

January 2017

# 3Heralds

STORRINGTON



SULLINGTON



THAKEHAM

*Happy New Year  
to all our readers!*



*Picture by Brian Burns*



St Mary's Church **SULLINGTON**



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Holy Sepulchre **WARMINGHURST**  
(Churches Conservation Trust)

# THE PARISH CHURCHES OF

St Mary  
STORRINGTON



St Mary  
SULLINGTON



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THAKEHAM

## IN THE DIOCESE OF CHICHESTER

### PARISH CLERGY

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	<b>Bishop's General Licence</b>	Rev'd Tessa Holland, MA (741904)

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



### HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Human beings celebrate beginnings and endings (unlike animals, as far as I know!).

The old year is ended, a new year beckons.

Human beings look back and reflect. There will have been times of sorrow, awful suffering even. But even in the gloom, glimmers of light from the kindness of friend or neighbour will shine through. And for some of us a year of success and joy, exams passed, baby born, book published...

We will probably reflect also not just on our own lives but remember some of the extraordinary events of 2016 on the world scene, a year comparable to 1989 when the Berlin Wall came down and apartheid was dismantled in South Africa.

And we look forward to the future and ponder. There may be fears and threats on the horizon. Hospital appointments, financial troubles, family and relationship stresses...

But we also have dreams, hopes, ambitions: we will play for the Senior team, we will learn to drive, we will enjoy working with a new boss.

And as with our looking back, there will be both hopes and fears for how events will pan out on the world stage, with new Presidents, wars and rumours of wars and mass migration.

How will it be for you as you look forward and back?

I was wondering at the start of this new year how we start other things. I mean, how do you start a meal? With a grace? How do you start a journey? With a prayer for protection? How do you begin a marriage? In church? How do you begin life in a new house? By blessing it? In so many different ways we can start things by first acknowledging God's presence with us here and now, and invoke His blessing for good. Christians believe that the Jesus whom the book of Revelation describes as the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end, is also the incarnate God, made flesh, dwelling with us amidst all the beauty and the mess.

Our New Year 'resolutions' can be driven by fear or sheer fantasy or they can be made secure in the knowledge of Jesus' presence and kindly companionship all our days, whatever befalls. The question is not what we are looking for, but rather, who are we looking at? John says at the start of his Gospel: "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth... And from his fullness have we received, grace upon grace." (RSV Bible). In Jesus, we can place our whole confidence. He wants to bless us.

We need to be looking at Jesus - and listening for his voice. As we commit the well-being of our own lives and the future of our planet

to God in this new year, we need also to be listening carefully and prayerfully. Will siren and seductive voices lead me astray? Who am I seeking to follow and imitate?

Bishop Martin has launched the Year of the Bible in Chichester Diocese. We are invited to listen to God's voice through the amplifier of Scripture. The Bible is above all a story. It tells of the relationship between a God who reveals Himself to a particular people and pours out His love finally and fully in a particular man, the fulfilment of His people's vocation.

The start of each day could be a good time to turn again to Scripture and listen for God's leading under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, a time to focus on Jesus, the grace-giver in all circumstances. And use Bible Reading notes, come to the Week of Christian Unity events, join a house group, read the passages for Sunday before coming to church. Let the Bible feed you.

We could use this prayer:

O Jesus, Master Carpenter of Nazareth, who on the cross through wood and nails didst work our whole salvation: Wield well thy tools in this thy workshop; that we who come to thee, rough-hewn, may by thy hand be fashioned to a truer beauty and a greater usefulness; for the honour of thy holy name. Amen.

God bless you in all things.

CHARLES HADLEY

Assistant Priest, St Mary's, Storrington

## NEW YEAR GREETINGS

The parish clergy and their families  
wish you Peace and Joy in 2017

We have been very grateful for the kindness of your  
Christmas cards and greetings – please accept this  
as our expression of heartfelt thanks.

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What's happening at

# St Mary's Thakeham

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

Revd Derek Spencer [www.thakehamchurch.com](http://www.thakehamchurch.com)

## Churchwardens:

David Peacock (745595)  
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## Child Protection Officer:

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## Electoral Roll Officer:

David Peacock (745595)  
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## Organist:

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## Church Bookings:

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

## To all our readers in 2016

Thank you for joining us through this page during the last year – we hope you have enjoyed our brief intros into 'Life at St Mary's Thakeham'. Maybe you have even visited to try us out.. if so, thank you and we hope the experience was all you hoped.

This year we hope to have a new feature for you all – so keep reading!

We would also like to add a small note of thanks to Amanda, the Editor, whose flexibility and creative input has so enhanced all our inclusions each month - thank you.

Sue Surcombe



**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**

## Church in the Pub

1st Monday of the month  
The White Lion Pub, Thakeham 8.30pm

The idea is for us to meet together to drink and talk. It won't be 'church' as such, but then that all depends on how you view church! What it won't be is creeds, hymns, stand up, sit down, say a prayer etc. but rather a gathering of people meeting and sharing together.

There won't be any fixed agenda, we'll just see how it develops - the aim is just to meet, chat, be real and have a bit of fun - with maybe a few 'god gems' thrown in!

*So why not come along and just enjoy*

## Thakeham & Sullington Church Youth Groups

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

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



## FAMILY SUPPORT WORK CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Please continue your wonderful help at £1 a go.

More details from Harold Linfield on 01798 812276

## Knit and Stitch Tea on Tuesday

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

Thakeham Church Rooms  
16 January between 2pm and 4pm

All welcome. Enquiries to Wynn Lednor - 743025

## LENT LUNCHES 2017

### Thakeham, Sullington & Storrington Churches

Lent lunches will start on **Ash Wednesday, 1 March**, at Thakeham Village Hall at 12.45pm. The lunch is homemade soup and bread roll and cheese followed by coffee and tea. More details in the February 3 Heralds.



The Revd Derek Spencer will hold a short Lent Iona Communion service at Sullington Church each Lent Lunch Wednesday at 12 noon prior to the lunch.

'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 Sullington



Rev'd Derek Spencer [www.st-marys-sullington.org](http://www.st-marys-sullington.org) [info@st-marys-sullington.org](mailto:info@st-marys-sullington.org)

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Douglas Parkes (743106)  
Ann Salinger (01798 813481)

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Gail Kittle (745754)  
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## Pastoral Care:

Ann Salinger (01798 813481)

## PCC Secretary:

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## Freewill Offering & Gift Aid Officer:

David Baxter (744346)

## Electoral Roll:

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Storrington RH20 4DD

## Organist:

Beryl Hardie (892349)

## Church Flowers:

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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 Rev'd 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](mailto: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**

**11 January • 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](mailto:wildfortune@btinternet.com)**

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

*Affiliated to the Quiet Garden Trust. Details of other Quiet Gardens in West Sussex and worldwide are available on the Trust's website. [www.quietgarden.org](http://www.quietgarden.org)*

## Still Waters:

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

Venue until March: The Wild Fortune Prayer Loft.

**Next session 7 January** For future dates please see blog below.

**8.30am** – Gathering in quiet in the prayer loft;

**9am** – Introduction and input followed by companionable silence & meditation;

**9.45am** – Optional sharing of insight; **10am** – Circle of blessing

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

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

Mark and Tessa Holland 741904; email: [wildfortune@btinternet.com](mailto:wildfortune@btinternet.com)

[www.wildfortuneblog.blogspot.co.uk](http://www.wildfortuneblog.blogspot.co.uk)

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

## Tea with the Vicar

**19 January 3pm – 5pm**

**Ann and Freddy Salinger's**

**Greenacres, Southlands Lane, West Chilmington**

**01798 813481**

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



## FSW COFFEE MORNING

**Saturday 28 January**

**10.30am – 12 noon**

**The Old School, Storrington**

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

**More info from Ann on 01798 813481**



**See page 4 for details of Lent Lunches**

## GUIDED TOURS OF SULLINGTON CHURCH AND FARMSTEAD

**At 2pm every Wednesday**

Guided tour of the ancient farmstead and Church at Sullington.

Meet by the Rector's parking space.

No charge but donations to ongoing repair work greatly appreciated.







# What's happening at St Mary's Storrington

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

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## Treasurer:

Andrew Hammock (742888)  
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## 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

**Footsteps** (Sunday School):  
Jackie Lee (743661)

## Church Flowers:

Jean Minter (741668)

## Child Protection Officer:

Jackie Lee (743661)

## Bible Reading Fellowship:

Amanda Hislop (743700)

## Bible Society:

Jean Hunt (01798 813681)

## Christian Aid co-ordinator:

Sue Kibblewhite (745325)

## REGULAR ACTIVITIES

**Church Services** see page 16.

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

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

**Altar Servers:** Bridget Vickerstaff (743346)

**Bellringers:** Fridays, 7.45pm - 9.30pm.

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

**Church Cleaning:** Jeannie Watten (742542)

**Church & Churchyard Maintenance:** Ray Hunt (01798 813681)

**Mothers' Union:** Jean Hunt (01798 813681)

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

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

## NEW ALTAR FRONTAL

On Sunday, 4 December, the new multi-coloured patchwork altar frontal was dedicated by the Rector. We are very grateful to Lueen Francis who made the altar frontal by sewing together countless squares of silk fabric, each with a central diamond in a contrasting colour. In the centre of the frontal is a cream and gold cross. The frontal will be placed on the altar for every All-Age Service on the first Sunday of the month. Lueen hasn't added up the hours it took her to make, but this certainly was a labour of love and dedication. Well done, Lueen! It is a magnificent and highly colourful piece of work that will certainly be enjoyed by everyone for many, many years to come.



## STORRINGTON REGISTERS

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

4 Dec Noa Olivia Aria Henney (daughter of Parissa and Jamie)

**Marriages** - *to love and to cherish ...*

10 Dec Daniel Wells and Marina Morecroft

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

17 Nov John Anthony Barden (62 years)

18 Nov John Enticknapp (83 years)

5 Dec Norman Brassington (86 years)

## NEW CHASUBLE

The president at the Eucharist at St Mary's, Storrington, is now wearing a new purple chasuble with gold flecks. This was bought in memory of Val Maynard Smith, and to replace the rather worn chasuble we had previously. Val very kindly left St Mary's £10,000 in her will. The rest of her bequest will be put towards the next building project – the tower.

## NEW SERVICE TO START AT ST MARY'S Church@4

Starting at **4pm on 15 January** there will be a new service at St Mary's, Storrington. This will be known as Church@4. This service will be specifically aimed at families with young children (ages 0-11) and will involve some songs and prayers, a bible story and activities reflecting the theme of the day. The time together will finish with a cup of tea and cake. If you have young children you are very welcome to Church@4; if you are a grandparent looking after little ones you are also welcome; if you just like something different you are welcome too.

## CANDLEMAS SUNDAY – 29 January

Candles are lit during the 10am Family Service on this day to mark the presentation of the infant Christ to the Aged Simeon and Anna in the Temple at Jerusalem, "to be a light to lighten the Gentiles."

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



See page 4 for details of Lent Lunches

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

*Retiring collection is in aid of St Mary's Church, Storrington, repairs and tower fund.*



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

Do you remember the Flanders and Swann comic song about the weather? Starting with January, they went through each month. When they reached December, they sang:

"Freezing wet December then,  
\*\*\*\*\* January again"

It's \*\*\*\*\* January again! The month Church Treasurers add up all the money that's been spent in the preceding year and what has been received. Then the PCC's Annual Report to the parish and the Charity Commission has to be prepared along with the Annual Accounts. These must be signed off by an Independent Examiner and then approved by the PCC in time for the Annual Meeting of the Parish.

The 2017 Annual meeting has been put in the diary for 27 April, and PCC meetings will probably take place on 26 January and 23 March. So I haven't much time.

We are encouraged, now that we are registered as a Charity, to give, in the Annual Report, examples of just how we as a Church have benefited the public. If you would like to write to me (care of the Rectory Office) to say how you have benefited from the activities of St Mary's, I would be very grateful. We would then have the examples we need. None of those used in the Report would be attributed to anyone.

I am also about to start on a new 'Mind the Gap' poster. I have heard dire warnings on the radio about substantial price rises next year, which, if true, means, sadly, that 'The Gap' may be a rather wide one unless donations and fundraising increase.

On a more cheerful note, here is a riddle that will still be just seasonal if you will read this note before Twelfth Night.

Q. How does Good King Wenceslas like his pizzas?

A. Deep pan, crisp and even.

Andrew Hammock

## ST MARY'S, STORRINGTON NEW HOUSE GROUPS

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

They are held every week as follows:

**TUESDAYS 10AM TO 12NOON**

contact Sylvia Hyams on 745878

**WEDNESDAYS 7PM TO 9PM**

contact Chrystalle Kersley on 744269

**THURSDAYS 10AM TO 12 NOON**

contact Alison Wall on 743713



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

## Christians in Storrington

**Monthly Inter-Church Prayer Meetings**  
**Everyone welcome**

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

**Tuesday 3 January** – Church of England will lead

**Tuesday 7 February** - Chemin Neuf Community will lead

**One in faith and love and praise**

## 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

**14 January** TAYLOR MAID with Jon Wigg

**4 March** Brighton Male Voice Choir

**26 April** Lancing College Music Students

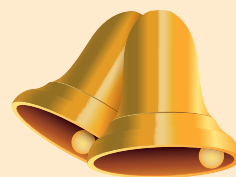
Please make a note of the dates in your diaries!

## THINKING OF TAKING UP A HOBBY OR CRAFT?

### Why not try bell ringing?

There is nothing like the sound of the bells at a wedding or special occasion. The art of ringing bells dates back hundreds of years and has given pleasure to countless people. Ringing bells...

- Helps keep you fit;
- Is good exercise;
- Keeps your mind alert;
- Helps you meet people and so much more.



To find out more or to ring a bell at one of our practice evenings call Steve on 07761 019875.

You will be made very welcome at St Mary's Church, Storrington.





## A NEW, WELCOMING ENTRANCE AT ST MARY'S, THAKEHAM

We're all so thrilled to see the new paths looking so smart, and so welcoming, outside of Thakeham Church.

The works are now complete and mean that those who struggle with steep steps can now take a more leisurely approach to the climb on the south side of the Church.

Brides wearing high-heels are likely to be particularly appreciative!

Alternatively, visitors to the Church can park in disabled parking spaces, to the north of the Church, easily spotted along Cray's Lane. From there, it is a very simple stroll on the new, flat path that winds around to the main door.

The works have been carried out to the highest of standards by Bell Gardens Ltd, with beautiful stone and very smart lighting.

Thanks to all who persevered with this project and particularly to Tom Lednor for his carpentry skills, used in the creation of a new kissing gate.

Please do drop by and admire all that's been achieved!

## PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

O Christ, you are a bright flame before me.  
You are a guiding star above me.  
You are the light and love I see in others' eyes.  
Keep me, O Christ, in a love that is tender.  
Keep me, O Christ, in a love that is true.  
Keep me, O Christ, in a love that is strong,  
tonight, tomorrow and always.

Celtic Prayers from Iona – J Philip Newman



## 18 - 25 January WEEK OF PRAYER for CHRISTIAN UNITY

APPLICABLE TO ALL CHURCHES

### Christian Unity Week

takes place each year from 18 to 25 January.

This year the main service will be on Sunday, 22 January.  
On certain other days there will be a short service or event hosted by one of the churches followed by refreshments.

### Wednesday 18 January at 8pm

Unity Week Prayers at Trinity Methodist Church, off Thakeham Road, Storrington, arranged by Storrington Community Church

### Thursday 19 January at 7pm

Unity Week Round Table Conference at Chemin Neuf Community, The Priory, School Lane

### Friday 20 January at 8.30am

Unity Week Morning Prayer at St. Mary's Church, Storrington

### Sunday 22 January at 6pm

The main inter-Church service at  
Our Lady of England RC Church, Monastery Lane

### Monday 23 January at 12.30pm

Unity Week Midday Prayer at Chemin Neuf Community, The Priory, School Lane

### Tuesday 24 January at 7.30pm

Unity Week Evening Worship at St. Mary's Church, Storrington

### Wednesday 25 January at 10am

Unity Week Morning Worship at St. Mary's Church, West Chiltington

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.

## CHEMIN NEUF COMMUNITY The Priory, School Lane Storrington



### A TIME OF PRAISE AND PRAYER

with a charismatic flavour

8-9pm Tuesday 10 January

### QUIET DAYS

Led by members of Chemin Neuf Community

Wednesdays: 1 February, 29 March, 10 May 10am-4pm

Simple lunch provided

### PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

12-21 May

In and around Jerusalem and Galilee

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



Family  
Support  
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CHICHESTER DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION  
FOR FAMILY SUPPORT WORK

## COFFEE MORNING

Storrington Deanery Committee  
Annual Fundraising Event

### Saturday 28 January

the Old School, School Lane, Storrington,  
10.30am to 12noon

As usual the Committee will be very grateful for  
items to sell, particularly Cakes and Preserves,  
unwanted Christmas gifts, Bric-a-Brac, Toys  
and Games, etc., Prizes for the Raffle.

Goods may be brought along to the hall on the  
morning or contact Ann Salinger (01798 813481)

All proceeds in aid of Family Support Work

# AN APPRECIATION

## MRS PATRICIA (TRICIA) MANLEY BOWLES

9 NOVEMBER 1929 ~ 3 AUGUST 2015

Much loved by her family and friends, Tricia Bowles was born on 9 November 1929 and died on 3 August 2015, age 85. As a child, she lived in Ealing before moving to Worthing in 1936 when a doctor recommended a move to the seaside as a cure for her severe asthma. It worked. However, with the war, Worthing was thought to be too dangerous and the family moved first to Sonning on Thames and then to Beaconsfield. Continuous visits from her father's business colleagues convinced her mother to move the family back to Worthing, saying that she preferred the Germans.

School was an unhappy affair in general, with Tricia being evacuated to Wales, then to Bournemouth to avoid the dangers of war. She was left with a lifelong dislike of beetroot and carrot, being a staple of war time school food. Following that, she did a catering course at the Domestic Science College in Eastbourne and went on to work in the kitchens at St Thomas's Hospital in London. Her cooking had always been spectacular, even if her children didn't always appreciate some of the delicacies. Following that, she trained to be a Radiotherapist at St Bartholomew's Hospital. It was during this period that she met her future husband, Anthony, probably at a social event organized by Worthing Cricket Club. Although she hated cricket, circumstances led to her having to embrace it. Nevertheless, she always recommended taking a good book to a match. Photos show her enjoying the social side more than the action on the pitch!

After marrying in 1952, they lived in Watford for a while before moving to the Worthing area when Anthony took up a partnership at his father's old firm of Bowles and Stevens. At the beginning they lived in Findon Valley. She loved her sport, becoming a valued tennis player at the West Worthing Club. Before long, though, she had to put her sporting activities on hold as the children came along. Nigel was born in 1955, Hugh in 1957, Claire in 1961 and Sarah in 1965, the perfect combination of two boys and two girls! Her time was filled by her duties as a mother and wife, not to mention caring for the dogs, which were always present.

In 1971, the family moved to Storrington to live in Chantry Lane, becoming active at Sullington Church where they met many of the friends who were so important to her right to the end. Meanwhile, as the family grew up and she had more time, she branched out into voluntary work, and played a leading role in the establishment of the St Barnabas Hospice in Durrington. It was opened in 1971 and her first role was to help organize the catering. Later she was behind the development of the Volunteer Organization, which was introduced in 1983 and then helped set up the Day Centre, which was opened by Lady Diana in 1985.

She also became a magistrate on the Steyning Court and served for 17 years until it was absorbed by Worthing. She specialized in the Juvenile Court, where, probably apocryphally, was once alleged to refuse to take some children into care because they were being fed on baked beans and ketchup, saying that her own children often ate that too.

In later retirement, she suffered from myeloma which was discovered when she went down with meningitis and almost died some 10 years previously. However, as with everything in her life, her determination pulled her through, she put on a very brave face and, despite some very difficult moments, was still able to enjoy life.

More than a biography, though, this should be an appreciation. She lived life to the full. She loved parties and entertaining and her house was always full with visitors. She and Antony loved opera, theatre and travelling; the house was full of mementos of their holidays.



She maintained her independence and full, social diary into her final years. She never dwelled on her own challenges but helped

no end of people around her. In particular, she supported Anthony in his declining health, despite her own frail health.

I am sure too that there are readers who would vouch for how she helped old and new friends in the community who were going through health problems, both in old age and when younger. Indeed, the way she was appreciated in the community was reflected in her funeral, where it was remarkable and uplifting to see such a wide representation of people from her long life. Most of the neighbours she had had at Findon and the two houses in Storrington were there, alongside people from the Church, her helpers, doctors and friends from way back who had also had children the same age as hers. She was much loved.

It's important to thank all the people that have supported and helped her over the last years of her life. Her family was very important to her and have done what we can to support her, but where we live and family and job commitments have meant that we have not always been on hand. She has had, though, so much support both from her 'staff' who have become much more than that, her doctors, who have become great friends, her network of friends, and, of course, from Derek who has been a great support to her since he has been in the Parish.

She helped establish St Barnabas and they supported her in the final months. She passed away peacefully, with friends and family at her side to the end.

Tricia Bowles, loved by many and respected by all who came into contact with her.



### REMEMBRANCE COFFEE MORNING 14 NOVEMBER AT RYDON COMMUNITY COLLEGE





# RAISING THE ROOF AT WARMINGHURST CHURCH

The beautiful 13th Century Church of the Holy Sepulchre at Warminghurst remains under wraps for the winter as the painstaking process to repair the roof continues. Following on from a tireless fundraising effort by the Friends of Warminghurst



Church, and thanks to the successful application for a grant from the Listed Places of Worship Roof Repair Fund, work started at the beginning of April 2016. An impressive scaffolding box was erected to surround the building, protecting the ancient timbers from the elements, so necessary in such an exposed situation on the hill. The workmen stripped the Horsham stone and tiles and work should have begun with a completion date at the end of October. However, it was not that straight forward. As the heavy weight of roofing materials was lifted, the very old beams no doubt sighed with relief, but also displayed extreme instability. It was found that there was a distinct possibility of the roof timbers collapsing, unless immediate and emergency strapping and much more extensive repair work was carried out on most of the timbers.



External scaffolding

This caused a great deal of consternation and concern, not only for the methods of heritage repair that were necessary but also how to cover the 71% increase in expenses this would cause. Fortunately, the Churches Conservation Trust ([www.visitchurches.org.uk](http://www.visitchurches.org.uk)) stepped in to cover costs so that work could continue, but as funds were re-routed in this emergency from other projects, it means that the Trust will need to be reimbursed.

The Friends group organised an Open Day at Warminghurst on the 26 October to show visitors the progress that had been made. The project architect, Nicola Westbury, spoke about the work and what had been overcome with a timely repair. She explained



Roof timbers

in dramatic style the instability of the roof. She lead tours up on the scaffolding to show visitors the repair work and explain the methods used. It was a fascinating experience for all the visitors and hugely enlightening.

Carpenters sourced seasoned and immensely heavy oak beams to replace unstable existing ones, and were faced with the major dilemma of just how to raise them in place. The curved supporting 'ashlars' were hewn by hand on site and every piece of timber logged and repaired where needed. It was impressive work.

Now the structure is once more covered with roofing felt and battened, ready for the stones and tiles to be replaced, a lengthy operation and very much reliant on a mild winter. Freezing temperatures will not help the process. Once the internal making good and re-laying cables is complete, we can look forward to the Church being open again in late Spring 2017.

The Church is vested to the Churches Conservation Trust, which has commissioned the repair work, [www.visitchurches.org.uk](http://www.visitchurches.org.uk). The Trust receives no Government funding, and relies on the work of local Friends volunteer groups to help keep the 350 historic churches nationwide, vested to its care, open and active to raise funds.



Repaired foot plates at wall plate level



Major upright beam



Span of roof beams

For more information on the Church, and how to contribute to the Roof Repair Fund please contact the Friends of Warminghurst Church at [contact.fowc@gmail.com](mailto:contact.fowc@gmail.com) or 891312.

Rachel Webster

## 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

Toilet facilities

Large car park adjacent to the building with level access

Reasonable charges

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EVENING £10

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Interested? Contact Wynn Lednor on 743025



On 30 October, Bishop of Mark of Horsham visits St Mary's, Storrington to celebrate the Church's 950th birthday



Congratulations to Revd Kathryn Windslow, Rector of Storrington, celebrating 30 years of ministry



## STORRINGTON REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY PARADE AND SERVICE

On Sunday afternoon of 13 November, young people from several uniformed organisations, accompanied by their leaders, paraded through the centre of Storrington on their way to the Inter-Church Civic Service of Remembrance held at St Marys, the Parish Church of Storrington.

Building on the success of the last few years the parade, organised in conjunction with the Royal British Legion (Storrington Branch), once again had approximately 200 young people aged from 6 to 18 parading through the streets with their flags held high following the Union Flag and Standards of the Royal British Legion Branch and HMS Bristol.

There were Beavers, Cubs and Scouts from the 1st Sullington & Storrington Scout Group, Explorers from the Griffins Explorer Scout Unit, Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers from the 2nd Storrington Guides and Cadets from 2464 (Storrington) Squadron, Air Training Corps. Also represented were members of Sussex Police, West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service and the Storrington Area Responder Team (StART).



A welcome change this year was that a revised route allowed the Parade to form up in Old Mill Drive before making its way through the very centre of the village via the High Street, West Street and Church Street to outside the Church, where the

standard bearers and escorts proceeded to lower their flags whilst the wreaths were laid at the war memorial.

The Service of Remembrance followed, officiated by Revd Kathryn Windsor, Rector of Storrington.

As last year, there was a separate service for the younger members of the congregation organised by the Beaver Scout leadership team in the Old School, the two services coming together in the Church for the Act of Remembrance, including the two minute silence.

### MACMILLAN FILM NIGHT A STREET CAT NAMED BOB (12A)

MONDAY 16 JANUARY

Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start  
PULBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL

Starring: Luke Treadaway, Joanne Froggatt, Rula Gedmintas, Anthony Head, Caroline Goodall

A stray ginger cat changes the life of James Bowen, a homeless London musician and recovering drug addict.

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

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



## THAKEHAM AND SULLINGTON CHURCH YOUTH GROUPS

Thakeham and Sullington Church Youth groups have had a busy term as ever. With about 30 at Milestones and 15 at TGIF, we have kept our leaders busy!

Milestones has been exploring the theme of the "I am" sayings of Jesus. At the start of term we welcomed our new year 6s and encouraged them to be open-minded as they consider Jesus' claims to be "the gate" and "the way" (as well as eating a lot of pizza and ice cream and playing our favourite wide game in the Rectory garden). We have then explored "I am the bread of life" (see the photo of our bread rolls) and thought about satisfaction, and getting the important things in place in our lives. For "I am the light of the world" we made tea lights from satsumas and had lots of fun activities in the dark. As well as exploring these themes, we have done quite a lot of cooking, have played a lot of games, and have had a few socials, as well as packing up shoeboxes for Link to Hope.



TGIF has taken the theme of "Emotions" this term. We kicked off the term with a mocktails evening, followed by a film night when we watched the film *Inside Out*. We've had discussions, games and activities to help us think about fear, anxiety and anger (*The Anger Games* evening definitely drove a few to frustration and anger; and our leaders were amazed at how still and calm we were when taught some relaxation techniques at our anxiety busting evening!). We focussed on hope as we packaged shoe boxes to be sent out to Eastern Europe with *Link to Hope* – we had over 45 2-18 year olds and 15 adults working together that evening and together people from Thakeham community managed to fill 157 shoe boxes! (see overleaf)



Other joint activities with the wider church this term included the annual bonfire at the Rectory in November, and the prayer evening as part of the Church's anniversary weekend. The young people led some musical worship and there were a number of interactive prayer stations about emotions and the "I am"s.

The term finished with Christmas craft evenings and our end of term Christmas parties, including TGIF's murder mystery. But you'll have to wait till next term for reports and photos on those. For now we hope you enjoy the pics of some of what we've got up to this term.







## Toddlerific

*...more than a toddler group*

You could say Toddlerific is just another parent and toddler's group, but that description may not do it justice. Yes, just like other toddler groups, it's a space for toddlers to come and play and adults to come and meet others. But it has a few added extras. One of those is the fact that it's run by people who aren't watching their own kids at the same time, so they can give all their attention to those who come along.

Each week, as well as time for playing, there is an organized craft activity (sometimes edible), snack time - for adults and children

(brilliantly organized by Audrey), a Bible story and half an hour's music, run by a qualified music therapist. Sometimes we have the sensory bus visit, and we have a few annual features, such as trips to the Warren and Karlene's farm. Between them Karlene and Ruth have years of experience and lots of mad ideas. Kids, parents, grandparents and childminders all seem to enjoy themselves (as do the organizers!)



So if you look after a toddler on a Friday morning come along and check us out. Toddlerific meets every Friday morning during term time from 9.30am to

11am @ Trinity Methodist Church, Thakeham Road, Storrington. It is a joint initiative between Splash, Trinity Methodist Church and Storrington Community Church.



## STORRINGTON FIRST SCHOOL

### A SPORTING YEAR!



It has been a very busy term at Storrington First School. The first few weeks are a time for children to get settled into their new classes and, for pupils joining us in Reception, to get settled into their new school, make new friends and enjoy learning in school.



Earlier this year, we were successful in our funding application to Tesco Bags of Help and that, together with a generous donation from Friends of Storrington School, meant we were able to install a brand new playground for KS1 over the summer holidays. Our

Early Years also had a new mud kitchen installed which is very popular! Children think the new equipment is absolutely amazing, so a big thank you to everyone who donated, supported and voted for our project!



Year 1 and Year 5 have enjoyed doing Forest School this term; during the last few weeks when it has got colder (and wetter!) the children have wrapped up and enjoyed being out in the grounds making dens, camp fires and learning how to use

tools safely to make wooden medallions. The children learn so much from their Forest School sessions and it is wonderful to see them outside, learning and making the most of our grounds.

Our Year 5 pupils have been involved in an outreach project with St Barnabas. 'St Bs' is an art project working with day residents at the hospice; the project has had so many positive benefits for children, staff and residents and we'd like to thank St Barnabas for involving our school. Year 5 are also working with myself and our wider school community as we prepare to become a Primary School from next September, and we are preparing for parent drop-ins next term to share plans for next academic year.



The school choir is practising hard for our performance at the Young Voices O2 concert in January. Last month, the choir put on a wonderful performance for the Rotary Club Christmas lunch. We do hope those who attended enjoyed the performance as much as our children enjoyed singing for them!

We are delighted to announce that we have recruited a team of young journalists who will be reporting on life at Storrington First School for the 3 Heralds from the next edition. This will be a wonderful opportunity for them to use their writing skills outside the classroom and we are really pleased to have this opportunity, thank you.

All that remains is for us to wish all your readers a peaceful and Happy New Year.

Marion Smith, Headteacher

## Chichester Cathedral

### NATIVITY SCENE IN THE CATHEDRAL

until 12 January



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

Please see web site for more details: <http://www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/whats-on> or call 01243 782595.



# CRICKET IN STORRINGTON



## Cygnets Party 2016 and Gypsy Party 1859



On Saturday 26 November, the Club's junior section, aka the Cygnets, held their first social in the pavilion. The curry-themed evening, attended by nearly 40 Cygnets and parents, was a great success.

The Sunday afternoon indoor net sessions for the Cygnets are proving extremely popular, and their outdoor

net project is moving forward, three quotations having been received, and one promising source of finance having been identified.

In another century, on Monday 15 August 1859, as reported by the *Sussex Agricultural Express*, the inhabitants of Storrington had their Gypsy party on the recreation ground on the common. A booth was erected on the cricket ground, and the party, upwards of 100 men, women, and children, assembled to have a merry afternoon and evening. A match of cricket was played till tea time, when each careful housewife began to unpack her basket, Mr Lee, of the Half Moon Inn, being in attendance to supply any extras that might be required. A band was summoned, and in the evening their services were much required, singing and dancing being kept up till nearly eleven o'clock.



Chris Winter

### Family Activities@Chichester Cathedral

# DANGER! DRAGONS!

## Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017 10.00am – 3.00pm

(last entry 2.30pm)

# BEWARE

Join us to create your own fiery dragon in clay or out of collage materials or make a dragon mask!

Search for dragon like creatures and see how many you can track down with the aid of a colourful Cathedral trail before collecting a prize on completion from the shop

**£2.50**  
per child  
suitable for children aged 3-12, who must be accompanied by an adult

Why not take advantage of the Cloisters cafe offer of Kids Meals for £1.50, when an accompanying adult buys a lunch item with a valid voucher?

No need to book just drop in!

## CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

**Come along and join in all the fun!**

**For further details contact Sue on 01243 812497 or email [education@chichestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:education@chichestercathedral.org.uk)**

**Next Event: Friday 21st April 2017 Weird and Wonderful! 10am – 3pm**



## LINK TO HOPE SHOEBOX APPEAL

Sullington and Thakeham Youth Groups produced over 150 beautifully wrapped shoeboxes in November then took these, together with extras generously donated by individuals from both congregations, to the Link to Hope Warehouse in Worthing.



On a very chilly Saturday morning, 15 young people plus leaders and volunteer drivers left behind their fashion fears and donned the compulsory oversized high viz jacket to pack hundreds of boxes ready for the long trip east. Team work was particularly visible this year as most had been before and knew the ropes already. They were keen to get stuck in and try to beat their previous personal best and gain that elusive '12 in a box' record. The tape guns were 'smokin' this year, unlike the temperature at the warehouse, which always seems colder inside than out.

We are so proud of our young people; they are a credit to themselves and their families, and after 2016, a year full of uncertainty and change, we can look to them and know the future is brighter than we can ever imagine.

Carol Peacock

# Toddlerific

...more than a toddler group

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

**Trinity Methodist Church, Thakeham Rd, Storrington**  
**Cost: £2.50 per family**

**Stay & Play**

**Music Time**

**Bible Stories**

**Baby Corner**

**Teas, coffees and healthy snacks**

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

**For more information contact 01903 744821**  
**Email: [admin@splashschools.org.uk](mailto:admin@splashschools.org.uk)**  
**[www.splashschools.org.uk](http://www.splashschools.org.uk)**  
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# BIBLE WORDSEARCH

## Animals of the Bible

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Ant	Falcon	Leather	Serpent
Bee	Feathers	Leopard	Sheep
Calf	Fish	Lice	Shepherd
Camel	Flock	Lion	Sparrow
Cattle	Fly	Locust	Sponge
Cheese	Fowl	Ox	Strength
Cobra	Fur	Peacock	Swarm
Crowing	Goat	Plague	Swine
Den	Graze	Predator	Turtledove
Doe	Hawk	Quail	Whale
Dog	Honey	Raven	Wolf
Donkey	Horse	Rooster	Worm
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**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.

## THAKEHAM AND SULLINGTON CHURCH YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S WORK TEAM

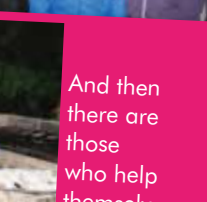
We often write about our young people, but we thought maybe you'd like to meet the team!

We are really blessed at Thakeham and Sullington with two whole Churches, who support us with prayer and finances so that we can get on with the youth and children's work, as well as do things like make cakes, put up tents and BBQ for us.

On the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month we run a Sunday school at Thakeham, and often go for a walk on the downs on the 3rd Sunday at Sullington. Then we run Milestones, for 10-13 year olds, and TGIF, for 13 years and upwards, every fortnight on a Friday.

We have a number of adults on our team and also a number of teenage helpers, without whom we couldn't do what we do. This term we had a special evening to bless three of our young helpers who have all become adults this year and have either gone off to university or entered the world of work. We put together a book of messages for each of them to encourage them on their journey, as well as giving them a number of practical (and funny but not so practical) gifts.

Here's a selection of photos of our helpers young and old in action.....



And then there are those who help themselves...



## SANDGATE CONSERVATION SOCIETY

Into the New Year with new resolutions well-intact.....perhaps a few hours spent with one of our working parties might fit in with your bid for more exercise?

If exercise isn't your thing, then an evening's entertainment might be more in line.

The Society holds a number of social evenings at Sullington Parish Hall, where guest speakers give presentations on their area of expertise.

The next presentation is being held on Wednesday 25 January, presented by Les Allen-Williams, on animal conservation.

These events run once a month through to April commencing at 7.30pm and are well-worth attending. 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. Or see our web site: [www.sandgate-conservation.org.uk](http://www.sandgate-conservation.org.uk).

Brian Burns

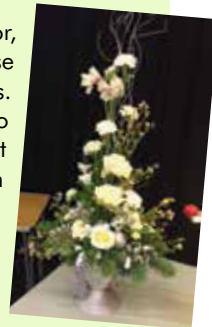


## STORRINGTON FLOWER CLUB



The Club's Chair, Wendy Cliffe, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Wendy informed members that six members had attended Area Members Day and had enjoyed a presentation 'Undressing Tudors', which proved very amusing. After lunch, National Demonstrator, Alan Beatty from Northern Ireland, delighted everyone with his theme 'Artistic Expression'. At Sussex Area AGM, outgoing Chairman, Doreen Nuttall, was presented with a gift and thanked for her hard work during a three year term of office during which she had visited every flower club in the Sussex Area. New Chairman, Angie Hyde, was welcomed and presented with her Badge of Office. New Secretary, Lesley Etherton, received good wishes for her mammoth task ahead.

Wendy then introduced the meeting's demonstrator, Gill Homer from Bognor Regis, whose demonstration was entitled Christmas Creations. After commenting on the Club's excellent entries to the competition, Gill began her first arrangement which was in a rectangular container with twisted Hazel. The foliage used was variegated Hedra, Yew and Viburnum. The foliage was complimented by pink Roses, Hypericum berries and white Hydranger sprayed with glitter.



A terracotta pot and a small urn were the containers for a white-themed arrangement and yellow and gold arrangement. An oval container looked striking with large red Carnations, white Chrysanthemums, and white Alstroemeria.



The final container was a sleigh; Holly and Spruce were the greenery, and red Carnations, white Lisianthus, green Anthuriums and red baubles completed the festive look, with a small Father Christmas. The stage display was then lit with festive lights and the whole creation was supplemented with Christmas music.

Sylvia Tilley gave the vote of thanks; members were then invited to enjoy refreshments and a delicious, warm mince pie.

The Club is pleased to welcome visitors and new members. You do not need to be a flower arranger to come and join us. The meeting is informal, welcoming a monthly demonstrator whose arrangements are raffled at the end of the meeting. We have a second-hand bookstall and an accessory stall for flower arranging. Refreshment and chats end a pleasant and informative afternoon.

Susanne Carter

## Rotary Film Night

at Sullington Parish Hall  
Wednesday 11 January



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

For more details please contact Ken Collins on 01903 740745.  
If you need help with transport call Marion Emery on 01903 813014.

Rotary Club of Storrington & Pulborough District



# BINGO



## Thursday 12 January

and on the second Thursday of every month

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Storrington Village Hall, 59 West Street RH20 4DZ

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

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

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# CHURCH SERVICES AT A GLANCE

DATE	FESTIVAL OR SUNDAY	STORRINGTON St Mary's	THAKEHAM St Mary's	SULLINGTON St Mary's
1 Jan	Christmas 2	10am New Year's Day Family Communion with Carols		10.30am Joint family Communion (with Thakeham)
8 Jan	Epiphany 1 Baptism of Christ	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion + Footsteps 6pm Epiphany Evensong (incense may be used)	10.30am Joint all-age service (with Sullington)	8am Iona Communion (with Thakeham)
15 Jan	Epiphany 2	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion with Footsteps & Prayers for Healing 4pm Church@4 6pm Evensong	8am Iona Communion (with Sullington)	10.30am Family Communion (with Thakeham)
22 Jan	Epiphany 3	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion + Footsteps	9.30am Family Communion	8am Contemplative Eucharist (with Thakeham) 11.30am Family Communion
6pm Unity Week service at Our Lady of England RC Church				
29 Jan	Epiphany 4 Candlemas Sunday	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Family Communion 6pm Evensong	10.30am Joint 5th Sunday Service (with Sullington)	8am Iona Communion (with Thakeham)
5 Feb	4th Sunday before Lent	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Family Communion 6pm Evensong	10.30am Joint all-age service (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

### STORRINGTON CHAPEL

*North Street*

Sunday Services 10.30am, 6.30pm

Church Elder: Graham Thrussell

Tel: 01243 545737

### COMMUNITY CHURCH

*at Rydon Community College*

Family Worship – Sundays 10.00am

Enquiries to Mrs Val Augustine

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

### TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH

*Thakeham Road*

Sunday Service 10.30am

Minister: Rev. Graham Locking

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

## WEEKLY EVENTS

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

### Storrington Library Opening Hours – Tel. 839050

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

## SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB

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

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

**Tickets (£4.00) are available from:**

Louisa Austin, Church Street, Storrington



## STORRINGTON POP-IN LUNCH CLUB

**Storrington Village Hall – First Thursday of each month**

**COFFEE served from 10.30am**

**LUNCH available: £3.00 12 noon – 1pm**

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

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

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



**THERE WILL NO POP-IN LUNCH IN JANUARY – OUR NEXT LUNCH CLUB WILL BE ON 2 FEBRUARY**

# WHAT'S ON

JANUARY	
<b>Sun 1 CHRISTMAS 2</b>	
<b>Mon 2</b>	
8.30pm	Church in the Pub – p4
<b>Tues 3</b>	
10am	Inter-Church prayers – RC Church (side-chapel) – p9
<b>Wed 4</b>	
10am	St Barnabas Outreach – Library Car Park – p23
<b>Fri 6 THE EPIPHANY</b>	
<b>Sat 7</b>	
8.30am	Contemplative Fire – Wild Fortune Prayer Loft – p5
10am	Storrington Conservation Society – Working Party – p31
<b>Sun 8 EPIPHANY 1</b>	
1pm	Sunday Lunch Club – p16
<b>Mon 9</b>	
7.30pm	Storrington Museum – Talk – p24
<b>Tues 10</b>	
8pm	Chemin Neuf – Praise and Prayer – p11
<b>Wed 11</b>	
10am	Wild Fortune Quiet Garden – p5
7.30pm	Rotary Film Night – <i>Me Before You</i> – p19
<b>Thurs 12</b>	
1pm	West Chilmington & Storrington MU – New Year Lunch – p23
7pm	Bingo - Mary How Trust – p19
<b>Sat 14</b>	
10am	Storrington Museum – New exhibition opens – p24
10am	Sandgate Conservation Society – Working Party – p19
7.30pm	Taylor Maid Concert - St Mary's, Storrington – p24
<b>Sun 15 EPIPHANY 2</b>	
4pm	Church@4 - St Mary's, Storrington - p6
<b>Mon 16</b>	
2pm	Knit and Stitch Tea – p4
7pm	Macmillan Film Night – <i>A Street Cat Named Bob</i> – p15
<b>Wed 18 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity</b> (until 25 Jan)	
	– p11
7.30 pm	Sullington Windmills WI - Meeting – p23
8pm	Unity Week Prayers – Trinity Methodist Church – p11
<b>Thurs 19</b>	
2pm	Storrington Conservation Society – Working Party – p31
7pm	Unity Week Prayers – Chemin Neuf – p11
<b>Fri 20</b>	
8.30am	Unity Week Morning Prayer – St Mary's, Storrington – p11
7.30pm	Storrington Horticultural Society – Talk – p27
<b>Sun 22 EPIPHANY 3</b>	
6pm	Unity Week Main Service - RC Church – p11
<b>Mon 23</b>	
12.30pm	Unity Week Midday Prayers – Chemin Neuf – p11

<b>Tues 24</b>	
6pm	Unity Week Evening Service – St Mary's, Storrington – p11
<b>Wed 25</b>	
10am	Unity Week Morning Worship – St Mary's, West Chilmington – p11
2pm	Storrington Flower Club – Meeting – p27
7.30pm	Sandgate Conservation Society – Talk – p19
<b>Sat 28</b>	
10am	Sandgate Conservation Society – Working Party – p19
10.30am	FSW Coffee Morning – p11
7.30pm	Rotary Club Disco Party – Pulborough – p34
<b>Sun 29 EPIPHANY 4</b>	
Details of all church activities on pages 4,5,6 and 20.	

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL DAYS

JANUARY	
<b>Sun 1 THE NAMING OF JESUS</b>	
<b>Mon 2 Basil the Great, 379</b> , Greek, theologian, supported the Nicene Creed	
<b>Gregory of Nazianzus, 389</b> , together with Basil the Great, known as one of Cappadocian Fathers – early development of Christian theology	
<b>Sun 8 Baptism of Christ</b>	
<b>Tue 10 William Laud, 1645</b> , Archbishop of Canterbury from 1633	
<b>Wed 11 Mary Slessor, 1915</b> , a Scottish missionary to Nigeria. She is credited with having stopped the killing of twins among the Efik, a particular ethnic group in Nigeria	
<b>Thu 12 Aelred of Hexham, 116</b> , historian and spiritual writer	
<b>Fri 13 Hilary of Poitiers, 367</b> , patron saint of lawyers Kentigern (Mungo) 603, founder and patron saint of Glasgow	
George Fox, 1691, founder of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	
<b>Tue 17 Antony the Great of Egypt, 356</b> , hermit and father of monks	
Charles Gore, 1932, Anglican theologian (NB his brother, Spencer, was the 1 <sup>st</sup> Wimbledon tennis champion!)	
<b>Wed 18 Amy Carmichael, 1951</b> , a Protestant Christian missionary in India, who opened an orphanage and founded a mission in Dohnavur	
<b>Thu 19 Wulfstan, 1095</b> , Bishop and patron saint of Worcester (and loved roast goose!)	
<b>Fri 20 Richard Rolle, 1349</b> , religious writer, Bible translator and hermit	
<b>Sat 21 Agnes of Rome, 304</b> , virgin and martyr, associated with lambs (L. <i>agnus</i> )	
<b>Sun 22 Vincent of Saragossa, 304</b> , patron saint of vintners and vinegar-makers, island of St Vincent (Caribbean) named after him	
<b>Tue 24 Francis de Sales, 1622</b> , co-founder of the women's Order of the Visitation of Holy Mary (Visitandines)	
<b>Wed 25 THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL</b>	
<b>Thu 26 St. Timothy &amp; St. Titus</b> , disciples of St Paul, Timothy co-author of many books of New Testament	
<b>Sat 28 Thomas Aquinas, 1274</b> , one of the most influential theologians, patron saint of universities and students	
<b>Tues 31 John Bosco, 1888</b> , founded the Institute of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians, a religious congregation of nuns dedicated to the care and education of poor girls	



# STORRINGTON & SULLINGTON – REFLECTIONS OF THE PAST

## 3 HIGH STREET, THE EVOLUTION OF THE OLDEST BUILDING IN THE CENTRE OF STORRINGTON

The 1788 map of the parish shows a building on this site, but it is much older. Roy Armstrong, founder of the Weald and Downland Museum, identified Tudor bricks, part of an inglenook fireplace with the remains of a bread oven in what became, in later years, the wireless and electrical workshop at the back of the premises. This would have protruded into an old building where there was also a brick-built copper. A connecting door on the first floor between the two buildings suggests they may have once formed one messuage. The photo taken in the early 1950s of the back of the premises and the 'cottage' seems to support this, so possibly it was originally the scullery/wash-house.



The oldest photo was probably taken in the 1880s, as the tree opposite the building behind it burnt down in 1893. Gas lamps also seen in the photo were installed between 1878 and 1898.

No.3 shows a very new frontage extending beyond the roof on both sides with two blank window shapes with nothing behind them. The two neighbouring houses without new frontages show what the first house probably looked like before being given its supporting new front. There is no door, so the entrance must have been round the back.



By about 1890, in the photo of the Square, a door had been installed between the two ground floor windows and the name W. BAKER has been painted above it. *Pike's Blue Book*, 1886 - 7 lists W.Baker as a Watchmaker and Jeweller, East Street.

At that time, East Street started at the corner of Brewer's Yard, as Mrs Mauchlin, grocer, seen behind the horse and cart, is also listed as being in East Street. The addresses of four businesses in what is now known as The Square are said to be in High Street. 'The Square' does not appear as any address at all. William Baker is not listed in subsequent directories:

*Pigot's Directory* 1839 "One long street with another diverging from the centre. There is but little trade attached to the town"

*Pike's Blue Book* 1886 -7 "Trade and commercial interests have been much impaired by the construction of the railway from Horsham through Pulborough to Midhurst"

The next photo shows later development next to the shop. The other two cottages have been demolished and the first purpose-built bank has been erected (1905), the Capital and Counties Bank, later taken over by Lloyds Bank. Between that and The Elders, the flint-built cottage, is an empty plot. The shop in No.3 had been taken over by E. (Teddy) Eldridge, Watchmaker. The 1895 *Post Office Directory* lists Henry Wilmer, Haircutter, also in the premises. His business occupied a small part in the east of the shop. Charles Mant recalled in his notes that when he there for a shave, the proprietor was over in the White Horse attending to the landlord who was ill in bed, so Mr Mant had a beer while he waited. When the barber came down and was asked how long he would be, he dipped his shaving brush in Mr Mant's beer and shaved him there and then.



Teddy Eldridge gave up the shop before 1920, by which time it had become a butcher's run by Mr West for the Colonial Meat Suppliers. Further development came in 1907 when the empty plot next

to the bank was acquired by Abner Soffe, who erected a three-storey building which he called The Homestead, It housed his family of five children from two marriages and his various enterprises, bootmaker, shoe repairer, bed and breakfast, tea shop and tea garden selling ices and minerals and boasting the only toilet for HIS customers ONLY as he was not slow to inform anyone else who might need it. In 1924, a new business entered the village and became established in the shop. It was Ron Vine's wireless accessories shop sharing the premises with William Mustchin, Cycle Agent. A collection of cycles can be seen propped up outside.

By 1930 William Mustchin no longer appeared in the directory, R.Vine had taken over the whole shop with part of the premises let to Bryant, Coal Merchant. Also worth noting is the lack of overhead cables, as mains electricity had not then reached Storrington. Ron Vine's first supply came from Bernard Hecks' private generator which used the water wheel of his mill at Sullington Manor Farm. One of the early parts of Ron Vine's business was selling batteries and charging accumulators.



The first mains electricity came to the village from the Mid Sussex Electricity Supply Company whose poles can be seen in the 1935 photo where the shop is decorated for the Coronation. The taller pole is a telegraph pole, the shorter one carried four cables running dangerously close to the top windows of The Homestead and No.3.



The photo from The Square taken by the village photographer Mr Drewett, also shows the ornamental gas lamp installed to celebrate the jubilee of Queen Victoria. The old square shop frontage by this time had acquired

a thick covering of ivy and the 1935 photo shows this had been stripped off and the front of the building returned to the natural shape of the roof.

The bank, now Lloyds, had also been rebuilt with a flat roof. Ron Vine's shop gained an attractive illuminated glass sign depicting the Mazda fairy advertising their lamps. There is another new development - the familiar 'H' aerial at the back of the roof shows that television had arrived, although few people had TV sets.



1953 was the year of the Queen's coronation, and the BBC's major outside broadcast of the event, which meant that many people wanted TV. Ron Vine gave up the business in 1954 and Ron Ham, who had been managing it for him, took over with Derek Knight as his partner.



They were there for 26 years, during which time they saw many new developments in the electrical and broadcasting industries. Ron decided to retire in 1982 and devote more time to technical journalism, broadcasting and computers. Derek Knight carried on, later with his son Carson, who then ran the business on his own until 2016, when the original radio and electrical trade was no longer viable. The wireless and electrical shop had run its course for nearly 100 years, the oldest continuous business in the village. 3 High Street is now in other hands and will see different challenges. We wish them the best of luck with their venture.



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## WI NEWS SULLINGTON WINDMILLS

The President opened the November meeting by welcoming members and two visitors. As usual, the November meeting is the Annual Meeting.

The Speaker for the evening was introduced, Auntie Val, who is the founder of Auntie Val's Kitchens Community Interest Company, based in Storrington, making jams and chutneys under the brand name of Downsman, also producing products for other companies under their own label. Val explained she first started making jams and chutneys as a child, supervised by her granny. As an adult, she worked as a carer and became aware of the problems and setbacks disabled people encountered when trying to secure employment. Val has now combined her two passions, jam-making and helping disabled people, with this venture. The Company is committed to offer work experience, workplace social integration, improving literacy and numeracy and employment opportunities. Val spoke passionately about the employees, who are jokingly called the Jammy Dodgers, and told how they had sent birthday greetings to Her Majesty on her 90th Birthday, and how thrilled they had been to receive a reply from Buckingham Palace, and to receive an invite to the Birthday Celebrations at Windsor Castle. They had received an Outstanding Award to the Community 2016, from the County Times. In recognition of their work with the disabled, Val and her husband were invited to a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace.

Following refreshments, the business part of the evening took place, with the Treasurer, Secretary and President giving their reports for the last year. Under the supervision of Marita Watteau, who is herself a County advisor, the new President, Russ Fry, and Committee were elected. Sheila Foster, the retiring President, was warmly thanked for her devotion to her role for the last three years. The meeting was closed and members were reminded to bring their decorated parcels of biscuits or chocolates to the December Meeting, which would be distributed to local needy families.

The January meeting will take place on **18 January**, when the speaker will be Nichola Court, on Rural Life in West Sussex. We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month (2nd Wednesday December) at Sullington Parish Hall, at 7.30pm. A warm welcome awaits any visitors or new members

Pat Snape

## WEST CHILTINGTON AND STORRINGTON MOTHERS' UNION

**Mothers' UNION**  
Christian care for families

At the Deanery Synod held in November, Jean Hunt circulated leaflets about *Away from it All Holidays*. This information is available from the Parishes or from Jean on 01798 813681, so please make enquiries if you know of someone who desperately needs a holiday.

On 24 November, Bishop Dibo of Cameroon and his wife, Mama Estelle, who were great company, visited West Chiltington Church en route to Singleton. They were greeted by the churchwardens, who very kindly provided coffee and biscuits on arrival, and Mrs Pam Wells gave them a guided tour of the Church. Sadly, only five of our members could be there to welcome them, as Mama Estelle is a MU member and had so much to tell us of their MU projects. An example of this was teaching women to run their own businesses, such as making new bags from old plastic ones. They have a saying "from waste to wealth", and this is clearly working. We presented the Bishop and his wife with a Prayer Shawl each, which were joyfully received. Our Diocesan President, Kathryn, with her husband, Andy Anderson, our Diocesan Treasurer, travelled from Eastbourne to greet them and were also able to join them for a hot lunch in the Church Hall.

We were delighted to welcome several guests to our very early Christmas party on 1 December. Mrs Chrystalle Kersley set us a very good Christmas quiz, where all the answers were either a boy's or girl's name, the winner being Mrs Sally Boyland. This was followed by beautiful carol singing from everyone, with Chrystalle leading us on the piano. We all very much enjoyed the festive tea provided by our members, and the proceeds from the raffle amounted to £115, which will go to *Away from it All Holidays*, to support our two caravans at Winchelsea and Selsey.

There is no meeting in January, but on 12 January members will gather at The Queens Head pub, West Chiltington, for a New Year lunch. A reminder to all members that subscriptions are due on 1 January: £22 for members and £17 for indoor members

A happy New Year to all.

Jean Hunt (01798 813681)

## STORRINGTON COMMUNITY MARKET Village Hall, opposite Stable Antiques

Open Friday 6, 13, 20 & 27  
January 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 and jewellery and Aloe Vera skincare products. Stop for a coffee or tea and cake. Browse the second-hand book stall and the bric-a-brac stall.

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

Wishing all our customers a Happy New Year and we look forward to seeing you all again after the Christmas break.



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



## SUSSEXDOWN CHRISTMAS FAYRE

**B**

St Barnabas House

### St Barnabas House Hospice Outreach Project

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

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

**Wednesday 4 Jan and 1 Feb – 10am to 2pm**

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



The Museum will open after the Christmas break on **Saturday, 14 January**, when visitors will be able to see a new exhibition 'Suffragists - The Quiet Campaigners', about an aspect of women's struggle to have equal rights with men.

Before this, on **Monday, 9 January**, there will be a talk on 'Fryern Dell – a Victorian Pleasure Garden', given by Mick Denness.

To link in with the new exhibition, the talk on **Monday, 6 February**, will be given by Frances Stenlake on 'Campaigning for Women's Suffrage in the Worthing Area'.

On 5 December, Dr Sally White talked to us about the development of Worthing as a seaside resort. Worthing in the 18th century was "desirable for the aged and infirm and consumptive" because of its "mildness of air". Before Worthing became a resort it was scarcely a village, just a collection of fishing huts, but in the 18th century fashionable people believed in the curative powers of sea water. People flocked to the coast, and gradually Worthing became the place to visit for "respectable" people, especially after George III allowed his daughter Amelia to visit the town, Brighton being seen as too "racy".

Houses were built to accommodate visitors and inevitably all their needs were met from lodgings to chapels to public baths, the first of which was built in 1797 in what is now Bath Place. While total immersion was good for you, you had to be strong to do it and for some even paddling was not recommended. These people were instructed just to breathe the ozone, so that ozone baths appeared! By 1789, bathing machines were in use at 6d. or 1 shilling a go. Rules were established and there was strict segregation of the sexes; 1924 saw the last bathing machine at Worthing, and Worthing was one of the last to allow mixed bathing.

Worthing was recognised as a green, healthy area. In London there were advertisements saying "There is no fog in Worthing today". With the advent of the railways, more and more people made the journey from London, both on day excursions and as holidaymakers. At first, people staying in the new lodging houses brought their own food which the landlady cooked for them, then food was provided at extra charge, and gradually the arrangements we know today came into being and hotels blossomed.

In 1840, the Esplanade gave people a paved walk, then in 1862 the Pier was built. Now you could go to sea for 2d. and not be seasick. Over the years, the Pier has had some bad times: it was badly damaged in a storm in 1913, re-opened in 1914, was damaged by fire in 1933, re-opened in 1935, "strategically" bombed in WW2 and re-opened, again, in 1949. But it still survives - a remarkable and striking seafront attraction.

At the end of November, Phil Holt gave a talk, sponsored by the Museum, at Sullington Parish Hall on The Red Arrows – Best of British. Phil Holt is well-qualified on this subject being a pilot, a Patron of Bournemouth Air Festival, and Air Display Director of the Red Arrows. There may be teams in France, Italy, Canada, and two in America, but British was the first and the best!

It began on April Fool's Day 1918, when Chief of Air Staff, Hugh Trenchard, the father of the RAF, decided that there were not enough recruits going to the Central Flying School. He organised competitions between squadrons at air shows and, from this, a team emerged who wore black flying suits in their Meteor planes, and later in their black Hawker Hunters, and they became the Black Arrows. In 1964, the team became the Yellowjacks, but in the same year their aeroplanes were painted red and they became the Red Arrows. The Gnat was their aircraft, used for the first time in a display in 1965. By the end of the 1980s, with better engines and in BAE Hawks, their stunts reached speeds of 622mph, which was the maximum the air frame could cope with.

Many pilots aspire to join this elite group and there is an unbelievably rigorous process to select the successful three pilots from, perhaps, 300 applicants. Women pilots have applied to join the Red Arrows but so far only Flight Lt Kirsty Stewart has made it into the team.

The three new pilots spend their first year at the back of the formation, which has now increased from 7 to 9 planes. They move forward in the second year and in the third year they are in front. A leader is one of these three. They train for six months and then comes Red Suit Day when they have all passed the most stringent tests and are allowed to take part in public displays.

Supporting these nine people is a large team called the 'Blues', permanent staff who deal with all the ground needs: engineers, electricians, armourers, airframe maintenance, a survival specialist, the supply team and logistics team. From these, nine form the 'Circus' and look after one jet exclusively. There is also the dye team, who organise the smoke which has become so important in the displays. The smoke canisters are under the fuselage and last for only seven minutes.

Phil Holt rather did not dwell on two things: the cost, which must run into millions of pounds, and the danger, which must be enormous, especially in training, but it must all be worth it to the country and to the men and women who are the pilots and whose dedication and skill are so greatly admired.

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

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## THAKEHAM GARDENERS' CLUB

At the November meeting, Wolfgang Bopp visited the Club and spoke about Hilliers Winter Garden at Romsey. Wolfgang is the curator and also a director of the gardens and he studied horticulture in Germany. He told us a little of the garden and arboretum history, which was started in 1953 by Sir Harold when he moved to Jermyns House with 42 acres. Previously, his grandfather, in 1864, had started a florist and nursery in Winchester and his father was a world authority on conifers. Sir Harold collected plants worldwide and the garden now hold many plant collections of over 12,000 different plants and extends to 180 acres. The gardens were left to Hampshire County Council in 1977 and are now run as a charitable trust.

Wolfgang said that the winter garden is about colour and texture and showed us slides which emphasised the winter beauty and also the autumn colour leading up to it. This is the largest winter garden in Europe and holds roughly 700 plant varieties which are at their best between November and February; especially featured are white *rubus biflorus* and *cornus Porlock*.

We were also shown the centenary border which is over 250 metres in length and was replanted four years ago, containing 30,000 plants such as red lupins and purple alliums, a spectacular sight in summer, and 20,000 spring bulbs.

Wolfgang was warmly thanked and the gardens put on our list of future visits.

A reminder that the Club doesn't meet in January but will resume in February.

Meetings take place at 7.30 pm 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



## STORRINGTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

David Millais of Millais Nurseries gave an illustrated talk on the many varieties of Rhododendrons and Azaleas. His nursery is tucked away down some lovely Surrey lanes situated in Churt, and is the largest specialist grower in the south of England. Here you can stroll through Rhododendrons in an idyllic, wooded setting with lawns and ponds.

Back in 1947, Ted and Romy Millais purchased a derelict farm and, over many years of planting, they have stocked the gardens with a vast array of choice varieties.

A number of new varieties were found by the Millais themselves out on plant hunting trips in the Himalayas, home of the Rhododendron, where they were on the lookout for unusual and late flowering varieties that would avoid the frosts in their garden. Largely as a result of this work, Millais Nurseries can offer plants to flower for nearly all seasons. They opened the nursery in 1970 and today they have over 35,000 species.

David Millais explained that the difference between an Azalea and Rhododendron is that Azaleas have five stamens and tend to be smaller in size, while a Rhododendron has ten or more stamens. They mostly prefer sun and not too much shade and will stand all temperatures. The flowering time is spring and dead-heading after flowering will create more flowers the following year. Many slides were shown illustrating the wonderful colours and sizes one can find.

Currently they are involved at the nursery with a large mapping and labelling project to ensure that as many plants as possible are recorded for their own use, and to help visitors.

The illustrated talk on the **20 January** is by Celia and David Rudland from East Surrey Bees on 'The Fascinating World of Bees'. Candles, honey and polish will be on sale. Venue is Storrington Village Hall at 7.30pm. Members £1, guests £2, with tea or coffee and raffle. Details on web site [www.storrington.org.uk](http://www.storrington.org.uk).

Storrington Horticultural Society would like to thank members and guests who kindly donated to Children in Need appeal and also David Millais who donated his fee at our November meeting. The total collected was £156.50 - thank you.

Sheila Parvis

## Date for your diary...

### Saturday 11 February

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## STORRINGTON FLOWER CLUB

Wednesday 25 January at 2pm

Sullington Parish Hall

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## WEST CHILTINGTON DRAMATIC SOCIETY

### Wishing all our audiences a Happy New Year!

The next production is on 25, 26 and 27 May. The play 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. It is the night of Michael and Roma's fancy dress house-warming party. The evening looks set to be a lively one until a string of hilarious disasters strikes: including a distinct lack of guests, a burning garden shed, a marauding zimmer frame and the prospect of an irate husband on the prowl. **Auditions are on Monday 9 and Thursday 12 January** at 7:30pm in West Chiltington Village Hall. We are always happy to welcome new members at auditions. Do contact Miq on 01798 874462 if you would like more information.

Our next Members' Evening on **18 February** will be a one act play, *Once Bittern*, written and directed by Jean Trew, followed by a fish and chip supper. These evenings are only £9 (£5 for members) and we welcome potential members who may be interested in joining.

The Society's autumn production has now finished. It was well received by record audiences. Over 350 people were able to enjoy *Sun Stroke*! A review by Amanda Hislop follows:

In November, packed audiences were once again thoroughly entertained by the latest production from West Chiltington Dramatic Society, *Sun Stroke*, the world premiere of a comedy written by local playwright Edwin Preece. Edwin has been writing plays since 2012, his productions being performed in various locations around the country, including London and Brighton.

*Sun Stroke*, loosely based on Noel Coward's *Hay Fever*, is set in the home of an eccentric couple, Yvonne and Hubert Michaeljohn. Pam Luxton, playing Yvonne, certainly brought this flamboyant and exuberant character to life. She was full of flare and was hilarious, especially during the second act when she struggled to cope with the various kitchen appliances. Her very tolerant husband, Hubert, was played by Ian Stuart, and although relatively new to acting, brought this character to life with great expression.

The story begins with their daughter, Jacqueline, played by Angela Sloan, arriving for the weekend. Angela was perfect for this part,

portraying a shy and somewhat vulnerable young lady; a complete contrast to her mother! One couldn't help feeling sorry for her at the beginning, although as the plot developed a rather different side of her was revealed! Robert Ingram, as Jacqueline's boyfriend, Edgar, gave a great performance in playing this rather 'safe' and wimpish character, rather unsettled on his arrival with the experience of being given a lift on the back of a motor bike, driven by Jacqueline's sister, Amanda. Hari Flannigan played Amanda, a vivacious and fiercely independent character, and she certainly captured the feel – woe betide anyone who got in her way!

Further disarray was added with the arrival of Hubert's assistant, Linda, played by Sue Burroughs, besotted with work and determined to gain Hubert's attention. Sue was captivating in this role with her cheery attitude, but she too had a twist to her character! Julian Hoad, as Fabio, added much laughter and confusion to the ensuing relationships, exuding his usual humorous expressions and loveable nature and certainly proved to be a very believable Italian lothario. The final character is the gardener, Brinsworth, played by Mike Nicholson. Mike was brilliant in this role of a rather grumpy, possessive chap, creating a hilarious fear in anyone daring to disturb 'his' garden.

The cast really worked well together, with impeccable timing and perfect delivery of lines, to create an extremely funny, entertaining and captivating evening. Wendy Davies, director, has once again excelled, bringing the actors together to produce a fast-moving and brilliantly delivered play, well-supported by her assistant and producer, Jennifer Steward.

Congratulations must also go to a fantastic set, brilliant lighting and sound effects and a well-organised team in coordinating all aspects of this production.

Once again, West Chiltington Dramatic Society has put on a marvellous production, but a special congratulation must go to the writer, Edwin Preece – I am sure I am not the only one eagerly awaiting his next production, which is sure to be of the same very high quality as *Sun Stroke*. Well done to everyone, and thank you to all involved.

John Rimmer, Chairman



## STORRINGTON CONSERVATION SOCIETY

In November, we enjoyed the glorious autumn colours, often in sunshine. Then came the gales and the carpeting of the ground with leaves, which danced in lighter winds. The bare trees revealed their beauty in a different way. And now at the start of the year we look forward to their fresh green in spring. An annual cycle we take for granted. Yet the seasons are vital to our way of life, and to much wild life.



Our annual work programme reflects this. In the autumn and winter our work tends to be woodland management and invasive species clearance, then in spring and summer we clear paths and stream banks, including preparation for the duck race. This pattern avoids disturbing nesting birds, for example. We also contribute to the preparation for the 'In Bloom' judging.

Our work party on 3 December continued the clearing of saplings on the bank of the pond in Fryern Dell. The work on **7 January**, between 10am and 12noon will be in the lower Dell, with woodland management and restoration, all part of the five-year programme. A break for coffee and chat is included. Necessary tools are provided, but suitable clothes and footwear should be worn. Anyone interested in our work, or perhaps joining us, is welcome to come along. You will meet a cheerful group, whatever the weather. For details of the Thursday work party on **19 January** at 2pm, please refer to our website.

For information about all our activities, or becoming a member, please get in touch with Mick Denness on 745971, or look on our website [www.storringtonconservation.org.uk](http://www.storringtonconservation.org.uk)

Stuart Kersley



## STORRINGTON DRAMATIC SOCIETY

After another very successful pantomime in December of *Beauty and the Beast*, seen by record audiences of well over 500 children and adults, SDS are delighted to announce the forthcoming summer production of:

### Up Pompeii 14 to 17 June Put it in your diary now!

Based on the original Frankie Howerd comedy, this hilarious romp through Roman Pompeii brings back all the old TV favourites. Tickets will be on sale at our usual box offices in due course.



As Lurcio tries vainly to deliver the prologue, his efforts are (as usual) overtaken by the regular innuendo laden shenanigans involving cross dressing, mistaken identities, scantily clad slave girls and randy senators! But, as Senna the ancient soothsayer warns of "woe, woe and thrice woe!", a distant rumbling is heard – what could it possibly be?!

It is fun to see a show, but it's even more fun to take part. All are welcome to join us, in roles both on and off stage. Auditions for this brilliant farce (with 6 male and 5 female roles) will be held in the New Year and scripts will be available shortly.

But, if you think you would like to strut your stuff on the SDS stage as Frankie Howerd, a sexy serving wench, a treacherous slave trader or a raddled old hag (amongst many great parts), please contact Director, Sue Goble, as soon as possible to register your interest (email [sungria@rocketmail.com](mailto:sungria@rocketmail.com) or call 01798 812794).

## STORRINGTON AND DISTRICT PROBUS



The Club continued its very active social programme with a walk in the sunshine around the Kirdford area, organised by Alan French. Whilst, a bit cold, over 20 walkers enjoyed the bracing walk and worked up an appetite for a very nice lunch at The Half Moon pub.

Having made sure we were keeping up our physical activity programme, it was time to get the brain working and Andrew and Sheila Boulbee put together one of their very cleverly devised quizzes and



Rob Neal-Smith organised the very enjoyable afternoon. Rob, supported by the ladies who baked a scrumptious assortment of cakes, put on a lovely afternoon tea at the Trinity Methodist Church Hall in Storrington, whilst we all scratched our brains for those allusive answers to those tricky questions.

Peter Kerns attended the Local Area Probus Club Meeting on behalf of the Club at St Andrew's Church Hall, Ferring. Twelve clubs attended, including two ladies' clubs and two mixed clubs. Information was shared on all the different clubs' activities and an on-going contact list setup to continue the sharing of information. Everyone agreed this once a year meeting was extremely worthwhile and a date for 2017 was put in the calendar.

At our monthly lunch at the Tollgate Carvery, we were joined by Katy Bourne, Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner, as our guest speaker. Katy talked to us passionately about the challenges of modern day policing, including the need for getting the right people with the right skills to fight the new kinds of crime such as cybercrime. Katy also talked about the challenging issues her role had meant, which she had taken on following her election, in establishing the position and its mandate with the Sussex Police Force. Katy expressed her concerns about the need for more funding, including from government and Sussex Council. On a lighter note, Katy joined in our raffle, picking the winning numbers and then mixed in with our members for several photos.

The Ladies' Night Dinner, a highlight of the year's calendar, was organised by Bob Manning, and was held once again at West Sussex Golf Club. A very well-attended evening was really enjoyed by everyone. WSGC provided its usual high level standard of catering and service. After the meal, entertainment was provided by The Elderly Brothers which got everyone up dancing and doing their *Strictly* impressions (eat your heart out Ed Balls!!!).

Don Cleary organised another splendid coffee morning at The Welldiggers, Petworth. This is such a great location and the views from the restaurant with the sun shining on a bright, crisp day were stunning. As usual, The Welldiggers staff did a fantastic job of providing tea, coffee and homemade biscuits. The morning was enjoyed so much that some members decided they wanted to continue their time there and stayed on to enjoy a great lunch.

A trip to the Chichester Theatre Christmas Concert awaits, followed by the end of the year Christmas Lunch. Ten pin bowling with Chanctonbury Probus is being organised, followed by a Race Night and a coach trip to Delft Holland in the New Year.

Our Club wishes all readers a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Peter Kerns 01798 815746





# WEST SUSSEX MINIBUS CHARITY ACHIEVES MAJOR MILESTONES IN 2016

The Community Minibus Association (West Sussex) is a registered charity and has been providing door to door transport services since its initial service in early 1976. The organisation is unique in that it is run entirely by unpaid volunteers, in varying roles such as drivers, passenger escorts, booking staff, fleet managers, divisional organisers and others who ensure the day to day running of the charity. Registered passengers are able to join regular trips to shopping centres, lunches, seaside locations, social events and also to special excursions. Associate membership is also possible for organised groups.

The minibus service operates across rural West Sussex, using 13 minibuses with 8 centres of operation located in Ashington, Billingshurst, Five Villages (south of A27), Petworth, Pulborough, Storrington, Steyning and Wisborough Green.

During 2016, the charity achieved two major milestones:

## 40 years of operation

**Queens Award for Voluntary Service (QAVS)**, the equivalent status for voluntary groups as an MBE awarded to individuals. Lord-Lieutenant of West Sussex, Mrs Susan Pyper, made the presentation of the exclusive commemorative crystal, following the official reading of the citation signed by HRH Queen Elizabeth.



Left to right Sir Brian Barttelot, (President of the charity) , Simon Knight (Deputy Lord Lieutenant, West Sussex), Alistair Sheppard (Chairman of the charity), Susan Pyper (Lord Lieutenant , West Sussex), Rodger Hunt (Honorary Vice President of the charity)

## History

In 1973, the concept of a Minibus Association was born, from the action of the Pulborough and District Community Care Association, and derived from cuts in local bus services, especially in rural communities. Alternative transport solutions were considered by a team led by Leonard Phillipson, who later went on to become the Honorary General Secretary of the charity.

As the concept grew to reality, local resident Mrs Rita Cockburn loaned and drove a minibus for trial runs, while Mrs Pamela Finn found willing passengers. In 1975, the organisation formed a constitution with Brigadier Sir Geoffrey Hardy-Roberts as the first President. The first minibus was bought through co-operation of funding with local villages and the first official trip of the Community Minibus Association commenced in early 1976!

The Association became a registered charity around 1977. Over subsequent few years the geographical range of services expanded, together with additional minibus purchases supported through funding by local Parish councils, and by 1980, we were also operational in Storrington, West Chiltington, Billingshurst, Petworth and Five villages, in the area of Barnham.

## Charity today

The charity currently has around 600 registered passengers enjoying our services regularly. Membership subscriptions and trip fees are maintained at very affordable levels. More passengers are welcome, from all age groups. Associate Membership is also available to local clubs and associations interested in using a minibus.



Over 400 volunteers help to run the charity either as drivers, passenger escorts, in administrative roles, or as divisional organisers or Trustees. They provide a few hours a week, or more if their available time permits. Some of our volunteers have held a variety of roles for more than 30 years!

Chairman of West Sussex minibus, Alistair Sheppard OBE said "We are extremely proud and honoured to receive the Queens Award, which coincides with our 40th anniversary in 2016. Our tremendous group of unpaid volunteers help to maintain essential support to local communities across rural West Sussex. Passengers enjoy our friendly service and look forward to meeting both new friends and old during their trips. This award is a tribute to all the dedicated work by our volunteers, past and present."



The charity very much sees its role as providing a social service to the local community, and particularly for passengers in isolated areas, who otherwise would be unable to travel to the shopping centres, and neighbouring towns. With comfort and safety of passengers as a primary function, our drivers are put through their paces in a brief assessment led by one of the team of training supervisors. Passenger escorts are also on hand to help with passenger pick up, as well as delivering those heavy shopping bags to your door!

The organisation operates through Charity Commission and relevant government and transport guidelines and this necessitates on-going review of our procedures and practices and to ensure best practice for a charity with a Queens Award. Fund raising schemes are in place to provide much needed income to the charity, including donations, grants and legacies which are very much appreciated, although more is needed to support on-going costs. The charity recently registered through the "Give As You Live" scheme which allows on line shoppers, whether members of the charity or otherwise, to donate a percentage of their purchase to their nominated charity, at no additional cost.



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## CRUSE LINES POETRY WRITING COMPETITION

*Do you enjoy jotting down  
your thoughts in a poem?*

*Have you ever thought of  
entering it in a competition?*

**Here's your chance!**

A charity fund-raising competition has been launched in aid of the amazing work in bereavement care by the volunteers of Cruse in West Sussex. There are two age groups: Adults and Under 18's with two sections. Section 1 for poems of any subject. Section 2 for poems on the theme of 'Home'. The wintery evenings could be ideal for you to compose something special. Cash prizes for winners, kindly donated by sponsors. **Entries close 1 February.**

Further details and entry forms can be found on web page <https://cruselinespoetrycompetition.com> or by emailing the secretary at [cruselinespoetrycompetition@gmail.com](mailto:cruselinespoetrycompetition@gmail.com)



## CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL FREE LUNCH TIME CONCERTS

### JANUARY

**Tuesday 10** Lynden Cranham (cello)  
Richard Barnes (piano)

**Tuesday 17** Tom Winpenny (organ)

**Tuesday 24** Chichester String Ensemble

**Tuesday 31** An-Ting Chang (piano)

Free entry. All are welcome

For full details of programmes see

**[www.chichestercathedral.org.uk](http://www.chichestercathedral.org.uk)**



## Typical Service

A typical day, whether for shopping, lunches, or local places of interest, starts with the designated driver meeting with the allocated passenger escort, and they proceed to progressively pick up the pre-booked passengers from their homes. Often the passengers are so regular in their use of the service, since many of them enjoy meeting their friends, the pickup route is predetermined.

Once arrived at the destination, passengers are helped off the minibus and the return time is agreed. Shopping bags are loaded into the storage area in the rear of the minibus, and the return to home commences. Passengers are escorted to their door together with their belongings.



## FRYERN LADIES' PROBUS



With hefty minus temperatures outside, the warm ambiance of West Sussex Golf Club embraced 54 freezing diners with a much needed welcoming drink.

Once comfortably settled into the bar lounge, the ladies immersed themselves in conversation and caught up on the month's news to date. We were all interested in the speaker of the day, George Yates, who had sensibly arrived early to set up.



George, who is a member of the Magic Circle, was accompanied by his assistant Lesley, and we all enjoyed getting to know them. George is in high demand in this area as he is down to entertain the ladies from Sullington Windmills WI on 14 December and since there were at least seven of that WI present they will have a further treat in store.

Also present were three ladies from Felpham Ladies' Probus: Gill, Liv and Patsy. It was a pleasure to see them again as both committees try to meet up during the year to exchange views and renew friendships. When we set up our Probus, nearly three years ago, we were guided by them and their Constitution and we are much indebted to them.

As well as the presence of an obliging Treasurer, there were complimentary drinks and a free raffle ticket for everyone. Jill and Marda had done an excellent job of buying special prizes and there was an overflowing table displaying the goodies to tempt everyone and to put us well into the Christmas spirit.

We had all been looking forward to this Christmas treat, the first of many, and had all previously made our menu choices from the succulent and wide-ranging dishes offered by the excellent chefs, Jason and Dave. We were not to be disappointed as our digestive juices swallowed and savoured each delicious mouthful from true professionals in a splendidly decorated dining room, waited on by the delightful and efficient Emily and staff.

Now for the entertainment and for George the Magician to come to light, and gracious me, we were not to be disappointed. George is the sort of magician who can appear to fail, gets undeserved sympathy from the audience, and then totally baffles them by his secret expertise and mind reading influence; talk about connivance! Whilst a crowded dining room is not an ideal venue and it's impossible to hide anything, George used his audience well and participation from the ladies was enthusiastic and audible. In particular, his mind-reading sessions were quite remarkable and we all appreciated his excellence; as he said, he'd had over 70 years' experience! A very smooth operator. Ann Salmon thanked George and Lesley for such an entertaining performance and we were immensely flattered and delighted to receive a present from them both of an amazingly large bottle of booze, which of course swiftly and magically turned into a can of soft drink; there's gratitude for you!

Our next meeting on **5 January** will be back at The Roundabout Hotel and our speaker will be from The Dame Vera Trust. On that final note of 2016, we would like to wish everyone a joyous New Year from Fryern Ladies' Probus.

Russ Fry

## Interested?

**Passengers, group members, volunteers are always welcome. Please contact the Storrington Divisional Organiser Mr Jim James on 740557 or our website [www.westsussexminibus.org.uk](http://www.westsussexminibus.org.uk) or Facebook page for more information.**





The RNLI, the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, is our most popular and best-supported national charity. It has stations throughout the British Isles and is financed entirely by voluntary fund-raising, which is able to raise the £400,000 per day required to finance its operating costs and the constant replacement of lifeboats with the faster and more sophisticated vessels now being built.

The presentation of the RNLI at our November meeting was made jointly by Margaret Kimber and Alan Young.

The first Lifeboat Organisation, named the Shipwreck Society, was started in the late 18th century when, following a sea disaster at Teignmouth with huge losses of life, a two guinea prize was given to the first lifeboat – a wooden boat. The original, with four rowers and two sweepers for steering, won and this same design was used for the next 100 years.

Early attempts to provide power, for example by steam or paddle, were dangerous or unsatisfactory. Internal combustion engines developed for marine use in World War 1 by Saunders Roe, however, provided a viable solution. In 1923, but with some reluctance, oars and sails were replaced when the first twin-engined boat was launched.

Alan took us through the various trials of alternative designs now replaced by the current fleet, all built by Saunders Roe. For offshore work, the Arun design, powered by 500 hp engines, capable of a speed of 22 knots, is capable of facing the rough seas experienced in storm conditions. For inshore situations, where speed of response is so essential, inflatables such as the Atlantic D Class, are capable of speeds of 32 knots on the latest models.

Many calls are in response to holiday crises, yachtsmen or windsurfers in trouble, swimmers or beach walkers cut off by the tide or sometimes by foolhardy action. An illustration of this was a video showing an Arun design lifeboat searching for a boy off Newhaven Harbour who had dived into the rough seas for a dare. The lifeboat was very close to being dashed against the harbour wall by huge waves. The boy's body was found a few days later. This was a reminder of the commitment and courage of the brave volunteer crews and of how much they deserve our continuous support.

Thank you Margaret and Alan for such a stimulating talk.

Derek Down

## BANISH THE WINTER BLUES

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## Note from the editor....



Wishing you all a very Happy New Year!

I sincerely hope you have had a truly joyous Christmas.

And, for the more astute, welcome to the first ever 36 page edition of 3 Heralds!

With no response or suggestions for extra features, as I requested last month, it got me thinking about how Jesus would have felt to hear 'silence'. I think he would have just carried on – someone out there is hearing, and even if not responding, they are listening quietly. So, for all my 'quiet' readers, I hope you continue to enjoy the magazine and trust me to fill the pages with items of interest. I leave you with blessings of God's silence

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