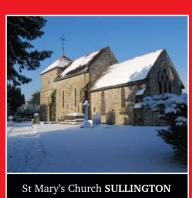
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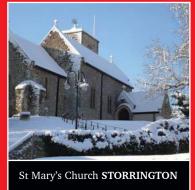
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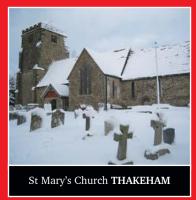


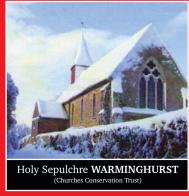


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### St Mary STORRINGTON





### St Mary THAKEHAM

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**SULLINGTON AND THAKEHAM WITH WARMINGHURST** 

Rector Revd Derek Spencer, BA (01798 813121)

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Bishop's General Licence Revd Tessa Holland, MA (741904)

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

All telephone numbers are 01903 unless otherwise stated.



On Saturday 4 February, the Church of England celebrates one of Lincolnshire's most famous sons, St Gilbert of Sempringham, and he is probably someone you have never heard of! Gilbert was an ordinary man who achieved extraordinary things because of his love for God and his love for people.

Gilbert was born in Sempringham, near Billingborough, Lincolnshire, in the year 1083. Gilbert was the son of a man called Jocelin, who was the Lord of the manor of Sempringham. Jocelin was a wealthy Norman knight who had married a Saxon wife. Some time before their child was born, this lady (no name) dreamed that the moon came down and settled in her lap, and she interpreted this as a sign of her child's coming greatness.

But as Gilbert grew, he appeared to be deformed, dull and lazy, showing no signs of greatness. His father was bitterly disappointed in him because his deformity meant he was unsuitable for knightly service. Even the household servants ridiculed him. In the end, he either fled or was sent to France to be educated as a clerk. This was an honourable enough profession for his father to accept him on his return to Sempringham. As there was no school in the neighbourhood, he began schools for the boys and girls of the village and surrounding area, and there he taught reading and writing, and also morals and discipline.

Gilbert's father presented him with the (church) livings of Sempringham and West Torrington. As Gilbert was not ordained, he appointed a man named Geoffrey as his chaplain and they lived together in a room over the south porch of the present Church. In 1122, Robert Bloet, Bishop of Lincoln, sent for Gilbert to be a clerk in his household, and on the death of Robert Bloet he served his successor, Alexander, living a simple and humble life amid the splendour of his surroundings.

In 1131, Gilbert was ordained priest and returned to Sempringham to continue his work of teaching. Seven of the girls he had taught earlier expressed a wish to serve God by living a rule of life. With the help of Bishop Alexander of Lincoln, he built accommodation for them along the north wall of the Church. This small community soon attracted others to join, both men and women. The Gilbertine Order, as it came to be known, was the only truly English religious order until the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century. It was very unusual in having both men and women in the same order. The nuns followed the Rule of St Benedict. The monks, known as canons, followed the Rule of

St Augustine. In Church at Sempringham, the monks and nuns were separated by a wall running the length of the Church.

Gilbert felt unworthy of ruling this rapidly growing community and in 1147 he went to the General Chapter of the Cistercian Order at Citeaux hoping that they would take charge of it. This they refused to do as the community at Sempringham included women as well as men. But his journey was not in vain, for at Citeaux he met St Bernard of Clairvaux who helped him to draw up a rule for his Order. In 1148, the Order was recognised by the Pope and Gilbert became the first abbot of the Gilbertines. King Henry II much admired the saintly Gilbert and would sometimes visit him at Sempringham.

Just before Christmas 1188, Gilbert was taken ill while at the priory of Newstead on Ancholme, near Brigg. On Christmas night he received Holy Unction and was carried as quickly as possible to Sempringham where the Priors of all his churches came to receive his blessing. On February 4 1189 he died, aged 106. His biographer could not find words to express the grief of the Order, "...kings and princes honoured him, pontiffs and prelates received him with devotion, all the people revered him as a saint of God. We have seen Bishops on their knees asking for his blessing". Three days later he was buried in the dividing wall of the Priory Church at Sempringham in the presence of many people, rich and poor, religious and lay. St Gilbert was canonised on 11 January 1202.

When Gilbert died, his Order had 13 houses, nine double houses of canons and nuns and four for canons only. There were 700 men and 1500 women in the Order. They also had many hostels for the sick and poor, houses for lepers and almshouses for widows and orphans. At the Dissolution there were 26 houses.

For someone considered deformed, dull and lazy he did rather well! His heart for the poor is certainly something we ordinary folk can follow – whether we are Lincolnshire or Sussex-bred.

KATHRYN WINDSLOW Rector of Storrington



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What's happening at

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.

# St Mary's Thakeham

### **Revd Derek Spencer**

### www.thakehamchurch.com

#### **Churchwardens:**

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### **Treasurer:**

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### **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 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.

Family

Support

### Harold's Christmas Quiz 2016 in aid of Family Support Work

Wwork sinned! "Nothing strange about that," you say. Two answers are left entirely to one's imagination I erred – and the anagrams have letters missing compounding the difficulties. Thank you so much for your help and the winners will appear in the March edition of 3 Heralds.

The answers below may well have better ones submitted and they will of course be accepted as correct.

#### Answers

- 1. BIRDS: 1. Albatross; 2. Green Woodpecker; 3. Partridge; 4. Buzzard; 5. Shearwater; 6. Sea Eagles; 7. Blackbird; 8. Ducks; 9. Grouse; 10 Goose.
- 2. TV PROGRAMMES: 1. Last of the Summer Wine; 2 Rosemary & Thyme; 3. Holby City; 4. Keeping Up Appearances; 5. Mastermind; 6. New Tricks; 7. Escape to the Country; 8. Archers; 9. Songs of Praise; 10. Eastenders. Bonus: Good Night Sweetheart.
- 3. HIDDEN IN THE BIBLE: 1. Exodus; 2. Numbers; 3. Song of Songs; 4. Joshua; 5. Ruth; 6. Acts; 7. Revelation; 8. Lamentation; 9. Mark; 10. Haggai. Bonus: Two Books.
- 4. NUMBERS: 1. Two-by-Two into the Ark; 2. Three coins in a fountain; 3 Five on a Treasure Island; 4. Seven lives a cat hasn't them; 5. Eight Half Crowns in a pound; 6. ERROR; 7. Thirteen cards in a suit (pack of cards); 8. Thirty-two white squaes on a Chess Board; 9. Fifty bulls eye in darts; 10. One hundred and one dalmations. Bonus: Ten green bottles hanging on a wall.
- WHAT WAS THE FIRST LINE?: 1. I will not cease from mental fight; 2. To God be the glory; 3. Double, double, toil and trouble; 4. Come, ye thankful people, come; 5. Baa, baa, black sheep; 6. Hold your head up high; 7. Guide me, 0 thou great Jehovah; 8. Amazing grace; 9. Love divine, all loves excelling; 10. High King of heaven (Be thou my vision). Bonus: Half a league, half a leap.
- 6. TRADE NAMES: 1. Russell Hobbs; 2. Pears Soap; 3. Bath Oliver; 4. Dominoes; 5. Birds custard; 6. Guiness; 7. Dulux; 8. Kiwi; 9. Admiral; 10. Coleman's mustard. Bonus: Tesco.
- 7. OCCUPATIONS: 1. Acrobat; 2. Publican; 3. Fishmonger; 4. Captain; 5. Dentist; 6. Biologist; 7. Blacksmith; 8. Archbishop; 9. Grocer; 10. Postman. Bonus: Clergyman.
- 8. RIVERS: 1. Wise 2. Jordan; 3. Thames; 4. Dumdum; 5. Clyde; 6. Avon; 7. Colorado; 8. Severn; 9. Mersey; 10. Trent. Bonus: Tweed.
- 9: 1.Snake; 2. Lion; 3. Mouse; 4. Terrier; 5. Worm; 6. Tiger; 7. Birds; 8. Honey; 9. King; 10. Kangaroo. Bonus: Turkey.
- 10: 1. In between lines; 2. Quite right; 3. A drop n the ocean; 4. Share in a million; 5. Odds on favourite; 6. Črossed fingers; 7. A touching moment; 8. No through road; 9. Nearly impossible; 10. Festive season.

Thank you to all for taking part – many thanks to Liz MacGregor and the 3 Heralds team, and to the Revd Derek Spencer for printing. We will make well over £300 thanks to you all.

Harold Linfield

### 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)

TGIF 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)



Thakeham Village Hall

### Saturday 25 February 7pm Teams of 6

(teams can be made up on the night) Tickets £12 to include a hot supper Everyone Welcome

Contact Sandy Clark 741419 or Wynn Lednor 743025

### Thakeham, Sullington & Storrington Churches

Lent lunches will start on Ash Wednesday, 1 March, at Thakeham Village Hall at 12.45pm, with two further lunches on 15 and 29 March. The lunch is homemade soup and bread roll and cheese followed by coffee and tea and will cost £3.

> The Revd Derek Spencer will hold a short Lent Iona Communion service at Sullington Church every Wednesday throughout Lent at 12 noon (1 March - 12 April).

# Knit and Stitch Tea on Tuesday



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

Thakeham Church Rooms 21 February between 2pm and 4pm

All welcome. Enquiries to Wynn Lednor - 743025



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 fen 'god gems' thrown in!



'Forget about what's happened; don't keep going over old history. Be alert, be present, watch for the new thing I am going to do. It is happening already – you can see it now! I will make a road through the wilderness.' Isaiah 43: 18-19

# What's happening at



# St Mary's Sullingtor

### Revd Derek Spencer www.st-marys-sullington.org info@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. 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.

### Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in us

### 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

### 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

### 8 February • 8 March

Spaces are limited to 8 and booking is essential

To reserve a space, please contact: Tessa & Mark Holland Tel: 741904 Email: wildfortune@btinternet.com 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

# Fundraising Lunch with Guest Speaker...

Delicious two course lunch with talk afterwards by Michael Glencoe from Sussex Wildlife Trust on the wildlife of Sussex

Tuesday 14 February 12.30pm for 1pm Pulborough Village Hall

Chichester Dioces Family Support Work has worked to help local families in difficulties for

Tickets £12 each.

For further details call Gail on 745754. Please bring your own drinks and glasses

# Tea with the Vicar

23 February 3pm - 5pm

Jo Graves, High Winds, Sullington Warren

No booking necessary, but please let us know for catering numbers!



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### Lectio Divina: becoming one with the Word

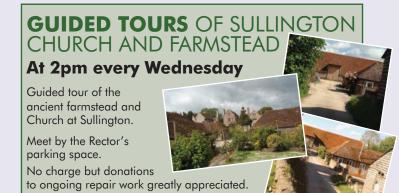
A time of listening to and reflecting together on the Word of God

The Wild Fortune Prayer Loft

#### **Saturday 4 February** 8.30am to 10am

Please let us know if you wish to come No expertise necessary; it is a very gentle guided process.

Further details: Tessa & Mark Holland Wild Fortune, Sandgate Lane, Storrington. Tel: 741904 Email: wildfortune@btinternet.com Blog: www.wildfortuneblog.blogspot.co.uk





# What's happening at

# St Mary's Storrington

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

#### **Churchwardens:**

Gwen Fisher (744642) 3 Greenacre Close RH20 4QG 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:**

Rob and Alison Wall (743713) 51 Crowhurst Crescent RH20 4QU **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

on Thursday 2 March at 10.30am

from 1 March 2017

**Ecumenical Lent Course -**

**ASH WEDNESDAY – 1 March** 

The main service to mark the start of Lent will take place on this day

at 7.30pm – Sung Eucharist with imposition of ashes. There will be a

Prayer Book Holy Communion (said) with Ash Wednesday readings

The churches of Storrington have agreed to join together for a Lent

Course this year. The hope is to have several home groups (day and

The actual course has not yet been chosen but it will be around the

The Course will be introduced in churches on Sunday, 26 February, with a launch on Ash Wednesday, 1 March. Five sessions will follow

with a sixth session all together at The Priory, hosted by Chemin

More details about the groups will be available mid-February from

evening) each with hosts and leaders from different churches.

themes of Discipleship and Using the Bible to Grow in Faith.

**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). Tuesdays, 7pm Chrystalle (744269). Thursdays, 10am Alison

(743713)

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

### STORRINGTON REGISTERS

Marriages – to love and to cherish ...

2016 10 Dec Daniel Wells and Marina Morecroft

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

**2016** 12 Dec Pauline Dolores Burtt (90 years)

20 Dec Albert Rowland Jackson (83 years)

2017 9 Jan June Osborne Sinnock (83 years)13 Jan Daphne Margaret Wood (94 years)

# POPPY APPEAL

churches when you will be invited to sign up.

Neuf on Palm Sunday about 4-6pm.

On behalf of Storrington's Royal British Legion SE15, may we take this opportunity to thank everyone at St Mary's Church, Storrington for supporting the work of the Poppy Apeal 2016 and raising funds to assist servicemen, ex-servicemen and their families. The Church poppy tin raised £58.28 and the Remembrance Sunday Service held at St Mary's raised an overwhelmingly generous collection of £436.69.

Thank you also to everyone who helped to count the collections on 18 November. As at 15 December 2016, the amount raised in this area is £9,138.81, with three more outstanding collections.

Anyone who has received seven days pay in His or Her Majesty's Service is entitled to help from the Royal British Legion.

Lee Smith

### **CHRISTINGLE SERVICE**

AT ST MARY'S, STORRINGTON

THE TOTAL collected by our parishioners

in 2016 was £1,544.42.

The box opening total was £1,168.30 and the collection taken at the Christingle Service on Christmas Eve was £376.12.



On behalf of the Children's Society we would like

to thank everyone who gave so generously. If anyone would like a Children's Society box for their small change please contact us.

Many thanks to everyone who helped to make the Christingles.

Alun and Pat Jenkins (744927) St. Mary's, Storrington, Children's Society Representatives

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See page 4 for details of Lent Lunches

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

As I write this, I have got in most of the 2016 bills for St Mary's, Storrington. I also still have to receive the Gift Aid money from the Revenue and some of the income from the Church investments from Church House in Hove (which is where Chichester Diocese has its Administrative Headquarters). However, I hope that a lot of the work in getting the Annual Church Accounts ready will have been done by the time you read this note.

I still am amazed about how much information is available on the Internet. I suppose the days of spending hours looking up information in Encylopaedia Britannica or Chambers Encyclopaedia have now gone. You look things up in Wikipedia instead.

I did that the other day and discovered that 2017 (as well as being the 500th anniversary of the start of the Reformation) is the 500th anniversary of the death of an Italian Friar and Mathematician named Luca Pacioli. I had never heard of him, but he published the first book on the double entry system, which is the system of book keeping that accountants use today. Whenever an entry is made in a set of accounts showing something going out, there should be an exactly equivalent entry showing something else coming in.

If the two entries don't match, there is an error. Any such error can take many hours to track down, and apparently Pacioli said that a book-keeper should not go to sleep at night until the debits in the accounts equalled the credits.

I have not read Pacioli's book, and rely on the Church's computer accounting system ("Xero") to make all the correct double entries. We have been using it for a few years now and I don't know where I would be without it. It seems to work very well.

But having said that, how many times have I heard a commentator on Test Match Special saying "England are going well" and then having to eat his words as wickets tumble? I hope I don't have to eat mine.

Andrew Hammock

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.

# HALL FOR HIRE!

### Church Hall, Thakeham (known as The Church Rooms)

A warm, attractive space suitable for family gatherings, children's parties, meetings, classes

A well equipped kitchen with refrigerator and freezer

WEEKDAY SESSIONS MORNING OR AFTERNOON &7.50 EVENING &10 Toilet facilities

Large car park adjacent to the building with level access

Reasonable charges

WEEKEND SESSIONS MORNING OR AFTERNOON £10 EVENING £15

Interested? Contact Wynn Lednor on 743025

### JOURNEY ON THE CAMINO DE SANTIAGO — PART 1

Talk at St Mary's Church, Storrington Saturday 4 February at 2.30pm

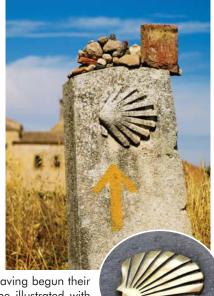
This ancient pilgrim route is becoming hugely popular. The 500 mile walk from the French border to the NW corner of Spain has so grown in numbers that about 500 walkers set off each morning and 262,459 people received a compostela of completion in the year 2015.

Is it a walk or something more spiritual?

Andrew and Sheila Boultbee 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 is in aid of St Mary's Church, Storrington, repairs and tower fund.



# St Mary's Church Storrington CONCERT COMMITTEE

are pleased to announce that the following Concerts have been arranged for 2017 – all to be held at St Mary's Church, Storrington

4 March Brighton Male Voice Choir

26 April Lancing College Music Students Dlease make a note of the dates in your diaries!

# 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**

Subject: Heaven

contact Sylvia Hyams on 745878

### **TUESDAYS 7PM TO 9PM**

Subject: St John's Gospel

contact Chrystalle Kersley on 744269

### **THURSDAYS 10AM TO 12 NOON**

Subject: Contemporary Dilemmas 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!





### ST MARY'S CHURCH, SULLINGTON,

## HELD THEIR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAYRE ON 26 NOVEMBER, IN SULLINGTON PARISH HALL

The event opened and ended with season carols beautifully sung by Storrington Brownies which really put everyone in a festive mood. Children came for free, children in fancy dress got a prize for coming along – all enjoyed making crackers and Christmas cards, writing to Santa, receiving a present from the visiting Santa and having their photo taken with him. There was a raffle, a bottle stall, a tombola and a children's tombola (mostly giving out sweets), homemade cakes and crafts, as well as lots of tea and mince pies.

Afterwards, one visitor commented on how much her son had enjoyed himself and how she had enjoyed the fact that so much was for free and the "lovely friendly atmosphere and not at all money grabbing". A good time was had by all – an energy boost for the end of term and the last few weeks before Christmas!

A much appreciated £1000 was raised for Church funds. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard, especially Anne Owen, but extra special thanks to the visitors!

Next one on 25 November 2017, 2pm to 4.30pm – put it in your diaries now!

## **Christians in Storrington**

Monthly Inter-Church Prayer Meetings Everyone welcome

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

Tuesday 7 February - Chemin Neuf Community will lead
Tuesday 7 March – Our Lady of England RC Church will lead

One in faith and love and praise



### Women's World Day of Prayer

**Inter-Church Service for the Storrington Area** 

Friday 3 March 2017 2.00pm
Our Lady of England RC Church
Monastery Lane, Storrington

Theme:

Am I being unfair to you?
Service prepared by the Christian women of the Philippines

All are invited



### PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

You are above us, O God, you are within.
You are in all things
yet contained by no thing.
Teach us to seek you in all that has life that we may see you as the Light of life.
Teach us to search for you in our own depths that we may find you in every living soul.
John Philip Newell



# CHEMIN NEUF COMMUNITY



www.chemin-neuf.org.uk

### **INNER HEALING RETREAT**

### 18-22 April

The Priory, School Lane, Storrington
4 day silent retreat focusing on healing and reconciliation,
An opportunity to review our life's story in the light of the Lord.
More details: retreatsuk@chemin-neuf.org

### **QUIET DAYS**

In the Footsteps of St Ignatius Practising Ignatian Prayer

Wednesday I February - Discover God Within

Wednesday 29 March - Choose Life

Wednesday 10 May - Find God in All Things

10am – 4pm, at Storrington Priory RH20 4LN Light lunch provided

Come to just one, two or all three days For more details or to register: ccn.storrington.desk@gmail.com

### **SPIRITUAL EXERCISES RETREAT**

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**Tue 1:** Fine, keen, frosty. The year opens with a bracing air. Rode to Amberley and visited C. convalescent in his chamber. He has a wonderful constitution to recover such attacks. Cicely in bed with a sore throat, and gin! Derango.

**Wed 2:** Milder with slight falls of sleet. Graham to see Cicily's throat. To my service at Threales, only the Miles, which shows that just at this time it may be dispensed with. Send to Findon for our 'Old Charlotte'.

**Thu 3:** Chill from the North at midday. Cicely in bed. *Status quo*. I visit Paige, better. The three Chetwoods arrive, roads slippery. Send for coals and for hedge making material.

**Fri 4:** Sharp north again. Sent Fatima twice for coal to Pulborough. To High Tittens, keen blast. Graham calls on Cicely. Our other 4 young ones to Stopham to a party.

**Sat 5:** Less wind, dull. Drove to West Chiltington for May's first 'come out' dress and round by Greatham to see Duke about our proceedings on Tuesday night. Cicely much better; Graham called.

**Sun 6:** Epiphany. Cold fog and frost. Poor congregations all through. Besides the three services gave the communion to Mrs Leppard.

**Mon 7:** Fine, bright frosty. Visited Paige this afternoon, rather better. Austins dance; walked to and fro in a fine moonlight.

**Tue 8:** As yesterday. Our first District Council Meeting at 10. A full room; made me Chairman; would have had me in the other Chair, but I got Duke in. Two men, Hargreaves and Murrough may be nuisances and who one rarely misses. Napier, Wyatt and Andrews were there. Coal in from Chichester Coal Co. 7tons 12cwt at 19/- at Pulborough.

**Wed 9:** Very frosty but fine and pleasant. Preparations for the evening: turned out of all rooms. Party from 7 till 12.30pm. Some 50 outside our own circle kept things going. Two turkeys given by Mrs Felton and Godman were a grand gift.

**Thu 10:** Brilliant and frosty. The young ones were taken off to skate Muckmead [obviously Monkmead] in a 4 horse brake. Old Hoare came up and chatted on our business. Had a notice from the department of a pension for Jarman (retired school mistress) of £20.

**Fri 11:** Rimy sharp frost, foggy. The young Chetwoode trio left. I to Lunatic Committee riding to Amberley. Sir A Blomfield brought his tenders ranging from 149 – 114000. We accepted the lowest, being Longley of Crawley.

**Sat 12:** Very strong piercing east wind which ended in snow. May skated on Muckmead. Clara and I to Wantley (Ellis) and on to Roundabout (Gent and Richardson). Parted (for a mere trifle £7.10/-) with two dear old cows, Crooked Horn and Snowflake, the latter Mr Marten's gift.

**Sun 13:** Epiphany I. Snow – thaw with high south wind. Terribly rough with drifting snow and thaw, roof leaky. Hardly a dozen in Church at either service. Spoke on the manifestation of Jesus as Son of God in his conduct in the Temple and give a short exposition from the lectern on Isaiah IV v13. Sung in evening a New Year hymn.

**Mon 14:** Rapid thaw, mild. Rain and slushy. Rode to see Paige and Gent. Had a chat with Paddwick. My two old ones were taken away Crooked Horn and Snowflake.

**Tue 15:** Dull and damp with some storms. Went over to the Union House with Hoare and Austin. Interviewed SFJ on her return re pension. Dined at the Wyatts; meeting Mrs. and Mr. Honeywell widow and son of the late Rector of Sompting. Miss Oliver lately come to Saltleystead and Gerald Wyatt and wife and Allen. Much snow still on the road side.

**Wed 16:** Much as yesterday. Rain at night. Meeting at Mount Lodge to arrange for a committee to stir up the fire in the matter of a Welsh Church. Children busy with preparations for departure. My service at Roundabouts.

Thu 17: Brisk. A clearing day. Sam Stewart finishes his hedge. Packing

up Cicely. To Cobden with May and round by Paige.

**Fri 18-19:** Dull with milder wind and mist and rain. Took Cicely to Winchester (Pulborough 10.23, Winchester 2pm). Returned on Saturday after seeing her settled with the Hoares who I think will look after her. She goes in for her exam this afternoon. Left at 2pm and reached Pulborough at 5.19pm. Came home in the rain in 'close' carriage. Parker arrived soon after me.

**Sun 20:** Epiphany II. Fairly fine but heavy showers, mild. Two slender congregations. Preached on "The Fullness of the Godhead" and then Acts XII 1-3 the fate of the chosen three. After, walked to see young Gent. Cunliffes and Kings came in.

**Mon 21:** Cold and raw from North West. Took May up to 43 Farm Street, returning in the evening: made arrangements for her instruction in Music, Dancing, Drawing, and English Literature! Harold Green comes to us as a pupil, to enter Magdalen College Oxford.

**Tue 22:** Fine until noon when some snow. Board and District Council Meeting. Much thunder on the part of JG backed up by B quelled by me. Had my two boys after and think we shall get on well. Cheerful letter from dear Cicely.

**Wed 23:** Very sharp and strong north wind some hail. Cutting up Beech in clump. Visited the sick lad at Roundabouts. Attended with Clara a meeting of the Church Defence Committee in Storrington School Room, made Austin Chairman, Mrs Wakefield secretary. Charlotte Hill leaves, sent her to Findon.

**Thu 24:** Very wild and stormy from north-west with showers. Attended a meeting at Nappiers where many were gathered together about the Welsh Church.

**Fri 25:** Cold, snow storms, frost at night. Potted some hyacinths. Had a game of fives! But the sight fails for the ball. Visited Edward Gent and old Cooper, very severe wind.

**Sat 26:** Fine and frosty. Visited Paige, his wife irritating and dissatisfied. Pruned my first tree on the South wall. Clara and boys to Highden.

**Sun 27:** Epiphany III. Fine frosty with much rime. Two handfuls of congregations. Spoke on the Epiphany of power in Healing the Leper and on the Eating with Unwashed Hands. Took an evening service for Parkinson – ill.

**Mon 28:** As yesterday. Won a game of fives with Green! Visited Gent who much better thence to Paddwick and Muggeridge cow hunting. Bought one with a cow calf for £18. The calf was born on 18 January.

**Tue 29:** Dull, still and chill. Boys skated. Had letters from our absent ones. Jack teaed and supped, unfolding a Tramway scheme.

**Wed 30:** Keen north wind, snow showers generally. School 32. To High Tittens, where remnant of bronchitis. To Threales for an evening lecture, poorly attended.

**Thu 31:** Sharp north wind then a snow fall. January closes in a very wintry day. On yesterday morning off Lowestoft the G Lloyd steamer *Elbe* went down with nearly 400! in 20 minutes after a collision!



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# ST MARY'S, THAKEHAM BELLRINGERS



Thakeham bell ringers are in the Western Division of the Sussex County Association of Change Ringers, and 2016 was again a very busy year for the dedicated team of Bell Ringers.

Our traditional Christmas dinner was, once again, organised for us by Laura and Ian Wadey of Stable Antiques, who are bell ringers at St Mary's Church, Storrington. As usual, it took place in January, at the lovely Crown Inn, at Cootham, in the company of ringers from Amberley, Washington, Storrington and Lyminster.

Through the year we rang for seven Weddings, Easter Services, as part of the National celebrations of our Queens 90th birthday celebration, Remembrance Sunday and Christmas Services.

In addition to the services, we were privileged to ring on 30 June for the Collation of the Revd Derek Spencer as Rector of The Benefice of St Mary's Church, Sullington and St Mary's Church, Thakeham.

The Bishop of Chichester, the Rt Revd Martin Warner, took time to come and speak with us all, and said how much he enjoyed the sound of the bells.

We also hosted a concert at Trinity Methodist Church Hall in June, featuring the Brighton Welsh Male Voice Choir. This concert was fundraising for the Church Bell Restoration Fund, whose president is the Bishop of Chichester.

We have had four visting groups of bellringers, who were on outings in and around Sussex. One very special group that visited was on Saturday 12 November, when the Thakeham bell ringers hosted the Western Division bell ringer's tea at St Mary's Church, Thakeham. This involved ringing from 3pm to 4.30pm, followed by a service given by Revd Stephen Turrell, with Beryl Hardie playing the organ. After the service, everyone retired to the Church Rooms for tea. The event was very well-attended with 39 ringers from across the district. Graham Hills, Master SCACR, gave a short speech thanking Roger Watts, Thakeham Tower Captain, for the earlier contribution to the bell restoration fund and thanked everyone involved for arranging the refreshments and raffle.

For those in the know, some of the methods that were rung included Orpheus, Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury and Bob Minor.

Thakeham ringers had two very different outings in the year.

Our first outing was around our beautiful county of West Sussex, on a glorious, sunny Saturday afternoon. The outing was arranged by Sheila Verrall, who rings at West Grinstead, and five of our members joined the West Grinstead Ringers. We rang at the following:

- **St. Mary's Balcombe:** there has been a Church on the site since 1090 but the present one is 13th century, with the tower being 15th. There are eight bells, with three of them dating back to 1614.
- **St. Peter's Ardingly:** set in an area of outstanding natural beauty, and built in the Gothic style, the Church celebrated its 900th anniversary a few years ago, but it is believed that folk have worshipped on the site for much longer than that. The tower has six bells.
- **St. Cosmas & St. Damian Keymer:** founded in Saxon times, it was rebuilt in 1866, mainly in the 14th century style of the building it replaced. It has a well-respected peal of six bells.
- **St. Peter Twineham:** built in 1516, it is reputed to be the first brick-built church in Sussex. The tower has five bells which are rung before the sung Eucharist on the 4th Sunday of the month.
- **St. Peter's Henfield:** this is the ancient Church of Henfield, and part of the united benefice, along with Shermanbury and Woodmancote. The Church was founded in 770 and set on slightly higher ground above the River Adur. The tower is solid and northern in style, housing

one of Sussex's finest ring of eight bells. After our final ring, we were served tea and cake by the West Grinstead Ringers.

This was a lovely way to spend an afternoon, and we send thanks to West Grinstead.

Our second outing, later in the year, was to Suffolk, mainly Ipswich.

Our first ring was at **St Nicholas:** this is a former Church and was bought by the Church of England in 2000. It has a stunning glass atrium which was added to link the Diocesan Office to the former Church to create a centre for both business and entertaining. The tower has five bells and the tenor weighs 10cwt.

Our second ring was at **St Mary le Tower:** this is the civic Church of Ipswich and it was in the churchyard of St Mary that the town charter of Ipswich was written in 1200. The Church is mentioned in the Domesday Book, demonstrating that the site has been occupied by a church since at least 1086. The Church was the first in Suffolk to achieve a tower peal of 12 bells in 1865. With the addition of a sharp second in 1980, the current bells are all by John Taylor of Loughborough (except for No 7, which is by Mears & Stainbank of London).

We then went to ring at **St Lawrence**: the Church is 15th century and has the oldest ring of five bells in the world. The five bells, hung in a modern steel frame for change ringing, are known as Wolseley's bells, after Cardinal Wolseley, who was raised in the area. It is believed that Wolseley's uncle may have commissioned one of the five bells. Four of the bells were cast circa 1450 and the 5th added circa 1480. The bells remain undamaged and still include their original clappers.

After lunch we went to **St Margaret's of Scotland:** the Church was built by the neighbouring Augustinian Priory for use by the expanding town when the priory nave proved too small. This was circa 1300, and St Margaret's remained the town's most populous parish until well into the 19th century. The fine tower is a 19th century expansion on a 15th century base. It has eight bells, and the tenor weighs 14cwt.

- **St Clements** was our next stop. It was one of the Mariners' parish churches, but has not been used for regular worship since 1979, and is in the care of the Ipswich Historic Churches' Trust. It is the last of the medieval churches in the town centre that has not been found a permanent new use. There is a proposal to turn it into an arts centre. Sir Thomas Slade is buried in the churchyard: he was the Sometime Surveyor to the Navy and in this capacity designed HMS Victory. The tower has six bells and the tenor weighs 15cwt.
- **St Matthews** came next. This must have been quite a small Church, but is now a big one. Its core is 15th century including the lower part of the tower, but nothing else is. Its 19th century expansion can be explained by the proximity of the Ipswich Barracks, for this became the Garrison Church. This resulted in huge aisles as wide as the nave. The chancel was also rebuilt but retaining its medieval roof. The tower has six bells, and the tenor weighs 10cwt.

Our final stop on our visit was to **East Bergholt**. The itinerary stated that we would have a demonstration of ringing, and we were puzzled as to why we could not partake. Imagine our surprise upon arrival to see that the bells were not in a tower, but in the ground! In East Bergholt, the building of a bell tower was started in 1525 with assistance promised by Cardinal Wolseley, but his downfall cut short any help and the work ceased in 1530. A bell cage was erected in 1531 as a temporary structure and this stood in the East of the churchyard until the 17th Century when it was moved to its present position. Mr Joseph Chaplin paid for this to be done as the family at Old Hall disliked the noise of the bells. There are five bells which have a total weight of approximately 4.25 tonnes, and are thought to be the heaviest five bells being rung in England. Pressure is applied by



hand to the bell and it is technique rather than strength that enables the bell to be rung. The bells are left upright because of the effort required to get them in that position as they are not counter-balanced. Although other Bell Cages exist, the one in East Berghold is the only place where the bells are swung by pure force of hand applied directly to a wooden headstock, and not by rope and wheel. The ringers stand amongst the bells - wearing ear defenders! They are unable to call the changes because they can't hear each other, so directions are given by hand signals.

We were treated to a welcoming hot drink and cakes after the demonstration

For those of you interested in seeing and hearing these bells being rung follow this link

### http://eastbergholt-bells.org.uk

Going back to January, one of our members, Mike Carey, was in Australia, visiting relatives. As a keen and dedicated ringer, he rang the Swan Bells in Perth

The Swan Bells are a set of 18 bells and hang in a specially built 82.5 metres (271ft) copper and glass campanile in Perth, Western Australia. They take their name from the Swan River, which their tower overlooks. They form a 16 bell peal with 2 extra chromatic notes. They are one of the largest sets of change ringing bells in the world.

Twelve of the set are historic bells from St Martins-in-the-Field Church in Trafalgar Square, London, and six cast in recent times, by the Whitechapel Foundry, round off the set.

The St Martins-in-the-Field bells were donated to the State of Western Australia as part of the bicentenary celebrations in 1988. The additional bells were cast with a subsequent donation of metals mined in Western Australia. The six newer bells include five that were presented to the University of Western Australia, the City of Perth, and to the people of Western Australia by the City of London, the City of Westminster, and a consortium of British and Australian mining companies, and one bell commissioned by the Western Australia government.

An inlaid path of ceramic tiles surrounds the tower. These came from nearly every school in Western Australia and arranged alphabetically by school name. Each school's tile lists students at that school in the year of 1999. As at 2014, the tiles were being removed as part of the Elizabeth Quay project. The tower was designed by local architect, Hames Sharley. The 18 bells have a combined weight of 9 tonnes and when rung exert considerable force on the support structure. To acquire the required stiffness, the six storey bell chamber is made of reinforced concrete, cast insitu. The bell chamber was designed by the structural engineering firm, Arup.

Soundproof louvres and doors are used to muffle the sound or direct the noise towards the city or river as required. The spire is glass-clad, using spokes which radiate horizontally from a centrally positioned axle which declines in width as it rises to a point. The solid steel columns of the spire are rectangular and the concrete bell chamber is enveloped in 30 metres (98ft) high copper sails and alass.

This is a truly wonderful feat of engineering, collaboration of the UK and Australia, and no mean feat to be able to ring these bells - well done Mike!







Christine Hounslow

Bellringing can offer a wonderful community spirit, good company, and exercise, and the opportunity to have outings and new experiences. Anyone interested in wishing to learn the ancient art of bellringing, and experience first hand the opportunities and friendship this offers, please contact either Roger Watts on 01798 813775 or Christine Hounslow on 01798 815993

### **DEAR** FRIENDS

Contemporary culture is shy of words like discipline. It smacks of judgmentalism, and who are we to sit in judgement on anyone? However, discipline and selfdenial have always been part of Christian discipleship. The need for personal change is rooted in our understanding





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that who we are is not entirely God's creative work. We are gloriously made in the image of God, but we also recognise that the image is marred by sin. This is a reality for all of us, not just President Assad and ISIS terrorists.

Perhaps it would be better to replace the word discipline with training. We understand how athletes need to train in order to perform at their best, and we too, if Christ's likeness is to be formed in us, need to train spiritually. For an Olympic athlete the prize makes the sacrifice worthwhile. For Christians the prize is becoming more like Jesus and therefore being better able to represent him to a broken and hurting world.

Lent has traditionally been a time when we deny ourselves things we enjoy in order to walk with Christ in his sufferings, albeit not to the same intensity! More recently, we have been encouraged to take up something new in our spiritual journey. In this Diocesan Year of The Bible Lent would be a great time to turn off the telly or Facebook, get up a bit earlier and use the recovered time to start reading the Bible more systematically.

Athletes have to change their diet if they are to be equipped for the task. The Bible is the Christian's spiritual diet. How much better to have our minds formed by that than the depressing (and sometimes even corrupting) fare regularly served by contemporary media.

Best wishes

+Richard Lewes Rt Revd Richard Jackson Bishop of Lewes

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### **SULLINGTON 122 YEARS AGO**

# EXTRACTS FROM CANON PALMER'S DIARY – FEBRUARY 1895

**Fri 1:** Fine and brisk. School 26. Fives. High Tittens – prayers – the others skate.

**Sat 2:** Snow showers. Worked steadily with the boys all the morning. Nothing much to be done out of doors with three inches of snow and another little fall.

**Sun 3:** Epiphany IV. Very cold. Tiny gatherings - six only to Holy Communion.

**Mon 4:** As yesterday. Dull again! Finished clearing up the big beech in the clump which has furnished us with many good fires. Felled the silver fir. Walked to Washington. Called on Mr Frewer, Mr Cooper Curate, then paid Emily her £34 from my mother; sent same to George. Had a good letter from dear May, who seems to be getting instruction and amusement in London.

**Tue 5:** Very sharp, snow showers. Board of Guardians a family party of about 9 – got on well. Afterwards visited Edward Gent, teaed at Fryern and asked RMK to be county councillor.

**Wed 6:** As yesterday. School 33. A crisp air and extra ordinary frost. To High Tittens and Chantry. Others skate at Muckmead. Grand colouring on Downs – distant opal blues – hills brilliant white and patches of gorse lit up with an orange light and clouds of light grey and brown, with a sky of sparrow's egg blue. Heard from old Thomas.

**Thu 7:** As yesterday. School 30. Jack spent most of his day here. Walked with me to Storrington, bill paying. Mrs. Felton says 1 degree below zero on the ground last evening!

**Fri 8:** Very cold and fine. Had a keen drive to Amberley. County Quarterly, some road discussion. Asylum control passed without comment. Walked back with Zouche. The boys skated at Warnham.

**Sat 9:** Rather milder. Men getting away own timber for sawing at Sandgate. Clara and I walked up to High Tittens. Old Remnant on the move after three years.

**Sun 10:** Septuagesima. Bitter and strong north east wind and dull. My congregations not worthy the name, certainly it is exceptionally cold. Took an evening service for Parkinson who is now convalescent. Preached on the parable of the Vineyard, and on our tenancy of this fair earth; and on Rev XXI 22: no Temple in New Jerusalem.

**Mon 11:** Fine cold wind, some thaw. Getting fir wood sawn up at Sandgate. Walked to Roundabout (Gent) and visit the Wantley folk. Lost 12 pigs by the ignorance of William on Saturday night. Cheery letter from Cicely: skating etc.

**Tue 12:** Fine sunny. School 32. Getting home my sawn timber. To Storrington, called on Miss Walker, a facile talker.

**Wed 13:** As yesterday. School 32. At 12 drove to Clapham, the two boys skated on that pond while I attended a meeting. 'Kill or cure society' (clerical), agreed on maintenance with Reform. Walked home: south side cleared of snow.

**Thu 14:** Easterly wind, dull. Took my service at Roundabout very keen and dry.

**Fri 15:** Dull with keen east wind as per usual. Mrs Felton gives away some blankets. We put a stove up in the Church. Green gets a new fiddle. Little work can be done. Won at Fives.

**Sat 16:** Bright with piercing east wind. Green bicycled to Worthing. I rode to Rock, Ashington and West Chiltington and found some slippery bits and wind and blizzard.

**Sun 17:** Sexagesima. As yesterday but little wind. Poor congregations though day fine but cold. Tried a stove in Church with some success. Preached on the season, snow and hail treasuries Job 38 and on "Hath God said".

**Mon 18:** Dull, still milder. Some indications of a change. Lopping trees up the Church walk. To High Tittens, see Remnant.

**Tue 19:** Spent five hours at the Board! Bourke maintained a surly attitude re Gorings cheque. A surveyor to be appointed for the Roads

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at £100.

**Wed 20:** Fine but dull. Sharp frost in morning. Heard from Miss Hoare that Cicely has a light attack of influenza – much of it about there. Drove to call on the Gynns and the Mackonechys: cold.

**Thu 21:** Gradual give of the frost. Very dull and hazy. School 32. Cheering letters from Winchester. Walked to Merry Hill and Roundabout. Some folk here to tea.

**Fri 22:** Much as yesterday, dull quiet. Wrote a statement to the Surveyor of Taxes about my Income Tax. Visited old Triggs, who seems passing away, also Bowers, Heath and Skinner. Influenza about at Storrington.

**Sat 23:** Hazy from North. Poor old Triggs died. Drove Clara to Worthing and teaed with Kate, Jack there.

**Sun 24:** Quinquagesima. Dull mild. Fair morning bad afternoon congregation. Collections poor. Preached on the experience of Jesus on the Sabbath and on charity. Walked to see Triggs.

**Mon 25:** Dull. Chill with north east wind. Wintry again. Took my nomination signed by Austin, Pepper, Graham and Elliot and sixteen supporters to Mant's office.

**Tue 26:** Fine but dull and raw. 8 degrees of frost last night. Hoare and I inspected the (Work) House at 12 before dinner – sweet pudding and potatoes. Made a round of parochial visits and new laundress at Sandgate one Jones.

**Wed 27:** Ash Wednesday. Dull cold but some sun midday. Joined forces with Storrington for our morning service and helped Parkinson. Tried an evening service at the school at 7 but failed; almost every cottage has children with influenza.

**Thu 28:** Fine with sharp morning frost. Clara fetches Cicely from Winchester, Minnie with her. Bury Triggs.



# THAKEHAM FIRST SCHOOL'S GOING PLACES! NEW YEAR, NEW SITE!



Thakeham First School is looking forward to something of a metamorphosis in the coming months. Our school is one of the last six remaining First Schools in West Sussex, which teach children aged 4 to 10 years (Reception to Year 5). As part of West Sussex County Council's school re-organisation, we will become 'Thakeham Primary School' and our children will complete their Primary education with us.

This means a fond farewell to our current school site. Built in 1875, it is Grade II listed and lies within a conservation area. However these factors, along with the limited size of the site, mean the school cannot expand at its current location and instead will re-locate, 1.5 miles down the road, still within the parish of Thakeham. Thakeham Primary School will occupy part of the Rock Road site (currently Rydon Community College) alongside an additional campus of Steyning Grammar School (for Years 7-9).

Our school will expand from three to four classes, still retaining its small family ethos, with an emphasis on nurturing and celebrating each child's individual skills and talents, but benefiting from much improved facilities and resources. Purpose-built classrooms, new library, cookery room, extensive sports facilities including large field spaces, and the onsite indoor MXT swimming pool, hold exciting prospects for our school. We currently offer a wide range of before and after school clubs and recently gained the Silver Sports Mark Award; however the sky will be the limit with access to such resources. Staff and children are looking forward to saying 'goodbye' to their Baby Belling oven which has served the school well and 'hello' to their brand new cookery room, just perfect for any budding Mary Berry or Jamie Oliver!

Pupil voice is at the heart of our small school and so pupils are being involved in key decisions as part of the re-location via the School Council. Revising the school vision, updating the logo and uniform are just some of the ways pupils are being involved in the process. Children are really looking forward to a bigger playground and better play equipment and will be closely involved with these vital decisions too!

Community is very important to our school and we have worked hard with staff, parents and governors to develop links on a local and global scale. The school's re-location will enable additional community links to be forged, working together for the benefit of the children. In partnership with the new development at Abingworth Meadows, pupils at Thakeham Primary School will benefit from an exciting sponsorship link in the year ahead. Changes are afoot with a new site for Thakeham Pre-School too as part of the new housing development.

With the additional space available on site, we are looking forward to providing community facilities such as meeting rooms and hall space before the end of the year. Transition to secondary school couldn't be easier with Steyning Grammar School being just next door! Links are being developed to enhance curriculum provision and opportunities for our children.

Our parents value the care and attention and creative learning opportunities each child has at Thakeham. This will continue to be our focus as we prepare for our move and development. The school has already seen a steady increase in pupil numbers since September as news spreads of our re-location, high quality teaching and focus on developing each child's full potential. It is an exciting time in the history of the school!

Samantha Norton, Head Teacher



# 1ST STORRINGTON RAINBOWS AND 2ND STORRINGTON BROWNIES

When we started back in January, everyone was keen to tell us all about their Christmas. For the first meeting, the girls were asked to bring in a game or craft set they had received, and perhaps not had the opportunity to play with at home. We enjoyed seeing what Santa had brought, and leaders were there on hand to help explain the rules of a game or help with craft if needed.

The term ahead will see the Rainbows exploring festivals such as Chinese New Year, Australia Day and performing some English Country dancing.

Brownies will be having fun at a roller skating disco.

Joan Parkes and Clare Worth



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12 Feb	3rd before Lent	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion + Footsteps 6pm Evensong	9.30am Morning Prayer	8am Holy Communion 11.30am Morning Prayer
19 Feb	2nd before Lent	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion with Prayers for Healing + Footsteps 4pm Church@4 6pm Evensong	8am Iona Communion (with Sullington)	10.30am Family Communion (with Thakeham)
26 Feb	SUNDAY BEFORE LENT	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion + Footsteps 6pm Evensong	9.30am Family Communion	8am Contemplative Eucharist (with Thakeham) 11.30am Family Communion
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5 Mar	Lent 1	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Family Communion 6pm Evensong	10.30am Joint all-age Family Communion (with Sullington)	8am Iona Communion (with Thakeham)

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

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### 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)

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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
Storri	ngton Lib	rary Opening Hours – Tel. 839050
Mondo	ay 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)

### WHAT'S ON

Wed 1 10am 10am 2.30pm Thu 2 10.30am 2pm	Chemin Neuf – Quiet day – p10  St Barnabas Outreach – Library Car Park – p13  Storrington Decorative & Fine Arts Society – Talk – p33  PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE (Candlemas)
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10.30am	
2pm	Pop-in Lunch Club – p18
	West Chiltington & Storrington MU – AGM and talk – p28
Sat 4	
8.30am	Lectio Divina – p5
10am	Storrington Conservation Society – Working Party – p31
2.30pm	Illustrated Talk – St Mary's, Storrington – p9
Sun 5	4th BEFORE LENT
Mon 6	
7.30pm	Storrington Museum – Talk – p24
8.30pm	Church in the Pub – p4
Tue 7	
10am	Inter-Church prayers – RC Church (side-chapel) – p10
Wed 8	The contract project in the contract contract project
10am	Wild Fortune Quiet Garden – p5
7.30pm	Rotary Film Night – <i>Bridget Jones's Baby</i> – p31
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7pm	Bingo – Mary How Trust – p23
Sat 11	AA 'II D D 1/
7pm	Macmillan Barn Dance – p16
7.30pm	Bible Society Jazz Evening – p27
Sun 12	3rd BEFORE LENT
1pm	Sunday Lunch Club – p18
Mon 13	
7.30pm	Thakeham Gardeners' Club – Talk – p27
Tue 14	
12.30pm	FSW Lunch and Talk – p5
Wed 15	
7.30 pm	Sullington Windmills WI – Meeting – p31
Sun 19	2nd BEFORE LENT
4pm	Church@4 – St Mary's, Storrington – p6
Mon 20	
10am	Family Day at Chichester Cathedral – Dragons! – p17
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7pm	
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Thu 23		
3pm	Tea with the Vicar – p5	
Fri 24		
7pm	Angel in Blue – Talk – p10	
Sat 25		
7pm	Quiz Night – Thakeham Village Hall – p4	
Sun 26	SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT	
Mon 27		
1pm	MU – Wave of Prayer (venue tba)	
Tue 28		
7.30pm	Mary How Trust Film Society – Bridget Jones's Baby – p24	

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

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- Fri 3 Anskar, 865, known as 'Apostle of the North' (Europe)
- **Sat 4** Gilbert of Sempringham, 1189, founder of the Gilbertine Order
- Mon 6 Accession of Queen Elizabeth II, 1952
- Fri 10 Scholastica, c.543, Roman Catholic Saint
- **Tue 14 Cyril and Methodius, 869 and 885,** brothers, Greek, principle Christian missionaries for Slavic people

  Valentine, c.269, associated with love since high

Middle-Ages; this day also remembers other saints called Valentine

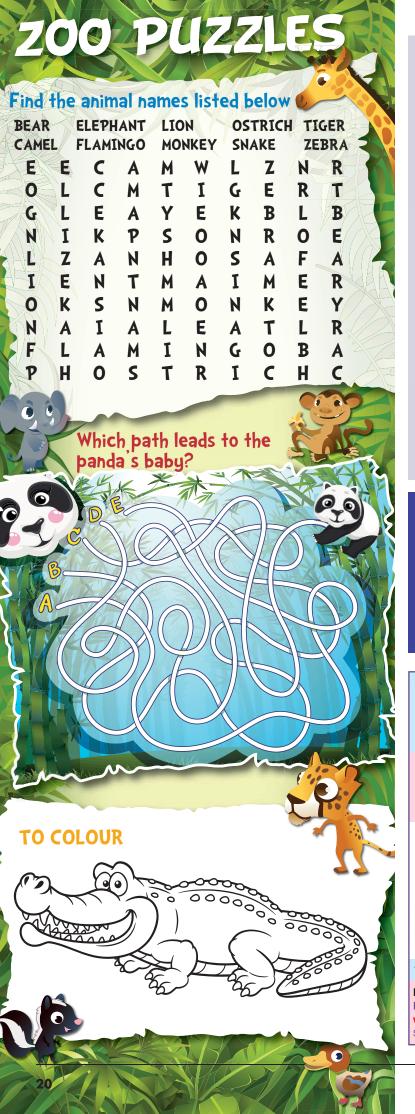
- Wed 15 Sigfrid, 1045, apostle of Sweden, second 'Apostle of the North'
  Thomas Bray, 1730, founded the Society for the
  - Propagation of the Gospel in 1701
- Fri 17 Janani Luwum, 1977, Archbishop of Church of Uganda, one of the most influential leaders of the modern church in Africa. Murdered in 1977 by Idi Amin
- **Thu 23** Polycarp, c155, a disciple of the apostle John, who ordained him bishop of Smyrna.

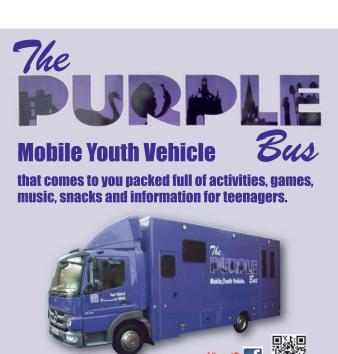
According to David Trobisch, Polycarp may have been the one who compiled, edited, and published the New Testament

Mon 27 George Herbert, 1633, Welsh-born English poet, orator and Anglican priest, important British lyricist

### MARCH

- Tue 1 David, Patron Saint of Wales, c.601
- **Wed 2** St. Chad, 672, introduced Christianity to the Mercian kingdom (Anglo-Saxon kingdom)





The Bus is coming to:
Storrington Library Car Park
Every Tuesday in term time from 7pm to 9pm









The Purple Bus is a mobile youth club providing provision for young people in rural and isolated areas of West Sussex. It works with young people ages 11 to 15, with a priority age of 13 to 19.

When the young people access the bus they have the opportunity to participate in a range of activities from relationships, further education and employment, resilience, healthy living, aspiration, well-being, drugs and alcohol awareness, and lots more.





...more than a toddler group

Fridays ... 9.30 – 11.00am (Term time)
Trinity Methodist Church, Thakeham Rd, Storrington
Cost: £2.50 per family





**Toddler Crafts** 





Teas, coffees and healthy snacks

Toddlerific is run by Splash! in partnership with local churches.

For more information contact 01903 744821 Email: admin@splashshools.org.uk

www.splashschools.org.uk
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### STORRINGTON & SULLINGTON – REFLECTIONS OF THE PAST

### A STORRINGTON CENTENARIAN

Parish baptism register, 1901 27 January: Florence Mary, daughter of Edwin James and Laura Annie Greenfield, Ironmonger

Florrie was actually born at the end of 1900 on 20 December at



the family home in The Square, which looked eastwards down the High Street. It was next door to the ironmonger's shop, part of Greenfields enterprises which included a grocery, furniture, clothing and haberdashery shops, and a funeral department. Florrie's family moved to Forge House in Church Street in 1932, and the house in The Square was pulled down in order to extend the off-licence premises.



Florrie was the third of six children, two older brothers, two younger and a sister, Margaret, the baby of the family. Their early childhood was spent in the centre of the village, where children could play safely in the street and even set up a game of cricket with little fear

of being disturbed by traffic, except for the occasional horse and cart, which would drive carefully round them. The children attended the village school where the headmaster, Alfred Rhoden, appointed in 1901, educated 169 pupils in the one schoolroom.

The school had no flush lavatories or running water, no lighting except daylight, which greatly restricted written work in winter. In 1906, when Florrie would have been in her first year at school, the water supply was described as "... very



unsatisfactory - no water for children to drink except a small amount carried in a can from a neighbour's house." Water from the school pump had been condemned as unfit for drinking for the previous year, and nothing had been done.

It was to remain the same for the next three years, "... and the can often gets dust and debris blown into it on hot days during the dinner hour." Many children walked long distances to school and brought their dinner with them. Florrie, living so close to the school probably went home for her meal.



Another Storrington lady, Winifred Allen, the daughter of the tailor living in Church Street, had been a pupil at the village school and started her career as a pupil-teacher there. By the time Florrie became a little scholar, Miss Allen was already a probationer, attending the pupil-teacher centre in Horsham. She was to live to celebrate her 100th birthday.

Florrie's education continued at Worthing High School for Girls, later at Furzedown College for teacher training in Surrey. Her first position was at Rustington School, where she lodged



with Mrs Woolgar in Rustington, before going on to Southbourne School, where she taught during the war, in addition to war work when she gained proficiency in gas training with the ARP [Air Raid Precautions].

In 1945, Florrie returned to the family home, Forge House, which Laura Greenfield had purchased for around £1000, to take up her appointment at Rydon School, specialising in Geography, and also teaching Mathematics and English.



She told her class that their school was built on the site of the old workhouse. A voice from the class was heard saying, "Still is, Miss!" She taught at Rydon until her retirement in the early 1960s, going back on supply when needed until she fully retired.



But that was just from teaching. As with most of her family, Florrie was much involved with the village and its various activities as well as having a lifelong interest in Guiding, having served as a Brown Owl in the 1950s. She was

a Sunday School teacher, achieving a very large entry. Another great involvement was with Foxmead, the old people's home at the corner of Meadowside, where she organised the volunteer helpers. Another keen interest was the Storrington and District Horticultural and Handicraft Society, serving on the committee and entering in various classes at the annual Flower Show.

The old firm of Greenfields and Sons had, in the 1930s, published a series of postcards of Storrington views and had a superb archive of photographs taken by family members through the years. When the Church Street photographer, Mr Drewett, gave up his business, they acquired his glass plates of



scenes taken around the district. Florrie's great interest in the village and its history encouraged her to publish



a booklet Round About Old Storrington in 1972, followed by a companion booklet of photographs in 1977, More About Old Storrington.

I was privileged to drink many cups of tea in the flat in Forge House, with Florrie and her sister Margaret, surrounded by pictures and memorabilia and 'walking down memory lane' with these two lovely people. Happy afternoons indeed.





By 1997, Florrie needed more care than was available at home, and she moved into Birklands, a nursing home in Kithurst Lane, where she was in April 2000, when I was delighted to be able to visit her and tell her that we had just opened the new Storrington Museum. Florrie by then was very frail, blind and going a little deaf, but she literally bounced in her chair, saying, "Oh! If only I was 20 years younger!"

She lived to be 102 years old.

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



## **SANDGATE CONSERVATION** SOCIETY

There were two working parties operating on local National Trust properties during this winter period, one on Sullington Warren where they were busy cutting out invasive gorse that was encroaching onto the paths etc., and the other carrying out the same task up on Warren Hill, the difference being in the methods applied.

The Sullington Warren group were using loppers and saws while the Warren Hill group were literally eating their way through the gorse and brambles! The Sandgate group were certainly not into eating gorse but the Belted Galloway cattle just loved the stuff up on Warren Hill. These small, tough and placid creatures have an amazing constitution where nettles and brambles are concerned. The National Trust use these animals to clear areas that present difficult access, such as in wooded areas etc. A field of grass would be like nectar to them. Members from the Society were employed in monitoring their progress during their stay up at Warren Hill to ensure that they didn't get into difficulties.

A note for your diary is the next presentation that is being held in Sullington Parish hall on **Wednesday 22 February** at 7.30pm. The topic on this occasion will be owls. This event should be wellworth attending as they will actually be flying! Refreshments are also provided during the interval.

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





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

# **DOWNLAND** ENSEMBLE

An orchestra for ALL comers!

A chance to (re)discover your musical talent

Downland Ensemble is an orchestra for those who would love to develop their musical talents with enthusiastic and like minded people.

No pressure, no stress...the music is designed for all levels of ability.

Experienced players are encouraged as well as others who are rediscovering their skills. All ages are welcome, but ability to read music is essential.

We are a sociable group and believe that making music together is good for the spirit. This is your opportunity to dust down your instrument and have a go!

Downland Ensemble is currently restricted to string and wind players, but brass players and percussionists are welcome to contact us if interested in being included in the future.

#### **OPEN REHEARSAL: SATURDAY 11 MARCH** 9.30am - 11am

Meadows Hall at Pulborough Village Hall. Bring your instrument and music stand, and have a go!

We intend to meet together twice monthly at 9.30am to 11am on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month beginning in April.

> Peter Allwood is our Musical Director. He has had many years experience enthusing young and not so young people to enjoy making music and feel proud of their achievements.

> > For more details contact Ros: 01798 875804 email: downlandensemble@gmail.com

> > > All are welcome and we look forward to

seeing you, especially if you are new to the

### STORRINGTON COMMUNITY MARKET Village Hall, opposite Stable Antiques

Open Friday 3, 10 17 & 24 February from 10am to 11.15am.

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, plants, flowers and perennials.

Also a wide range of handicrafts, cards & jewellery and Aloe Vera skincare and health products.

Stop for a coffee or tea and cake and browse our second-hand book stall.



### STORRINGTON & DISTRICT MUSEUM

The fascinating exhibition 'Optical Allusions' ended in December. We would like to thank John Dixon Salt for lending the Museum so many interesting and remarkable optical artefacts. Apparently, these are all part of a much larger collection, housed in London, under John Dixon Salt's curatorship.

The current exhibition, which began on 14 January, is 'Suffragists – the Quiet Campaigners', who worked within the law to get the right for all women to vote for Members of Parliament.

This exhibition will go on until March when 'Quirky Collections' will be reprised. If you have an unusual collection of any sort which you would be prepared to lend the Museum (provided, that is, that it will fit into our showcases!) we would be very grateful. The last time we did this we had collections of thimbles, teapots, feeding cups, matchboxes, model motor cars, pastille burners, candles, buttons, button hooks, and more. Can you surprise us with something completely different?

To complement the 'Suffragists' exhibition, Frances Stenlake will give a talk on **Monday 6 February**, on 'Campaigning for Women's Suffrage in the Worthing Area'. The talk will begin promptly at 7.30pm. £4 to include coffee and biscuits. Everyone is most welcome.

On **Monday 6 March**, the Museum will hold its Annual General Meeting, followed by a talk by our own thespian, Hermin Daley, 'An Actor's Life For Me'. Hermin is a valued member of Storrington Museum Society and one of the leading lights in the West Chiltington Dramatic Society.

On **Saturday 25 March**, starting promptly at 7.30pm, we are looking forward to a Quiz Evening with Stephen and Christine Turrell. Tickets are £10 and include a home-made supper in the interval. These evenings are always great fun, and the tickets sell out quickly. They can be bought from Eunice Allen on 746569. Make up or join a table of 4.

Something quite new in the Museum is a display cabinet funded with the proceeds of a collection taken at Eric Hues' funeral, which was generously donated to the Museum by Eric's family. The original aim was for a new, full-size cabinet, but restrictions on space made this impossible and so Cliff Wilks made a beautiful small wooden display case, which fits in very neatly. It houses mementos of Eric's life here in Storrington, with photographs and information about his time at the school, in the RAF, and in the Garage by the pond, Amberley Road Garage, and School Hill Garage.



A small brass plaque on the case dedicates it to "Eric Hues – a Storrington man". In December, it was unveiled by Enid Hues, with her daughter, Margaret, and husband on a Christmas visit from New Zealand, and son, Peter, and his wife, who joined old friends of Eric to celebrate this unique occasion with a very happy tea party.

Writing about Eric and also about Cliff makes me feel that the dedicated work and time given by members of the Committee should be acknowledged. The village is very fortunate to have people who

are prepared to give us hours and hours of their time to make the Museum a successful part of its life. It probably would be invidious to mention names, but those people know who they are and all they do is greatly appreciated. One I will mention by name, however, is Rene Harwood, who stood down this year as Programme Secretary. In the past, Rene has organised our Monday talks and occasional outings and Quiz Nights. Finding knowledgeable people who are good and entertaining speakers is not easy and carries a weight of concern for

the Museum's reputation, but Rene has excelled, and we thank her very much indeed. Eunice Allen has kindly agreed to take over and I know that Rene will still be in the background for help and advice.

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

Tel: 740188 www.storringtonmuseum.org
E-mail: info@storringtonmuseum.org
Registered Charity No. 1084853

Weds and Sat 10am - 4pm • Sun 10am - 1pm



### THE MARY HOW TRUST FILM SOCIETY

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

### BRIDGET JONES'S BABY (15)

"And just like that Bridget is back: still bumbling and fumbling but immediately funnier and sharper than before." Empire

### Tuesday 28 February

New loyalty card - watch 6 films and get your 7th free! Collect your loyalty card at your next visit.

Tickets: £6 including membership, available on the door and from the following:

Mary How clinic and charity shop (Ticket hotline 01798 877646); Guy Leonard Estate Agents in Storrington & Pulborough; The Card Centre, Storrington; Nisa Local Stores, West Chiltington; West Chiltington Post Office.



www.maryhowtrust.org

All proceeds to the Mary How Trust for Cancer Prevention
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West Chiltington Village Hall RH20 2PZ
CONCERTS



FEATURING THE VERY BEST JAZZ BANDS

Tue 7 Feb

Tony Waller and his Prohibition Jazz, a great new band with a wide range of music

Tue 7 Mar

Tony Jacobs with The Tuxedo Jazz Orchestra, with vocalist Catherine Sykes

Doors Open 19.00 Concerts start at 19.30 Licensed Bar with Draught Beer

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

More information and late tickets from Keith Rushton

742914 | ckrushton@outlook.com

www.westchiltvillagehall.org go to "Jazz Club"

# **THANK YOU** FROM ROTARY CLUB



Rotarians at the Rotary Club of Storrington and Pulborough District thank everyone who gave so generously during our annual Christmas collections outside of the supermarket stores in our area.

We have supported many local good causes in Storrington, Pulborough and surrounding villages for many years and the  $\pounds 2,800$  raised will help us continue our work and commitment to be of real benefit in our community.

Mike Barker, President Storrington & Pulborough District Rotary Club



# ST BARNABAS HOUSE COMMUNITY COMPANIONS SCHEME AWARDED APS NATIONAL QUALITY STANDARD

St Barnabas House is delighted to have been awarded the Approved Provider Standard (APS) in mentoring and befriending, for its very successful Community Companions befriending scheme.



The APS scheme is the national quality standard, designed specifically for all types of mentoring and befriending projects. It comprises 10 requirements across four key areas, supporting safe and effective practice in mentoring and befriending.

Community Companions has been running for over four years and has so far provided over 8,700 hours of support to patients and carers. The APS report described the scheme as being "well organised with a sensitive approach" and, "good quality, safe and effective befriending support".

Gillian Brennan, Human Resources Director of St Barnabas, said, "We are thrilled that our Community Companions scheme has achieved such a prestigious standard. We are delighted by the very positive comments on the strengths of the project in the report".

Community companions are volunteers who provide social and practical support to the hospice's patients and their carers. 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.

If you'd like to know more about the Community Companion scheme, please call our Voluntary Services Team on 706360 or email volunteers@stbh.org.uk.

# CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL FREE LUNCH TIME CONCERTS

### **FEBRUARY**

Tuesday 7 Pavlos Carvahlo, (cello) and

Warren Mailley-Smith (piano)

Tuesday 14 Peter King (organ)

Tuesday 21 Portsmouth Grammar School

Tuesday 28 Natalia Williams – Wandoch (piano)

Free entry. All are welcome

For full details of programmes see

www.chichestercathedral.org.uk



# THAKEHAM GARDENERS' CLUB

The Club met in December for the Christmas Party evening. Over 50 members attended and sat down to a supper of jacket potatoes with choice of filling and salad accompaniments, followed by choice of desserts. Wine or a soft drink were included with the meal and after coffee and handmade mince pies. The entertainment was by 'Timespan', a couple from Arundel who, whilst in appropriate costume, told us about Christmas traditions in Victorian Times. Christine, our Treasurer, had handed out a table quiz based on food and drink which was puzzled over during the evening.

Please think about joining our Club; you could also have enjoyed the party, and all for the cost of £2.50, in these days a real bargain! A year's membership is just £8, which includes a hot drink and biscuit at each meeting.

Our first meeting in 2017 is on the **13 February**, when Peter Lovett will talk about 'Wild Orchids of Sussex'.

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 Bruce on 892466 for further details.

Sandra Jenkins



# invites you to a FUN FILLED EVENING OF SWING AND JAZZ

WITH

RUTH SPENCER
(KEY BOARD AND FLUTE)

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# Saturday 11 February 7.30 for 8pm

Delicious Wines and Cheeses (British and French) will be served

Tickets at £12.50 p.p. can be obtained from Mrs. Jean Hunt (01798 813681) or from your Church representative



All proceeds in aid of the Mission Work of the



# WEST CHILTINGTON AND STORRINGTON MOTHERS' UNION

# Mothers IN ON Christian care for families

It was with sadness that we learnt of the deaths of two MU members in

December, Mrs Hazel Treadgold and Mrs Shirley Lee.

Hazel was a former Central President and until her illness was still very active within Chichester Diocese. She was very supportive of our Branch and came on several occasions as a speaker or to lead Bible Study and discussions.

Shirley was one of our stalwart Branch members and when she was active always made rock cakes for our monthly meetings, and put up the tree and decorations for our Christmas parties. For many years Shirley always held a fundraising lunch in August at her home. The funds raised would be shared between MU Away From It All holidays and another good cause. She always supported Branch events and when her health prevented her attending meetings she was still interested to know what was happening and was always pleased to have members visit her.

Shirley was involved in church functions and many organizations over the years and had touched many people's lives and although she had moved to Scotland to be with her daughter she was very much remembered. Both Hazel and Shirley contributed so much to MU and beyond. We extend our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to both families.

At our meeting on **2 February** we shall be holding our AGM, followed by members sharing with us their favourite verses from the Bible. We meet at 2pm in West Chiltington Church Hall and prospective members and visitors will be very welcome.

Jean Hunt (01798 813681)

# CHANCTONBURY LIONS CLUB

You have probably seen a Chanctonbury Lions Club second-hand book sales van on Saturday mornings in Place Villerest. Hopefully, you may have bought or donated books. This is the local Lions' principal source of the funds we raise to support charities and good causes – nationally, regionally, but mostly locally. In the last financial year we donated over £12,000.

Chanctonbury Lions Club covers Storrington, Pulborough, Steyning, Ashington, West Chiltington, and the other villages in the area. We are a small number of service-minded individuals, both men and women. As well as book sales in Storrington, we attend the monthly Steyning farmers' market and various fairs and events, and maintain a book stall at Pulborough station. We are occasionally defeated by the weather, and recently the difficulty of finding sufficient volunteers to drive the vans and man the stalls has meant that we have had to cut our scheduled visits to Storrington. We now attend twice per month, though we do try and fill in the other Saturday mornings wherever possible.

We do desperately need more people. Helping with the books is enjoyable, healthy (being active in the open air) and sociable (a wonderful way to meet people). You can become a full member, age or gender is no barrier, but we are equally pleased to welcome 'Friends of Lions' as helpers. Please contact our membership director, Roger Harris, on 744468, or talk to the Lions at Place Villerest on Saturdays if you are interested.



CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

IN STORRINGTON

Take 25 local people, a large number of helpers, beautifully decorated tables and some very good food, and that was this year's Christmas Day Lunch at the Old School, Storrington.

The atmosphere was jolly, with lots of chat and laughter, the food was served promptly by the two helpers at each table with Lucie, Helen and Rachel again providing much good fun and Christmas cheer as waitresses, in addition to their sterling work as taxi drivers.



After the meal, we had a surprise visit from a man in a red suit and white beard, hilariously wheeled in on the trolley that usually holds the tables and again aided and abetted by the three girls. Jim really did look, and act, the part.

We have to thank several local companies for their part in the day's festivities, especially Waitrose, who enabled us to participate in the Green Token Scheme during November, Suter the Butcher for the excellent turkeys and ham and IWSC in Cranleigh, who very kindly donated the wine.

However, the whole thing would have been impossible without the many helpers who willingly volunteered their time, not only on Christmas Day, but who came to a couple of planning meetings and then helped lay the tables and get the hall ready on Christmas Eve.

So a big THANK YOU to those who attended the lunch and all the helpers.

Christine Turrell



# STORRINGTON DRAMATIC SOCIETY

For their next production, Storrington Dramatic Society will be staging a production of the play, written by Ernest Thompson, On Golden Pond. This excellent play was famously turned in to an Oscar nominated film in 1981, staring Henry Fonda and Katherine Hepburn.

The play is a gentle comedy drama which develops nicely over two acts. It will be directed by Caroline Woodley and the show dates will be **22 to 25 March**.

Cantankerous retiree, Norman Thayer, and his conciliatory wife, Ethel, spend summers at their New England vacation home on the shores of idyllic Golden Pond. This year, their adult daughter, Chelsea, visits with her new fiancée and his teenage son, Billy, on their way to Europe. After leaving Billy behind to bond with Norman, Chelsea returns, attempting to repair the long-strained relationship with her aging father before it's too late.

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



# STORRINGTON CONSERVATION SOCIETY

Those who were hoping for a white Christmas were disappointed. The mild weather was kind to travellers and helped to keep heating bills in check, but it could make plants and wildlife feel spring had arrived early, which could mean an end to hibernation and the start of nesting for birds; dangerous for them should a cold spell arrive. So the sharp frosts after the festival were timely. A reminder that winter isn't over, but it does make finding food hard for birds. They need our help, not least a supply of fresh water, unfrozen!

The work party in Fryern Dell on 7 January enabled participants to restore waistlines expanded by seasonal fare. Good, healthy, useful exercise in fresh air and friendly company; what could be better? Our next work Saturday is on **4 February** starting at 10am, as usual. We will be continuing the work in the Dell around the pond near the waterfall, part of the restoration programme to bring back some of the Victorian splendour lost over the years. For details of the Thursday work party on **15 February** at 2pm, please refer to our website. As ever, we are glad of new volunteers to join the regulars on any occasion.

On **Saturday 25 February** at 2pm in Storrington Village Hall we have our next talk and tea. The speaker is Dr Nikki Gammans, FRES Short-Haired Bumblebee Project Manager from the Bumblebee Conservation Trust. She will be telling us about the work of the Trust with particular emphasis on the reintroduction of rare bumblebees in the south east. All welcome, not only members. Entrance £3.00.

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

# MACMILLAN FILM NIGHT SULLY (12A)

MONDAY 20 FEBRUARY
Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start
PULBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL



Starring: Tom Hanks, Aaron Eckhart, Laura Linney

The story of Chesley Sullenberger, an American pilot who became a hero after landing his damaged plane on the Hudson River in order to save the flight's passengers and crew

**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.

# WI NEWS SULLINGTON WINDMILLS

At the December Christmas Meeting, members and visitors were welcomed with a glass of wine or a soft drink.

The Competition for the evening was a Decorated Christmas Parcel containing biscuits or sweets. Two long tables were covered with an attractive and colourful array, and these parcels were passed to Family Support Work (FSW) to be distributed within the local area.

Russ Fry, our new President, opened the meeting and welcomed members along with two visitors. She then introduced the new committee and explained their future roles. The monthly Secretary and Treasurer's reports were given.

One of our visitors read out a humorous poem about different types of WI members. Its message was to become involved!

The Speaker for the evening was introduced, George Yates, together with his assistant, who gave us an insight into Magic and Mentalism, which was intriguing, amusing and entertaining. They involved the audience and did some amazing tricks with cards and on one occasion produced a bottle of wine out of somebody's jacket. Pam Bertuzzi gave the vote of thanks.

The raffle was drawn while the buffet table was set up. Members then enjoyed a selection of seasonal food together their usual tea or coffee provided by the retiring committee. Members then joined together in singing carols accompanied by Daphne Patch on the piano.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 15 February**, the speaker being Yvonne Price with her talk 'Under the Microscope'. We meet on the third Wednesday of each month (2nd Wednesday in December), in Sullington Parish Hall, at 7.30pm. We always welcome visitors and new members; should you require further information please contact our Secretary, Pat, on 01798 817389.

Sheila Foster



### FRYERN LADIES' PROBUS

It was a pleasure to wish everyone a Happy New Year and 43 ladies crowded around the bar and lounge areas enjoying each other's company



and generally putting the world to rights – quite a daunting task but certainly not above the mental capacity of our membership!

The speaker was Pilar Cloud, the Executive Manager of The Dame Vera Lynn Children's Charity. The familiar name of Vera Lynn certainly brought back memories of the Second World War to the majority of members present, and the tune to *The White Cliffs* of Dover was on our lips. It was amazing to hear that Vera will celebrate her centenary this March and we all wished her well and the very best of everything for 2017 – well done Vera.

The DVL Children's Charity caters for children born with cerebral palsy. Cerebral Palsy (CP) is a broad term used to describe a group of chronic palsies, or disorders, that impair control of movement due to damage to the developing brain. CP is one of the most common causes of chronic childhood disability. Causes can be from infections, birth injuries and poor oxygen supplies to the brain before, during and immediately after birth; all of these are common factors and premature infants are particularly vulnerable.

Recently, the Charity moved to new premises in Cuckfield and it was so nice to hear that they shared their first anniversary, 5 January, with us! Happy Birthday to all!

Pilar explained that the new premise was a converted barn, modified to make appropriate accommodation and areas for learning opportunities. It was obvious she was tremendously excited by the project and passionate about how technology can have a positive impact on learning and how it can empower children to express themselves. At the heart of the Charity's service are the groups, numbering seven in total. These groups are run each week from a Beginners Group, for children aged two years and under, up to an after school Gym Club for children aged five to seven. The weekly sessions, which families attend, involve the children in active sitting, standing, stepping, walking, manipulation, communication, social skills, cognitive development and self-help skills. Here the emphasis is on 'active learning' with children motivated by fun activities such as messy play, games, songs and stories; a remarkable and highly important opportunity for these children to learn alongside other similarly impaired children, with their parents similarly alongside to learn how to help their own child. Remember that CP is not a disease but a physical disability that affects movement and posture and with the right support, from an early age, the future looks bright. The supportive input of parents also allows them to bond with their child, to share their experiences and to participate in their increased personal empowerment.

Pilar was accompanied by a lady called CJ whose young daughter Gracie was following one of the programmes provided by the Charity. She spoke emotionally about her initial fears and how important it was to grieve the child you thought you were going to have before you can care for the child you have. Through the progressive help of the Charity, she feels certain that Gracie will have the confidence to go out into the world and not to feel isolated, but to join in. Thanks were given to CJ for sharing her inner thoughts, knowing that Gracie will move from strength to strength.

The current annual running cost for this Charity is £350,000, but it has no external financial assistance. Ways to help would be as a volunteer, either in the service or with the fundraising team, who

are organising a walk in September from Arundel to Brighton or, if you are more of a party animal, an invitation to Dame Vera's 100th birthday celebration might appeal.

Certainly a lot to consider and we all appreciated Pilar and CJ's input. Sue Borrett thanked them both on our behalf and said that we'd certainly spread the word, and here we have done so.

Our next meeting will be on **Thursday 2 February**, when we shall meet The Lord Lieutenant of West Sussex, Susan Pyper.

Russ Fry



Could you work part time as an on-call firefighter for West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service?

Visit www.westsussex.gov.uk/fire or contact 01243 642134 or email firejobs@westsussex.gov.uk



# Ever considered working part time as an 'on-call' firefighter?

All kinds of people can be on-call firefighters. It's a paid position and there are different levels of cover available to fit around different lifestyles and commitments.

To find out if you could join the team at your local Fire Station call 01243 642134 or email firejobs@westsussex.gov.uk



# PLANS FOR PIONEERING BUSINESS PARK TAKE A LEAP

### **FORWARD**

A pioneering project from West Sussex County Council to develop a disused site in Horsham has taken a significant step forward.



The purchase of an 18.6 acre site, formally owned by global health care company Novartis, has been finalised, meaning plans to transform the site can now be taken forward.

Louise Goldsmith, Leader of West Sussex County Council, said: "This is a huge boost for the West Sussex economy which we hope will create many new jobs. We have major ambitions to attract businesses from the health and life science sector as we know this is a growing industry with huge potential. We are also interested in attracting leading companies and new businesses to West Sussex to create new jobs and opportunities."

Subject to planning approval, the Wimblehurst Road site will be transformed into quality employment and residential space, helping West Sussex cover the cost of its investment and securing a good deal for the taxpayer.

The County Council announced in January 2016 that it intended to buy the site. Since then, detailed work has been carried out including site evaluations, the demolition of several buildings and work to ensure the purchase offered good value for money overall.

Louise added: "It was important for us to ensure that thorough checks had been made before we committed to the completion of this purchase. We are confident this will bring about huge benefits to the county, but at the same time we needed to ensure we were investing wisely and that our plans could be realised."

The County Council will work with commercial advisors to develop the right mix of business, office accommodation and start up space to transform the site.

Ray Dawe, Leader of Horsham District Council said: "It is very good news that West Sussex County Council has completed the purchase of the Novartis site. We need to create employment opportunities and stimulate economic growth and it is excellent to see that as the key part of the plan. In particular this project should provide a boost for small and innovative start-up businesses. There will be a number of planning and contractual procedures that West Sussex County Council will need to follow to develop the site, and we will work closely with them to support their ideas."

Any businesses interested in this redevelopment opportunity can find out more at www.investwestsussex.co.uk/novartissite



# STORRINGTON DECORATIVE AND FINE ARTS SOCIETY

### **NEXT LECTURE**

Wednesday, 1 February. It will be given by Ann Haworth, speaking about 18th Century Sevres and Victorian Minton Porcelains: Comparisons and Contrasts.

The lecture will commence at 2.30pm and end at 3.30pm, at West Chiltington Village Hall. Attendance is free for members, guests welcome for a small donation of £5.

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



### **Christmas Buffet**

The December annual Buffet was one again a great success. Every year we look forward to this event, as the evening is always enjoyable and a lot of fun.

The food, as usual, was superb, with soup to start followed by cold meats, fish and various salads with mouth-watering sweets, cheese and biscuits, coffee and tea.

Quizzes, stand-up bingo, raffle and carol singing completed the evening. Chris Lee and friend played lovely background music throughout the night.

Sheila Parvis







**SINCE 1890** 

The new year starts with a THE SUSSEX CHARITY FOR CHILDREN fresher look for FSW, thanks to Lloyds Community Foundation.

Thank you to all Parishes who fundraised for FSW at Christmas. The children FSW supports enjoyed wonderful parties and Panto trips organised by our Family Workers and supported by their local Deanery Committees. Festive hampers were delivered to families and they were supplied with turkeys kindly donated by Bridgers Farm of Hurstpierpoint.

Thank you to all who have given so far as part of our Winter Fuel Appeal. Your donations do make a difference; for example, one of our Workers in December was able to support a family in need who had no electricity, no heating and without benefits due to a change in personal circumstances. Our Worker was able to visit and offer financial support needed to get them through.

### Dates for your diary in 2017:

### **East Sussex Walk**

Easter Monday 17 April in Ashdown Forest

### West Sussex Walk

Thursday 24 August in the Arundel area.

Please post any donations, with cheques payable to CDAFSW, to Family Support Work, Garton House, 22 Stanford Avenue, Brighton BN1 6AA.

### www.familysupportwork.org

The Sussex Charity for Children since 1890' Registered Charity Number: 285337



I start this article with a reference to the last paragraph. We are in need of new actors. Our accomplished performers are ten years older than they were ten years ago! Hence we are especially looking for people of either gender who are under 50, or even under 40 if possible. Experience is not as important as the desire to enjoy participating. Many of our regular stars started in the Society with little or no experience. If you want to know more, do ring Betsy or me on 744832, or see our web site www.WCDS.co.uk.

Our February Members' Evening, at 7:30pm in the West Chiltington Village Hall, on Saturday 18 February, will be a one act play followed by a fish and chip supper, with our usual raffle and bar. The play, Once Bittern, written and directed by Jean Trew, is a comedy based on interaction between members of a bird watching group. Please ring John and Betsy on 744832 by 15 February if you would like a ticket (£9 non-members or £5 members).

Our 2017 Summer Play is on 25, 26 and 27 May. It is the comedy *Party Piece*, by Richard Harris, and directed by Miq Kelland. This is a fast-paced and very funny play set in the back gardens of feuding neighbours. Auditions have been held and rehearsals start on 20 February. Do put the dates in your diary so as not to be disappointed.

The Rude Mechanical Theatre Company plans to visit again, on Thursday 29 June. Further information will be available in a few weeks' time.

The closing date is near for entries for the Chairman's Challenge from members of the Society (non-members are welcome to join if they wish to enter). An original one act play, written in the last two years, given to me by 31 March, is all that is required. We usually only have about one or two entries so now is your chance. The handsome trophy will be presented at the August Members' Evening.

We are always delighted to welcome new members: benefits include reduced entry to members' evenings, priority booking for productions and a regular newsletter, as well as the enjoyment of participating in our dramatic activities, all for  $\pounds 7$  a year. If you are interested, please contact Betsy (see above).

John Rimmer, Chairman

### STORRINGTON FLOWER CLUB

Wednesday 22 February at 2pm Sullington Parish Hall

Demonstrator: Sue Flight Theme: The Master And I Competition: Parallel



# Note from the editor....

Some may think the front cover this month is rather simple, but God's message to us all is very simple -

God loves each and everyone of us, and asks us to love ourselves and our neighbour.

Sometimes not an easy thing to do! But remember this:

Things are to be used, but people are to be loved.

Watch your thoughts; they become words.

Watch your words; they become actions.

Watch your actions; they become habits.

Watch your habits; they become character.

Watch your character; it becomes your destiny. So go out and spread a little love! God's blessings on you all.

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