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I have managed to book a holiday away from home! For my next holiday I am actually going away, to Cornwall. I'm hoping it will be alright as, with a dog in tow, there is a limit to what is available to book. The place I have booked just leapt out of the web page at me. It is the converted stables belonging to the Old Rectory in Morwenstow, on the Cornish north coast. Morwenstow is synonymous with the name of the Revd Robert Hawker and many of us will know him as the 'inventor' of the Harvest Festival service. But he was much more colourful than that!

For my birthday earlier this year my brother gave me a book called *Field Guide to the English Clergy: A compendium of diverse eccentrics, pirates, and adventurers*, by The Revd Fergus Butler-Gallie. The first cleric in the book is Revd Robert Hawker (1803-75). Butler-Gallie comments, "...even by the high bar of the West Country, the Reverend Robert Stephen Hawker was a profoundly weird individual"! Hawker began his ordained ministry as a curate at nearby Bude. Here he felt called not only to be a priest, but also to be a mermaid. Wearing a wig of seaweed and an oilskin to cover his naked body he would sit on a rock in Bude harbour and sing. Many gathered to watch this spectacle and it only ended when winter was approaching, and a local farmer threatened to shoot the warbling mermaid.

After Bude, Hawker became incumbent of Morwenstow and continued his eccentric ways: he wore a long purple coat, blue fisherman's jersey and red trousers stuffed into huge waterproof boots, when out and about in the parish; he collected a large menagerie of animals including a wild stag called Robin and 10 cats, which went to church with him. He did some proper ministry too: he invented Harvest Festival, to encourage his people to come to church; and he would collect the bodies of shipwrecked sailors and give them proper burial in the churchyard. Apparently he paid for the dilapidated rectory to be re-built, to his own plans, and it included chimneys modelled on his favourite towers. This is the Old Rectory still standing today, and I am looking forward to seeing it. On the coast path can still be found a driftwood building known as 'Hawker's Hut', the National Trust's smallest property, where parson Hawker would spend his later opium-fuelled days writing nonsense poetry, as well as the *Song of the Western Men*, or *Trewlawny*, the unofficial Cornish anthem.

The *Field Guide to the English Clergy* is a fascinating insight into weird and wonderful forebears in ministry. What a different life from that of the modern cleric. A couple of months ago I was asked how it felt being back at work after Lockdown. I nearly blew a gasket! There may not have been services in church or meetings in person, but everything else kept going, just moving online, except for the

funerals which sadly just kept piling in. All clergy are now much better at modern technology, be it Zoom or Teams. But I suspect that all clergy, and probably most churchgoers, are delighted to be back 'in person' in church. It is lovely to see people again and to catch up with what is happening in their lives, particularly those who were unable to use IT to keep in touch, and it is fabulous to hear live music and singing from our choir 'singers of six'. Moving ahead, I am looking forward to when everyone can sing again in church, and I'm looking forward to the 'new' form of church with our live-streaming of our Sunday church service to those who are worshipping from home; now people can continue to take part with their church family even when they can't physically be in the building.

I would like to finish with a huge thank you to everyone who has kept St Mary's Storrington going during the pandemic. Lots of people have played their part, but I would particularly like to single out Den for all his work with Zoom and live-streaming, and Stephen who has done a brilliant job at keeping our musical and choral tradition going.

May God, who is Lord of the past, present and future, be with us now and always. Amen.

CANON KATHRYN WINDSLOW  
Rector of Storrington



A free phoneline of hymns,  
reflections and prayers

 THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

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What's happening at

# St Mary's Thakeham



**Sullington & Thakeham with Warminghurst**

Same family. Two parishes. Working together.

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## PASTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR

Please contact Revd Sara-Jane Stevens on 01798 813121 to make arrangements for Baptisms, Weddings and Banns of Marriage. She can be contacted at Thakeham Rectory throughout the week. Her day off is Friday.

## Loving God and loving our neighbour

### THAKEHAM COMMUNITY FRIDGE

For the past five months we have had a Community Fridge in Thakeham, organised by our Youth Workers Matt and Pippa Harder on behalf of St Mary's Thakeham and Sullington. Actively serving our community through mission and loving our neighbours, church is not just a building remember.

So, what is a Community Fridge? It is a place where local people can collect free food, often baked goods and fresh fruit and vegetables, that is surplus to requirements from local Supermarkets. This is food still within its use-by date but is deemed waste because of having a short date, damaged packaging or over-ordering. What we collect on a Wednesday and Thursday evening from Tesco's Pulborough is potluck, adding to the charm of the scheme! Pippa and Matt work in partnership with food waste reduction charity FareShare, who require us both to have Food Hygiene level 2 and inspect our cold storage regularly.

How did it start? Four years ago FareShare contacted us to see if we would be interested in joining their community food waste scheme FareShare Go. We did and began to collect the occasional donation of food from Tesco to use at Youth Club; for snack, activities or to give away to our families. When the pandemic started, Youth

Club stopped but the FareShare food waste calls just kept on coming. We started to collect regularly, two evenings a week and began to leave the food out by our house for locals.

Five months later and it is going strong. Meadow Stores have joined our cause and happily donate 'end of day' goods weekly. There are folk waiting at our gate at 9.30am on a Friday morning for the produce to be put out, before Pippa has even advertised there is food available on our Church Facebook page. Local people from all walks of life, working together to reduce the 38,000 tons of food waste per week. That's 1/3 of your supermarket going in the bin each week! If saving food appeals to you then you can follow our advertising and information on the 'Sullington and Thakeham with Warminghurst' Facebook page or pop down to 31 Furze Common Road, Thakeham on a Friday morning and see what delights await you.

*Pippa Harder*



### MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICE

Our benefice Midweek Communion service that has been held on a Wednesday (on-line) for 13 months, will now be a face-to-face service. This reflective service will be at 10.30am on Wednesdays, at St Mary's, Sullington and will follow our Celtic Communion liturgy and include times of silent prayer. No booking necessary for the time being; just turn up (face coverings will be needed, unless exempt). All are welcome to attend, from any parish and none.

Titus 3:2

“In God’s strength we slander no-one,  
are peaceable, considerate and humble.”

What’s happening at

# St Mary’s Sullington



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## THAKEHAM AND SULLINGTON:

Times of Church services can be found on page 18. Alternatively you can visit the Church website for further details.

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Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in us

Don't forget to keep an eye on our website for up to date information regarding service times and events

## Flower Festival

3rd - 5th September • 10am - 5pm  
St Mary's Church, Sullington

Flower displays filling the church

- refreshments • cakes & produce • plants
- nearly new items • books • local crafts • history tours
- childrens' activities • talks • and more!

*‘The Abundance of the Earth’*



All welcome!  
**FREE**  
ENTRANCE

St Mary’s Church, Sullington, is registered with **easyfundraising**, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 4,000 shops and sites will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! It doesn’t change your shopping experience either!



These donations really mount up and could make a BIG difference to us, so we’d really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It’s completely FREE and only takes a moment. Then just activate the donation reminder and your donation will happen easily. Thank you so much!

You can find our **easyfundraising** page at  
[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/  
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## WE ARE BACK TO FACE-TO-FACE SERVICES! AND SULLINGTON AND THAKEHAM CHURCHES HAVE NEW SERVICE TIMES

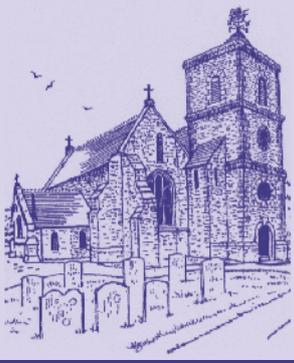
We are so excited to be face-to-face for our Sunday services again. St Mary’s in Sullington hosted Easter services, so we have already had a glimpse of the future. St Mary’s, Thakeham, remains closed for the building and renovation work, so Sunday services will be held in Thakeham Village Hall.

After much prayer and deliberation, the parishes of Sullington and Thakeham with Warminghurst have also simplified their service times. This should make it easier for visitors and new parishioners to know when the services are being held. Services in the parish will now be either at 8.30am or 10.30am, and Evensong is now in-person in Sullington Church on the first of the month at 6pm. There will be a communion service in each parish every week in a normal month, but check your 3 *Heralds* or the parish website to see what time that will be. Notices will be updated in the church buildings soon.

Face-to-face services started in June with 8.30am Traditional (BCP) Communion in Sullington and the much-loved Joint Family Service in Thakeham Village Hall at 10.30pm. There will be a Zoom service for those who are unable to attend once a month on the 2nd Sunday at 10.30am.

The occasional 5th Sunday of the month will be a different kind of ‘service’ altogether – we will be performing a practical act-of-service to our communities as our worship on those days. Keep an eye out for information, all will be revealed!

Revd Sara-Jane Stevens



# 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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Revd John Peal (743083)  
Revd Jacquie Peal (743083)

**Verger:** Michael Taylor (742218)

## Sacristy Team

Stella Hastings & John Taylor (745477)

## Captain of Bellringers

John Taylor (745477)

## Parish Visiting Scheme

Sonia Fox (745703)

## Recorder

Alison Wall (07840 522832)

## Electoral Roll Officer

Val Rice (746816)

## Director of Music

Stephen Bloxham

## Assistant Organists

Ian Miles,  
Peter Lewis,  
Keith Smithers,  
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## Readers and Sidesmen

Vera Blake (743974)

## Church Flowers

Vacant

## Child Protection Officer

Jackie Lee (743661)

## Bible Reading Fellowship

VACANT

## Bible Society

Jean Hunt (01798 813681)

## Christian Aid Co-ordinator

Vacant

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

## REGULAR ACTIVITIES

**Church Services** see page 18.

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

**Altar Servers:** Revd Jacquie Peal (743083)

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

**Handbells:** Wednesdays, 9.30am. Contact Lila Hurley (742044).

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

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

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

**SPACE:** 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 2pm – 4pm at the Old School.  
Contact Sonia Fox (745703)

Support your local church with the annual  
Sussex Historic Churches Trust



Sussex Churches will be open on **Saturday, 11 September**, for this annual event, when people are sponsored to cycle, walk or ride from church to church. Money raised is divided between the Sussex Historic Churches' Trust and the participant's own church. If you would like more information please contact Sam Ward on 893794 for details.

## Church@4pm

Re-starting on Sunday, 26 September at St Mary's Church, Storrington, and will then take place on the 4th Sunday each month

Church@4 is a more informal act of worship, with stories, songs and craft to which all are welcome, especially families with young children.



## PARISH VISITING TEAM...

The St Mary's Parish Visiting Team contact is Sonia Fox (745703). Please contact Sonia if you would like to arrange for someone on the team to either speak to you or visit you.



St Mary's Church  
Church Street  
Storrington

2nd and 4th Wednesdays  
11 and 24 August

10am Short Service of Holy Communion  
10.30am Café in the Church

All welcome to either or both – come and join us for a friendly 'cuppa' with the Clergy

in accordance with government guidelines

## FACE COVERINGS/MASKS IN CHURCH

We welcome the easing of the government rules to protect people from Covid; at the same time we're conscious that everyone visiting our Church and coming to services and events needs to feel safe, and we want to welcome people into the Church building. For these reasons we ask that everyone, out of consideration for others, please wear a face covering/mask inside the Church building; use the hand sanitiser provided; maintain an appropriate distance from others (about 1 metre+) most of the time; and sing through your mask if there is singing in a service. (The Choir will lead singing without masks.) These arrangements will be reviewed regularly and adjusted as soon as we feel able to do so. Thank you.

Parochial Church Council of St Mary's Church, Storrington

# ECO CHURCH – A LONGSTANDING ECO CHAMPION

When I started writing these articles for 3 Heralds I promised to introduce some local eco champions. I'm delighted to introduce Ida Darlington. She allowed me to interview her last week over tea in a friend's garden. Here is a condensed account of that interview:

## **Tell me a little about yourself.**

"I grew up in the centre of London in a house with no garden. My father was Slovenian and grew up on a farm, and my mother's grandfather was German and also grew up on a farm, so I'm hard-wired to think about natural things. During the war (World War II) I was evacuated to Hove and then Chertsey. Then I went to Leeds University to study Zoology and Chemistry. That was a lovely introduction to the Yorkshire Dales.

When I graduated, I got a job in Broadgreen Hospital in Liverpool, working in pathology. That's where I met Eric, my husband. After the war we got married in Liverpool; Eric went back to sea. I moved back to London until Eric came ashore and got a job in Sussex and had to live close to Washington. We moved into Storrington in 1951, and into the house I live in now in 1963.

I didn't work while my children were young but I was a governor at the (old) school. The Head Master invited me to train as a teacher. I taught 10-year-olds at the new school. It was great fun. I taught everything. We went on expeditions to the Warren and the chalk pits looking for fossils. I kept bees on the flat roof. I had to climb out of the window to look after them."

## **How and when did you become really aware of environmental matters?**

"My youngest son was at Aberystwyth University and knew some friends setting up the Centre for Alternative Energy, working out simpler ways of doing things. He told me about an Australian ecologist called Bill Mollison. He gave lectures all around the world about permaculture, all about not ploughing and compatible planting. Then I heard Jonathan Porritt speaking, Director of Friends of the Earth. He was a wonderful speaker too. They were ahead of the times. They made me feel I had to do something; I had to change things.

When Andrew graduated after a while he moved to France, met Jesse and they got some land and became self-sufficient."

## **What were the most important issues then?**

"We didn't know about global warming then, but we knew about acid rain and how the rain forest was being cut down for quick gains."

## **When did you join Friends of the Earth (FoE)?**

"I made up my mind as soon as I retired in about 1983, I would join the local group, Fernhurst. They got all the latest information from the UK parliament. We wrote lots of letters to all the MP's and to anyone we thought was influential. FoE would suggest what we could do. We discussed not using peat, and we boycotted the local garden centre trying to persuade people not to buy peat. They could buy other things that would do the same job without ruining the planet. We also contacted banks asking them to release developing countries from debt. I'm still a member."

## **What do you think of groups like Extinction Rebellion?**

"Well, I've only seen them on television. I wonder why they don't join the existing groups like Greenpeace and Friends of the Earth, but they are standing up for something they believe in."



Ida and Ann

## **What do you think are the most urgent environmental things we need to address now?**

"Now is the time to get angry. We need to reconsider how we spend our lives; what we spend on ridiculous things, stuff we don't need. We need to work it out on a global basis; all the countries of the earth need to join in to stop global warming. Our mistakes will be there for our children and grandchildren."

## **If you could ask government to do just one thing, what would it be?**

"That's difficult because there are so many things. I think they shouldn't stop aid to developing countries. There's a connection between the aid given and developing country's ability to help reduce global warming because it costs them more than us. We should not proceed with any new coal mines – it's mad. We need to improve the distribution of electric cars but also get back onto public transport."

## **What would you ask all of us as individuals to do to help ensure future generations inherit a good world?**

"We need to cut down our expectations; buy less and recycle more. We need to share things across the planet; buy locally – stop flying beans from Kenya and buy from people like Auntie Val's instead. We need to realise that we need to get people aboard and share things and live more simply."

Ida recommends the Big Earth Book by James Bruges. Jonathan Porritt's quote on the front is "Time is running out. Don't despair. Do get angry. Do get active. And do buy The Big Earth Book to get all that in perspective."



Churchyard

Many thanks to Ida for the interview, and to Ann Emerson for being our hostess.

## **Churches Count on Nature**

Thank you to everyone who has been counting bugs and things in the churchyard. More information about what you found next month.

For more information please contact Christine Tuson, ctuson@lineone.net.

Christine Tuson



## Mini fete / tea and cake

### Saturday 28 August

2.30pm to 4.30pm

**ENTRY £5**  
to include tea  
and cake

Venue: Anne Sallinger's garden,  
Greenacres, Smock Alley, West Chiltington

Stalls will include cake,  
bric-a-brac, toys and plants

Raffle will be held with all proceeds going  
to the Family Support Work Charity.

There is limited parking and car share advisable.



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Where can you worship God, learn songs, get creative, hear bible stories, pray, play and have a delicious breakfast?

St Mary's Thakeham & Sullington Messy Church breakfast, that's where!



Once a month our Messy Church congregation gather together for all sorts of themed fun followed by a lovely breakfast at Thakeham Village Hall and Green. The ethos of Messy Church as an organisation is community, creativity and food but how each church delivers that is very personal to the community they are serving in. We strive to meet our families where they are on their journey of faith and be encouragers for them to find out more.

So far this year, we have enjoyed all our breakfasts outside and grown from a group of 20 that came to our Easter Egg hunt to the group of 50 that joined together for June's Rainbow Creation Breakfast. In between we have had a super time at our Musical Forest Breakfast and our Builders Breakfast.



Every session the children arrive to a warm welcome and an inviting selection of free choice activities along the theme of the month. We have made musical instruments out of junk, constructed Lego models, painted rainbows, played with sparkly playdough, aimed



water squirters at targets, dressed up as construction workers and made music with milk bottles! We also have Coffee Corner for parents to make themselves a barista-style coffee.

Next our session moves on to a group story time that is interactive and visual followed by a children's worship song. Favourites have included *Who's the King of the Jungle* and *The Wise Man built his house upon the rock*.



Our session concludes with a wonderful, healthy, colourful breakfast that we try hard to link to our theme too (not as easy as it sounds). We have enjoyed rainbow fruit kebabs, build your own pancake stacks and continental meats and cheeses.

We are privileged to say parents and children are always grateful for what is on offer and it is so wonderful to be a part of a community mission that has such a positive vibe and an incredible energy. Please pray that this continues.

If you would like to come along and try out church in this way then you can look for more details on St Mary's Thakeham Church

website, our Church weekly Newsletter *The Telescope* or follow our Facebook page 'Sullington and Thakeham with Warminghurst Parishes'. \*Pre booking is essential\*

Summer Holiday Specials are on Monday 16 August and Monday 23 August, 9.30am to 11.30am at Thakeham Village Hall.

Pippa Harder

## PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

Bless to me, O God, the earth beneath my feet.  
Bless to me, O God, the path on which I go.  
Bless to me, O God, the people whom I meet.  
O God of all gods, bless to me my life.



## 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 August – Church of England will lead  
Tuesday, 7 September – Chemin Neuf Community will lead  
*One in faith and love and praise*

## ROTARY CLUB OF STORRINGTON AND PULBOROUGH DISTRICT



### Monthly Film Nights are back in the picture

Following a break of over a year due to Covid restrictions, these popular community cinema events are to recommence on 8 September.

Storrington Film Night, also known as Rotary Film Night, is a Community event organised by the Rotary Club of Storrington & Pulborough District. These Film Nights have been running for over 12 years and aim to show the best and recent films for the enjoyment of the local community. The films are shown on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm in Sullington Parish Hall, Thakeham Road, Storrington RH20 3PP.

The film on 8 September will be chosen from *JUDY*, *Nomadland*, *The Good Liar* or *Dream Horse*. Any Government Covid guidance valid at the time will be observed.

Tickets are £5, and are sold in the Card Shop in Storrington. There is an interval, bar and a raffle at each showing. Unsold tickets are available for purchase on the door on the night.

To support local residents who are unable to make their own arrangements to travel to the Hall, Rotary Club members can often help with providing transport for the Film Night ensuring the event is open to as wide a local audience as possible.

President Pippa Davies expressed her delight at the news of the reopening: "Many of our regular cinema goers were disappointed when we had to curtail last year's film nights and we look forward to welcoming them all again to this popular village community event."

For further information please contact Ken Collins: 740745 or kandjcoll@btinternet.com.

To arrange transport contact Roger Jamieson 01798 813956 or rogerjamieson21@gmail.com.

## Storrington Macular Group

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Postponed for the time being  
Enquiries – Philippa on 743182





## SULLINGTON 122 YEARS AGO

### EXTRACTS FROM CANON PALMER'S DIARY – AUGUST 1899

**Tue 1:** Hot. 65 degrees. Board of Guardians and District Council. Only just a quorum! Pulborough will have to see to its drainage. The fat nurse Crabb appears and is looked at from the view of possible 'stimulants'. Wyatt lunched. Girl (ie Cicely) to Gorman's for cake and tea. Archbishops decide against Incense and Lights.

**Wed 2:** Rather overcast. 64 degrees. Ellen Davidson arrives. Went to Roundabouts and Threals. Mrs Pink had a co. named Gearing – scour good old George Denman's tombstone.

**Thu 3:** Very hot. 67 degrees. The corn is falling rapidly before the 'reaper and binder', the difficulty will be to cart it before shedding. F Chapman writes about his sevenfold success at Epsom Flower and Fruit Show.

**Fri 4:** As yesterday. 67 degrees. Rode to Amberley and to Chichester Asylum, short attendance, took wrong train back and taken on to Horsham. Saw a match there and received hospitality from Bostock, Daniel and Mrs Oddy.

**Sat 5:** Very warm and close – thundery. 68 degrees. 81 degrees in shade. Visited Harry Humphrey, who fell from a scaffold on Wednesday and injured his neck and ribs ... prayed with him. Mrs Bucknall and children over from Worthing. Felton have a lawn party which seven only attended.

**Sun 6:** Trinity X. Thundery, dark morning then fine. 65 degrees. Have expected a heavy storm but only a few drops. Small morning attendance, 7 to Holy Communion, people all tired out – preached in evening when fair congregation on Amos chapter 2 v 13. The heavily weighted harvest carts. Visited Humphrey and saw the Earwickers.

**Mon 7:** Close. 65 degrees. Harry Gibson came over this afternoon, looking well. After Gorman, a nice fellow. Took cuttings and thinned the grapes. Visited Wyatt. Bank Holiday very quiet.

**Tue 8:** Fine and cooler. 64 degrees. Left early for Brighton seeing Cicely *en route* for Hove. Attended SPG Garden meeting on my way back. Archdeacon Shears lengthy but good on a Sunday among the coolies in Natal. Sermons and lyrics; field game anecdotes of many kinds. One a striking answer to prayer by a lady for Paterson's life.

**Wed 9:** Fine. 63 degrees. Ellen Davidson left this afternoon. Webster cycled over from Brighton and lunched. We dined at Sandgate, meeting Covington. Hal writes briefly and sensibly.

**Thu 10:** As yesterday. 61 degrees. Harvest goes on merrily, pruning peaches and eat two apricots. Mr and Mrs Hallows and Covington paid a morning visit to our church. Visited Humphreys who a little stronger. Wrote a long letter to Hal.

**Fri 11:** Cooler. 60 degrees. Gave orders about the school reports. Had windows opened to my new copse seat. Called at Sandgate and saw *Tigndia Conchiflora*. Tea'd with Mrs Hoare, visited Humphreys.

**Sat 12:** As yesterday, 61 degrees. Drove Clara to Redlands, very gritty and stony. Mrs Stewart Wood and friend called today. Begin cook-hunting; no sports for the hunters.

**Sun 13:** Trinity XI. Weather fine bright fresh. 62 degrees. Thin congregations, heat and harvest, some causes. Morning service on Parable. Evening congregation on the Psalm, the danger of our teaching becoming Pharaesic. Visited Humphrey.

**Mon 14:** Fine and warmer. 65 degrees. Read some of Amos which in the sixth we read with GSC at morning service 45 years ago! The advancement in exegesis is wonderful. Labori shot. Dreyfuss chief standby. Clara drove to Steyning to meet a cook who didn't come but engaged one in place! Cicely from Hove. I paid Mrs Crowhurst and visited Humphrey and Stenning.

**Tue 15:** Fine bright very hot. 69 degrees. Board of Guardians. Graham's testimonial, Nurse Crabb's 'inclination' and Davey's presence lightened light business for just a quorum. Walked with

Clara in evening to Rowdell and Washington vicarage. Harvest ending. Two foolish little notes from poor Hal.

**Wed 16:** Fine bright cooler. 64 degrees. Drove Clara to dentist (Masters) along dusty, loose, gritty ways to Worthing, tea'd with the Farmers. Hal writes again sensibly and cheerfully.

**Thu 17:** Much as yesterday. 66 degrees. Arthur and Dorothy arrive. Visit Humphreys.

**Fri 18:** Fine bright. 66 degrees. Suffering from a bilious attack last night. Had some folk to tea. F Napier and Miss Devinford, the two Williams from Washington.

**Sat 19:** 67 degrees. School repairs finished. A and D leave for Cheshire; a couple of young people, just a little self-conscious and of no great companionable value. Visited Humphrey and read to him Psalm CIII. Also the Churches, at Richardsons. The Duke sends me three brace of grouse.

**Sun 20:** Trinity XII. Fine bright. 63 degrees. Only 3 at early communion, fair morning, good evening congregations. Sermons on Psalm CIII and on 2 Kings II v2. Elisha's aberration. Miss Jarman comes up in the evening. [The] butler at Sandgate has diphtheria.

**Mon 21:** Fine bright. 59 degrees. Strangely long spell of dry warm weather; everything much parched, ponds nearly out. Visited Humphrey not yet out of bed. Riots in Paris.

**Tue 22:** Fine bright. 61 degrees. Walked up to Cobden in evening. Very desolate there. Moores and Tulleys only left. Boer outlook rather better.

**Wed 23:** Fine bright 65 degrees. Letter from Hal: best we have had. Called on Humphrey, left his bed. Stevenson at Sandgate with diphtheria better, tea'd there. Parkinson croquet'd and supped. Magnamara dividend less.

**Thu 24:** Very hot. 66 degrees. Visited Humphrey. Found him downstairs. Played a game of croquet at Sandgate. WBC arrives. Picked apples from trees behind the north wall.

**Fri 25:** As yesterday but rather indicates change. 66 degrees. Take May to Pulborough *en route* myself for Chichester asylum committee. Very small meeting, little to do. Bring back the Naper boys on my way home. Others to a garden party at Muntham. George sends me a 'Sparklet'.

**Sat 26:** Much as yesterday. No change. 66 degrees. Quiet morning over sermons. Clara had a downs picnic tea for Paget and the Caldecotts, etc. Visited Humphrey. My man gives me an unwelcome notice.

**Sun 27:** Trinity XIII. Weather is generally fine and warm. 66 degrees. Fair congregations, morning sermon written, on opening words of the gospel. "Blessed are your Eyes". Evening service notes on Jeremiah iii 13. The Living Fount and the Cisterns. Trench came for tea. Two warm in afternoon for any exertion.

**Mon 28:** Fresh and some showers. 62 degrees. Quite a change! Some rain last night! Walked with WBC and visited Humphreys who in much pain.

**Tue 29:** Dull and showery. 67 degrees. Board of Guardians and District Council. Only just a quorum. The others went to Wiston where an afternoon and a cricket match. A Mrs Douglas Pennant (Gigha Argyllshire) writes re Toulson offering me a pupil.

**Wed 30:** Fine warm a thunderstorm about 3 and heavy rain. 60 degrees. A refreshing series of showers last night and today. Visited Humphreys. A party at Sandgate. 6½ cwt coals in.

**Thu 31:** Dull and stormy. 63 degrees. May drove WBC to the station. Our dirty cook Ava Simmons leaves. Attend a road committee meeting at Storrington. New Surveyor seems anxious.



More details about our project can be found on our website:

<https://www.stmarysthakeham.org/category/building-project/>

### June/July News

#### Phase 2 (External Stonework and Extension)

Handover of this phase is now in sight and due to happen around early August with internal and external work visibly nearing completion. Work within the church (phase 3) will take until the autumn to complete.

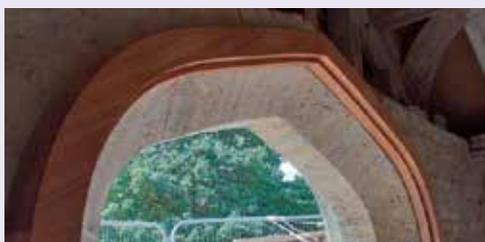


The new extension at the back of the church (photo taken 23rd June): Views of the outside and inside.

#### Phase 3 (internal refurbishment and redecoration)

Builders' efforts to source materials with limited availability have so far meant that the programme of works has continued without further delays. We were very sorry to learn that a road closure scheduled for 3 days had to be extended slightly because of an unrelated electricity supply emergency nearby which had to be resolved first and we are very thankful to our neighbours for their patience.

A few snapshots from inside the church (dated 23rd June 2021). New door joinery at the South porch. The pulpit with steps after its rotation to remove a trip hazard: Previously steps protruded into the aisle leading to the North Transept.



Apart from that progress inside the church has been good. Removal of a lot of old plaster is now being followed by the stripping out of old and installation of new services (electrical, heating, lighting and VA).

Along with our vicar, Sara-Jane we are also hoping to re-bury soon around 68 skeletons found buried beneath the old vestry and other structures at the back of the church. A date hasn't been confirmed at the time of writing.

#### Not yet funded: Phase 4

This phase has been estimated to cost in the region of £300,000 to complete. The most costly part of it (approx. 2/3) would be stonework with other external repairs to and repointing of the Tower.

A new mezzanine level with a bell ringing area would also be created and installation of a kitchenette at ground level would complete the scheme which of course would be much more cost effective to complete while builders remain on site, however, funds are not yet available at time of writing.

**For safety reasons access to a small part of the church yard around the church remains restricted. If you need to visit this area please feel free to contact:**

- Symon, our site manager from Monday to Friday between 7.30am and 4pm (07736 550841).
- Cliff, our project leader outside of working hours (07765 530370).

#### We continue to give thanks:

For donations, small grants and VAT refunds received, ongoing good safety management on site and good progress in spite of challenges with availability of some materials.

#### We continue to pray for:

- For the successful delivery of the remainder of phase 2 (nearing completion) and for phase 3 (due to be completed in the autumn).
- For funding of phase 4.
- For ongoing protection for the team, their safety and wellbeing.

#### Contacts

The Parish Office is open Tuesdays & Thursdays 9.30am – 1.30pm.

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**Email:** office.stwparishes@btinternet.com

**Website:** www.stmarysthakeham.org

**Facebook:** www.facebook.com/STWparishes

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**Parish Mobile:** 07923 420 834

**Email:** revsj@btinternet.com

## SANDGATE CONSERVATION SOCIETY

At last we are able to start working on Sullington Warren, where the bracken has taken a hold during the intervening periods of lockdowns.



So 'bracken bashing' was the order of the day on Saturday 3 July, where sticks were used to lop off the fronds carrying the growing spores. If you are feeling a bit frustrated with the current lockdown situation then this activity is to be recommended, where a good wallop is all you need to relieve that stress and tension.....it cannot be recommended highly enough.



If you would like to sign up for a course at no cost, then take a look at our website mentioned below and come along to Sullington Warren on the **second Saturday of every month**, from 9.30am till 12 noon. There is a break mid-morning where coffee and cake is usually provided for free. Definitely the bargain of the year, where you will find camaraderie lives on.

There is also another conservation morning held in Sandgate Park, where we meet on the **fourth Saturday** of every month from 10am till 12 noon.



We should mention that you do not have to be at these excellent venues spot on time, so just

pop along when it suits you; if you can only manage an hour, then that's fine, as we would be very pleased to see you.

Because of the Covid-19 restrictions it is advisable to check our website for the latest details.

To learn more about the Sandgate Conservation Society, who work closely with the National Trust and Horsham District Council, please contact: [www.sandgate-conservation.org.uk](http://www.sandgate-conservation.org.uk) or Brian Burns on 743001.

Brian Burns

After so many months not seeing our friends or having our usual social activities, it was with trepidation alongside genuine excitement that we met up in West Chiltington Village Hall for an afternoon's activity. A reduced number of ladies, wearing masks and with strict social distancing in place, met to listen to a talk given by Melanie Redstone from The Image Stylist.



After 17 months of pandemic, most of us had forgotten any idea of 'image' or 'style' so it was nice to be reminded that we could all look better with a little help from a friend, and Melanie was auditioning for the role most successfully.

Naturally, the technical equipment had failed, so with difficulty, not helped by the wearing of face masks, the talk proceeded and we were introduced to the importance of colour in our wardrobes and how it could transform both our personal image and our emotions.

We were introduced to the six Universal Colours, which would suit everyone, and told how to use them for the best effect depending on one's individual colouring and style personality. It was also interesting to be reminded that we tend to wear 20% of our

wardrobe 80% of the time and the colours chosen reflect how we feel, why we buy something and the state of our emotional health.

Selecting the wrong colours for your clothes can leave you looking ill or jaundiced and when hair colour changes and the grey takes over, it is important to check as black can reflect against the skin which can age and show up the facial lines. It was also important to note that wearing the correct colours in your makeup is also very important, plus your style personality.

Your style personality can be one of six types: creative, dramatic, romantic, classic, natural or city chic. A colour analysis can be transformational especially if taken with a wardrobe audit and an open mind.

Finally, you might wish to join Melanie for a personal shopping trip where all of the above is taken into consideration and you learn to 'love the good bits and forget about the other!'

Thank you Melanie for your inspirational talk, which we all much needed and appreciated, and for giving us insight and thought regarding our wardrobes.

This meeting was an excellent idea by our hardworking committee, and it was so nice to get a little way back to normality and to try to recognise the faces behind the masks; long live the WI!

Russ Fry



## Come and join our SPACE

Somewhere for  
People to make  
Art or  
Crafts and  
Escape from home for a few hours!



1st and 3rd Tuesdays 2pm - 4pm  
at the Old School

Everyone will be very welcome (men and women, any age or ability).  
Either bring along something you can already do, or have a go at something different.

The group re-started in June in accordance with government guidelines.  
For more information contact Sonia Fox (745703).

# CHURCH SERVICES AT A GLANCE

DATE	FESTIVAL OR SUNDAY	STORRINGTON St Mary's	THAKEHAM St Mary's	SULLINGTON St Mary's
1 August	Trinity 9	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Family Communion 6pm Evensong	10.30am Joint Family Service with Communion at Thakeham Village Hall	8.30am BCP Communion 6pm Evensong (on YouTube)
8 August	Trinity 10	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion 12 noon Baptism Service 6pm Evensong	8.30am Celtic Communion at The Rectory, Thakeham 10.30am Morning Prayer at Thakeham Village Hall  10.30am Zoom Service – for those who cannot attend in person. <i>Login details on the website calendar</i>	10.30am Holy Communion
15 August	Trinity 11	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion 12 noon Baptism Service	8.30am Celtic Communion at The Rectory, Thakeham	10.30am Joint Holy Communion
Sat 16 August			9.30am <b>Messy Church</b> at Thakeham Village Hall	
22 August	Trinity 12	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion	10.30am Family Communion at Thakeham Village Hall	8.30am Celtic Communion 10.30am Morning Prayer
23 August			9.30am <b>Messy Church</b> at Thakeham Village Hall	
29 August	Trinity 13	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion	10.30am Joint Family Service with Communion	8.30am BCP Communion
5 September	Trinity 14	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Family Communion	10.30am Something Completely Different at Thakeham Village Hall	8.30am BCP Communion 6pm Evensong (on YouTube)

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

Midweek Celtic Communion Service at St Mary's Church, Sullington, on Wednesdays at 10.30am (12 noon on YouTube)

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

All church services are limited as to the number of people we can safely seat in each building.

Sullington Church: contact Mrs Gail Kittle to reserve your seat – [gail.kittle@btconnect.com](mailto:gail.kittle@btconnect.com)

Thakeham Village Hall: contact the office to reserve your seat – [office.stwparishes@bfninternet.com](mailto:office.stwparishes@bfninternet.com)

## OTHER CHURCH DETAILS

### ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Our Lady of England, Monastery Lane*

Mass – Saturday 6pm, Sunday 8am and 10am

Daily Mass: Monday – Friday 9am.

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 and 6.30pm

Enquiries to Storrington Chapel Evangelical Church,

North Street, Storrington RH20 4DH

Email: [contacts@storringtonchapel.org.uk](mailto:contacts@storringtonchapel.org.uk)

### LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH, STORRINGTON

*Chanctonbury Leisure Centre, Spierbridge Road*

Family Worship – Sundays 10am

Enquiries to Katherine Edwards

Life Community Church Office, 7 The Square, Storrington

Office open: Monday – Wednesday.

Out of hours contact: Nathanael on [nat@lccstor.org](mailto:nat@lccstor.org)

Tel: 07450 176315 Email: [admin@lccstor.org](mailto:admin@lccstor.org) [www.lccstor.org](http://www.lccstor.org)

### TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH

*Thakeham Road*

Sunday Service 10.30am

Minister: Revd Dr Frank Okai-Sam

Tel: 01273 597122

(Church Office: 01903 746390 / 01273 596374)

Email: [trinitychurchstorrington@outlook.com](mailto:trinitychurchstorrington@outlook.com)

[www.facebook.com/TrinityStorrington](http://www.facebook.com/TrinityStorrington)

## WEEKLY EVENTS

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

**Fri** 9.45am Storrington Community Market – Village Hall

**Storrington Library Opening Hours – Tel. 839050**

**Please call or see website for current information**

## STORRINGTON POP-IN LUNCH CLUB

**CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

For further information contact Pat Webb on 893145



## SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB

**WE PLAN TO RE-START IN SEPTEMBER IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES – MORE DETAILS NEXT MONTH**

**Contact Storrington Rectory Office for further information on 742888**



# WHAT'S ON

## AUGUST

<b>Sun 1</b>	<b>Trinity 9</b>
<b>Tue 3</b>	
10am	Inter-Church Prayers – RC Church – p10
2pm	SPACE – Arts and Craft Club – p15
<b>Wed 4</b>	
10.30am	Midweek Celtic Communion – St Mary's, Sullington
<b>Sun 8</b>	<b>Trinity 10</b>
12noon	Baptism Service - St Mary's, Storrington, of Grace Rose May Tanswell (daughter of Denise Tanswell and David Capon)
<b>Wed 11</b>	
10am	Midweek Holy Communion – St Mary's, Storrington
10.30am	Café in the Church (Communion at 10am) – p6
10.30am	Midweek Celtic Communion – St Mary's, Sullington
<b>Thu 12</b>	
10am	MU Fund Raising Coffee Morning – p21
<b>Sat 14</b>	
9.30am	Sandgate Conservation Society – Working Party – p15
<b>Sun 15</b>	<b>Trinity 11</b>
12 noon	Baptism Service - St Mary's, Storrington, of Harry Albert Elliott (son of Millie and Arran Elliott)
<b>Mon 16</b>	
9.30am	Messy Church – Thakeham – p10
<b>Tue 17</b>	
2pm	SPACE – Arts and Craft Club – p15
<b>Wed 18</b>	
10.30am	Midweek Celtic Communion – St Mary's, Sullington
7.30pm	Sullington Windmills WI – Meeting – p26
<b>Sun 22</b>	<b>Trinity 12</b>
<b>Mon 23</b>	
9.30am	Messy Church – Thakeham – p10
<b>Wed 25</b>	
10am	Midweek Holy Communion – St Mary's, Storrington
10.30am	Café in the Church (Communion at 10am) – p6
10.30am	Midweek Celtic Communion – St Mary's, Sullington
<b>Sat 28</b>	
10am	Sandgate Conservation Society – Working Party – p15
3.30pm	Welcome Back Street Party, Storrington – p20
<b>Sun 29</b>	<b>Trinity 13</b>

Please note – all fixtures are subject to change, so please check with the relevant organisations

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

## HELP WITH ACCESS TO UNIVERSAL CREDIT

One of the consequences of Covid has been its massive impact on the economy. More and more people are having to seek help, often for the first time in their lives. Understanding the workings of Universal Credit, however, can be a bit of a battle. Fortunately, the **Together in Sussex** website has put together some very helpful information:



<https://togetherinsussex.org.uk/whats-new/universal-credit>

# SAINTS AND SPECIAL DAYS

## AUGUST

<b>Mon 2</b>	<i>Jean-Baptiste Vianney, 1859</i> - Patron saint of priests
<b>Tue 3</b>	<b>Oswald, 642</b> – King of Northumbria from 634
<b>Wed 4</b>	<b>THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD</b>
<b>Thu 5</b>	<i>John Mason Neale, 1866</i> – Anglican priest, scholar and hymn-writer: <i>Good Christian Men, Rejoice</i> and <i>Good King Wenceslas</i>
<b>Fri 6</b>	<b>Dominic, 1221</b> – Spanish, Patron saint of astronomers
<b>Sat 7</b>	<b>Mary Sumner, 1921, Founder of Mothers' Union</b>
<b>Sun 8</b>	<i>Laurence, 258</i> , one of most widely venerated saints of RC Church, and, according to lore, spirited away the chalice used during Last Supper (the "Holy Grail") to Spain
<b>Mon 9</b>	<b>Clare of Assisi, 1253</b> – founded Order of Saint Clare (Poor Clare's) <i>John Henry Newman, 1890</i>
<b>Wed 11</b>	<b>Jeremy Taylor, 1667, best known as a prose stylist</b> <i>Florence Nightingale, 1910</i> <i>Octavia Hill, 1912</i> – social reformer. Joint founder of National Trust and pioneer for modern social work.
<b>Thu 12</b>	<i>Maximilian Kolbe, 1941</i> – Polish priest, patron saint of drug addicts
<b>Wed 18</b>	<b>Bernard, 1153</b> <i>William and Catherine Booth, 1912 and 1890</i> - founders of Salvation Army
<b>Sun 22</b>	<b>BARTHOLOMEW THE APOSTLE</b>
<b>Wed 25</b>	<b>Monica, 387</b>
<b>Thu 26</b>	<b>Augustine of Hippo, 430</b>
<b>Fri 27</b>	<b>Beheading of John the Baptist</b>
<b>Sat 28</b>	<b>John Bunyan, 1688</b> – author of <i>The Pilgrim's Progress</i>

## STORRINGTON COMMUNITY MARKET

EVERY Friday 9.45-11.15am  
Storrington Village Hall, West Street

For your fresh local produce:

- Fruit • Veg • Plants • Free Range Eggs
- Homemade cakes, biscuits and pies
- Homemade marmalade, jam and chutney
- Auntie Val's Jams and Marmalade

### PLUS

- Jewellery • Crafts • Boutique 35 fashion
- Katie's Forever Living Aloe Vera products
- Sussex Green Living recycling point
- Cafe - tea, coffee and biscuits



# STORRINGTON & SULLINGTON – REFLECTIONS OF THE PAST

## TWO REVEREND DYNASTIES – PART TWO

The Revd George Faithfull's eldest son, Arthur Ferdinand Faithfull, was born on 17 February 1860 and the younger brother, Wyndham James Hamilton Faithfull, on 20 March 1861. The two boys were sent off to Rugby school followed by Trinity College, Cambridge, where Arthur achieved his BA and was made a deacon in 1883, followed by ordination in 1885. He married Elizabeth Emily Scott and their eldest son, Arthur Richard Harding Faithfull, was born on 2 October 1885 and baptized by his grandfather, the Revd George Faithfull, on the 27<sup>th</sup> of that month. Arthur and his wife and son moved to Storrington where he acted as his father's curate. The following year he moved to Hilton in Yorkshire as vicar until 1891 when another move took him to Hornby in Lancaster as vicar until his father's death brought him back to Storrington to succeed him as rector.

He did not enjoy good health and had not his father's greater income, but he farmed the Church Meadow and the Glebe land in Greyfriar's Lane, south of the old rectory. He also hunted with the Crawley and Horsham hounds. They lived for some of the time in the rectory adjoining the Church and at other times in Orchard Dale next door, purchased by his wife in 1913. One of his



Revd Arthur Faithfull

immediate actions in Storrington was to stop the ringing of the curfew bell during the winter months – he complained bitterly that it would drive him mad, his nerves would not stand it. The curfew was a very old custom said to be started when a person up on the Downs, lost in fog, was saved by hearing the church bell. Like so many old customs, people did not like to see it abandoned and it caused tremendous uproar. Public meetings were held in the village hall, and matters even reached local and London newspapers. The rector was invited to one such meeting where he was the main speaker and the audience became noisy and contentious. Finally the rector had had enough, said he was stopping it and stalked out saying "... and be damned to you all!"

Another early problem in 1904 was the discontinuance of the services at Cootham – many people in any case preferred to go to the parish church and in that year he closed the chapel saying he could not afford his father's generosity, and it should be used for some other purpose. It was by then in a disgraceful state and needed work done. Lady Zouche repossessed the building and the land, offering the rector an ex gratia payment of £25, passing it to trustees for use as a village hall. The rector was not at home then, suffering illness. By 1910 there was a long list of maintenance and repairs needed at the Rectory in Church Street where he and his family lived, sometimes in Orchard Dale, but he kept his hunters and harness in the Rectory old stables. The later years of the Revd Arthur R Faithfull's incumbency were marked by the Great War when so many of Storrington's men and women were serving their king and country, and afterwards many of the survivors did not wish to return to domestic service or farm labour.



Dedication of War Memorial 1921 – Revd Arthur Faithfull far left

The general feeling was that a memorial was needed to the 43 men of the parish who would never return. The rector sketched a suitable column to be installed in the churchyard, and a committee worked on the details, aided by the artist living in The Forge, Church Street, Paul Hardy, known for his love of mediaeval-style subjects and who made miniature suits of armour. The rector sent him notes on the wording to go on the column and the form of service at the dedication. In 1921 the memorial was installed, inscribed and the names of the fallen recorded. After the unveiling by Mrs King on 9 October a service of dedication took place with a bugler, identified as Henry Wicker, in uniform, played the Last Post, an interval of silent remembrance was held, The Reveille, a hymn and the blessing and the National Anthem. The rector also sent Paul Hardy notes on the order of service suggesting that a pamphlet of it be printed "... made beautiful with a little sketch of the memorial on the first page – I think many would treasure it and perhaps wish to send it abroad to friends and relations." Sadly, it was not to be the last inscriptions on the memorial as the "war to end all wars" was followed by others.

The rector's health continued to deteriorate but, although the Vestry thought he should have a curate to help with the parish work, he said he could not afford the stipend to hire one. Like so many at that time, he had a large family. His eldest son was Arthur Richard Harding Faithfull who married Violet Emily Hutton Wilson from County Durham, although it appears they were married in South Africa on 22 April 1915. Other children were George Lionel Follitt, Ferdinand Hastings, Dorothy Scott, Elizabeth (Betty) who married Mr Whitbourne of Fittleworth in 1988, Francis Hatfield born in 1903 and baptized by his father, and Wyndham James Hamilton Faithfull who was his father's curate from 1884-6, later curate at Buxton with Oxmead, Norfolk, Cliffe at Hove, Rochester 1887-9; Slaugham, Sussex 1890-1900 and Rector of Oaksey, Marlborough, Wiltshire, from 1890.

I knew and was able to talk to Betty Faithfull who told me much about the rectory, and gave me a conducted tour after it was sold to a computer firm. She also wrote regularly for a local paper under the name of "Bee Keeper", sharing her expertise of the skill.

Arthur Richard Harding Faithfull was born on 2 October 1885 and baptized by his grandfather, the Revd George Faithfull, on 27 October. He began his religious training at Chichester Theological College in 1908, taking his theological examination the following year, after which he became a deacon, being ordained in 1910. He then obtained a curacy at St Hilda's Church, Darlington. In 1912 the Revd A R H Faithfull left England for South Africa where he obtained a general licence from the Diocese of Pretoria in 1911-12 and again in 1915-16. During this time he married Violet Emily Hatton Wilson and became Vicar of Christiane with cure of Butcome. Continuing his colonial travels, he was priest-in-charge of East Rand Coloured Mission from 1920-23. His father, the Revd Arthur Ferdinand Faithfull, died on 21 October 1926. His body was brought to the Church after Evensong on Sunday. The Requiem was said at 8am the next day and the funeral held at 2.30pm with a full Choral Service, Choir and crowded congregation. Officiating clergy were the Revd W Davy; the Revd A R H Faithfull, Rector of Chedburgh with Deepden; the Revd W Bramwell, Rector of Wiggonholt and Rural Dean; the Revd R C Faithfull, late Rector of Peakirk; and the Revd H T de Croft.

The new rector's problems began immediately on 29 September 1927 with a letter from the Parish Council informing him that, in spite of the churchyard having been extended twice in the past 73 years, it was once more full and needed enlargement. He handed over a piece of the Church meadow free of cost to the Church Council for a churchyard extension, which required the diversion

of an old footpath across the field and a drain which had been installed from School Lane to discharge into the Church meadow also needed to be closed off. The path removal had to be approved at Quarter Sessions.

A happier side of his return home was the many liberal gifts from parishioners, one was a new chancel arch to the Lady Chapel which was refurbished. Side aisles were made, freeing the pillars which had been enclosed by long pews, the Victorian font was



Revd Richard Faithfull (second from right) with Bishop of Chichester and 2 other clergy

removed and an earlier one restored, the reredos was made plainer and electric light installed to replace the old gas lamps. Mr Hecks of Sullington Manor Farm had replaced his mill wheel with a generator, and was supplying electricity to those requesting it.

The Revd 'Dick' Faithfull, as he was known locally, was finding his workload burdensome. In the "Rector's Notes" in the parish magazine of December 1931 he wrote, "I have found it increasingly difficult to produce the magazine which we started on rather ambitious lines four years ago when I had the help of Mr Pears who did much of the printing. I have been very loath to make a change but hope you will accept it in its new form next month which will save many hours of folding and printing." The new magazine consisted of one page of Rector's notes, five pages of mission news, one page of poetry, three pages for a story, two pages of Church news (which was not local) and two pages for women, of daily chores advice and a children's service. It ended with parish notes of services and reports. The magazine of May 1941 during World War II reduced to four pages of Church news from home and abroad, a serial story, a page for women with homes, the Rector's and parish notes on the front and back covers.

The Rectory was another problem. The Rector and his wife found their new home to be a large rambling building very difficult to run in spite of considerable alterations at their own expense "... which made the Rectory less of a tax on the staff ..." but still it did not take them long to find that they had taken on a big building task. It was acknowledged to be an ecclesiastical white elephant. In 1933 the ecclesiastical commission agreed to sell it. An account by the Rector's wife explained:

"After living at The Rectory for 3 years we decided it was much too big and ought to be sold to the Chanctonbury Rural District Council who were just then being made into a new body and more



The Rectory (The Abbey)

villages were being added. On 20 June 1933 we left The Rectory and went to "Chilmark", School Hill, until the new rectory was ready. During our last few weeks we had a garden fête for the new vestry, a confirmation and a missionary fête at Amberley. That June we had early loganberries and made jam and bottled them – a record in June. Mr Milburn Pett, the Diocesan Architect, re-designed our plans which we had in our minds for a very long time. We wanted a simple good house. The Rector wished for a good staircase window on the north side and shutters to the south side. I said "slate roof,

not tiles" and so we had Westmorland slates. I said "windows to see out from the floor downstairs and from bed upstairs." He said "No fancy work, no extra steps." I said "Aga stoves" and he said "central heating." He said "all inside chimneys and a good reception room – such a place as Storrington deserves a good house."

The site was quite level in the Glebe field and the foundations were laid on 5 May 1934, the Rector's mother, Mrs Faithfull, putting in the stakes to mark the ground.



Elizabeth Faithfull putting first stake in for new Rectory

"The house was finished in November and we moved into it on the last day of

that month. The week before the curtains were hung the parish was invited to see the new Rectory. The Bishop of Chichester, the Rural Dean, the Revd W Bramwell, came to bless the new Rectory on 7 December.



The new Rectory

The road was made up in January after selling the glebe land to Col HV Ravenscroft and the piece of frontage to West Street to Mrs Ravenscroft to secure the trees. Later Mrs Best, Mrs Lancton, Dr Head and Mr

Sicklemore bought the smaller pieces between the Rectory and the road. A gift of money helped to buy the trees and beech hedge round the garden. Among the first visitors in March 1935 were Dr Eiling Eidem, the archbishop of Upsala, Sweden, and Miss Astrid Eidem.

In July 1939 William A Stuart, one of our schoolboy wards now in the Royal Marines, was married to Janet S Hill by special licence.



Dedication of Roll of Honour in The Square, Storrington

On 1 September 1939 war was declared and London children, three boys and three girls, were received at The

Rectory but as that number was many, one pair left, leaving Edwin and Peggy Eaton and Leslie and Joan Sherron. The girls stayed till January and the boys till the end of July. October 1940 Chaplain Stanley Moore and wife were billeted until 1 March and on 10 March Chaplain E Thomas and wife billeted themselves on us until 4 May. My good cook, Kate Cook, came to us as cook in June 1932 and Evelyn Woods in 1935 and stayed until June 1941. In March 1940 the Rector was taken ill, but got better. Finally, we left on 30 December 1942. Mr Milburn Pett, Diocesan Architect, surveyed the house in the summer of 1940. After painting the outside someone complained that our lovely white house was so conspicuous from the Downs so it was sprayed to look like trees.

The Revd Arthur Richard Harding Faithfull retired to Worthing where he died in 1942. The patronage went to Keble College, Oxford.

Joan Ham (Village Historian)

## STORRINGTON ON SHOW IS BACK!

Local voluntary groups are beginning to revive their activities and services again after the last 18 months, and so Storrington Community Partnership has decided to hold its delayed third Storrington on Show later this year.

The last show 3 years ago, was very successful with over 100 visitors including the previous MP Nick Herbert, seen in photo here.



To support these voluntary groups in and around Storrington, they will be returning to the Chanctonbury Leisure Centre, Spierbridge Road, in the Studio Hall, on Saturday, 9 October. Entry to the event, which will again be free, will be from 10am to 2pm, and as well as the wealth of groups and services present, the Centre Manager and his team will be on hand should you want to explore the leisure opportunities at the centre.

The organisers anticipate up to 30 voluntary organisations being there, ranging from some that are well known, such as the Community Bus and the Help Scheme, to others new to the area seeking interest for new ventures. They have been asking some of the voluntary groups to ask their members what they gain from being a part of their activities, and their members are always keen to make their voices heard!

Sandgate Conservation Society tells us, "We have been protecting and enhancing our local green spaces in the Sandgate area in between Sullington Warren and Warren Hill for over 45 years and we were instrumental in the opening of phase 1 of Sandgate Country Park and connecting it to the existing wooded park via a footbridge. We continue to work towards the establishment of a larger country park as local quarrying activities end and ensuring our voice is heard on planning matters that would be detrimental to these aims. The more members we have, the stronger our voice.



The more fun part of what we do are our 'conservation mornings', of which we have two most months; on Saturday mornings on Sullington Warren and in Sandgate Park. Volunteers, whether members or not, are always welcome to these. We are particularly keen for children to take part including those working towards their scouting badges or DofE awards. Our working parties include people of ages, spanning over 60 years and always make time to stop for a chat with a cup of tea and slice of cake (please bring your own tea and cake!)"



Sandgate volunteers say: "It's really satisfying to see the difference a group of people working together can achieve in a short time"

Others comment: "Good cup of tea and a cake"; "Always a friendly welcome"; "A free, gentle, workout."; "You can do as much or as little as you like"; "Some people just come for the chat"; "you learn about the local flora and fauna."

"Being a member does not commit you to attending conservation mornings; however, it would be lovely to see you there! All tools and gloves are provided.

Finally, for part of the year, we hold monthly evening talks on topics mainly related to nature conservation and local interest. Talks in the past have been about local plants, insects and birds, gardens, history and have even included live owls and hedgehogs and we have a great line up of speakers for the future."

This is just one of the many groups that will be offering local people a chance to meet new friends, have fun, and achieve something worthwhile in our community.

At the Centre, car parking should be easy, and the centre boasts a café for a coffee while thinking over all you have seen. Planning for this has already started, and more publicity will appear in the next few weeks.

## SHOP LOCAL LOVE LOCAL



I want to start this with a big THANK YOU to all the customers old and new that are showing continued support for Storrington High Street shops and businesses. It has been a welcome return for all of the shopkeepers, restaurant, pub and business owners. Tremendous to see that community spirit has not been sucked into a coronavirus void and we are all extremely grateful to you.

To celebrate the extraordinary community spirit shown in Storrington, we are delighted to welcome you all to join this month in the

**'Big Welcome Back' Street Party**  
3.30pm - 9pm  
Old Mill Drive, Storrington  
Saturday 28 August  
(in conjunction with Storrington Parish Council)

The event is aimed at celebrating all things 'Storrington', including it's wonderful community spirit. Eat a light lunch and get your dancing shoes on as the streets will be alive with music from local artists, stalls bursting with food and drink and lots of local businesses out to show off the best of their wares and services; it promises to be a great family event.

Covid risk assessment and compliance will be evident so please rest assured that we all have your safety and wellbeing at the forefront of everything that we do.

We invite young and old to join together, united in this celebration of community spirit in Storrington.

Please come and fill the streets, join the fun, show your support, enjoy what the local businesses have to offer and build stronger bonds with your community.

It will be great to see you there.

Sam Ackland, The Village Deli

## STORRINGTON CONSERVATION SOCIETY

Our Saturday 3 July, work morning went ahead as arranged, despite the rain. We carried out our summer work around Old Mill Drive and West Street



Garden for the first time since 2019. With two years of growth needing attention, the trimming of shrubs and trees was a timely exercise. The usual coffee break, now with some restrictions being lifted, gave the opportunity to enjoy a chat. We all know the enormous impact the Coronavirus has had worldwide, not only in limiting socialising; however, at the time of writing, we have realistic hopes that a more normal way of life is on the way.

It is not only people who experience pandemics. Recently it has become noticeable that many trees alongside roads are being felled, a drastic but necessary response to ash dieback. Like the Coronavirus, it emanated from East Asia and has spread across Europe. It is a fungus against which our native ash trees have not yet developed immunity, so they are killed by it. When they die they become dangerous, hence the need for felling them to prevent harm to people and property. Those trees in remote areas not likely to cause such damage are left in the hope that some of them will develop immunity and so preserve the species. It is not only the trees themselves that suffer, felling also represents loss of habitat for other forms of wildlife, changing the shape of the countryside. Cleared areas will provide opportunities for other native species, such as oak and sycamore, so there is something to look forward to. It is not all bad news.

There is no work party in August, our summer break, so our next work morning will be on 5 September in Fryern Dell to continue with the woodland management and restoration of the Victorian Pleasure Garden, starting as usual at 10am. Come and join us, gardening clothes recommended, other equipment provided.

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

Stuart Kersley

## WEST CHILTINGTON AND STORRINGTON MOTHERS' UNION

The well-laid plans of mice and men.....

**Mothers' UNION**  
Christian care for families

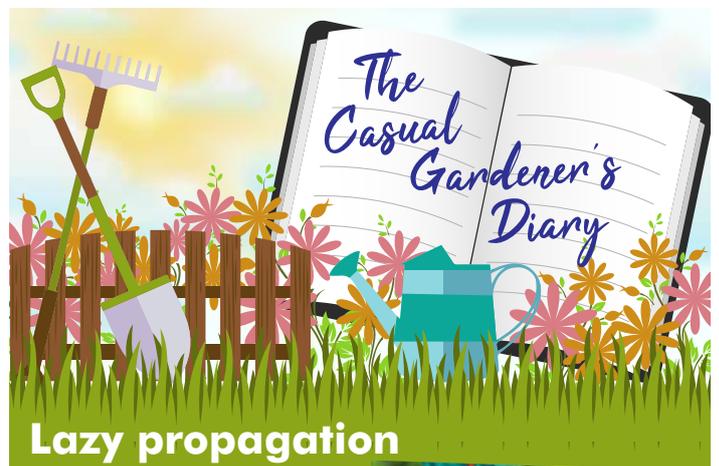
and MU! The Garden Party which we hoped to hold on 1 July had to be moved to 29 July as Covid restrictions were still in place. However, eight members did join together for a Eucharist Service on 1 July at West Chiltington Church.

Hopefully, the Garden Party will have gone ahead, as well as our fund-raising for AFIA at Selsey on 24 July.

On **12 August** a Coffee Morning will be held at Owl End, Roundabout Lane, West Chiltington from 10am to 12noon to raise much needed funds for the Branch. Entrance £2; there will be Bring and Buy, and a Cake Stall. All are welcome, so do come and bring a friend.

Our September Meeting has been moved to 9 September so that Father Stephen Merriman will be able to conduct a MU Eucharist Service at 12noon. This will be followed by a fund-raising lunch in the Church Hall. A Ploughman's will be served with wine and a pudding at a charge of £10. Please phone Jean on 01798 813681 to book lunch.

Jean Hunt



## Lazy propagation

There's a joke that people who open their gardens to the public like to tell: "When's the best time to take cuttings? When the owner of the garden isn't looking". The advice, especially for softwood cuttings (the floppy fresh growth) would suggest however, that those stems stored in handbags don't stand a chance. We're told: straight into a plastic bag, gritty compost, spray several times a day and race against the clock to get them to take root before the cutting dies.



Sounds like too much effort for a free plant to me. Instead, I've left the fine art of vegetative propagation to other people and am seeing what happens if I just stick 'em in a jar of water. So far, I've had roaring success with leggy and sprawly houseplants: *Tradescantia*, Spider Plant (*Chlorophytom comosum*) and Flaming Katy (*Kalanchoe*). I pinch

the top out, remove the lower leaves and just wait until there's a set of roots before potting them up.

In the cool of the spring-time greenhouse, I gave lemon balm (*Melissa officinalis*) and spearmint the jam jar treatment. It was a bit less effective and took longer, but I still got several new plants for an embarrassingly small amount of effort. I haven't tried tomato plants yet, but I hear they do brilliantly too.

Where I've tried the more traditional approach of poking cuttings into holes round the edge of a pot of compost, putting them somewhere shady and watering them when I remember, I can report that, unsurprisingly, it's the drought tolerant plants that do well. Rosemary, liquorice plant (*Helichrysum petiolare*), sage and rock rose (*Cistus*), for example, all turned out to be worth a go.



The winners though, have got to be the succulents. Grab a pot of *Sempervivum* or *Echeveria*, pull off any little rosettes dangling precariously over the edge, nestle them into a small pot of compost and leave them alone. The expert advice is to let them callous for a few days first which means if you get started, answer the phone and forget to pot them up until later in the week, you're a natural.

Cheryl Brown



## Another Unbeaten Century for Miles Scerri

Despite losing two matches in June, our Seniors are holding on to second place in their League Division. Batting second against Horsham Trinity at the start of the month, victory was achieved with seven balls to spare. The home side scored a challenging 215-4 off 40 overs. With our skipper Ian Homewood in good form with the bat, he and Miles took our score to 100 for the loss of 1 wicket. Eventually, Ian was out for 80 after another good partnership with Andy Livermore. With two overs remaining we needed 13 runs which Andy struck in the penultimate over. The following match was against Worthing Chippingdale, the Division leaders, who had beaten us in May. We were unable to avenge that defeat, losing by 95 runs. Our bowling was tidy and the opposition's wickets fell steadily, but big hitting by the tail-enders meant we had to score 191 for victory. After an early run out of opener Doug Sopp quickly followed by the departure of the skipper, our wickets fell at regular intervals and, despite good resistance by Andy Livermore, we were bowled out for 95. Against East Preston at home, after quickly reaching 40 without loss, we lost seven wickets for fifteen runs. Only the superb batting of Steven Livermore, unbeaten on 21, and a few hefty blows from Adam Homewood, enabled us to raise a final 125 runs that was never going to challenge our visitors who lost four wickets in reaching their target.

We returned to winning ways against Bosham who had not lost a League game for 3 years (36 games). We won the toss and decided to field. Steven Livermore quickly took the wicket of the League's top scoring batsman, caught by Steven's father Andy who took two more catches before Bosham subsided to 129 all out, Andy taking 3 wickets in his bowling spell. In reply, our top order batsmen struggled to make runs, apart from Guy McKilligin who made 21. The experienced Mark Haggart (26 not out), well supported by Craig Johnson and Steven Livermore, took us to eventual victory with one wicket in hand. At the start of July we entertained Findon in a shortened game because of the previous night's wet weather. Batting first, we scored 190-5 in 30 overs, Miles Scerri scoring his second unbeaten century (101), putting him in 30th position for accumulated runs out of (at least) one thousand players in the whole of the Sussex League. With Adam Homewood and Andy Livermore sharing five wickets, Findon could only get to 131-8 in their overs, giving us victory by 59 runs.

In the mid-week Sussex T20 Slam, we beat Bognor and Findon Horses to stay top of our division. Against Bognor, we posted a massive 176 runs with Will Whitehead retiring when he had reached 50 (a competition rule). Will was able to return to the crease before the end of our innings as we had lost all our other wickets before our 20 overs were completed. Will was unbeaten on 71 at the end. Early excellent bowling by Dan Pickard and Steven Livermore meant Bognor were five wickets down after just six overs. With Andy Livermore and Adam Homewood also picking up wickets, Bognor were bowled out for 87. Away at Findon, we elected to bat first and proceeded to score a massive 209-5, Miles Scerri 53 retired, Ben Homewood 41 retired and Doug Sopp 29 not out. The heavens then opened and the game had to be abandoned. In the first round of the Slam's knockout matches, we were at home to Shoreham Swingers. Batting first on a damp wicket, we lost early wickets, but the innings was stabilised by Will Whitehead and Dan Pickard, who retired on 50, and we ended with a creditable 140-8. Dan took two wickets in his first over and we were well on our way to victory, eventually bowling out the opposition for 83. Adam Homewood took 3 wickets as did Dan Pickard.

The Development XI's return match with Worthing produced the side's first victory at the end of June. Batting first, we scored 198 off 35 overs, Guy Humphries and Steve Watkins retiring on 50 and 40 respectively. Fine bowling by all our youngsters, including Noah Philby and Thomas Blackie who took two wickets apiece, meant that Worthing after losing seven wickets gave up the chase just as rain descended. An earlier match against Bury had been lost, but a tense and exciting match with East Preston was won by half a dozen runs.

The U11s came up short against Findon on 5 June but three days later beat Horsham Trinity with good performances from Laurie, Archie and Josh. The U9s had a very busy month. Their match against Wisborough Green on 7th June was a close run game with our side winning by 2 runs in the final over. Batting first, we scored 281, the main contributors being the openers Ben and Joel, and the last pair Bastiaan and Massimo. Good bowling by Thomas, Massimo and Bastiaan restricted the home side to 279 for victory. The visit to Southwater for a friendly match on a brand new artificial wicket, resulted in a defeat, chasing 285 runs, despite a strong start by openers Thomas and Joel with Ben at the end smashing four boundary fours. Next, against West Chiltington, the home side proved too strong scoring 348 to our 304.

On Friday 25 June, three members of the Chanctonbury Lodge No. 6296 visited the Pavilion to be photographed in front of the Honours Board that the Masons have presented to the Club in memory of one of our Vice Presidents, John Crowhurst. The three Masons are photographed here with Chris Winter our President.



Left to right: Mike Rushworth, Brian Charman, Peter Smith, and Chris Winter

It was interesting to read last month's piece by Joan Ham about the Revd George Faithfull and his army crammer known as The College that was housed in Church Street. The College had sufficient cricketers to play our Club most seasons during the last three decades of the 19th century. Some of the match reports referred to the sides as Faithfull's Pupils; at other times, they were Capt Austin's XI or Mr West's XI. The College also played other local Clubs such as Washington, Findon, Steyning, Midhurst and Arundel. In July 1899, a Grenadier Guards team visited Storrington to play a drawn match with Capt Austin's XI.

Chris Winter



We are still hopeful that COVID restrictions will ease shortly and allow us to put on 'live' entertainment later on in the year! So, we are continuing to plan entertainment and refreshments for our Members' Evening on 21 August. Assuming we can go ahead, we are also proposing to present *Theft* by Eric Chappel as our November production, at West Chiltington Village Hall.

We welcome new members, so if you are interested in getting involved in our friendly Society, whether as an actor, director, in support of our backstage and technical teams, or Front of House, please let us know. Details of how to become a member can be found on our website [www.wcds.co.uk](http://www.wcds.co.uk), where you will also find more information on our activities and previous productions.

Angela Sloan, Vice Chair

Despite all the different restrictions that have been in place during our season, we managed to complete our competitions with the last being our 'Best of Year'. As with all our previous competitions this season it was held online.

Whilst we all hope to have a winning image on a competition night, a judge might comment or pick up an aspect that we may have overlooked. Whilst frustrating at times, it is always a learning experience you might take away or subconsciously store that then helps you look for or apply in the future to help create that winning image.

The 'Best of Year' competition often ends up being a case of 'Snakes and Ladders'. Images that have previously scored high marks in an earlier competition receive a lower score in the 'Best of Year'. Just like we all look at images and have a preference in what we like, this also applies to our judges. As we are all different this is what makes life interesting and, when entering competitions, sometimes challenging!

This was the case in our final competition, 'Best of the Year', where we must select two print and two projected images that have been in earlier competitions. Members must decide whether to submit an image that scored highly in an earlier competition during the season or one that didn't do so well, which may have been partly due to the judges' preference. For some it was definitely a case of 'Snakes and Ladders', where previous scores were not reflected this time round by our judge, Peter Rocchiccioli.

Peter reviewed all the images and, as this was the 'Best of Year' it meant that the quality and standard of images submitted was even higher. Peter gave a detailed review and critique for each image. He explained what his expectations were, and he did not spare the photographer's discomfort when these were not met! However, despite this he was always constructive and helpful in explaining where an image could be improved.

So, who won the honours for 'Best of the Year' Print and Projected Image?

For the Print competition Peter awarded two images top marks: *Sweet Peas* by Kristina Byng, a very delicate and exquisitely printed image of a sweet pea, with the stem leading the eye through the image to the very lovely textures in the leaves, and the second was *Bronze Dahlia* from Liz Barber. He described the print as being a very striking and beautifully presented image of a Dahlia with fantastic textures, giving it the appearance of an oil painting, which the judge described as excellent.

Peter then moved onto the Projected Image competition. Like the prints, he awarded two images top marks: *World Cup Slalom* by Janet Brown, described as an excellent and very colourful action shot, showing the deep concentration on the face of the Olympic champion slalom canoeist which he also awarded 'Best Projected Image of the Year'. The second that just lost out was *Bad News* by David Seddon, a black and white portrait described as capturing the atmosphere of desperation following bad news.

Congratulations to Liz and Janet for their successful images.

It has been a vastly different but good season with our guest speakers, competitions, photoshoots when possible and virtual coffee mornings. We have welcomed new members and, are now looking forward to our new season starting on 2 September, hopefully face to face. During the break new members are welcome to come and join us; please see the website for details or to get in touch.

Kevin Harwood



The highlight of the WI calendar is, without a doubt, the National Federation of Women's Institutes of England, Wales, Jersey, Guernsey and the Isle of Man Annual Meeting and this year was no exception. The meeting took place on 8 June and was live streamed from RSA House, London, with only the Board of Trustees and guest speakers in attendance, all other members viewing from the comfort of their own homes. Lynn Stubbings, the retiring national chair, opened the meeting and in true WI tradition, followed by the singing of *Jerusalem*, during which a montage of previous WI events was shown. During her opening speech, Lynn welcomed all members including a special welcome to Fay Leonard, WI President of New Zealand, who, thanks to the wonders of technology, had also been able to join the meeting from her own home. Lynn spoke about the agonising decision that had been made to close Denman College, the WI's own seat of learning, and she hoped the WI spirit would continue through the online Denman at home courses. The 2021 Annual Meeting had been scheduled to be held in the Royal Albert Hall, to help celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Hall, but sadly Covid regulations meant this had to be cancelled.

Following the business part of the meeting, during which the Hon Treasurer presented an overview of the organisation's accounts, the first guest speaker was announced, HRH the Countess of Wessex GCVO. Her Royal Highness who is herself a WI member, and is not only a working member of the Royal Family assisting Her Majesty the Queen, but also supports 70 charities of which she is patron. Her own mother, Mary, was spoken of with affection; sadly she passed away in 2005. The countess continued her talk speaking about the need for women's equality in society. Unfortunately some of the progress made has been lost during the last difficult year, and levels of domestic abuse have risen. Both Chaucer and Shakespeare referred to women as the "Fairer sex", but it is for women to be treated with fairness not as the fairer sex. Fairness will lead to strength and women need to be strong and capable. The Countess closed her talk by asking all to be proud of the WI and women everywhere.

The next speaker was Dame Cressida Dick DBE QPM, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police Service, the UK's most senior police officer, and it is the first time this position has been held by a woman. Dame Cressida gained a degree at Oxford after which she worked for a short time in Accountancy. She joined the Met in 1983 then transferred to the Thames Valley police force in 1995 until 2000 where she was a high-ranking officer. After gaining a Master's Degree in Criminology at Cambridge University, Dame Cressida returned to the Metropolitan Police in 2001, where she held senior roles in the anti-gang and anti-gun crime operations. In 2009 she was promoted to rank of Assistant Commissioner. During 2015 she accepted a role in the Foreign Office and took up her current position in 2017. Dame Cressida thanked the WI for their campaigns; in 1922 the WI campaigned for women police constables, and in 1924 the campaign was for a woman constable to be available at all police stations. Her endeavour is for all forces to be 50%/50% male/female, currently it is 65%/35%. More women are holding non-uniform roles and there are many more women Special Constables. The sad murder of Sarah Everade was mentioned and how this had brought the safety of girls and women into focus; her resolve is to work with all for justice. The UK is still a very safe place to live. Dame Cressida continued her talk touching on various subjects, many of which involved women; how women and girls are more at risk in their own homes with domestic abuse, which sadly many cases leading to death. The abuse does not always have to be violent but that of controlling and coercive behaviour. The Metropolitan Police are trail blazers in helping in these cases. Short videos were shown to highlight the problem of children in these situations. In closing her speech Dame Cressida compared the WI to the Metropolitan Police, bonded by the intention of helping others and the hope they can work together to form a safer society.

After a break for lunch, the conference continued with the announcement of this year's resolution "A call to increase awareness to the subtle signs of ovarian cancer". Before the afternoon speakers were announced, a video was shown highlighting how various groups of WI members had worked during lockdown, helping vulnerable people, sewing PPE kits, providing craft kits for prison-based WI groups, to name but a few.

The next speaker was Mr John Butler, Consultant Surgeon in Gynaecological Oncology, based at the Royal Marsden Hospital, London. Mr Butler congratulated and thanked the WI for their choice in this year's resolution. He continued by explaining the difficulties in diagnosing ovarian cancer but urged women of all ages to go to their GP if there was anything they considered to be abnormal in their bodies, as the earlier treatment can begin the more chance there will be of a positive outcome.

The final speaker of the day was Rt Hon The Baroness Hale of Richmond DBE. Baroness Hale gave members a brief outline of her lustrous career: born in Yorkshire she was educated at Richmond High School, and gained a place at Girton College, Cambridge where she read law. This was followed by 18 years as a lecturer in law at Manchester University, whilst continuing her career in law. In 1969 she was called to the Bar. During 1984 Baroness Hale became the first woman and the youngest person to be appointed to the Law Commission, overseeing a number of important reforms in family law. In 1986 she became a Professor of Law at Manchester University. During 1989 she was appointed Queen's Council, followed by becoming a High Court Judge in 1994. Baroness Hale became the first woman to sit on Britain's Supreme Court, serving as Deputy President from 2013 to 2017. In 2017 she became President, being the first woman to hold this post. The values she holds are justice, fairness and equality, and continued by saying these values should be visible. More women were urged to become lawyers and judges. Cases were outlined where being a woman had helped the course of justice.

The meeting was closed by Lynn Stubbings, but not before everyone was encouraged to sing *Land of My Fathers* (the Welsh National Anthem) and *The National Anthem*, as is the tradition at the Women's Institute Annual Meeting.

The June meeting for Sullington Windmills was again held via Zoom, and was opened by the President Erika Brichta, who introduced the speaker for the evening, Jane Napper. Jane, who is also a WI member in Tanterton Bay, Whitstable, Kent, gave members a talk and presentation on chocolate tempering, something quite different and interesting. Jane was demonstrating from her own home and during the last 12 months has Zoomed her expertise the length and breadth of the country. Jane uses the microwave method for tempering her chocolate, and many ideas and tips for this hobby were passed on to members, and, in the short time she spoke, many delicious looking chocolates were produced, despite the extremely hot weather we all endured on that particular evening. Jane even made her own presentation boxes so her home-made produce could be given as gifts. Erika thanked Jane for her talk and demonstration.

Following a reminder to members of the three walking groups, the table tennis group and two forthcoming outdoor events, members then enjoyed a quiz about, you have guessed it, chocolate, in keeping with the evening's speaker. If you would like to join Sullington Windmills or to come along as a visitor, you will be most welcome. We look forward to holding our meetings back in Sullington Parish Hall. Meetings are held on the **3rd Wednesday of the month** at 7.30pm. For further information please contact Erika Brichta President on 742039.

Pat Snape

## TRAVEL SAFELY WITH YOUR DOG



Hello, I'm Sophie Hall, Veterinary Surgeon and owner of Meadow Hall Vets in Thakeham. I'm passionate about helping you to keep your pet safe and healthy and with more of us going on staycations this year, here's some tips to keep your dog safe while travelling



### Plan ahead

- Plan your journey with regular stops in mind, so your dog can stretch their legs, have a drink and go for a toilet break.
- Pack a travel bag for your dog which includes water, bowl, lead and some poop bags.
- Leave early to avoid being in the car in the heat and to, hopefully, avoid traffic jams.

### Restrain your pet

Some owners are unaware it's a legal requirement that your pet is restrained. You may face a fine and/or points on your licence.

Many people choose to use either:

- Dog cage • Seatbelt harness • Dog guard

### Overcoming anxiety

It's really important to build a puppy's time in the car up slowly. Here's our 4 step guide:

- 1) Open the doors in a stationary car and encourage your pet to come in.
- 2) Close the doors but stay stationary.
- 3) Turn the engine on for about 10 mins without going anywhere, turn engine off. Increase the time the engine is on for.
- 4) Take a short trip down the road and back again. Increase the distance.

Praise and reward when they have settled and only move on to the next step at this point.

Even with these measures some pets will still be sick. There are calming products that you can buy without seeing your vet such as Adaptil or Nutracalm. If these don't help then book an appointment to see your vet, as they may need stronger medication that only a vet can prescribe.

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This year is the centenary of the Royal British Legion, the Storrington branch is one of the founding branches which was formed on 25 October 1921.



After the Great War, there had existed a Comrades of the Great War association for Storrington's ex-servicemen to raise funds for the welfare of returning servicemen, widows and their dependants.

In 1920 ground was purchased, about an acre located close by where the Storrington Bowling Club is located today and donated by Lt Col Ravenscroft. A hut was purchased by donations from residents with the balance paid by the Peace Celebrations Committee that had welcomed its servicemen home in 1919. The hut sat around 100 people and was the venue of many dinner nights. It was opened on Armistice Day 1920 by Mrs King of Fryern House with a guard of honour formed outside by the Comrades. Later that evening a church parade was held at St Mary's Church. In 1947, the Women Section was added to the branch and membership was over 400 strong.



The Storrington Branch day continues its work and fundraising for the Poppy Appeal and raised over £8000 last year. We are no longer at the Old Comrades hut but continue to meet when it was possible to welcome new members and provide support to our community.

In August, a Torch of Remembrance will be crossing from East and West Sussex to mark 100 years of the Royal British Legion in Sussex. On Friday 27 August at 11am the torch will come to Storrington where a service will be held on the grounds of St Mary's Parish Church. During the ceremony, we shall witness the passing of the Torch from a Veteran to a member of youth community signifying the passing of responsibility for remembering the fallen in War from one generation to the next.



Everyone is welcome to the service and at the exhibition at the Storrington and District Museum at the Old School afterwards. If you would like further information about the service or to be part of our branch activities please contact the branch secretary, Stuart Duncan on 741106 or email [rblstorrington@outlook.com](mailto:rblstorrington@outlook.com).



## Ahhhh August, the holiday season is in full swing and 'staycations' are topping the charts!

It's time to visit friends, family and loved ones again after a long time apart. What better way to celebrate when you meet up than with a few local foodie gifts and a Sussex wine. Let us put together a Sussex hamper for you or simply choose some goodies yourself.

In the garden it's time to kick back and enjoy the fruits of your labour with a nice glass of chilled wine and a platter of your favourite antipasti while you wait for the BBQ to warm. With friends, family and loved ones now allowed to come and visit make the most of the long summer nights with a platter delivered to your door while you catch up on the year gone by.

To arrange a charcuterie or cheese platter for home please email us: [thevillagedelistorrington@gmail.com](mailto:thevillagedelistorrington@gmail.com).

Sam Ackland, The Village Deli



# Sam's Deli Delights

## Baked Tunworth with roasted smoked garlic new potatoes

This incredibly simple and totally delicious recipe made from a few ingredients will have you dunking crispy roast potatoes and charcuterie in gooey, rich, velvety baked cheese. What's not to love! Ideal for a light lunch, as a sharing starter or simply indulging your loved one with a treat and a nice bottle of Sussex wine.



### Ingredients

**1 large smoked garlic bulb, halved horizontally**

**250g box Tunworth Cheese**

**55g Brighton Salami**

**100g Parma Ham**

**150g Salami Selection**

*(all above are available at The Village Deli)*

**1 kg new potatoes, washed, scrubbed and dried**

**2 tbsp Olive oil, plus extra for drizzling**

**1/2 bunch fresh Thyme**

**1/2 bunch fresh Rosemary**

**(keep 2 sprigs to dress your cheese)**

**Salt & pepper to taste**

### Method

- Heat the oven to 200C/180C Fan/Gas 6
- Toss the potatoes, garlic, olive oil, 1/2 of the Thyme and Rosemary in a roasting tin or ovenproof serving dish.
- Season with salt and pepper to your taste
- Roast for 30 minutes
- Remove from the oven and place your cheese (in its box) in the centre
- Cut slits across the cheese top and drizzle with Olive oil, sprinkle on the remaining Thyme and Rosemary
- Bake for a further 15 minutes
- Arrange your charcuterie on a separate serving platter

That's it! All you need to do now is take your tin and platter to the table and get dunking

My pick of wine pairing is KlIn Bacchus £21.95 from the Kinsbrook Vineyard in West Chiltington, available at The Village Deli. It's mouth tingling acidity and herbaceous notes make it the perfect companion to this dish.

Sam Ackland

Enjoy the taste of Sam's Deli Delight's and let us know how you get on. We would love to see pictures of your efforts.

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