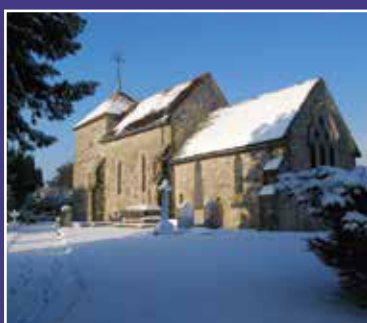


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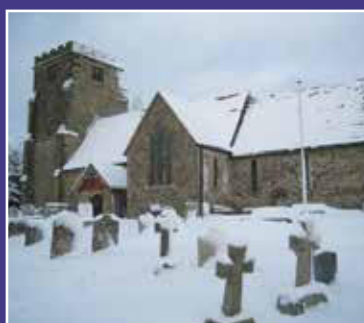
Wishing all our  
readers a joyous  
and peaceful  
Christmas!



St Mary's Church SULLINGTON



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Holy Sepulchre WARMINGHURST  
(Churches Conservation Trust)

# THE PARISH CHURCHES OF

St Mary  
STORRINGTON



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SULLINGTON



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THAKEHAM

## IN THE DIOCESE OF CHICHESTER

### PARISH CLERGY

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| <b>STORRINGTON</b>                               | <b>Rector</b>                   | Rev'd Kathryn Windslow, BTh, MPhil (742888)<br>The Rectory, Rectory Road, Storrington RH20 4EF<br>kathryn.windslow@btinternet.com |
|  | <b>Hon. Assistant Priest</b>    | Rev'd Charles Hadley, MA (740787)<br>28 Meadowside, Storrington RH20 4EG<br>charles.felicity@gmail.com                            |
|  | <b>Assistant Curate</b>         | Rev'd Christine Spencer, BTh, BSC (Hons) (741790)<br>9 Longland Avenue, Storrington RH20 4HY                                      |
| <b>SULLINGTON AND THAKEHAM WITH WARMINGHURST</b> |                                 |   |
|  | <b>Rector</b>                   | Rev'd Derek Spencer, BA (01798 813121)<br>The Rectory, The Street, Thakeham RH20 3EP  |
|  | <b>Bishop's General Licence</b> | Rev'd Tessa Holland, MA (741904)  |

Information about study and prayer groups, and requests for baptisms, weddings and home communions, for Storrington from the Rev'd Kathryn Windslow and for Sullington and Thakeham from the Rev'd Derek Spencer.

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



### Advent: expectant waiting for Christmas

Christmas is a glorious season of the year. It is also a busy time for most of us, and it is very easy to let the hustle and bustle of planning for it obscure our appreciation of Advent.

Advent is a season of expectant waiting; but waiting is not something most of us do easily. Indeed, in our credit-driven society we are urged by many advertisers to 'buy now - pay later'; we can have it all immediately so why do we need to wait? Waiting is increasingly a strange notion. We have become accustomed to immediacy and swift action.

Given all this, it seems ludicrous that the church should have Advent – four weeks dedicated to waiting. I suppose many people today would argue that Advent is irrelevant to our society; it is outdated and out of touch with the pace of people's lives. There were times when Advent truly was Advent; when Christmas trees weren't set up until Christmas Eve, when carols weren't sung until Christmas Eve and the following days, and not begun in November. When this was the norm, then Advent could be properly advent and Christmas, Christmas.

The anticipation, which looking forward to Christmas brings, has encouraged us to 'anticipate' Christmas in another sense, not as 'looking forward to' but of 'bringing it forward and beginning the celebrations early'. This is certainly true of many of our shops where it seems that we are no sooner back from summer holidays than we are entangled in yards of tinsel, baubles and wrapping paper and ribbon.

But the joy of learning to wait is to re-discover the pleasure of being fully and joyfully present in the now. After a month of waiting, truly waiting, the joy of Christmas Day can gain a new depth and meaning, which might otherwise be lost in the whirl of mince pies and presents.

Viewed like this, Advent is not irrelevant, or a cultural dinosaur, but vital to human well-being. Advent offers us the time to delve into a deeper truer encounter with ourselves, the world and most of all with God. The Advent season offers a space to progress towards Christmas and anticipate the joy of celebrating the light of Christ coming into the world.

Our anticipation of Christmas should be a reflection of the love and selflessness taught by Jesus. Giving, not getting, brings to

full bloom the Christmas spirit. We feel more kindly towards one another. We reach out in love to help those less fortunate. Our hearts are softened. Enemies are forgiven, friends remembered, and God obeyed. The spirit of Christmas illuminates the picture window of the soul, and we look out upon the world's busy life and become more interested in people than in things.

As the Advent season envelops us in all its procession towards Christmas, I pray that like the Wise Men, we may seek a bright, particular star to guide us in our celebration of Jesus's birth. May we all make the journey to Bethlehem in spirit, taking with us a tender, caring heart as our gift of love to God.

With every good wish for a very blessed and joyful Christmastide

CHRISTINE SPENCER  
Assistant Curate of St Mary's Church, Storrington



### PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

The Spirit helps us in our weakness.  
Thank God for his Spirit's work in your life..



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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.

Rev'd Derek Spencer [www.thakehamchurch.com](http://www.thakehamchurch.com)

## Churchwardens:

David Peacock (745595)  
5 Dean Way,  
Storrington RH20 4QN  
Allison Goodfellow (740499)  
Lyndene  
Newhouse Lane  
Storrington RH20 3HQ

## Treasurer:

Margarita Smith (01798 817376)  
Staddle-stone, The Street,  
Thakeham RH20 3EP

## PCC Secretary:

Rebecca Bunyan (01798 812330)  
Churchview, The Street,  
Thakeham RH20 3EP

## Child Protection Officer:

Karen Arkle (744844)  
5 Jubilee Way, Storrington RH20 3NZ

## Electoral Roll Officer:

David Peacock (745595)  
5 Dean Way, Storrington RH20 4QN

## Organist:

Beryl Hardie (892349)

## Church Bookings:

Wynn Lednor (743025)  
4 Crescent Rise, Storrington RH20 3NB

## Bellringers: Tower Captain

Roger Watts (01798 813775)

## Gift Aid Officer:

Bob Timms (01798 813807)  
Cootes, The Street, Thakeham RH20 3EP

## PASTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR SULLINGTON & THAKEHAM:

Please contact the Rev'd 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

It may be that you read our magazine from time to time, but never really feel that you are included in church life yourself.

Here at St Mary's Thakeham we often have the joy of new people visiting our services – it is our aim to make a special welcome to regulars and visitors.

Maybe during this Christmas or new year season you would like to pop in and join us. We would love you to do that.

Our service times are listed on page 16, or visit our website, [www.thakehamchurch.com](http://www.thakehamchurch.com), for more information, or call one of the wardens listed at the top of this page

We are delighted to be able to add that our new easy access paths, and disabled parking, are fully finished in time for Christmas, so if you have mobility difficulties and have previously been unable to negotiate the paths etc, do call to discuss whether the new work we have done will enable you to share these times with us – we would love to see you.

### ST. MARY'S CHURCH, THAKEHAM WITH WARMINGHURST

## OUR CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

**SUNDAY 18 DECEMBER**

**6pm** Carol Service by candlelight  
with mince pies and mulled wine

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

**4pm** "Journey to Bethlehem" (children's service)  
*The Church will be open from 3.15pm. No tickets will be issued but, for safety reasons, as soon as the Church is full to capacity (275 people) no others will be admitted.*

**11.30pm** Midnight Communion

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

**9.30am** Christmas Day Celebration

### ST MARY'S THAKEHAM REDEDICATION WEEKEND

**4 - 6 November.** See page 14 for details.

## 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)

**TEIF** 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)



## FAMILY SUPPORT WORK CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Please continue your wonderful help at £1 a go.

More details from Harold Linfield on 01798 812276

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**

## 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!

‘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



Revd Derek Spencer [www.st-marys-sullington.org](http://www.st-marys-sullington.org)

## Churchwardens:

Heather Cotton (742587)  
Thwaite House,  
Heather Way,  
Storrington  
RH20 4DD

Jo Graves (742586)  
Highwinds,  
Washington Road,  
Sullington RH20 4DE

## Churchwardens Emeriti:

Douglas Parkes (743106)  
Ann Salinger (01798 813481)

## Treasurer:

Gail Kittle (745754)  
Sullington Manor Farm,  
Sullington Lane,  
Storrington RH20 4AE

## Pastoral Care:

Ann Salinger (01798 813481)

## PCC Secretary:

Gail Kittle (745754)

## Freewill Offering & Gift Aid Officer:

David Baxter (744346)

## Electoral Roll:

Chris Cotton (742587)  
Thwaite House, Heather Way,  
Storrington RH20 4DD

## 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](mailto:info@thakehamchurch.com)



*a time to enter silence, still the mind and  
encounter the present moment in quiet.*

Venue until March: The Wild Fortune Prayer Loft.

**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](mailto:wildfortune@btinternet.com);  
blog: [www.wildfortuneblog.blogspot.co.uk](http://www.wildfortuneblog.blogspot.co.uk)

Affiliated to the Quiet Garden movement: [www.quietgarden.org](http://www.quietgarden.org)

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, SULLINGTON

OUR CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

SUNDAY, 18 DECEMBER

3pm Carol Service  
with mince pies and mulled wine

CHRISTMAS EVE

11.30pm Midnight Communion

CHRISTMAS DAY

11.00am Christmas Day Celebration

## 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

**14 December**

**Spaces are limited to 8 and booking is essential**

**To reserve a space, please contact:**

**Tessa & Mark Holland Tel: 741904**

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

**Blog: [www.wildfortuneblog.blogspot.co.uk](http://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](http://www.quietgarden.org)*

## FSW COFFEE MORNING

**Saturday 28 January**

**10.30am – 12 noon**

**The Old School, Storrington**

**Stalls, homemade cakes, gifts and more**

**More info from Ann on 01798 813481**



Family  
Support  
Work

**FSW LUNCH 15 December • 3-5pm**

**at Muriel's, 41 Martlets, West Chiltington**

**Tel: 01798 812706.**





# What's happening at St Mary's Storrington

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

## Churchwardens:

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[churchwardens@storringtonparishchurch.org.uk](mailto:churchwardens@storringtonparishchurch.org.uk)  
Barbara Buchanan (741916)  
Broad Oaks, Melton Drive RH20 4RJ

## Treasurer:

Andrew Hammock (742888)  
c/o Rectory Office, Rectory Road RH20 4EF

## PCC Secretary:

Val Rice (911179)  
Little Tregullas, Bracken Close RH20 3HT

## Parish Secretary:

Vivien Stuart (742888; home 745913)  
Rectory Office, Rectory Road RH20 4EF

**Verger:** Michael Taylor (742218)

## 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:

Jean Hunt (01798 813681)

## 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 / Home Groups:** Tuesdays, 10am Sylvia (745878).  
Wednesdays, 7pm Chrystalle (744269). Thursdays, 10am Alison (743713)

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

## STORRINGTON REGISTERS

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

23 Oct Ida Joan Warwick (daughter of Chantal and Matthew)

23 Oct Arabella Ann Grandy (daughter of Olivia and Mark)

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

18 Oct Eileen Floodgate (91 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)



## ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES

**CHILDREN'S GIFT SERVICE** - At the 10am Family Service on **Sunday, 4 December** children (and adults if they wish) are invited to bring up a modest gift for needy children which will be distributed through the Salvation Army. 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. Sue Kibblewhite (745325)

**SCOUTS CAROL SERVICE** will be held in Storrington Parish Church on **Sunday 11 December**, at 3pm.

**RYDON COMMUNITY COLLEGE CAROL SERVICE** will be held in Storrington Parish Church on **Tuesday 13 December**, at 7.30 pm.

The main **PARISH CAROL SERVICE** will be held on **Sunday 18 December**, at 6pm with full choir. Part of the service is in candlelight. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served afterwards in the Old School.

**CAROLS IN THE SQUARE** (opposite the White Horse Inn), arranged by Chanctonbury Lions and the Storrington Churches, will be on **Tuesday 20th December**, at 6.30pm.

**CHRISTINGLE SERVICE AND NATIVITY PRESENTATION** - This special Family Service takes place on **Christmas Eve at 4pm**. A collection is taken for the Children's Society.

**MIDNIGHT MASS** is celebrated at **11.30pm on Christmas Eve**. Part of the service takes place by candlelight.

**CHRISTMAS DAY** - The main service will be **Christmas Family Communion with Carols at 10am**. There will be a **Holy Communion service at 8am**. No evening service on Christmas Day.

**Christmas Collections** will be taken at Midnight Mass and on Christmas Day in aid of the Worthing Churches Homeless Project and Church funds

## 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.

## JOURNEY ON THE CAMINO DE SANTIAGO – PART 1

Saturday 4 February at 2.30pm

This ancient pilgrim route is becoming hugely popular. The 500 mile walk from the French border to the NW corner of Spain has so grown in numbers that about 500 walkers set off each morning and 262,459 people received a *compostela* of completion in the year 2015.

Is it a walk or something more spiritual?

Andrew and Sheila Boulton have agreed to give another illustrated talk. Hear about their experiences on the route, having begun their journey in September. To be illustrated with their photographs.

*Retiring collection in aid of Church repairs and the tower fund.*



## MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER ST MARY'S CHURCH, STORRINGTON

I retired from full time work several years ago, but every day seems to slip by faster than the one before.

The past month seems to have been particularly busy.

Do you remember the Goons? If you do, you will like them or loathe them. It's a sort of Marmite thing. If you remember them and listened, like me, to Harry Secombe, Peter Sellers and Spike Milligan in the Goon Show every Tuesday night in the 1950's, you may remember that during a musicians' strike, the musical interludes by Max Geldray and Ray Ellington couldn't be broadcast, and they were stuck for a song. Therefore, they sang a song they'd written themselves. "I'm walking Backwards for Christmas."

I normally try and walk forwards, but although I am the Treasurer, I have the feeling sometimes, when working out whether we are in surplus or in deficit, and why, that like the Goons, I am walking backwards rather than forwards.

Mulling over the figures, I think we may have a slight deficit at the end of this year. However, at least there is good news because the builders have been up to the roof and not found anything unexpected. We have applied for a grant towards the cost of the roof repairs from Sussex Historic Churches, and believe that application will succeed. All being well, therefore, with money people have generously contributed towards the cost of repairs, we have them covered. I mustn't count my chickens before they hatch, and as I write, we haven't yet received the final bill for the repairs, but I am cautiously optimistic.

Happy Christmas to everyone.

Andrew Hammock

## Afternoon Tea & Raffle

Come along to St Mary's Church, Storrington  
On 10 December from 3.30pm to 5.30pm

For a scrummy tea of cakes, scones and sandwiches  
With a fantastic prize raffle including  
a wonderful Christmas cake!

*Warm welcome and friendship  
guaranteed!*

More details from Barbara  
or Gwen, Churchwardens  
(contact details top of page 6)



## ST MARY'S, STORRINGTON NEW HOUSE GROUPS

For seekers, questioners and people going deeper in faith  
Bible study, discussion and prayer. Different groups, studying  
different subjects

They are held every week as follows:

**TUESDAYS 10AM TO 12NOON**  
contact Sylvia Hyams on 745878

**WEDNESDAYS 7PM TO 9PM**  
contact Chrystalle Kersley on 744269

**THURSDAYS 10AM TO 12 NOON**  
contact Alison Wall on 743713



Groups are open to all – why not call one of the organisers,  
see what's happening and go along. All are casual and friendly  
meetings, just sharing in God's word and love. Tea, coffee and  
biscuits thrown in!

## 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 6 December** – Community Church will lead  
**Tuesday 3 January** – Church of England will lead  
*One in faith and love and praise*



## WEST CHILTINGTON AND STORRINGTON MOTHERS' UNION

### Mothers' UNION Christian care for families

As West Chilton Church Hall was being renovated, our November meeting was held in the Church. Even though the Church was very cold, our hearts were warmed by hearing Mrs Diane Bennett tell the story of their adoption of their daughter.

Diane and her husband Malcolm had talked of adopting a baby, but at that time in this country, being over 35 years old, it was prohibitive. Diane heard of a baby being adopted from El Salvador, made contact with the lady concerned, and gathered very helpful information from her.

A solicitor in London and one in El Salvador worked well in arranging for necessary documents to be put in place, and on Valentine's Day Diane and Malcolm heard that a baby girl, born on 8 February, was to be theirs.

A whirlwind trip to El Salvador was arranged, arriving there one day and departing the next with their baby daughter. As the baby was barely six weeks old, her birth mother had to accompany her out of the country as far as Guatemala, from where she and her companion returned to El Salvador. The new family continued on the flight to Los Angeles where the baby was deemed to be an illegal immigrant, so they were detained with others in a room with very basic amenities. Thanks to a change-over in staff, a kind lady provided them with more comfortable accommodation until they were able to continue their flight to New York. Reception there was much kinder, with Malcolm having spoken to the Chief Stewardess whilst in flight. On arrival at Heathrow, more documentation was needed for the baby which was soon dealt with, so Diane, Malcolm and the baby were all set to spend their lives together.

Throughout, Diane was certain all would be well and they would be able to bring their baby home.

On **1 December**, with invited guests, we shall be celebrating by holding a very early Christmas Party.

**PEACE AND JOY TO ALL AT CHRISTMAS**

*Jean Hunt (01798 813681)*

## NEW GROWTH MINISTRIES VISIT TO ST MARY'S, SULLINGTON

New Growth Ministries is a non-Governmental organisation in Zimbabwe, founded in 1992 by Rob and Hilary Mackenzie with the following aims:

To be Christ's hands in action, caring for orphaned children and the underprivileged.

To assist physically, emotionally and spiritually those in its care, to reach their potential in God and to become a blessing to the community.

To assist the local church, and teach religious education and life skills in local schools.

Hilary is in England at the moment and we were delighted when she volunteered to speak to us at St Mary's, Sullington, during our joint morning service with Thakeham. She came with her sister, who lives in Henfield, and parents, who live in Hassocks.

We watched a short video produced by James, the younger of their two children, which showed the building of the orphanage on their farm and which today accommodates 19 boys - seven of them under the age of 5 - where they provide a loving and secure upbringing. Last year, one little terrified boy was brought to them by the police. Another had been found tied to a tree by a rope round his neck and taken to the hospital where he was passed to the orphanage - both children about 2 years old. A third boy, Alliyoni, who had been bitten by a puff adder snake, travelled by wheelbarrow and oxcart with his younger siblings from his home three hours from Chinoyi, where he arrived at the local hospital. Hilary and Rob took them in and this year Alliyoni graduated with a Bachelor of Law Honours degree. Many of the earliest orphans are now adults with their own families and professional careers. The first child, Learnmore, is married and works with NGM on the farm. Kuda completed the Vocational Training Building Course and works with NGM while also being the farm Pastor. Bencent is now an accountant. Nura became a qualified doctor and is Medical Superintendent in a mission hospital. On one occasion, after being on duty for three days and nights, he performed a caesarean section, handed the baby to a nurse and then collapsed exhausted.

NGM also runs a programme to support widows, orphans and vulnerable people in the local community, providing food, clothing, medical help or other urgent supplies for up to 250 people at any one time. Over 1000 adults and children have been assisted over the years. Hilary teaches Religious Education and life skills at a local school, and NGM supports the local church as they cope with the many stresses of living in Zimbabwe. It has been forecast that there will be no money in Zimbabwe for electricity by the end of this year.

Both Rob and Hilary received an MBE from the Queen in recognition of their work in Zimbabwe. Rob and Hilary would value your prayers for peace in Zimbabwe as it is going through a challenging time. For further information, please contact Hilary's parents, Martin and Beryl White at [martin@hassocks.plus.com](mailto:martin@hassocks.plus.com).

*Anne Owen*



## ROTARY CLUB FILM NIGHT



### FLORENCE FOSTER JENKINS

**Sullington Parish Hall**

**Tuesday 13 December  
7.30pm**

*Starring: Meryl Streep, Hugh Grant  
& Simon Helberg*

Refreshments will be available in the interval.

Tickets £5 from The Card Shop, Storrington

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



**For more details or help with transport please contact  
Ken Collins on 740745 or Marion Emery on 813014.**

## STAMPS \* STAMPS \* STAMPS

St Mary's Church, Storrington, needs your

## STAMPS

**PLEASE SAVE ALL YOUR STAMPS**

*and leave in the box in the Church porch...*

*they can be converted to much needed funds for our Church.*

*Please pass the message to all your friends and neighbours.*



## SULLINGTON 122 YEARS AGO

### EXTRACTS FROM CANON PALMER'S DIARY – DECEMBER 1894

**Sat 1:** Fine with white frost. A Mr Green came over about his son, a 'super' from Marlborough College, a dull 2 hours later but we may hope for better things from the son. Put in some scarlet and white tulips.

**Sun 2:** ADVENT. Fine and dull. Preached to a fair congregation from the text "as often as ye eat this bread etc" and Corinthians 11.26. My afternoon catechising attended by 30 – spoke on being Members. Evening very thin, sermon on Malachi IV.1 God as a Fire.

**Mon 3:** Fine. A very beautiful day with a fast dropping glass. Put in all my bulbs. Rode and called on old Pickering. Girls (and Parker), hockeyed at Storrington. Busy, rough digging the garden with plenty of manure and lime.

**Tue 4:** Sharp foggy frost to rain in evening. School 35 our first Parish meeting – only 4 attending: Felton duly elected as Chairman. Went on to my evening service at Threales, small attendance as it was dark and rained.

**Wed 5 – Sat 8:** To Oxford, with the Walkers. Harriet returns with us.

**Sun 9:** ADVENT 2. Raw and dropping fog. Fair morning, poor afternoon congregations. Preached old sermon on "divine oracles", and our Saviour's words as "never passing away". Teaed with the Hoares.

**Sat 15:** Fine brisk drying cold. To High Tittens. Putting in iron standards between the meadows.

**Sun 16:** ADVENT 3. Fine bright very mild. Fair morning and afternoon congregations. Preached an expository sermon, extempore on Isaiah XXV a Prophet's functions and on "Sin, a state of sleep" 1 Corinthians XV. Jack and Freddy Goring came in for tea.

**Mon 17:** Dull drifty and mild. Pulborough Stock Show and dinner: drove Clara over to the Rectory, and attended the dinner. Barttelot

made a dull Chairman; songs too many. John Stone made a fair speech on the Gleanings from the Agricultural Union's meeting.

**Tue 18:** Stormy from west and much rain. School 36/37. Visited the cottages in the lane and discussed a Christmas Day service which they would prefer in the evening. Broadbridge, Ruff, Hooper, Rapley, Lambourn, Nichols.

**Wed 19:** Very mild storms. Took the school, and found only two absentees. Clara with me to Roundabouts, spoke on 2 Timothy IV and ordination of Bishops, Priests and Deacons.

**Sun 23:** ADVENT 4. Fine bright and cold. A fair morning and very poor afternoon congregation. Preached on cheerfulness, a Jesus demeanour from the Epistle aided by dear old GELC, the afternoon, to very few, from the text "The Lord is at hand".

**Mon 24:** Dull dreary dropping fog. After another rough wet night a damp April day! Church hurriedly evergreened: plenty of hands and material but wet. Paid visit to Hemingway and Parkinson. Stringer finishes his leisurely iron fencing.

**CHRISTMAS 25:** Soft, damp, dull. Morning service fairly attended but only 5 communicants. My address was upon the need of Meditation on the Incarnate - "Let us go and see this thing" - it was interrupted by Page, one of our most constant churchgoers, being seized in a fit – he was carried out and in calling at the cottage in the afternoon I found he was unconscious. Evening service at 6.30 – though very dark evening, had 20 to whom I spoke on the threefold joy – Body, Mind and Spirit. George C Gibson and Jack teaed. The others went up to Sandgate in the evening to hear carols.

**Wed 26:** Very dark and dull but fine. Page has survived his fit. I put off my Tunbridge Wells visit, which I arranged for today. Much preparing for a Christmas tree on Friday. Pack up old "Polly".

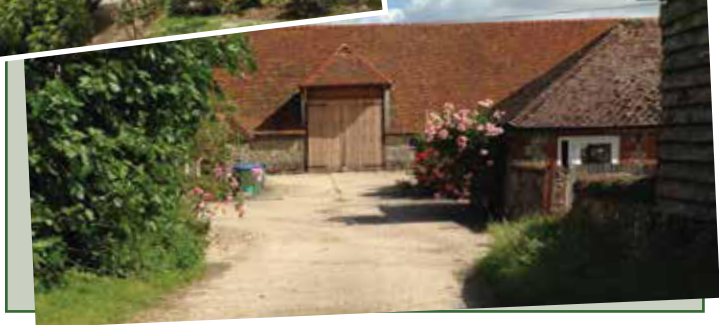
## GUIDED TOURS OF SULLINGTON CHURCH AND FARMSTEAD

**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.



Sandgate Singers present

## The Cafod Christmas Concert

Our Lady of England RC Church, Monastery Lane, Storrington

Friday 16 December 7.30pm

Tickets £10 to include mulled wine and mince pies

Available from The Card Shop, Storrington or phone 741984



## COULD YOU BE A ST BARNABAS COMMUNITY COMPANION?

St Barnabas House Community Companions are volunteers who provide social and practical support to the hospice's patients and their carers, and we are looking for more volunteers to join our friendly team.



The Companions may visit a patient at home to relieve isolation or boredom by providing friendship and support, or they may sit with them enabling their carer to do something else. Some Companions take their patients out for visits to the shops or garden centres. The visits are usually for a couple of hours on a weekly basis. The scheme is co-ordinated by the Voluntary Services Team at St Barnabas and works alongside the staff providing clinical care.

Community Companions come from various age groups and all walks of life. We are looking for more volunteers to join this successful scheme and help others in the community. All we ask is that you have two to three hours a week free, access to a car and like meeting people. Full training is given, together with continued support in the role.

The training takes place over a couple of days at St Barnabas House in Worthing, and is run by Community Companions Coordinator, Lucy Ashton. Lucy says, "The training covers both the practical and emotional aspects of the role, providing volunteers with the necessary skills to become a Community Companion. The next training is planned for January 2017 and we would love prospective volunteers to contact us to find out more about joining the team."

Kathleen is a Community Companion to Jean and enjoys their trips out. "Jean used to be a befriender herself and take people on outings. She knows some great places to visit and loves gardening, so we visit nurseries, beautiful gardens and garden centres. I really enjoy her company and feel she enriches my life."

The scheme has been running for four years and our Community Companions have so far provided over 8,000 hours of support to patients and carers.

**If you'd like to know more about becoming a Community Companion for St Barnabas, please call our Voluntary Services Team on 706360 or email [volunteers@stbh.org.uk](mailto:volunteers@stbh.org.uk)**



**CHEMIN NEUF COMMUNITY**  
The Priory, School Lane, Storrington  
**A TIME OF PRAISE AND PRAYER**  
with a charismatic flavour  
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**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](mailto:storrington@chemin-neuf.org)

## ST MARY'S THAKEHAM REDEDICATION WEEKEND

4 - 6 NOVEMBER

Never before was our mission statement of 'Aspire to Christ and Community' more put into practice as we celebrated another year together on our annual Rededication weekend. Grounded in prayer from the start, Friday evening witnessed a beautiful, peaceful time together including silent prayer, youth-led worship and thought-provoking installations, culminating in the most moving, inclusive communion. Next morning, nearly 40 willing volunteers joined in a huge clean-up operation, both inside and outside the Church building,



their only reward being the satisfaction of a job well done, and a bacon sandwich! In a packed service the next morning, the congregation could still appreciate the generous amount of beeswax polish used the day before. The fellowship experienced there in the presence of God continued through coffee then through into a generous buffet lunch at the White Lion. So the journey continues with excitement and trust in all the Lord has to offer.

Pat Snape

## TAYLOR MAID ST MARY'S CHURCH CHURCH ST STORRINGTON

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JIGS, REELS  
& LOTS,  
LOTS MORE!



**SATURDAY • 7.30PM**  
**14th JAN 2017**

TICKETS £10 (TO INCLUDE A GLASS OF WINE/SOFT DRINK & NIBBLES)

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# CHRISTMAS WORDSEARCH

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# CHURCH SERVICES AT A GLANCE

| DATE              | Sunday or Festival   | STORRINGTON<br>St Mary's   | THAKEHAM<br>St Mary's  | SULLINGTON<br>St Mary's                                    |
|-------------------|----------------------|--|--|--|
| 4 December        | <b>Advent 2</b>      | 8.00 HC<br>10.00 FC <b>Children's Gift Service</b><br>6.00 E                   | (8.00 IC at Sullington)<br>10.30 <b>Joint All-Age Christingle Service</b>  | 8.00 IC<br>(10.30 All-Age Christingle Service at Thakeham) |
| 11 December       | <b>Advent 3</b>      | 8.00 HC<br>10.00 PC + S.Sch.<br>6.00 E   | (8.00 HC at Sullington)<br>9.30 MP   | 8.00 HC<br>11.30 MP  |
| 18 December       | <b>Advent 4</b>      | 8.00 HC<br>10.00 PC<br>6.00 <b>Carol Service</b>                               | 8.00 IC<br>6.00 <b>Carol Service by Candlelight</b>                        | (8.00 IC at Thakeham)<br>3.00 <b>Carol Service</b>         |
| 24 December (Sat) | <b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b> | 4.00 <b>Christingle Service</b> (for families)<br>11.30pm <b>Midnight Mass</b> | 4.00 'Journey to Bethlehem' – see p.4<br>11.30pm <b>Midnight Communion</b> | 11.30pm <b>Midnight Communion</b>                          |
| 25 December       | <b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b> | 8.00 HC<br>10.00 <b>Christmas Family Communion with Carols</b>                 | 9.30 <b>Christmas Day Celebration</b>                                      | 11.00 <b>Christmas Day Celebration</b>                     |
| 1 January         | <b>Christmas 2</b>   | 10.00 FC   | (10.30 Family Communion at Sullington)                                     | 10.30 Family Communion Service                             |

**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

24 Ashurst Drive, Goring-by-Sea BN12 4SW.  
Tel: 245799 (Church Office: 746390)

## WEEKLY EVENTS

|             |         |  |
|-------------|---------|--|
| <b>Tues</b> | 10.00am | Coffee Morning – Storrington Chapel  |
| <b>Wed</b>  | 9.30am  | Registrar of Births and Deaths – Storrington Library – pre-booking only – 01243 642122 |
|             | 2.00pm  | Knit and Knatter Club – Hanover Walk   |
| <b>Fri</b>  | 10.00am | Storrington Community Market – Village Hall  |

### Storrington Library Opening Hours – Tel. 839050

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| 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

| DECEMBER        |   |
|-----------------|---|
| Thu 1           |   |
| 10.30am         | Pop-In Lunch Club – p16   |
| 2pm             | West Chilington & Storrington MU Christmas Party – p12                                    |
| 6pm             | Storrington Annual Christmas Night – p18  |
| Sat 3           |   |
| 8.30am          | Contemplative Fire – Wild Fortune Prayer Loft – p5  |
| 10am            | Storrington Conservation Society – Working Party – p28                                    |
| 11.30am         | Christmas Fayre – St Mary's, Thakeham – p4  |
| 1.30pm          | Christmas Fayre – Sussexdown – p29  |
| Sun 4 ADVENT 2  |   |
| 10am            | Children's Gift Service at St Mary's, Storrington – p6                                    |
| 11.45am         | Baptism - St Mary's, Storrington – Noa Olivia Aria Henney (daughter of Parissa and Jamie) |
| Mon 5           |   |
| 7pm             | Macmillan Film Night – <i>Daniel Blake</i> – p29  |
| 7.30pm          | Storrington Museum – Talk – p22   |
| 8.30pm          | Church in the Pub – p4  |
| Tue 6           |   |
| 8pm             | <i>Chemin Neuf</i> – Praise & Prayer – p14  |
| Wed 7           |   |
| 10am            | St Barnabas Outreach – Library Car Park – p19   |
| 2.30pm          | Storrington Decorative and Fine Arts Society – Meeting – p29                              |
| 7pm             | Storrington Dramatic Society – Panto Performance – p29                                    |
| Thu 8           |   |
| 7pm             | Storrington Dramatic Society – Pantomime Performance – p29                                |
| 7pm             | Bingo – Mary How Trust – p21  |
| Fri 9           |   |
| 7.30pm          | Storrington Dramatic Society – Pantomime Performance – p29                                |
| Sat 10          |   |
| 10am            | Sandgate Conservation Society – Working Party – p21                                       |
| 1pm             | Wedding at St Mary's, Storrington: Daniel Wells and Marine Morecroft                      |
| 2.30 and 7.30pm | Storrington Dramatic Society – Pantomime Performance – p29                                |
| 3.30pm          | Afternoon Tea and Raffle – St Mary's, Storrington – p11                                   |
| Sun 11 ADVENT 3 |   |
| 3pm             | Scouts Carol Service – St Mary's, Storrington – p6  |
| Tue 13          |   |
| 10am            | Inter-Church prayers – RC Church (side chapel) – p11                                      |
| 7pm             | Rydon Community College Carol Service – St Mary's, Storrington – p6                       |
| 7.30pm          | Rotary Film Night – <i>Florence Foster Jenkins</i> – p12                                  |
| Wed 14          |   |
| 10am            | Wild Fortune Quiet Garden – p5  |
| 7.30pm          | Sullington Windmills WI – Meeting – p21   |

| Thu 15  |  |
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| 2pm   | Storrington Conservation Society – Working Party – p28 |
| 3pm   | FSW Lunch – p5   |
| Fri 16  |  |
| 7.30pm  | Sandgate Singers Concert – p13                         |
| Sun 18 ADVENT 4   |  |
| 3pm   | Carol Service - St Mary's, Sullington – p5             |
| 6pm   | Carol Service - St Mary's, Storrington – p6            |
| 6pm   | Carol Service - St Mary's, Thakeham – p4               |
| Tues 20   |  |
| 6.30pm  | Carols in the Square – p6                              |
| Sat 24 CHRISTMAS EVE                                    |  |
| <b>for Christmas Eve Services see pages 16, 4, 5, 6</b> |  |
| Sun 25 CHRISTMAS DAY                                    |  |
| <b>for Christmas Day Services see pages 16, 4, 5, 6</b> |  |

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

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL DAYS

| DECEMBER     |   |
|--------------|---|
| Thu 1        |   |
|              | <i>Charles de Foucauld, 1916</i> , hermit in the Sahara   |
| Sat 3        |   |
|              | <i>Francis Xavier, 1552</i> , considered to be one of the greatest missionaries since St Paul   |
| Sun 4        |   |
|              | <i>John of Damascus, c749</i> , saint and author of many texts and hymns  |
|              | <i>Nicholas Ferrar, 1637</i> , founder of the Little Gidding Community  |
| Tue 6        |   |
|              | <b>Nicholas, Bishop of Myra</b> , c.326, saint with a reputation for secret gift-giving and is the model for Santa Claus                                  |
| Wed 7        |   |
|              | <b>Ambrose</b> , 397, patron saint of Milan, Italy  |
| Tue 13       |   |
|              | <b>Lucy</b> , 304, patron saint of blind; island of Saint Lucia named after her   |
|              | <i>Samuel Johnson, 1784</i> , poet and essayist, wrote <i>A Dictionary of the English Language</i> (150 years before Oxford English Dictionary published) |
| Wed 14       |   |
|              | <b>John of the Cross</b> , 1591, one of foremost poets of Spain, as well as a saint   |
| Sat 17       |   |
|              | O <i>Sapientia</i> , Worship - part of Common Worship liturgy in CofE   |
|              | <i>Eglantyne Jebb, 1928</i> , British social reformer and founder of <i>Save the Children</i>   |
| Mon 26       |   |
|              | <b>ST STEPHEN, FIRST MARTYR</b> , mentioned in the Book of Acts   |
| Tue 27       |   |
|              | <b>ST JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST</b>  |
| Wed 28       |   |
|              | <b>THE HOLY INNOCENTS</b> , remembering when Herod ordered all new born males to be killed  |
| Thu 29       |   |
|              | <b>THOMAS BECKET, ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY, 1170</b> , saint and martyr   |
| Sat 31       |   |
|              | <i>John Wyclif, 1384</i> , translated the Bible into common language  |
| JANUARY 2017 |   |
| Sun 1        |   |
|              | <b>THE NAMING OF JESUS</b>  |



## FSW UPDATE

As ever, we were so grateful for the help given by Parishes and individuals throughout 2016 in our work with vulnerable children and families, and throughout East and West Sussex, FSW have helped 130 families. As always, this was one-to-one, long term support, helping families to recover from crisis and get back on their feet. Play workers and Volunteers also ran activities such as after-school clubs and we arranged for families to have short holidays, some for the first time in their lives.

The need for FSW's help grows so, as we approach Christmas, please remember local families in need, through prayer and in more practical ways if you can. To help our families have the best Christmas possible and a good start to 2017, consider how you could help FSW this Advent.

### WINTER FUEL PAYMENTS 2016

If you are in receipt of a payment, but do not feel you need it, could you contribute part or all of the payment to FSW? We use the payment to keep children safe and warm through out the year.

### CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Many churches collect toys and food for FSW families during Advent. Could your Church help? We accept new toys and games, new clothing, small gifts for parents and non-perishable Christmas food. For more details call 01273 832963.

### FSW ADVENT JAM JAR

Find an empty jam jar, which children could decorate, and each day through Advent pop a coin in the jar for FSW. After Christmas donate the amount in the jar to FSW.



Please make cheques payable to:

**'CDAFSW'** and post to Family Support Work, Garton House, 22 Stanford Avenue, Brighton BN1 6AA

[www.familysupportwork.org](http://www.familysupportwork.org)

**'The Children's Charity of Sussex'. Registered Charity no: 285337**



## THAKEHAM GARDENERS' CLUB

The Club held its AGM in October and Chairman, Jean East, reported on the past year. The Club is going from strength to strength, membership is up, we have had some excellent speakers, successful flower show and plant sales, plus a post-Christmas lunch and an outing to Savill Gardens, including a river trip. Jean had completed three years as Chairman and she thanked everyone for their support during her term. Our Treasurer gave her report and told members that we had a healthy bank balance. Bruce Wallace was elected as our new Chairman, along with new members to the committee, with June Jordan as Secretary and Keith and Gill Quince as committee members. The remaining current committee members were re-elected, with the exception of Peter Westrip who, with his wife Jean, has moved to Dorchester. Peter and Jean were very active members and will be missed by the Club.

On the conclusion of official business, we welcomed Tom Brown, head gardener at Parham, who, with his excellent slides, brought us up-to-date on what has been happening at Parham since he last spoke to us shortly after he took up his position. We are so lucky to have Parham on our doorstep and Parham is exceeding lucky to have Tom.

We don't have a monthly meeting in January but will again be visiting the Old Tollgate at Bramber for lunch on **25 January**.

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.

We wish all readers and members a very Happy Christmas and all the best for 2017!

*Sandra Jenkins*

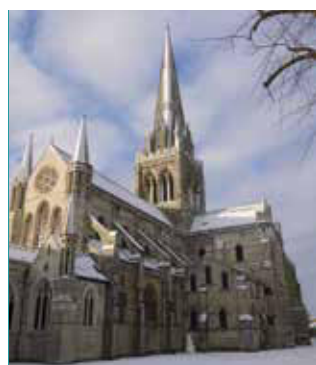
## WIRED UP FOR CHRISTMAS!

This is my cat Casper helping with the Christmas decorations! This is not an edited photo – he just had his eyes wide-open as the flash went off!



Do you have any fun or interesting photos you would like to share? Please forward to the Editor at [3Heralds@gmail.com](mailto:3Heralds@gmail.com)

*Amanda Hislop, Editor*



### Chichester Cathedral

## NATIVITY SCENE IN THE CATHEDRAL

**19 December – 12 January**

Children can come along and see a large nativity scene and find the three kings as they make their long journey around the Cathedral to the crib.

Chichester Cathedral is presenting many advent and Christmas services throughout December – please see web site for more details: <http://www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/whats-on> or call 01243 782595.



## 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.**

## 1ST STORRINGTON RAINBOWS AND 2ND STORRINGTON BROWNIES

The autumn weather was very kind to us this year, and we were able to take the Rainbows out and about. One of their favourite evenings was a walk to Waitrose to choose ice creams, followed by feeding the ducks.



Indoors we made fairy houses.

Brownies loved running around and playing in the crispy autumn leaves. Who could make the biggest pile? Who could throw them the highest?

Indoors everyone made brightly coloured collages.

*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



On a beautiful autumn afternoon, chairman Wendy Cliffe welcomed members and guests to the October meeting.

Long-standing and enthusiastic member, Wendy Duff, had recently celebrated her 90th birthday in Suffolk and was congratulated by Wendy and presented with flowers.

Members were once again urged to buy tickets for the forthcoming Christmas Open Evening on 4 November. Funds from this event help to keep the Club going and the ability to give a good donation to its charity, Age UK – Horsham.

The funeral of long-standing and supportive member Anne Joyner had taken place, attended by several members. Anne's family had expressed appreciation to the participants of the Sandgate Singers and West Sussex Philharmonic choir, Horsham, who sang some of Anne's favourite music. Wendy felt privileged to take part. A donation was sent to St Barnabas Hospice in memory of Ann, who had been a former volunteer there for many years.

Wendy welcomed demonstrator, Margaret Williams, with her theme 'Aqua Flora'. An excellent demonstration followed, each display featuring an interesting variety of props, containers, foliage and flowers. The most memorable one featured a hollowed-out trunk from a Cedar of Lebanon tree, a beautiful, textured item in itself and complimented with lemon carnations, green shamrock chrysanthemums, fatsia leaves and foliage. Margaret explained how she had improved the appearance of an ordinary large vase with paper strips stuck on with PVA glue and then sprayed with various shades of pale green.

Members were delighted to win the stunning displays in the subsequent raffle. The competition 'Seashore' was judged by Margaret, a qualified judge, and competitors were congratulated on the stunning entries. Chris Desmond, Mollie Williams and Claudie Timms took part.

Tea and social time followed which completed a most enjoyable afternoon.

There is no meeting in December, and the next meeting will be 25 January.

*Wendy Cliffe, Chairman*

## SLINDON PUMPKIN DISPLAY



### 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 7 Dec and 4 Jan – 10am to 2pm**

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



# STORRINGTON & SULLINGTON – REFLECTIONS OF THE PAST OVER THERE

As the war-time song went, "Over there, over there, Oh the Yanks are coming...", but in our area, it was the Canadians who wasted no time in coming to help us in our hour of greatest need.

In December 1992, I received a long letter from Joe Butler, a veteran from British Columbia, recalling his time when based at Abingworth Hall. He described local people as "...the salt of the earth ..." when he finally figured out what some of the unfamiliar phrases and sayings meant. In 1940, few local people travelled far from their native village and Sussex accents could commonly be heard in conversation. He recalled also the great sadness that lingered as a result of the school bombing at Petworth.



My correspondent was with the 6th Canadian Infantry Brigade Workshop and they were living in Abingworth Hall and what he described as a "Quonset hut" (Nissen hut?) at the rear of the property. He wrote that their work area was 2 – 2½ miles towards Storrington in a complex in which pottery (?) was made (Marley Tile Works). He remembered the raw, damp cold of Christmas 1943 when their stove in the hut had gone out and there was no kindling; one of their number, "very strong with huge hands", picked up a wire-reinforced crate and in a few minutes had reduced that to kindling! Then two more men came through the door carrying a barrel of beer, (source unknown, no-one asked), so everyone got out their mugs. These 'mugs' were four-pound jam tins with handles soldered on. They started celebrating Christmas and New Year at 10.30am and by 2.30pm decided to go for a swim in Abingworth pond in their clothes.



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The sport ended when one of them got entangled in barbed wire. Deciding that they needed more beer, they trooped along the road to the White Lion when one of them declared he was better than Tarzan, and climbed into a tree, from whence he proceeded hand-over-hand until, grabbing a dead branch, he fell to the pavement. Fearing the worst, the others got a lorry and took him to the Casualty Clearing Station and while the doctor was examining him he suddenly sat up and said, "What the \*\*\*\* are we doing here, let's go and get some beer". Next morning he could hardly move, he was so sore. Joe also remembered the 600 cigarettes he used to take with him on a 48-hour pass, returning to camp with less than 10.



He was exceptionally good on the range, numbering 59 out of 60 bull's- eyes, when he heard someone mention that he was "sniper" material. After that his score dropped, often hitting the handle of the marker used to show the score on the target, or even the "frying pan" part. He says he found shooting practice fun, especially when using



a machine gun. Later they were issued with Sten guns, described by one of their number as, "...a fireman's dream invented by a plumber and operated on a yo-yo basis" Did they use our Kithurst ranges? Joe does not say.

He described the time, August 12 - 13 1945 when on leave from the Continent, "when the wars were history" and he and his girl-friend from Thakeham decided to get married. They needed permission from the army, and as he did not have this he was "given the run-around by the civilian people in charge". They were told to go to Worthing for the paperwork where they were told, "You have your own registry at Chanctonbury." They finally found 'Chanctonbury' in Storrington! He and his bride, Gladys Denyer, were still together



in 1992, with two sons and a daughter, Her brother, Arthur, still lived at Furze Common, Thakeham at that time. Joe concluded his letter, "I spent some of the most pleasant days of my life 'over there' and often think about them."

All the big houses, as well as Abingworth and their grounds, many with extra huts in them, housed our Canadian visitors; Parham, Sandgate, Fryern Hall, Greyfriars. In fact, our own cottage at the end of Greyfriars' private drive was requisitioned during the war as a Canadian wireless station and we found an insulator to which wires would have been attached on the end of a corner gutter while repainting. Soldiers would come into the village daily with big Dagenite batteries to Ron Vine's wireless shop in High Street to have them recharged. The shop at the end of the Colonnade was a NAAFI where they could go and recharge themselves with refreshments and where one Canadian soldier always asked for "... a peanut butter sandwich without butter...". The Red Cross arranged dances in the Village Hall or the Girl Guides' Hut where soldiers could socialise with the locals, and a few romances inevitably led to marriages between local girls and Canadians; Connie Martin, Barbara Hunt and Joyce Parsons among others.

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

## West Chilt Jazz Club

West Chilmington Village Hall RH20 2PZ

### CONCERTS

FEATURING THE VERY BEST JAZZ BANDS

Tuesday 6 December

Jackie Free's Chicagoans – *Swinging Jazz in the Chicago style*

Tue 3 Jan

Graham Hughes Sunshine Kings with vocalist Julie McKee

Doors Open 19.00 Concerts start at 19.30

Licensed Bar with Draught Beer

Tickets £10 from NISA (Cherilyn) Store in West Chilmington and the Card Centre, Storrington.

More information and late tickets from Keith Rushton

742914 | ckrushton@outlook.com

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!



The President opened the October birthday meeting by warmly welcoming members, along with two new members and two visitors. As is custom at Sullington Windmills, birthday meeting members were offered either a glass of wine or a soft drink, and all present toasted the Institute and heartily sang *Jerusalem*.

The President, Treasurer and Secretary gave their reports, before the President introduced the speaker for the evening, Andy Thomas, his talk entitled 'Lewes and Bonfire Night'. Andy opened his presentation by asking members what they knew about Lewes. As members thought about this question, Andy continued by saying Lewes is still classified as the County Town of both East and West Sussex, and is still a market town. The stone from the Priory can be seen in many buildings today. There is a statue in honour of Thomas Paine, the revolutionary 'Thinker' and author of *The Rights of Man*, who lived in Lewes for six years in the 18th Century. Virginia Woolf had a holiday home there, there are three churches dedicated to St John, it is home to the Harvey Brewery, and, last but not least, it is the home of the world's largest bonfire celebrations, not only celebrating the uncovering of the Gun Powder Plot in 1605, but also commemorating the memory of the 17 Protestant Martyrs from the town, who were burned at the stake for their faith. There are seven Bonfire Societies, each having their own parade and firework display; all Societies join for the Grand Parade, and 17 burning crosses are carried, each representing a martyr. Effigies of well-known personalities are carried each year and they always include effigies of Guy Fawkes and Pope Paul V, who was head of the Roman Catholic Church in 1605, and was regarded by many as a tyrant, hence the burning of the Pope; this tradition bares no reflections on Catholicism today. The events and celebrations of the whole evening are based on long-standing traditions. All Societies pass the war memorial at some point in the evening and pay respect to the fallen from the two World Wars, whose names are inscribed on the memorial. Members enjoyed this interesting and well-presented talk.

Following refreshments, members donned their thinking hats and took part in an international quiz. The President closed the meeting after the raffle was drawn.

If you feel you would like to join Sullington Windmills WI, or just pay us a visit, you will receive a warm welcome. We meet on the third Wednesday of each month (2nd Wednesday in December). The next meeting will take place on **Wednesday, 14 December**, when the speaker will be George Yates, his talk 'Magic and Mentalism'. The competition is 'A Decorated Christmas Parcel', these to contain biscuits or sweets which will be passed to the Family Support Work (FSW) for distribution. The venue is Sullington Parish Hall and we meet at 7.30pm. Should you require further information please contact Sheila on 741664.

Pat Snape



## SANDGATE CONSERVATION SOCIETY

A frantic month for many, with Christmas only a few weeks away, as time certainly hurries along with so many things to attend to.

A morning spent with the Society working on Sullington Warren, on **Saturday 10 December**.

might ease the tensions a little.....give it a try as you just know it will do you and the Warren a lot of good.

Action commences at 10am and ends at 12noon, but you can stroll along when it suits you. As many will know, refreshments are provided together with a good spoonful of camaraderie. If you can't make it, well perhaps we might see you in the New Year together with your 'new resolution'.....

In the meanwhile, the Society wishes you and yours a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

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](http://www.sandgate-conservation.org.uk)

Brian Burns



 **BINGO** 

**Thursday 8 December**  
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!

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## A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!



**FSW Coffee Morning**

**Saturday 28 January**

**10.30am – 12noon**

at The Old School, Storrington.

**Stalls, homemade cakes, gifts and more.**

More info from Ann, 01798 813481.





## STORRINGTON & DISTRICT MUSEUM

We are sad to record that Gena Grenney passed away in October, after a long illness. Gena was one of the first members of the Museum Society and her wealth of local knowledge has been of immense help to the Museum. A full obituary will be published in the Museum Newsletter in December, but we would like to express our sympathy to all her family and friends.

December will be a quiet month at the Museum, and a short one. On **5 December at 7.30pm**, Dr Sally White will give a talk at The Old School entitled "How Worthing Became a Seaside Resort". On a previous occasion, Dr White talked to us about a Roman coin hoard and made the subject very exciting, so we have high hopes for this talk about Worthing, especially as Dr White was the curator at Worthing Museum.

The present exhibition "Optical Allusions" will continue, but only until 15 December, when the Museum will close for the Christmas break, so if you have not yet seen this wonderful display, you still have time. It really is worth a visit.

On **Monday, 9 January**, the evening talk will be given by Mick Denness and is about a truly local subject – "Fryern Dell – A Victorian Pleasure Garden". Entrance is £4 on the door and includes coffee and biscuits.

The Museum will reopen on **Saturday, 15 January**, with a new exhibition, "Suffragists", and there will be our usual opening day refreshments from 10am to 4pm.

On Monday, 7 November, Ian Gledhill treated us to a talk on "The Magic of Pantomime", and what a mine of magical information he proved to be! Once an engineer for London Transport, he reverted to his first love of the theatre and eventually became involved in pantomime, and acted in many famous theatres and with various celebrities, especially Julian Clary.

We think of pantomime as being British, and we are right. No other country has this form of fantastic, subversive, anarchic, topical, gaudy theatre, but its roots go back far into the past and come from all around the world. Its name 'pantomime' means a mimicry or imitation of all life. It was mimed originally because the 'play' came from Italy via France and the British could not or would not understand French. Consequently the actions were overacted, with slapstick and visual jokes. The actors were all derived from the Italian *commedia dell'arte* tradition in the 16th century, and Harlequin, Columbine and Pantaloon were the clowns. The pantomime was enacted at the end of a long night at the theatre so that the audience went home happy and eager to come again.

These performances were for adults only, but gradually fairy tales and other well-known stories were added. The plays, originally twenty minutes or less, became longer and became suitable for children because they knew the story. In 1781, *Robinson Crusoe* was the very first full length pantomime, followed in 1788 by *Aladdin*, and in 1804 by *Cinderella*. These all finished with a harlequinade. However, music hall was fast becoming popular and soon the stars of the music hall, like Joe Grimaldi, became the star of the pantomime, which in turn made the stage ready for 'the Dame', and the harlequinade disappeared, the last recorded being in 1911.

Gradually productions became more lavish, and by 1850 pantomimes were almost as we know them now (although they are still changing), with suitable Victorian principles of the good being rewarded and the bad being punished.

So we have *Cinderella*, a Chinese story from a thousand years ago, which has permeated every nation. We have *Aladdin*, a seven hundred year old story from Arabia, translated into English in 1710, which includes the great widow Twan Kai, and we have *Dick*

*Whittington* – the only 'real' subject of a panto, who lived in London and really was Lord Mayor in 1422, but who never had a cat.

But what of girls being boys and men being Dames? Women were not allowed to act on the stage from the days of Greek Drama and Charles II's time. Charles II changed the law supposedly for Nell Gwynn's sake, and so by a very convoluted mix of ideas it was acceptable for men to play women at the Music Hall and for girls to be principal boys in panto, and for Victorian men, who would have been shocked by the sight of an ankle in real life, to view ladies' legs on stage because they were 'men'. Now all this is changing and men often play the part of principal boy and women often play the ugly sisters, but the Dame still is a man.

Happy Christmas!

**Old School, School Lane, Storrington RH20 4LL**

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## STORRINGTON COMMUNITY MARKET

Village Hall, opposite Stable Antiques

Open Friday 2, 9 and Christmas

Market on 16 December

**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 and savouries, jams and marmalades, eggs, local free-range pork, mushrooms and vegetables and beautiful seasonal plants and flowers. Wide-range of handicrafts, cards and jewellery and Aloe Vera skincare products ideal for Christmas presents and stocking fillers. Stop for a coffee or tea and cake and on **Friday 16 December**, our last market before Christmas; we will be serving **FREE coffee or tea and warm mince pies**. Our new second-hand book stall and brie-a-brac stall are becoming a popular feature with many bargains! All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you, especially if you are new to the village. 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.

We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you all again on Friday 6 January 2017.

**Please come along and support your local Community Market!**



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

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The illustrated talk given by Ian Everest at our October lunch meeting took us on a fascinating journey through the various phases of farming in Sussex over the centuries.

Ian has a family background in farming dating back to 1841 and he showed almost identical photos of corn collection on the family farm taken 70 years apart; the only difference was oxen being used in the former, and horses in the latter. The deep-red Sussex Oxen had traditionally worked the land before the introduction of the Welsh Black herds that were brought south via drovers roads into Sussex. This was big business and at Steyning market in the 1850s some 3000 oxen were sold in one day. The dealers with wads of money from their sales even formed their own bank called the Black Bull.

Oxen normally worked in a team of six arranged in three pairs. Their working life was from 2 to 8 years old and they were more economical to run than horses. To show their strength, Ian produced photos of the windmill that had stood just off the seafront in Brighton being hauled by oxen teams all the way up to where the Dyke Tavern now stands.

Given the relatively short lifespan of an ox, horses came more into favour towards the end of the 19th century. That time also saw the first moves towards farm mechanisation, although the use of steam power was not successful and caused unrest by farm labourers who feared job losses. By the early 20th century however, tractors were coming off the production line, although the two World Wars meant farms were in decline as men and horses went to help the war effort. It was often left to the Land Girls to drive these new tractors, such as the 20HP Fordson Major (named Iron Horses by the farmers), that were the forerunner of the powerful farm machinery in use today.

Ian summarised his talk as a rural history lesson; our Probus members were only too pleased to part of his class!

Alan Craig

## STORRINGTON FLOWER CLUB OPEN EVENING

Members and guests were greeted by a festive entrance to the Flowers Club's Open Evening on Friday, 4 November. A glass of wine and a full sale table, which included Christmas table centres, tempted the 75 guests as they arrived. There were tickets for a general raffle and the flower raffle to purchase.



Wendy Cliffe welcomed everyone and reminded guests that the profit from the raffles would be shared between the Club and this year's charity, Age UK (Horsham), which supports a club in Storrington for people and their families who are living with Alzheimer's.



Wendy introduced the National Demonstrator, Lorena Dyer, with her demonstration entitled 'Christmas Wish'. Lorena created six displays; each one had a second placement.

The first was in a rectangular tray and consisted of red Amaryllis and Ilex Berries amongst Spruce and Skimmia; small waxed red pears completed the festive appearance. The second celebrated the Christmas pudding. The container was a round bowl shape and was filled with Chrysanthemums of orange and yellow, red Roses and a fabulous chocolate Orchid stem. Fastia leaves and Skimmia were the filler and orange sparkle twigs added a sense of festive spice. The third was a brightly coloured arrangement on top of a twisted Hazel twig. The greenery was composed of Laurel, Ivy and blue coloured grass, with flowers of green Chrysanthemums, green Orchid, lime green Anthuriums, large Carnations and bright pink Gerberas.

The fourth arrangement was inside a large circle to represent a Christmas bauble. Red Roses and Anthuriums dominated the display with Rosemary, Hydrangea leaves and Red Robin leaves complimenting the flowers. The fifth was in a circular Papier Mache bowl, filled with large pale pink Roses, pale large Chrysanthemums, bright pink Carnations, and Brassica's with purple centres. At the base was Pittosporum, the height being created by a bright pink metallic spray. The final display was predominantly a white/grey colour way. In an oval greyed wood dish, the flowers were Lilies and Anthuriums, the greenery Fastia and Eucalyptus leaves.

Sylvia Tilley gave the vote of thanks, commenting on the lovely flowers and how the stage was a stunning picture of festive displays enhanced by Christmas music. Lorena had given us some useful tips on looking after and enhancing our own arrangements and had entertained us as well. A thoroughly enjoyable evening.

Susanne Carter

## Toddlerific

...more than a toddler group



**Fridays ... 9.30 – 11.00am (Term time)**

Trinity Methodist Church, Thakeham Rd, Storrington

Cost: £2.50 per family

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Toddler Crafts

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Teas, coffees and healthy snacks

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## 3 HERALDS IS GROWING!

I am delighted to say that from January your magazine will have an extra four pages! And at no extra cost to you!

This means there will be more room to fit everything in, and we can offer you other features – is there anything in particular you would like to see? Some thoughts are gardening, recipes, a children's page – let me know what you think! And if anyone would like to write a feature or article, either on a regular, irregular, or one-off basis then do get in touch. This is your magazine, so let me know what you would like. Phone on 743700 or email [3Heralds@gmail.com](mailto:3Heralds@gmail.com)

Amanda Hislop, Editor





## FRYERN LADIES' PROBUS



The welcoming warmth of the Roundabout Hotel contrasted strongly to the sudden winter's chill in the weather and the ladies gathered around the two open fires for a much needed (but obviously medicinal) drink before lunch.

This meeting was on 'Educational Issues' and was of particular interest to some of the members present as at least a quarter of them were all retired school teachers! (Best mind your P's and Q's and table manners!).

The speaker of the day was none other than Alyson Heath, a well-known member of the local community and much loved head teacher, whose last position, before retirement, was at the Christ-centred school, St Mary's Church of England Primary School in Pulborough, where she taught for 13 wonderful years. It was quite apparent, listening to Alyson talk about her educational beliefs, that she is one of the most dedicated of teachers and is a strong believer in 'The Whole Child' approach, and indeed 'The Whole Teacher' approach, to education.

Alyson is obviously a very 'spiritual' person and spirituality is the guiding force behind all aspects of her teaching, which honours and respects the uniqueness of each individual. "We can all make a difference" she said, and we are sure that her pupils received a valued and specialised education in developing the vital points in all areas of the child-centred curriculum, quiet time and listening skills being of supreme importance so they can learn to the best of their ability.

These survival techniques, and appreciating the individual, are vital tools to use in this ugly world where self-harming, poverty, lack of self-esteem and mental health issues are common amongst our children. Instead, let them be safe and secure and be given the opportunity to be calm and reflective. Alyson advised that, even during exams, special comforting toys or articles can be accepted, should this be of benefit to the child, and that games of giving and receiving be acted out to make them feel wanted and appreciated. Indeed, we were recipients of a spot game, played throughout Primary School, and quite enjoyed the expansion and movement of the spots, so no age bar there.

Certainly Alyson was an inspiring speaker and is passionate about inclusivity and supporting vulnerable children. She is probably busier than ever as a trustee to multiple charities, one being 'Just Enough UK', which is the biggest anti-slavery children's charity in the UK. Marie Titchener thanked Alyson warmly on our behalf and we all felt richer for her being there.

Our next meeting will be at The West Sussex Golf Club on **1 December** for a delicious, festive Christmas lunch plus entertainment, from magician George Yates, on 'A Magical Christmas'; we look forward to it and to our coach trip to Salisbury on **6 December**.

Russ Fry

## STORRINGTON CONSERVATION SOCIETY

We were delighted to see so many at our AGM in the Village Hall on 22 October. Our Chairman, Mick Denness, reported on our activities throughout the year, followed by the presentation of the accounts (we are keeping our head above water). Mick then gave an illustrated talk on our recently completed major project, the securing of the river bank in Fryern Dell.

Our guest speaker, David Petrie from IGas, presented an informative, illustrated account of the extraction of oil at the Storrington well, from the application for permission to explore the site in 1985 up to the present. Currently, permission runs up to 2018. Four wells have been drilled, only one being active at present. David stressed that IGas is concerned to be a good neighbour, as well as being closely regulated. Their work here has caused no major concern, and in due course the site will be returned to its former use. IGas has a Community Fund, and has made £16,830 worth of grants in Storrington to date. Our Society has benefitted from their grant for materials for the river bank project.

We also benefited from a grant for this work from Arun & Rother Connections. The ARC Project is a partnership between Southdowns National Park Authority, West Sussex County Council, the Environment Agency, Sussex Wildlife Trust, the RSPB, the Arun and Rother Rivers Trust and Natural England. Its aim is to help local communities to deal with issues such as pollution, flooding, invasive species, declining wildlife, and to encourage people to engage with nature.

Our work party on 5 November enjoyed the autumn colours, while carrying on with clearing the bank of the pond in Fryern Dell. This work continues on **3 December, from 10 to 12noon**. We always have a break for coffee and chat. Anyone interested in our work, or perhaps joining us, is welcome to come along. For details of the Thursday work party on **15 December 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](http://www.storringtonconservation.org.uk).

We wish all our readers and supporters a Merry Christmas and an environmentally friendly New Year.

Stuart Kersley



### STORRINGTON FLOWER CLUB

Our next meeting will be  
**Wednesday 25 January 2017 at 2pm**  
Sullington Parish Hall

The Club does not meet during December.





## STORRINGTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

To a packed Village Hall, Sally Primmett, from Village Nurseries, gave a talk and demonstration on the wide variety of effects achievable by careful selection of plant varieties for use in pots and baskets for winter and spring colour.

The audience were given many useful ideas on how to use an under-layer of bulbs when planting up pots and winter hanging baskets to prolong the colour of the decoration.

There are plenty of plants which can be included in winter and early spring decorations, such as pansies, ivy, hebes and other small shrubs which, over the next few months, would make a wonderful display.

For indoor ideas, she planted cyclamen and violas in interesting containers suitable for window sills and conservatories, moving on to Christmas arrangements containing cuttings from trees and bushes, which can be found in most gardens, and adding glitter and small decorations to add interest.

The Village Nurseries is a family-run nursery which grows a vast range of seasonal and hardy plants. In addition, they sell garden sundries, plus seeds, bulbs and containers. They have a floristry department providing a full floristry service for weddings and funerals and will also deliver flowers in local areas, all of which Sally oversees. The experienced, family team will give you a warm welcome and are happy to give any advice needed.

The evening was greatly enjoyed by members and guests. Sally very kindly donated all her displays for the raffle, for which the committee gave thanks.

Sheila Parvis



## STORRINGTON DECORATIVE AND FINE ARTS SOCIETY

On Wednesday, 2 November, Bertie Pearce gave a most entertaining talk entitled 'The Punch and Judy Show: a subversive symbol from Commedia dell'Arte to the present'. The talk was full of wit, humour and history. Bertie's love of people and performance ensures that his talks are always enjoyed and appreciated by his audiences.

### NEXT LECTURE

The next lecture will be on Wednesday, 7 December, commencing at 2.30pm at West Chilington Village Hall. Members free. Guests £5.

For Society information please contact the Membership Secretary, Pam Hopper, on 01798 813693.

Val Considine



## STORRINGTON DRAMATIC SOCIETY

### 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. Performances are at 7pm Wednesday and Thursday, 7.30pm Friday, and 2.30pm and 7.30pm on Saturday. Tickets are priced £9 for adults and £5 for children under 12, and are available from Fowlers Estate Agency, Nisa Local in West Chilington, and on our website and Facebook pages.

For more information and tickets, please go to  
[www.storringtondramatics.co.uk/current-show](http://www.storringtondramatics.co.uk/current-show)  
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## MACMILLAN FILM NIGHT DANIEL BLAKE (15) MONDAY 5 DECEMBER Doors open 7.00pm for 7.30pm start PULBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL



When an ill carpenter finds himself in need of state welfare, he meets a desperate single mother who needs the same thing. Together the duo discover that negotiating through the red tape is a challenge.

Starring: Dave Johns, Hayley Squires, Dylan McKiernan, Briana Shane

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

Wine, coffee/tea & biscuits available from 7.00pm with Raffle and Macmillan stall. Ices available during interval.

**Friends of Sussexdown**  
Washington Road, Storrington

**CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

**Saturday 3 December**  
1.30pm to 3.30pm

Santa attending, many stalls,  
refreshments, raffles, tombola

**Everyone Welcome!**



# CRICKET IN STORRINGTON



## Annual General Meeting

The Club's Annual General Meeting was held on Friday evening of the 28 October, when members re/elected the following:

- President:** Chris Winter  
**Chairman:** Steve Watkins  
**Vice Chairman & Colts Manager:** Martin Fisher  
**Secretary:** Steve Porter  
**Treasurer:** Carol Bryer  
**Club Captain:** Ian Homewood  
**Vice Captain:** Tim Laker  
**League Representative:** Simon Haggart  
**Colts Representative:** Steve Beeken  
**Welfare Officer:** Jude Houghton

The silver Rose Bowl awarded for Clubman of the Year was presented to Martin Fisher for his outstanding development work with the Colts section.

Steve Watkins then reported that the West Sussex Invitation League had agreed to our request to play in Division 6 next season. Steve also gave a brief progress report on the Outdoor Net project. Arrangements for next year's indoor nets are still to be confirmed with the Leisure Centre.

Details of senior playing or social membership can be obtained from Steve Watkins on 744217, whilst Martin Fisher can be contacted on 07850 416886 by parents for details of the Colts section, aka the Cygnets.

Before the last decade of the 19th century, there was no provision for declarations by batting sides. A side batted on until it was all out, although sometimes batsmen gave away their wicket in order to force a result. Playing Midhurst on Lavington Common in 1869, the Storrington side batted from 11am until nearly 7pm. when they were finally dismissed for 325 runs, an unusually high total in those days. G. Humphrey scored an unbeaten 158, and E. Hammond made 92. Midhurst did have a bit of batting time, and were 42 for the loss of one wicket at the close of play.

Chris Winter

## 3 HERALDS CONTRIBUTORS 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....

December always seems to come very quickly, and besides all the preparations for Christmas, as you are reading this, I will already have put the January edition of the magazine together! I am delighted we are now able to add an extra four pages, so my goals for the magazine have now been achieved – 36 pages and full colour! So now I have time to think about achievements I wish to reach – do you make yourself targets? One that is constantly in my mind is to become closer to God, and certainly I am going to spend my December thinking about that.

I wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas, and do take the time to remember Jesus at the centre of your celebrations, and your life.

Amanda Hislop (Editor) 3Heralds@gmail.com



## WEST CHILTINGTON DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Wishing all our audiences a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

The Society's autumn production, *Sun Stroke*, by Edwin Preece and directed by Wendy Davies, has now finished. At the time of writing the 'Set' had just been constructed. About 20 members of the Society spent most of one Sunday building and erecting the scenery, setting the lights, painting the set and enjoying a communal lunch. Although it is a seven hour job, it was great fun and an efficient use of the complementary skills found within the team.

Our next Members' Evening, 7pm for 7.30pm on **17 December** in the Village Hall, will be the usual Christmas food and fun with members giving a variety of 'do your own thing' performances. The Members' Evening on 18 February 2017 will be a one act play, *Once Bittern*, written and directed by Jean Trew, followed by a fish and chip supper. These evenings are only £9 (£5 for members) and we welcome potential members who may be interested in joining.

We are always delighted to welcome new members. If you are interested in any dramatic society activity do contact Betsy Rimmer on 744832. Membership is only £7 per year and benefits include cut price entry to members' evenings, priority booking for productions and a regular newsletter. Joining now will include membership for 2017 and cut price tickets for the 17 December Members' Evening. We welcome not just actors, but lighting technicians, set builders, back stage crew and front of house helpers, too. If you just want to support the Society without helping but still have the benefits of membership, you can become a Patron for £10 per year.

Lastly, please put our May 2017 production in your diaries: 25, 26 and 27 May. The play is the comedy *Party Piece* by Richard Harris and directed by Miq Kelland. Auditions are on Monday 9 and Thursday 12 January 2017 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. We are always happy to welcome new members at auditions. Do contact Miq on 01798 874462 if you would like more information.

John Rimmer, Chairman

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