authenticity with a view to posterity, which holds true today.

During the outbreak of war in 1939, Parham was home to 30 evacuee children from Peckham and in 1942 these children were rehoused in Storrington, when Parham became the middle of The South Downs Training Area and accommodation was requisitioned for billeting Canadian officers.

In 1948, the Pearsons opened their doors to visitors and this is still enjoyed by so many people today. When Emma's great aunt, Veronica Tritton, died in 1993, the charitable trust, set up to preserve the house in perpetuity, invited her to move in and hold it for the next generation.

We appreciated hearing about this beautiful, quirky, historic house and its history and inhabitants. Barbara Yarrow thanked Emma for her wonderful and intriguing insight into Parham and how marvellous it must be to continue this legacy for future generations. We were assured that there were no ghosts but did remember that the 1995 film *Haunted* had been filmed extensively at Parham.

Our next meeting is scheduled for **3 November**, when Alyson Heath will talk to us about Education - we look forward to meeting her.

Russ Fry



Our speaker at the September Lunchtime Meeting was Steve Summers, Director of Administration for Outreach International, an organisation founded in 1997 to provide a personal service to volunteers seeking suitable placements.

We hear of many such placements, the majority taken up by 'Gap Year' students, many of these very rewarding, but some less so. Outreach International works closely with in-country co-ordinators to ensure that the talent, experience and ambition of volunteers is matched to sustainable projects that have been personally assessed. The objective is to promote a cultural experience, not a holiday, and therefore Outreach does not take groups of volunteers because this can swamp the destinations. For the same reason, they do not get involved in building and maintenance projects. Experience in Community Support, Healthcare, Teaching, Working with Children, Sports and Wildlife Conservation is given priority.

The countries at present involved are Cambodia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Galapagos, Kenya, Mexico, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Tanzania, all of which have the strong in-country co-ordination links which ensure successful placement. Although the majority of placements are student age, they also provide much mutual value for older volunteers seeking a 'mid-life' change.

The range of questions which followed Steve's talk showed the great interest in his subject and we are very grateful to him for his visit.

The website is: www.outreachinternational.co.uk

Derek Down

ROTARY CLUB FILM NIGHT



EYE IN THE SKY

Sullington Parish Hall

Wednesday 9 November 7.30pm

Starring Helen Mirren, Aaron Paul & Alan Rickman

Tickets £5 from The Card Shop, Storrington

Unsold tickets will be available for purchase on the door on the night.



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Deadline for January publication

Due to our printing requirements, we need your copy for the January magazine early! Copies to the Editor, Amanda Hislop, at 3heralds@gmail.com by Thursday 1 December, or call 743700 to discuss.

Note from the editor....

I have just spent the weekend with my sister and attended her 'Café Church' service – something very different from my usual experience of a Sunday morning service. But then it struck me that in our Parishes we also have many different types of worship – the many churches offering services, prayer meetings, bible study, get togethers, 'Church in the Pub', and so much more that I can't fit into my little allocated square! Let's remember – church is not just for Sunday! So have a look at what is out there, every day of the week! There's something for everyone, of all ages, at any time! Pick what suits you and at what time – God is there 24/7!

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WEST CHILTINGTON DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Your invitation to a World Premiere!

On 24, 25 and 26 November at 7.30pm in West Chilmington Village Hall, West Chilmington Dramatic Society is presenting the World Premiere of *Sun Stroke*, by Edwin Preece. Two months of twice-weekly rehearsals are behind us and we are now in the finishing straight, with the set build day on 13 November and a day of technical and dress rehearsals on 20 November. *Sun Stroke* is a comedy that updates Noel Coward's *Hay Fever*. If you have not yet bought tickets they are still on sale, at only £9, at our usual box offices: Nisa, the Card Shop and the Village Post Office. Do come along and enjoy a very funny play.

In September we were pleased to celebrate 60 years since Hermin Daley became a member of West Chilmington Dramatic Society. When Hermin first joined, in 1956, plays were performed in the old Comrades Hut (now demolished) by the Elephant and Castle Pub. In 1957, Hermin made her first appearance in the last play to be performed there, *Small Hotel*. (See full article on page 27).

The last 'Play Reading for Pleasure' was on Friday 23 September with *Party Piece*, by Richard Harris. This is going to be our play in May 2017 so it was interesting to be introduced to a funny script, which should be another WCDS success. These evenings give an opportunity for those present to read in a play or just to listen, as they wish. They are free and open to all members and prospective members.

The next Members' Evening is 7pm for 7.30pm on Saturday 17 December. The entertainment is by members of the Society, followed by Christmas pies and a dessert course, with the usual quiz, bar and raffle in place. It is very good value at £9 for the evening but only £5 for members. Members have three Members' Evenings a year. Also they can book seats in advance for our productions, receive regular newsletters and join in play readings for pleasure which are arranged about twice a year. Membership is only £7 per year and it will cover all of 2017 as well as the rest of this year; contact Betsy on 744832 for further details.

John Rimmer, Chairman

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