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SULLINGTON AND THAKEHAM WITH WARMINGHURST

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My hands and arms look as though I have been pruning my Rambling Rector rose without wearing any gardening gloves, and my clothes are beginning to look equally snagged. The reality is that I now have living with me a rather lively yellow Labrador puppy called Hugo. When you read this magazine, Hugo will be four months old and

right in the middle of teething as he loses his baby teeth. Most of the time he is very good and really quite adorable. But every evening he turns into a crocodile and wants to bite anything and everything within reach: the coffee table, stray fingers, slippers, the settee, toys, toes and poor old Cally, my elderly black Labrador.



Cally has been extremely patient with Hugo as he has disrupted her nice, quiet, retired life. Hugo has loved having a big old furry friend to play with and chew. As a very young puppy he loved her thick tail which seemed to move just for his pleasure, though Cally was less keen on him chewing it! At first he tried and failed to climb over her large furry back, now he lies across it or even jumps over it. We love it best when they are snuggled up together, side by side. They look so contented.

In the magazine a couple of months ago I talked about my forthcoming holiday to Morwenstow in Cornwall. At that time I didn't know that Hugo would be coming too. Luckily it was a cottage that took two dogs. We were staying in the converted stables that once



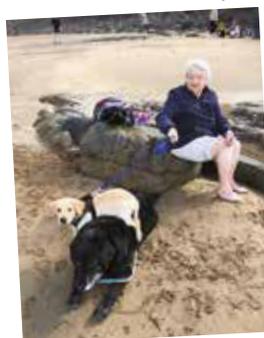
Morwenstow Vicarage, built by Parson Hawker

housed Parson Hawker's horse, called Carrow, right next to the old Vicarage that Robert Hawker built with his own money (or rather his wife's!). Hawker was clearly a very eccentric priest who loved colourful clothes and smoking his opium pipe, but he also had a heart for his parish and built a school for the children. He was also known for his care for sailors along the rocky north Cornish shore. He rode to Bude to alert the lifeboat about ships in trouble, and he made sure that sailors who had lost their lives were given a proper Christian burial

in Morwenstow churchyard. Using timbers from shipwrecked boats he built a little hut on a ledge on the Vicarage Cliff, where he wrote his sermons and poetry and kept a watch on the coastline. We walked across the fields and sat in Hawker's hut, the smallest property owned by the National Trust. The view was fabulous, but the steps were not for the faint-hearted.



The north Cornish scenery was glorious and for a number of days it was bathed in golden sunshine. Hugo loved his first holiday and it was a bit like taking a small child away. His delight in the simple things in life was infectious and heart-warming: chasing the autumn leaves, paddling in the shallows, accidentally swimming in the rockpools, running full tilt after a ball, enjoying the company of family and strangers on the beach. His joy in the wonderful world around him made me pay much more attention to my surroundings. What a beautiful world we live in. What a beautiful country England is. How blessed we are.



CANON KATHRYN WINDSLOW
Rector of Storrington

PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

Gaelic blessing

May the strength of God pilot us,
And the power of God preserve us.
May the wisdom of God instruct us,
And the hand of God protect us.
May the way of God direct us,
And the shield of God defend us.



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What's happening at

St Mary's Thakeham



Sullington & Thakeham with Warminghurst
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Electoral Roll Officer

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Organist

Beryl Hardie (892349)

Bellringers: Tower Captain

Roger Watts (01798 813775)

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4 Crescent Rise
Storrington RH20 3NB

Gift Aid Officer

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

Safeguarding Officer

Allison Goodfellow (740499)
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Storrington RH20 3HQ

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 Knit and Stitch Group

Next meeting is on 16 November
2pm – 4pm
 Venue To Be Confirmed
 Further Information Available From Wynn Lednor On 743025

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY
An evening of carols and beer
Saturday 4 December
 in Thakeham Village Hall
 Commencing 6pm. Further details next month



THAKEHAM COMMUNITY FRIDGE

You may remember reading a little while ago about The Thakeham Community Fridge and how we collect produce from Tesco's Pulborough that is destined for waste? Thanks to a very talented craftsman we now have a purpose built shelving unit to store all the produce in.



This shelving has been handmade and donated to the Village and we are incredibly thankful to this local master craftsman. This attractive unit gives the food the best chance of extending its usability with shade and shelter from the elements. If you are passing Furze Common Road on a Friday then please do pop down and collect some FREE goodies that need rescuing! Be a foodwaste hero in your community!

Pippa Harder

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

After missing a year due to Covid, the Thakeham Macmillan Coffee Morning, organised by Wynn Lednor, was held on Friday 24 September, The Revd Sara-Jane Stevens giving permission for this event to be held in the Rectory Garden.



Members of St Mary's Church, Thakeham, and St Mary's Church, Sullington, along with family and friends, gathered in the lovely garden to raise money for this worthy charity. There was a huge selection of delicious homemade cakes available to enjoy with tea or coffee, together with good company in pleasant surroundings, and the sun was

shining. It is understandable that the morning raised the sum of £436.25. Thank you to everyone who contributed to make the morning such a success.



MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT

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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John Williams (742956)
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Douglas Parkes (743106)
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PCC Secretary

Jo Pentecost (744454)

Freewill Offering & Gift Aid Officer

David Baxter (744346)

Electoral Roll

Heather Cotton (745751)

Organist

Beryl Hardie (892349)

Church Flowers

Altar Rota Jean Hoadley (01798 812658)

Safeguarding Officer

Jane Williams (742956)
Sandgate Lodge,
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Sullington RH20 4AF

Lifts to Church

Anne Owen (743973)

Church Fabric Officer

Douglas Parkes (743106)

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

WE ARE OPEN! St Mary’s Church, Sullington is now open from 9am to 5pm daily, to visit or for private reflection and prayer.



Blessing

Jonny Peacock & Christine Winn
2 October



Baptism

Darcy
26 September



SULLINGTON REGISTERS

2019 Baptisms

– we welcome into the Lord’s family...

24 Apr Dennis Dearden

Marriages – to love and to cherish ...

24 Aug Rebecca Johnson & Ian Smith

7 Sep Hannah Brown & Richard Moore

14 Sep Emma Chapman & Ryan Grover

Funerals

– we commend to God’s nearer keeping...

6 Aug Diana MacDonald (73)

31 Dec Peter Harold Cowpertwait

Interment of Ashes.

12 Oct Terry Lillywhite

7 Nov Anthony Hardwick

14 Dec Frederick White

2020

Funerals

– we commend to God’s nearer keeping...

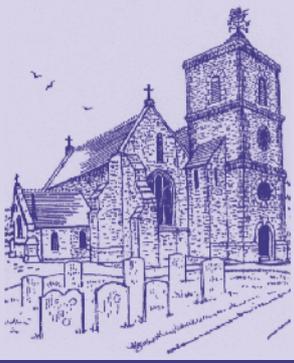
4 Apr (at Graveside) Cyril Blood

23 Sep Paul Shove (91)

Interment of Ashes.

21 Apr Gwyneth Ena Whitehouse

18 Sep Bridget McCaig



What's happening at

St Mary's Storrington

Faith, Hope and Love
in the heart
of Storrington

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

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Val Rice (746816)
21 Longland Avenue,
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Retired Clergy

Revd Charles Hadley (740787)
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

Readers

Sam Ward (893794)

Sidesmen

David Rice (746816)

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)

ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS

The names in the Book of Remembrance together with other names which have been requested will be displayed in Church. The calendar date of this festival is 1 November. All Souls, officially 2 November, is a day to remember with thanksgiving our own departed loved ones. The Book of Remembrance will be displayed in Church together with other names which have been requested.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

All are invited to take part in the Service of Remembrance at Storrington Parish Church on **Sunday 14 November** at 2.55pm, assembling if fine for the laying of wreaths at the War Memorial on the south side of the Church. This is an inter-church service arranged in conjunction with the Royal British Legion. Civic leaders, local councillors and uniformed organizations are invited to be present, with banners if appropriate. Medals to be worn. Youth organizations will be invited to take part in a parade beforehand arriving at the War Memorial for 2.55pm (this will not take place if wet – in this event all assemble in Church). Tea will be available afterwards. This service replaces 6pm Evensong.

CHILDREN'S GIFT SERVICE

During the Family Service on **Sunday 5 December** at 10am, everyone is invited to bring gifts for needy children which will be distributed through Family Support Work. A simple, durable and inexpensive toy or book would be much appreciated. Please wrap gifts using ribbon or string rather than sticky tape. A label stating contents and suitable age-range would help staff to give the presents to appropriate children.

STORRINGTON REGISTERS

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

22 Sep Christopher Stanley Ernest Selman (72 years)

Memorial Services

17 Oct Hugh Bowen Francis

PARISH VISITING TEAM...

The St Mary's Parish Visiting Team contact is Barbara Buchanan (741916). Please contact Barbara if you would like to arrange for someone on the team to either speak to you or visit you.

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

CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS

We invite extra singers who would like to join Storrington Church Choir for the Churchyard Carol Service and other Christmas services to come to the Christmas section of the choir practices on Fridays at 7pm, starting on 5 November; regular Choir please arrive at 6.40pm to practice for the forthcoming Sunday.



Weddings

at St Mary's Sullington



*Neil Lindsay &
Emma Greenfield
18 September*



*Felix Close &
Victoria Smith
21 August*



*Charles Bull &
Kate Smith
21 August*



*Richard Kemp &
Alexandra Nash
10 September*




St Mary's Church, Storrington
*2nd and 4th Wednesdays
 10 and 24 November*
 10am Short Service of Holy Communion
 10.30am Café in the Church
 When there is a 5th Wednesday there will be Tea for 2,
 with Holy Communion at 2pm followed by tea at 2.30pm
*All welcome to either or both – come and
 join us for a friendly 'cuppa' with the Clergy*

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, 2 November – Community Church or Church
 of England will lead
Tuesday, 7 December – Catholic Church will lead
One in faith and love and praise

GETTING TO KNOW YOU...

Barry Laker and Douglas Parkes – Recipients of the Order of St Richard

This month's article is slightly different. As a relative newcomer to this parish, I have left it to those who know them better to tell you of Barry and Douglas's lives. (See the September copy for Christine Hounslow's article on Barry and look out for Ann Salinger's article on Douglas in a future edition).

Instead, I would like to share with you what I have understood from Barry and Douglas of their commitment to their churches which has resulted in them being honoured with these awards.

Barry Laker

Barry feels that his commitment to Thakeham Church and the local community are a direct result of his lifetime spent in Thakeham. Not only does Barry live in the same home in which he was born (and how many of these days can say that), he is fortunate enough to have lived and worked all his life in the same community. As a result of this, Barry has strong sense of being rooted in Thakeham. He feels at one with the local neighbourhood and, having been to the Village school, gone to the local Church, married a local girl, Barbara, and made many friends locally, is definitely a part and parcel of Thakeham's life.

Barry's way of giving back to his Church and his community is to quietly give whatever he can, which in Barry's case is a very great deal. Barry is the man to call if the Church boiler won't start (although it is hoped the new system will reduce that particular call on his time), the Village Hall has a funny smell coming from the drains or you want to know how to sell on the Church pews, amongst a myriad of other skills vital to local community life.

Barry is a member of the PCC, and has also been a Deputy Churchwarden and a School Governor, leading on to becoming Chair of Governors, with all the work these roles entail. I was impressed to hear that Barry made a point, when a Governor, of attending all the local council meetings to ensure he had the fullest possible understanding of anything which may affect the school.

Barry's time and very practical expertise have been at the disposal of the local area all his life and Thakeham is blessed to have him and Barbara living here.

Douglas Parkes

Douglas has a different story to tell. He has worked in many different parts of the United Kingdom and globally and has some fascinating stories to tell of his working life, including his involvement with the construction of the Channel Tunnel. When he and his business partner started working from Horsham, Douglas and June moved to Storrington. In fact, they are just on the Storrington/Sullington border which led to them attending Sullington Church.

When I asked Douglas, "What drew you to Sullington?" he answered, "Sullington drew me to Sullington", and went on to describe the warmth of welcome he and June received when they first started attending the Church.

Douglas's expertise as a Chartered Civil Engineer has been of much practical help to Sullington Church over the years. Shortly after he joined the Church, Douglas was instrumental in helping to

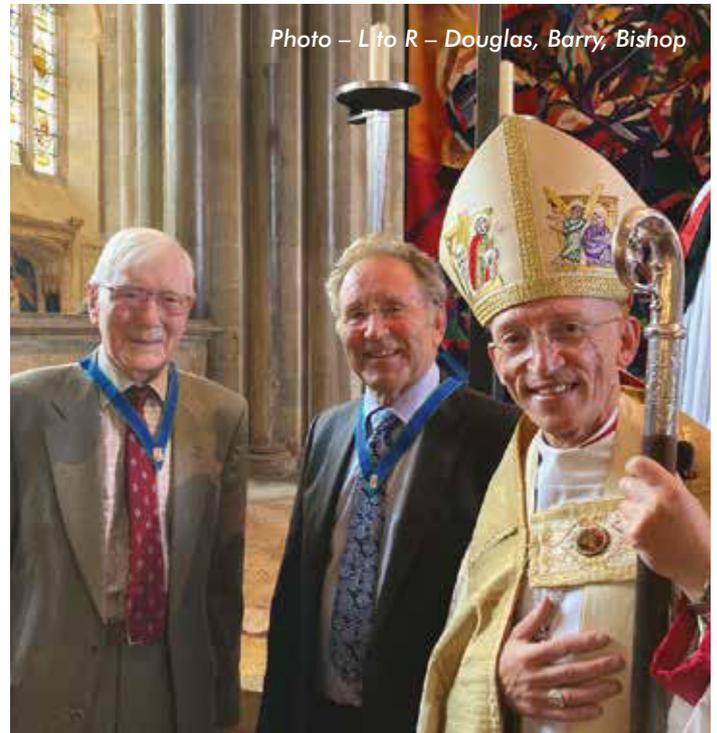


Photo – L to R – Douglas, Barry, Bishop

install the stained glass window, which is a memorial to the Puttick family. Douglas was also invaluable in overseeing the repair of the tower walls and also the reroofing of the tower, which I understand was done just in the nick of time. Apparently, another couple of years and it is likely that it would have collapsed again.

Douglas was a Churchwarden for many years and is still a member of the PCC. He feels that now he is a little older his days of offering practical help to the Church are coming to an end, but he is more than happy to have his wealth of experience used in order to help maintain the fabric of the Church. Douglas also has a deep understanding of the needs of older people to maintain their links with the Church and has been a great facilitator in ensuring people can get to Church and all the activities it offers.

Sullington is truly blessed to number Douglas and June amongst its congregation.

Both of these men, very different in many ways, and yet very similar in their practical and unassuming ways of helping their Churches, are clearly not just worthy recipients of the Order of St Richard, but a precious asset to their Churches and communities.

Church@4pm
at St Mary's Church, Storrington

FAMILY CRAFTS FOR CHRISTMAS
There will be a special Church@4 on Advent Sunday, 28 November

Storrington Macular Group
in partnership with

Postponed for the time being Enquiries – Philippa on 743182

WHAT HAVE TWO DOPEY FARMERS, PETROL SHORTAGES, ST MARY'S THAKEHAM AND MATTHEW 9:37-38 GOT IN COMMON?

At St Mary's Thakeham, we have become really excited by the prospect of moving back into our beautiful church early in November! Not that we are not truly grateful for the use of Thakeham Village Hall and Zoom, but being together as a church family, face to face and hug to hug, is what we are about. For us, though, that just isn't enough!!

We are working on a new service on the first Sunday each month at 10.30am with which we will attract newcomers and wonderfully serve our existing congregation.



You see, we intend to grow. Which brings us to the two

Dopey Farmers, deep in conversation who attended our first new service 'A Harvest Celebration for All' on Sunday 3 October.

"How is your cotton crop coming along this year?", enquired Dopey Farmer 1, leaning on a gatepost.

"I ain't got none", replied farmer 2, chewing on an ear of corn.

"Didn't you plant any?" asked Dopey Farmer 1.

"Nope", said, Dopey Farmer 2, "I was afraid the boll weevils would get it".

"Well," persisted Dopey Farmer 1, "how is your corn?"

"Didn't plant no corn neither," Dopey Farmer 2 replied, "I were afraid there weren't goin' to be no rain."

"If you didn't plant any cotton or corn, what did you plant?", asked Dopey Farmer 1 resignedly.

"Nothing," said Dopey Farmer 2, "I just played it safe!"

In Matthew 9:37-38, Jesus points out that the workers are few but the harvest is plentiful. Think about that as you are queuing for petrol or surveying shortages in the shops. Of course, He didn't mean just that. He wants his churches to grow, not play it safe. Worshippers at St Mary's Thakeham are doing their bit. If it sounds like fun, come along! And, by the way, the new service started with bacon rolls and coffee.....

Allison Goodfellow



HARVEST FESTIVAL AT ST MARY'S, STORRINGTON



St Mary's Church, Storrington

QUIZ NIGHT

with **PLOUGHMAN'S SUPPER**
BYO drinks

SATURDAY, 27 NOVEMBER

7pm start

at The Old School, Storrington

TICKETS: £10 per person

**Maximum 42 tickets available from Sunday,
7 November, after 10am Services in Church
or from the Rectory Office, Rectory Road,
Storrington (742888)**

(Office open Tuesday and Thursday, 10am - 1pm)

Proceeds in aid of St Mary's Church, Storrington

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.

For more information contact Sonia Fox (745703).

ECO CHURCH COP 26 – IT'S NOT JUST GOVERNMENTS!



By the time you read this, COP 26 will be about to take place, or maybe already happening in Glasgow. In case you wonder (and I did) COP 26, 31 October to 12 November is a United Nations Conference of the Parties, and this year is the 26th year. The most likely outcomes are pledges by various nations across the world to reduce carbon emissions by various dates. Our politicians will stand up and commit to green energy initiatives and other policies to reduce the impact we as humans have on our planet which we share with other species and which we will bequeath, in whatever state it is, to our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. However, the politician's words will be like mist that disappears on a sunny day without actions, including our actions. We need to reduce the amount of energy we use, individually and collectively.

I read in the *Financial Times* that the trade in bitcoin consumes more energy in a year than a country like Argentina or Finland. I have no interest in this form of financial activity, but I note El Salvador has adopted bitcoin as an official currency. You may not have any interest in bitcoin, so you're not contributing to global warming that way, so I ask you instead – how dark is your house inside and outside at night? Last night I woke up and realised there was a blue light next door to the bedroom; it was a charger left switched on but without the thing to charge. The tiny light on it was glowing brightly, unnecessarily. I have a habit of switching off the power to practically everything as we go to bed at night; no 'standby' for me! I mutter "I will save the planet" as I flick each switch. I had missed this one.

When I'm outside at night it infuriates me that so many people leave lights blazing throughout the night. One of my particular bugbears is the garden centre on the A24 that is lit up like an ocean liner at 2am in the morning. I understand that good lighting makes people feel safer at home and out and about. There are excellent motion sensor options available that don't stay on all the time. I have a tiny motion sensor nightlight between the bedroom and the bathroom which I put on when we have guests. Not only does outdoor lighting that is on all the time use energy unnecessarily, it means you and I can't enjoy the spectacle of a starlit sky. We do not have a dark enough sky because of all our lighting left on at night. We are very unlikely to be able to see the Milky Way. So please, review your lights. For more about dark skies look at <https://nightblight.cpre.org.uk/maps>.

It's National Poetry Day as I write this so here's a poem by TE Hulme called *Autumn*

*A touch of cold in the Autumn night –
I walked abroad,
And saw the ruddy moon lean over a hedge
Like a red-faced farmer.
I did not stop to speak, but nodded,
And round about were the wistful stars
With white faces like town children.*

I want to be able to see that moon and those stars in the future.

GETTING INFURIATED

Imagine a beautiful sandy beach; white sands stretching as far as you can see. The sun is shining, the waves are gently lapping across the sands. I come from Northumberland and there are many beaches just like this. But you might want it warmer, so imagine going to the Maldives. I saw a programme at the weekend presented by Simon Reeve. The sand on the amazing beach was actually trillions of tiny plastic grains. As he dug down deeper, there were whole items of plastic. This infuriated me. In different ways the plastic finds its way into oceans and ends up on beaches and in the fish we eat.

Here's another thing that infuriates me: the completely unnecessary little stickers on fruit and vegetables. My pictures show a new one, and one that spent over a year in my compost heap, hardly degraded! And the packets that say "Not currently recycled" or "Not yet recycled" which is really saying our profits are more important than using a recyclable alternative. Incidentally, Simon Reeve met a turtle that had eaten a similar pasta packet!

So, I've got that off my chest, but what can I, and you, do about it. Here are some suggestions:

- Buy local from farm shops and producers who tend not to use stickers.
- Look for products that are in recyclable packaging, or better find a refill scheme.
- Write to your MP asking them to bring forward legislation requiring all products to be packaged sustainably.
- Write to the Chief Executive of your favourite supermarket and complain that they aren't doing enough for the planet and that you'll reduce your shopping there.



Are you an electrical wizard?

One of the best things about Eco church is that I get to connect with other people and groups who care deeply about the environment. I've met people from Sussex Wildlife, the RSPB and Sussex Green living in recent months. However, writing this column I sometimes wonder if my words are going into a vacuum, so I was delighted to get an email from a local councillor who reads this regularly. She told me of the Repair Café that opened in Storrington on Saturday 16 October at The Hub. At the moment they only have people with sewing skills, and would love to have a couple of volunteers with electrical skills to mend small items. If you have those skills and are interested in occasional volunteering, please email: askstorringtonrepaircafe@outlook.com for more information.

Christine Tuson
ctuson@lineone.net



SULLINGTON 122 YEARS AGO

EXTRACTS FROM CANON PALMER'S DIARY – NOVEMBER 1899

Wed 1: Fine and much as yesterday. 55 degrees. Heard evil news from Natal; as our General White has lost 2 whole regiments to the enemy! Lifted Geraniums. Took my first service at Thrales, subject CHRIST the Way. 10 present.

Thu 2: Rough, with a thunderstorm. 55 degrees. Had our first Shakespeare reading, which passed off fairly. Ronald and I, Miss Stewart Wood came to see me and Vale saying goodbye.

Fri 3: Wild and galey. 56 degrees. Put in Tulips. Girls were taken to Petworth Choral. Rode to Fryern where heard all had just left for the Salisbury case. Visited Henry Hardwicke and promised them some help for three months.

Sat 4: Again wet and stormy. Very mild. 60 degrees. Put up church curtains. Called on Faithfull about Association of Schools. Found him poorly. Home by Chantry, paying bills. Forward Hal smoking materials per Storrington. Our puppy Rowdy suffers from distemper and has a doctor in Cicily DD or CM.

Sun 5: Trinity XXIII. Very wet throughout. 53 degrees. A dismal day for our services and collections for Widows And Orphans Fund: however a fair morning muster, but only a handful in the evening £2,16s.7pence. Preach on the Christian View of Suffering and on the mind which was in Christian sympathy.

Mon 6 to Fri 10: Returned home after attending Church Conference at Tunbridge Wells. Weather rough and wet.

Sat 11: Generally fine and colder. Much wind. 48 degrees. Put in bulbs of sorts, white anemones and forget-me-nots. Had to pass some little time in the garden this morning. No news from Ladysmith, but they are holding out well. S Godman and Johnstone and Parky to tea.

Sun 12: Trinity XXIV. Fine and fresh. 50 degrees. Good morning and fair afternoon congregations. Preached on progressive education. Lessons on Hebrews VI and on Amos IX.

Mon 13: Fine and mild. 50 degrees. Rode round to Roundabouts and Thrales. Spoke to May about admitting applicants from Westhampnett.

Tue 14: Fine, spring-like. 45 degrees. School 22 out of 23. Gardens; putting in bulbs, etc. in front borders, some dahlias and petunias some still in flower. Mesdames Arnold and Fitzmanrice and Hoare to tea. A grand shooting star shower predicted early tomorrow morning but there is a bright moon.

Wed 15: Fine after a foggy morning. 48 degrees. School 23 out of 24. Cleared up greenhouse. Putting in old plants. In evening had a service at Roundabouts and a good attendance. Clara drove the girls to Stopham for badminton.

Thu 16: Fine and bright. 45 degrees. School 23 out of 24. Rowdy improves. Mesdames Caldicot and Streatfield came for lunch and Clara takes them to Findon to sort garments: ours sent to the Capetown refugees. The girls to Worthing on wheels (bicycles) where they see Emmie.

Fri 17: Fine and bright. 45 degrees. Clearing the Rhododendron border near the gate. To Cobden, visiting all; seem a tidy lot. Miss Johns (Devonshire dumpling) had tea.

Sat 18: Fine, but a regular dull, misty, raw November day. 44 degrees. Visited Henry Hardwicke and Slaughter. A letter from Anglo-French Co. requesting H's attendance in anticipation of the trial.

Sun 19: Trinity XXV. Hazy but fine but still. 39 degrees. To early communion, only Clara and May. Took 'Temperance Service' at Storrington. E Parkinson coming here and preached on 1 Cor. Ch IX, v25 and in afternoon on Titus "The Triple Folds In Christian Life".

Mon 20: Dull but fine. 46 degrees. Rode round to W Wantley, Roundabouts and Greenhurst etc. to tell people about the patriotic performance on Thursday.

Tue 21: Fine, dull still. 46 degrees. Board of Guardians and District Council. Hargreaves made Vice Chairman of latter. Hadow came to us from Horsham. Richardson takes first load from the hayrick. A good concert at Storrington for charities where May and I went; the Harmsworth party strong.

Wed 22: Much as yesterday. 47 degrees. School 21 out of 24. Plant out dianthus seedlings and canterbury bells. Margesson comes on a short visit for the school entertainment tomorrow.

Thu 23: The Concert.

Fri 24: At Pulborough Rural District Council and Chichester County Council, spending evening with Doctor Kidd.

Sat 25: Dull, fine, mild. 50 degrees. Hadow left us; a very quiet gentlemanly fellow, reserved but very pleasant. Austin lunched; then we inspected Roads.

Sun 26: Last Trinity. Fine, spring-like. 46 degrees. A very beautiful day. Preached to a fair congregation from St James V. The Judge Before The Door - second lesson. In afternoon a better one on Haggai - The Glory Of God's House, His Presence In The Congregation - with an appeal for a more regular and devotional attendance.

Mon 27: Fine but dull. 51 degrees. Wrote to Hal. Much leaf sweeping. Lord Methuen has fought two small battles over strong positions at Belmont and a place a little north - God be praised.

Tue 28: Fine and dull. 48 degrees. We all have more or less of cold. Visited down Sandy Lane. Old Henry Hardwicke quite perky. Brace of pheasant from De Laune and two plus a hare from George Marten.

Wed 29: Fine and bright. 43 degrees. School 22 out of 26. Had to make an end of our little pup Rowdy who had gone crippled through distemper. This is our second loss. A lecture from Austin on the War this evening which was well attended and a result of nearly £20.

Thu 30: Dull and quiet. 48 degrees. School 22 out of 26. Another costly engagement of Methuen at Modder River; a victory, but no details; he is now within striking distance of Kimberley. A Road Meeting at Mants. They are useful. My evening at Thrales; spoke on the help to The Christian Life given in the Lamp, the Sabbath, the Food the Traveller along 'the Way'.



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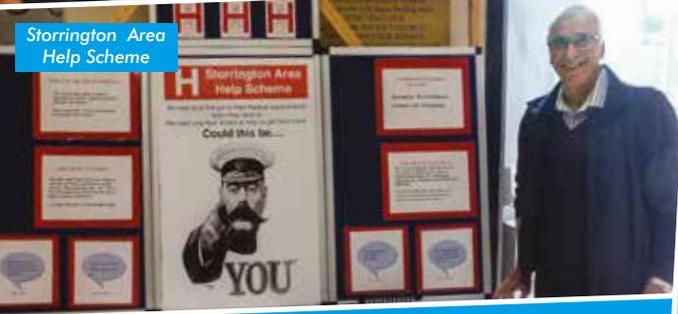
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Showcasing and encouraging volunteers in Storrington



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Storrington Museum



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Storrington Community Support Group



Voluntary Sector Support



Storrington Rotarians



Community Speedwatch

FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE IN THE HEART OF STORRINGTON

St Mary's Church attended the Storrington on Show event, organised by Storrington Community Partnership and held at the Chanctonbury Leisure Centre on Saturday 9 October, a great networking event with some 20 or so local organisations. Visitors were able to see the numerous volunteering opportunities available in the Village, and weekly activities at our Church to get involved with! It was great to be back out in the community after such a long time in the unknown

space of lock down. Also, it was incredibly valuable to network with other local organisations who we look forward to working with in the future to ensure that Storrington is a healthy, thriving place where people feel committed to get involved and reduce social isolation in the Village. If there is something you would like to get involved with at St Mary's Church, Storrington, either volunteering or a group activity please see the display in Church.



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INSPIRING WOMEN

WI NEWS SULLINGTON WINDMILLS

As life continues to return to some form of normality, organisations are resuming face to face meetings, Sullington Windmills being no exception. Members and three visitors gathered in Sullington Parish Hall for the September meeting. The President, Erika Brichta, welcomed everyone and informed members of forthcoming events, organised either locally or by Sussex Federation of WIs. Following Erika's speech, the Secretary and Treasurer gave their reports.

The speaker for the evening was introduced: David Bickerton, his talk entitled "Parents at War." David opened by explaining his talk had transpired after his parents had sadly passed away. He and his brother had been clearing their parents' home, when they discovered 140 love letters, written by their parents to each other during WWII. Born in Liverpool in 1917, Don Bickerton, David's father, moved to London during 1935 to work in the Ministry of Health. 1940 found Don volunteering for the Royal Navy, where he was assigned to *HMS Dorsetshire*. Whilst on this ship, the crew managed to rescue around 100 survivors from the *Bismarck*, and the survivors were taken to Newcastle and handed over to the authorities. Don then transferred to *HMS King Alfred* shore establishment in Hove, where Don commenced his officer training. In 1942, after being promoted to Lieutenant, he was based in Haverford West, where he attended a social interaction for members of the navy and RAF, and it was on this evening he met his future wife, Linda Russell. Linda, born on the Isle of White in 1920, had joined the WAAF in 1941, and during the war years had worked on several RAF bases in the UK, rising to the rank of Corporal in 1943. Just one week after they met, Don was transferred from Haverford West, and the couple's romance blossomed through the letters they wrote to each other. Don was

to see active service in 'Operation Torch', the allied invasion of North Africa, 'Operation Husky', the allied invasion of Sicily, 'Operation Avalanche', the Battle of Salerno, and 'Operation Leghorn', the final phase of the war in Europe. After handing over command of his latest ship, Don returned home in 1945 and married Linda later that year in Penzance. This wartime information was found within the letters. After discussion with his brother, it was agreed Don should write a book about the letters and from this book Don gives his talks. Erika thanked David for his talk, which had evoked memories in the older members.

On a personal note, on the death of my parents, my sister and I also found letters that had been written by our parents who were also separated during WWII, my father seeing action in France including Dunkirk and later in Burma. After reading two of the letters, my sister and I decided the letters were very personal and we took the decision, rightly or wrongly, to destroy these letters. I feel sure many letters would have included information to my father about my progress during my formative years. Who knows if we had taken the alternative decision, I too may have been able to write a book about our parents love letters?

Following the talk, refreshments and raffle, members had time to catch up with friends, before the meeting closed.

The next meeting, which is the AGM, will take place on **Wednesday 17 November**. We are now meeting face to face in Sullington Parish Hall on the 3rd Wednesday of each month (2nd Wednesday December) at 7.30pm. New members and visitors always welcome, for further information please contact Erika Brichta, President, on 742039.

Pat Snape

CHURCH SERVICES AT A GLANCE

DATE	FESTIVAL OR SUNDAY	STORRINGTON St Mary's	THAKEHAM St Mary's	SULLINGTON St Mary's
7 November	3rd before Advent	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Family Communion 6pm Evensong	10.30am Joint Thakeham/Sullington All-Age Service at Thakeham Village Hall	8.30am Traditional BCP Communion 3pm Evensong (also on YouTube)
14 November	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 2nd before Advent	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion 2.55pm Service of Remembrance – see p6	8.30am Celtic Communion (check website for venue) 10.30am Morning Prayer with Act of Remembrance (check website for venue)	10.30am Holy Communion with Act of Remembrance
10.30am Zoom Service – for those who cannot attend in person. Login details on the website calendar				
Saturday 20 November			Messy Church 9.30am at Thakeham Village Hall	
21 November	SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT Christ the King	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion with Prayers for Healing	8.30am Celtic Communion (check website for venue)	10.30am Joint Sullington/Thakeham Holy Communion
28 November	ADVENT SUNDAY	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion 4pm Family Crafts for Christmas	10.30am Family Communion (check website for venue)	8.30am Celtic Communion 10.30am Morning Prayer
5 December	Advent 2	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Family Communion Children's Gift Service 6pm Evensong	10.30am Joint Thakeham/Sullington All-Age Service	8.30am Traditional BCP Communion 3pm Evensong (also 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
When there is a 5th Wednesday in the month Holy Communion at 2pm followed by Café in the Church

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

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
Tel: 07450 176315 Email: admin@lccstor.org 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

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



The Churches of Storrington invite you to

SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB

A CHANCE TO GATHER TOGETHER OVER A MEAL, AND BE WITH FRIENDS OLD AND NEW

Sunday, 14 November, at 1pm

at the Old School, School Lane, Storrington

Tickets (£4.00) are available from

Louisa Austin, Church Street, Storrington



WHAT'S ON

NOVEMBER	
Tue 2	
10am	Inter-Church Prayers – RC Church (side-chapel) – p9
Thu 4	
2pm	West Chiltington and Storrington MU – Meeting – p24
7pm	Beer and Carols – Thakeham Village Hall – p4
Fri 5	
7.30pm	Storrington Flower Club – Open Evening – p15
Sat 6	
10.30am	Storrington Conservation Society – Working Party – p27
Sun 7 3rd before Advent	
Mon 8	
	Storrington Cricket Club AGM – p23
Tue 9	
2pm	SPACE – Arts & Craft Club – p 13
Wed 10	
10.30am	Café in the Church – p9
10.30am	Midweek Celtic Communion at St Mary's, Sullington
7.30pm	Storrington Film Night – <i>The Good Liar</i> – p26
Thu 11	
7.30pm	Storrington Camera Club – Meeting – p24
Fri 12	
2.30pm	Talk – Storrington Museum – p22
Sat 13	
9.30am	Sandgate Conservation Society – Working Party – p33
Sun 14 2nd before Advent REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY	
1pm	Sunday Lunch Club – Old School, Storrington – p 18
2.55pm	Civic Service of Remembrance – St Mary's, Storrington – p 6
Tue 16	
2pm	Knit and Stitch – p4
Wed 17	
10am	Midweek Holy Communion at St Mary's, Storrington
10.30am	Midweek Celtic Communion – St Mary's, Sullington
7.30pm	Sullington Windmills WI – AGM – p17
Sat 20	
10am	Storrington Museum – Pro-Am Art Show and Sale – p27
Sun 21 Sunday next before Advent CHRIST THE KING	
10am	Storrington Museum – Pro-Am Art Show and Sale – p27
7pm	Sandgate Singers – Concert – p24
Tue 23	
2pm	SPACE – Arts & Craft Club – p 13
Wed 24	
10.30am	Midweek Celtic Communion at St Mary's, Sullington
2.30pm	Storrington Flower Club – Meeting – p23
7.30pm	Sandgate Conservation Society – Talk – p33
Thu 25	
7.30pm	West Chiltington Dramatic Society – Performance – p27
7.30pm	Storrington Camera Club – Meeting – p24

Fri 24	
10.30am	Café in the Church – p9
7.30pm	West Chiltington Dramatic Society – Performance – p27
Sat 27	
10am	Sandgate Conservation Society – Working Party – p33
7pm	Quiz Night at St Mary's Church Storrington – 13
7.30pm	West Chiltington Dramatic Society – Performance – p27
Sun 28 ADVENT SUNDAY	
Please note – all these fixtures are subject to change, so please check with the relevant organisations	

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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL DAYS

NOVEMBER	
Mon 1 ALL SAINTS' DAY	
Tue 2 All Souls' Day (Commemoration of the Faithful Departed)	
Wed 3 Richard Hooker, 1600	Anglican priest and theologian Martin of Porres, 1639, renowned for work with the poor
Sat 6	Leonard, 6th century William Temple, 1944, Archbishop of York and Canterbury
Sun 7 Willibrord of York, 739	Apostle of the Benelux countries
Tue 9	Margery Kempe, c.1440, wrote first autobiography about her pilgrimages
Wed 10 Leo the Great, 461	secured unity of Western church under papal supremacy
Thu 11 Martin of Tours, c.397	Christian saint – famous story of cutting his cloak
Sat 13 Charles Simeon, 1836	founder of Church Missionary Society
Sun 14 Samuel Seabury, 1796	first bishop of Episcopal Church in USA
Tue 16	Margaret, Queen of Scotland, 1093, saint, recognised for her work with charity and religious reform Edmund Rich of Abingdon, 1240, Archbishop of Canterbury, university colleges named after him
Wed 17 Hugh of Lincoln, 1200	Bishop, patron saint of sick children and swans
Thu 18 Elizabeth of Hungary, 1231	devoted her short life to poor and sick
Fri 19 Hilda, 680	important in conversion of England to Christianity Mechtild, 1280
Sat 20 Edmund, 870	Priscilla Lydia Sellon, 1876, founded Society of the Most Holy Trinity
Mon 22 Cecilia, c.230	patron saint of music
Tue 23 Clement, Bishop of Rome, c.100	considered first Apostolic Father of the Church
Thu 25 Catherine of Alexandria, 1748	martyr, the firework, Catherine Wheel, is named after her
Tue 30 ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE, Patron of Scotland	

STORRINGTON & SULLINGTON – REFLECTIONS OF THE PAST

TWO REVEREND DYNASTIES – THE PALMERS OF SULLINGTON

HENRY PALMER – PART 1

Henry Palmer left Cambridge on 3 February 1858 as a BA after dining in Hall and inscribing his name in the exit book. He went home to Sullington, calling on his Bonnor grandparents at Chelsea on the way. By now, India was engaging the attention of the press and, in May, reported the capture of Lucknow. Henry was taking lessons in French and doing some gardening at the Rectory, visiting friends and when driving Annie to Stopham “marked the progress of the railway bridge which promises to be very handsome.” As the summer advanced, his future career was engaging his attention and he wrote to the Revd Gerald Vesey at Huntingdon who explained his curacy “which seems eligible.” He went to London to meet “My Rector”, unfortunately missing him, but by the following day they did manage to meet and “were, I hope, mutually satisfied. He told me the work ...” Henry wrote to the Bishop of Ely and to “old Romilly for a certificate.”

George came home after five long years away and the brothers enjoyed each other’s company, going for long walks, cricket and visiting, with all kinds of diversions and invitations to dine with neighbouring families, making the most of the unusual opportunity of being able to do so much together. During this time a brilliant comet made its appearance to add interest and on 5 August the Atlantic Telegraph Cable was laid down “... at last.”



(l-r) Revd Mr Palmer; 1st Lt. George Palmer; Edward Palmer (Army)

During October and November 1858 Henry did a lot of travelling. On 2 November he was at Chelsea where he saw his poor grandfather in his coffin. The old gentleman had been ill for some months. Shortly afterwards it was back to Cambridge and then Huntingdon and back to Cambridge, then to Ely where he was ordained a deacon in the Cathedral on 14 November before going to Huntingdon to make necessary arrangements for his curacy. He had a cosy room and had “hung the Bishop”, no doubt decorating his room with pictures! At Sullington again he travelled around to get the necessary signatures – three – to his testimonial, walking to Ashington, Warminghurst, Stopham, Greatham, Parham and back home to send the paperwork off to Chichester for the Bishop’s attestation. He then went to Huntingdon to start his first curacy in earnest. He read the lesson for the Rector, the Revd Gerald Vesey, and the next day visited “some of the worst parts of the parish, the almshouses, to listen to garrulous old ladies”, and that was his first duty. Apart from visiting parishioners his duties included teaching at the Charity School. A letter from home announced Emmy’s engagement to ‘Gosling’ with Henry’s diary comment, “... What will become of it I do not know – it will put down my mother’s notions of the aristocracy a good deal.”

Henry’s association with his Rector, however, turned out to be mutually a very happy one, best described by Mr David Vesey, the Rector’s son. “An old curate of his told me that when he told his Bishop he was going to Huntingdon, the latter replied, “You are going to the best Rector in England.” His family would have added, “... and to the best husband and father.” “One of his first curates was the Revd Henry Palmer, then a young man just down from Cambridge. He had a sister, Miss Annie Palmer, who used to stay with him at Huntingdon and became a close friend of my Aunt Jane at Castle Hill; Mr Palmer left Huntingdon to become Rector of Sullington soon after the death of his own father and predecessor at the Rectory, the Revd G Palmer in 1859; but Miss Annie Palmer used still to come on periodical visits to her friend in Huntingdon, so it came to pass that my father and mother became acquainted and after several years of friendship were married on 26 August 1868 at Sullington.”

The Revd Henry Palmer learnt a few things during his curacy; at All Saints in a sermon on the duty of Almsgiving he alluded to “...the conventional shilling put in by many in the bag let the subject be what it might.” In conversation with a parishioner later, he remarked that she had appeared to have ceased attending at the Communion. “Well, yes I have,” she said, “I can’t afford it.” “What do you mean?” said Henry. “Why, didn’t you tell us in your sermon we wasn’t to come if we couldn’t give a shilling?”

The Rector’s memory of the Revd Henry Palmer was warm and happy. “The Revd H Palmer came to us in November 1858; he was my first licenced curate. We had a most happy time together until January 1859 and great was my regret, shared by the whole parish, when he was obliged to leave Huntingdon to enter on the family living of Sullington, Sussex, which his father’s death had just rendered vacant. The energy which he displayed in his work at Huntingdon, his thorough goodness and his genial manner made him a general favourite – not least with the young men in offices and shops for whom he established the Boat Club, which exists to this day. He coached the young men himself and this opened up for them a recreation of a healthy character to which (for the river had been little used for pleasure at this time) they had therefore been strangers. During HP’s stay with us he was visited by his sister Annie at his lodgings over Peacock’s the Saddlers, opposite All Saints ... 1867 my mother and Jane were at Lowestoft for the autumn as usual when Jane was taken ill and Annie came from Switzerland to us to nurse and cheer her. I need not say more than that the outcome of this was our marriage in the following summer – that greatest event of my life took place on 26 August 1869 when in the little village Church of Sullington she and I were married. It was a quiet, simple wedding ... Henry performed the service and some enthusiastic villagers covered us with rose leaves as we left the Church.”

Henry’s own memories of the Rector’s family were recorded soon after his introduction. “Supper at Castle Hill, all the four were there, Mr Vesey having returned from Brighton. He is a nice plain-spoken person and a good English gentleman’s manner – true politeness – no sham – a good churchman. Miss Vesey grows upon you as you know her – she lights up to any subject in a manner quite delightful. Mrs V the Matron is a very nice, kind, motherly lady with such tender care for everyone, truly my lot has fallen on a good ground.” Henry worked hard. He started a scheme with the Rector of a “... middle class school to be held by ourselves as an experiment.” The parish seemed to have many dissenters. Henry recorded “Poor Whitney, the Post Master, wishes very much to see the Rector – he went and took his hand and said over him the blessing – Mr Whitney seemed much comforted. He was a rank dissenter, poor man, but we say that in

such cases the feeling of wishing to see the proper clergyman of the parish seems to denote something not right in their system."

Henry preached his first sermon on 28 November, Advent Sunday. He says he did not feel nervous. Supper at Castle Hill [*he oftened dined with the Rector and his family*] where Mr Vesey entertained them with stories from the courts. Henry's work kept him fully occupied, visiting parishioners, teaching in the school, attending at the almshouses and hospital and, of course, helping the Rector with church services. He loved being busy and took a great interest in news of the day, as always. On 5 December there was the Proclamation that the Queen had assumed the sovereignty of India. Another article of interest was the necessity of a Channel Fleet. "The English and French sympathies and interests can never be actually one." He also took his first marriage, baptism and funeral services and described the preparations and decorations for Christmas in the church. On 23 December he "... spent the day on a ladder and to save my coat against the whitewash put on a garment in the shape of a reading desk covering of brown holland." He adds a funny little sketch of himself, hammer in hand, beside a ladder, "...in this state was introduced to some young ladies named Chapman by Miss V."



Sullington Church and the Great Yew

It was not long afterwards that he was taken ill, and the sad news reached him from Sullington of his father's serious condition followed by the Revd George Palmer's death. There was no way that he could take up the living immediately, but the Bishop agreed to see him. His Lordship was kind, and approved of the appointment of a temporary incumbent while the correct procedures could be gone through and Henry's ordination and settling matters with the Revd George Vesey.

During February his mother was not having an easy time finding a temporary incumbent among their acquaintances. She offered the living to 'Gosling', but in case of refusal, to the Revd Henry Warren, or Mr Tasweld. Eventually Mr Warren accepted the Presentation, much to her son's relief, as he was prepared to allow Mrs Palmer to remain in the house and everything "to go straight on." A further source of pleasure for Henry was the arrival of "... my dog Jock [who] arrived today in a basket from Edinburgh. It is pleasant to have something to care for and feed." His sister Annie in Scotland had acquired the dog for him. He was obviously missing his Cambridge friends and family, not being accustomed to living as a lone bachelor.

The next big news to engage his attention was the Reform Bill, of which the Whigs were in favour but not the Conservatives. A new feature proposed was votes by paper to be signed in the presence of two people, one a householder. Polling places were to be increased and no money to be allowed to be given to voters. The debate rumbled

on until 1 April, when the resolution was carried by a majority of 620 on the third day of the debate. Henry thought of instituting a book in which to record noted newspapers and 'Review' opinions, phrases and other items which interested him.

His brother George had hopes of being appointed "... 2 Luff [2nd Lieutenant] to HMS Doris, now fitting out – a splendid frigate ..." Henry himself was actively fitting out the Rector's boat, replacing his old one which had finally sunk! A startling report in the news was of a Revolution in Paris – soldiers had turned on the Emperor and Paris was in flames! Endeavouring by telegraph to find out the truth, nothing satisfactory could be obtained, but it was partially confirmed by friends going up to Town who had seen London in a very excited state.

Henry's mother wrote that she had had to pay £15.10s.0d for a bond which obliged Mr Warren to give up the living on Henry Palmer's ordination. The Revd Henry Warren was inducted into the living at Sullington on Saturday, 20 March, and held an afternoon service on the Sunday after. Mrs Palmer also wrote that it was Annie's birthday on 18 March.

Disraeli gave notice that the Commons were too much split up into parties, that it would be impossible for any one Administration to carry on the affairs of the country, and he had advised Her Majesty to dissolve Parliament. Henry wrote that "... we shall feel it here and we fear it will stop in a measure all our designs for Parochial improvement. Lord Robert Montague stands for the County, vice Rust retired and Heathcote of Connington with Fellowes makes everything contested."

Alterations to the chancel and church of All Saints were now in hand, the finances were all done and the Revd G Vesey and his father donated £450 for the chancel and £200 towards the organ gallery. A parish meeting was to be held where a proposal to do the roof and the remaining part of the organ gallery would be about £1,000.

In the news, 50,000 additional troops were sent to the Austrian States of Italy to guard the regiment at Piedmont and France. "They speak in confident terms that a war cannot be avoided, the existence there of large armies making the alternative a dreadful one – either a war or national bankruptcy ... Edward [*his younger brother*] snuffs war and says "Hurrah! A fine thing ..." says he "... for a needy purse."

At home they were looking forward to the Handel Festival, for which Annie had booked seats, and now wanted to exchange their 10/s ones for 21/s. "Flush with money in prospect of the education of young Whitings," wrote Henry. Meanwhile, 'young Gosling' had got a curacy near Newbury. At Huntingdon, Easter Sunday was the scene of the last service in All Saints church as the following week the chancel stripped and scaffolding was in place. The news carried the information that the Channel Fleet was under sealed orders for the Adriatic, and the Emperor was to command the French Navy in person. The Austrian army numbering 120,000 had crossed the Ticino and the French refused England's offer of mediation.

Election hustings were taking place in Huntingdon and at All Saints church the chancel had been demolished: "during the work there were some interesting findings – an alabaster monument had been clamped to the wall "merely by means of common bones, the knuckle part forming a security as the head of a nail – a good many red crosses have been found of this shape on the wall over the communion table and some fresco there has evidently been, but it has come off with the plaster." *The Times* reported that Richard Maurice Bonnor was the new Bishop of Bangor ... Henry observed, "... I am destined to live my lifelong in suspense as being distantly related to a Bishop." The election result was that Heathcote was beaten by some 240 votes. And with that, Henry went on holiday from 6 – 14 May.



Joan Ham (Village Historian)

TALK BY MARGARET WATSON, HARPIST

Her life, and in particular the harp,
with demonstration on its use



Organised by Storrington Museum

12 November at 2.30pm
Old School, School Lane, RH20 4LL
£6 admission (£5 for Museum Members)
Coffee or tea with biscuits included

Margaret began harp lessons at the age of 14 with Surrey harpist, Susannah Shucksmith. She then continued her studies under the late Sidonie Goossens OBE and finally, with Sussex harpist, Helen Arnold. She holds a Diploma in Music Performance on the harp and is also a Fellow of The Guild of Musicians and Singers.

Now one of the busiest professional harpists in the South East, Margaret has played for Royalty, including performances for HRH The Princess Royal, HRH Princess Alexandra and HRH Prince Edward and Sophie Countess of Wessex.

She has given concerts at National Trust properties, played at City Guildhall, The Garrick Club, The Savoy, Ritz, Dorchester and Hilton Langham Hotels in London, Glyndebourne Opera House, The Royal Courts of Justice, Covent Garden and for many weddings, private parties, group meetings, receptions, launches, corporate, civic and charity functions. She has also worked for the BBC and Netflix filming for TV documentaries.

Margaret makes period costumes to wear when she plays at historic venues. Some of these have been Carisbrooke, Corfe, Bodium, Herstmonseux and Hever Castles, Polesden Lacey, Standen, Brighton Pavilion and Battle Abbey. More unusual venues include Southampton and Gatwick Airport, London Zoo, The Foundling Hospital, Fort Nelson, The Florence Nightingale Museum, The VIP marquee during the Wimbledon Tennis Championships and The Wetlands and Wildfowl Trust, to name but a few.

She is a very active member of the charity *Music In Hospitals* and gives bedside concerts for patients and the mentally or physically disabled in hospitals, hospices, and specialist care centres and nursing homes. With her very varied repertoire and often resplendent costumes, Margaret has delighted numerous audiences throughout the UK.

SOUTH DOWNS PROBUS



We had our first lunchtime meeting together since February 2019. We visited the Blacksmiths Arms at Adversane on Thursday 23 September for a talk, followed by lunch. The talk was from the most entertaining gentleman who had lived his life in and for, the theatre. Brian Freeland called his message "A View from the Wings". As a fourteen year old, he had gone to the local theatre and had been totally smitten by it all and decided there and then that his future lay there. So when he left school he joined Moss Empire theatres in London, but found himself selling tickets and helping at the front of the theatre which was not what he had wanted, so he did a smart sideways move and was taken on as a stagehand. Now he was in the right place! From there he managed many artists and companies, eventually becoming a theatre manager. But the life was populated by the great characters of the theatre that we all remember with such love. People like Arthur Askey ("I'm a busy bee") and Tommy Trinder, who was the quickest repartee artist of all, although I think Ted Ray might not agree with that. But of all of them Brian loved Norman Evans the most. His great act was called "over the garden wall", and was copied by Les Dawson in more recent times, where, dressed as a toothless Lancashire dame, he held forth about pretty much anything. Brian also had marvellous memories of Harry Secombe and gave us great value in stories about all these loved entertainers. There was also *The Crazy Gang* who got together by chance, and Ralph Reader's *The Gang Show*, a revue put on by Scouts and Guides. Brian also took The Saddlers Wells Ballet Company on the road with a stream of lorries carrying all their paraphernalia and managed other shows around the world.

We had a most entertaining time with Brian, followed by our great meal together where we could pick up on old friendships and catch up on each other's lives over the past couple of years. We are still looking for new members to join our Club and enjoy making new friends together. Please contact our President, Jonathan Isaacs on jonathanisaacs47@icloud.com for more information.



STORRINGTON DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Panto time is almost upon us – Oh yes it is!

SDS is proud to present:

Once Upon a Time

by Paul Barrow and Sarah Dyson

1, 2, 3 and 4 December

Sullington Parish Hall

Start times vary slightly so please consult your ticket. Not got one yet? Then go to Fowlers Estate Agency in the Village or if you know a member of the Society, ask them. Bringing ten or more youngsters? There's one free adult ticket available to carers / minders for every ten tickets purchased.

Having missed last year because of Covid, let us ensure we make up for it this year by getting Christmas off to a rousing goodie, baddie, foot-stomping, hoarse-making start! We deserve it. Come along and enjoy this traditional entertainment. We can promise you will leave with a smile!

CRICKET IN STORRINGTON



Moving Ahead

The last match of the season was played on Sunday 12 September between a Development Squad Eleven and a Past & Present Eleven captained by a returning-to-the-fold Graham 'Gus' Humphries. It was a 35 overs game, but the Past & Present Eleven's innings finished in dramatic fashion in the 31st over when four wickets were lost for just one run with 14 year old Jamie Fisher achieving a hat trick after running out a batsman with a direct throw. In reply, the Development Eleven lost nine wickets before passing their target of 189, Tom Fisher top scoring with 36 not out and James Harrington smashing a quick-fire 32. Jamie's feat is to be recorded on a new Hat Trick board in the Pavilion.

Indoor coaching has commenced in the adjacent Leisure Centre Sunday afternoons from 3pm to 4.30pm. Forthcoming dates and groups are as follows:

Nov 14: Development Squad + Senior 1st and 2nd Elevens

Nov 21: U9 & U10 Squads

Dec 5: Girls Squad age 8 to 13 years

Dec 12: U13 & U15 Squads

The junior section is currently 120 strong, including 24 girls, and we are aiming to expand these numbers for the next season. Parents whose children are interested in getting (more) involved in cricket should contact our Colts Manager, Martin Fisher, on 07812 257263 for information about coaching and membership.

The Club's committee has decided to invest the Ian Cotton legacy donation in a bowling machine designed specifically for young players, and a Cup to be awarded annually to the Cygnet of the Year.

With older youngsters now coming through to the senior group, the Committee has also decided to register a second eleven in the Sussex Saturday League next year as well as entering the T20 mid-week competition once again.

The Club's Annual General Meeting is to be held on **Monday 8 November**, and a dinner is to be organised as a pre-season event in April next year.

A season rarely goes by without rain affecting cricket, causing play to be cancelled or curtailed. A report in the Sussex Advertiser in September 1859 ran as follows when Storrington's cricketers met a team from Petworth to play an all-day match:

"It was feared in the fore part of the day that they would not be enabled to continue the game. A heavy driving rain coming on about 12 o'clock, the dinner was to have been served in a booth on the ground but for the rain, therefore they all wisely adjourned to the club house (Half Moon Inn), where a first rate repast was served up to them in admirable style, both for its quantity and quality. About 40 sat down. Dinner being over and the rain having ceased they repaired again to the cricketing field, and contrary to expectations finished the game". Storrington batted first and were all out for 123. They then bowled out Petworth twice for 42 and 46 for an overwhelming victory.

Chris Winter

STORRINGTON FLOWER CLUB

Wednesday 24 November 2.30pm
Sullington Parish Hall

This meeting will be an afternoon tea
New members and visitors welcome.



Grasses are growing on me

Over the years, my preference for plants has become more focused on foliage and providing something to enjoy during winter. Flowers still play a key role but as guest appearances, popping up briefly and brilliantly before disappearing into the background once more. It's not surprising, then, that my latest passion is ornamental grasses. Being wind-pollinated, they don't need showy flowers to attract insects, but theirs have an ethereal beauty and add wonderful texture to the garden. Except for Pampas grass of course – there's nothing subtle about them!



During spring and summer upright grasses such as the yellow-striped *Miscanthus sinensis strictus* make a striking contrast to broad-leaved climbers and perennials, while *Festuca glauca* and *Carex comans* can be used all year to form soft metallic blue or coffee-coloured tussocks that complement taller, architectural plants.

Grasses really come into their own late in the season. While the herbaceous perennials are looking miserable, grasses reach their peak with many changing to gold, bronze and caramel, while their seed heads provide structure during the colder months. These look even more stunning when backlit by a low winter sun or spangled with frost.



Sight isn't the only sense that grasses appeal to; listen out for the rattling of bamboo stems and the rustling of *Molinia* (Purple Moor grass) and I challenge you to resist stroking the rabbits-tail plumes of *Pennisetum villosum*. The first grass I bought for our garden was *Stipa tenuissima* (Mexican feather grass), a soft, delicate clumping grass which has slowly self-seeded. In wet weather it looks a bit pathetic, like a Persian cat caught in the rain, but when the breeze blows, there's a feel of the sea in our garden. It's mesmerising. It turns out that the only grass I don't welcome into my garden is one that requires mowing.

Cheryl Brown

WEST CHILTINGTON AND STORRINGTON MOTHERS' UNION

It was with sadness we learnt of the death of our former member Audrey Fox on 25 September. Audrey was a faithful member of the Church in both parishes, and of MU, for very many years. She sang in the choir at both Churches and was on the MU Branch Committee for several years. Audrey was always a stalwart supporter of MU activities and could be depended upon to help at fund-raising events. One thing she avoided was Quiet Days as she said she would not be able to go all day without talking! Audrey remained a staunch member right up to February of this year when she needed to be cared for in a residential home. We shall miss her but remember her with gratitude and affection.

On 7 October we were pleased to welcome back Rob Wall as our Speaker, who came to tell us about his second trip to Palestine to plant olive trees. Our member Sonia Fox, inspired by Rob's first talk to us in June 2019, also went along in February 2020, spending 10 days there. Rob and Sonia worked as a team, tools and trees having to be carried to the field by hand. It was literally back-breaking work with a pick and a shovel on very rocky ground. Rob with the pick tried to lever up a huge stone which got the better of him injuring his back, so Sonia had to take over with the pick.

On the hills above them were Israeli settlements encroaching on Palestinian land. Travelling around for the Palestinians is a difficult and risky business as permits are required for so many things, and armed guards board buses at check-points. Rob and Sonia stayed with two different families, both Christian, but Rob's family were Orthodox Christians who loved to worship at The Church of The Nativity in Bethlehem. Rob and Sonia were able to go sight-seeing and both of them felt the Bible come alive in visiting the places where Jesus had been. They enjoyed generous hospitality from their hosts. Most days, lunch was taken to them in the field but on the last day they went to the farmer's house. The farmer's daughter was in labour, and during lunch her baby was born in the bedroom upstairs, the farmer delightedly sending pictures through of the new-born baby. Sonia's host family invited friends to dinner and Christian, Muslim and Jewish people all sat down together eating and enjoying each other's company. The last night was very special with traditional dancing with Rob and Sonia being invited to join in which although enjoyable was a bit of a challenge.

Sadly, some of the young children are inclined to throw stones at Israeli soldiers, and are then taken away for days. Adults are trying to educate them as they do not want them to grow into terrorists. Many young adults realise they will never get their lands back, but their hope is that they will be able to live a decent life in peace. Politicians need to take note.

Our afternoon ended with Sonia providing Palestinian food for us all to enjoy, home-made flatbreads with olive oil, Palestinian herbs, labneh (goat's milk cheese), and hummus, all sprinkled with lemon juice.

Statistics show 1 in 3 women have been exposed to gender-based violence across the world. On **27 November**, MU invites everyone to show solidarity for the '1 -in- 3' campaign against gender-based violence by wearing a purple scarf and to keep a 3 minute silence at 1.03pm.

Our next Branch Meeting will be on **4 November** at 2pm at West Chiltington Church Hall, the speaker to be confirmed.

Jean Hunt

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

Sandgate Singers present



Haydn's Nelson Mass



Sunday 21 November - 7pm
at Our Lady of England Church

Tickets £15 available from
The Card Shop Storrington

www.sandgatesingers.com or Facebook

Interested in
photography?

Looking for
an opportunity
to develop your
interest and skills?



Come and join us, visitors welcome.

Our programme includes guest photographer talks, demonstrations, competitions, practical workshops and a monthly coffee club.

MEETINGS

Thursday 11 Nov 7.30pm

Guest speaker; Jane Lazenby
'From Paintbrush to Pixels' (Zoom presentation)

Thursday 25 Nov 7.30pm

Guest speaker; Ruari Cummings ARPS
'An Eye to the Hebrides'

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SOC Storrington
Camera Club

OVERCOMING ARTHRITIS



Twenty years ago I was crippled with arthritis of the kneecap. This was diagnosed by my doctor and the specialists at Salisbury Hospital, before I moved to Storrington. I was told there was no cure.

My father had exactly the same disease and I recognised the symptoms before the medical diagnosis. My father had been very active in his life. He was a builder and therefore was continually up and down ladders, and he also played several sports. In his latter life he walked with a stick; then two sticks; next he was in a wheelchair with carers coming morning and evening; finally for the last year of his life was in a nursing home, virtually bedridden. It was awful to see him, and I decided that I would do anything – ANYTHING – to stop myself from the same fate.

I got to the stage of walking slowly, having given up my bike, struggling to my feet from a sitting position while counting ten and using my arm strength, then holding onto walls and furniture, sometimes unable to put a foot to the floor. Stairs were such an awful effort I went up only once a day.

I needed to rest often; when walking back home I would sit on a roadside bench, and even stepping up a pavement kerb was painful. There were times when kneeling to clean, or pick flowers, I thought I would never get up again. I used to lie in bed looking at a very bleak future of immobility, constant pain, and dependence on others. What would I do?

The Holy Spirit sent a radio interview at the right time! It was with Marguerite Patten, a well-known cook in the 1940's, 50's and 60's. She was promoting her latest book *Eat to Beat Arthritis* which she had co-written with a dietician. I bought it, of course, and started to use it straight away. I know the year was 2001 as it was the publication date.

The diet I found difficult at first: no tea or coffee (I now usually drink just water); no wheat/barley/oats/rye, i.e. no bread, cakes, pastry, biscuits, etc.; no citrus except orange juice; no sugar (only honey or fruit syrups), no alcohol and so on.

I can't tell you all the diet as each person is an individual and needs to check each group of foods in addition to the above, so I urge you strongly to get hold of a copy of the book and read it for yourself. My copy is now in Alresford, Hampshire, so I can't lend it at present, though I have lent it out numerous times.

One of the things I found most difficult was when invited out to a meal. I used to make a roll out of rice flour and take it with me (this was before the days when many speciality foods were on sale). If my hostess produced soup I had my roll ready. I have also eaten crispbread in place of bread for 20 years.

So this diet works!! Sadly the knowledge wasn't available to be of help to my father. Just this year I have realised I have no pain in my knees. When we moved here in 2012 my knees were strapped every day and I usually used a stick. Now I can even walk downstairs forwards, after years of struggling backwards, and proved it to myself in London this August by walking down

25-30 stone steps with no supporting arm, no handrail and no stick! Hallelujah!

Of course my knees are still stiff and they creak lots, but they don't hurt, so I can live with that.

Please keep this article and show it to everyone you know who has arthritis. I would love to make Storrington an arthritis-free zone. I mentioned it to my doctor at the Glebe Surgery some time back, so I hope it has been shared with colleagues there.

I have told my children and grandchildren as they may inherit the same genes when I am no longer around to tell them. The help is out there, please use it.

God definitely works through other people; He certainly worked through Marguerite Patten for me.

Let's hope I can be the means He will work in your life, if you have arthritis, and your arthritic friends likewise.

Chrystalle Kersley

Rotary
Film Night
in Storrington
Wednesday 10 November 2021

MIRREN McKELLEN
THE GOOD LIAR

Sullington Parish Hall

Performance commences at 7.30pm with an interval and Bar & Raffle.
Government Covid guidance will be observed.
Tickets £5 from 'The Card Shop' in Storrington. Unsold tickets will be available for purchase on the door on the night.
For further details please contact Ken Collins on 01903 740745

Rotary Club Members can provide transport to the Film Night for local residents who are unable to make their own arrangements. Anyone needing transport should contact Roger Jamieson on 01798 813956

Rotary Club of Storrington & Pulborough District
All proceeds go to charitable causes supported by Rotary. Registered Charity No. 1029115



West Chillington Dramatic Society proudly presents its first production for two years!

Theft by Eric Chappell
25, 26 and 27 November at 7.30pm
West Chillington Village Hall

A word from the Director, Ralph Wigg:

"Comedy thrillers are designed to make you laugh and smile, hopefully for the duration of the play. The trouble is, this rarely happens; the laughs or smiles are usually intermittent. *Theft* however, is one of those plays that breaks the rules - it's a chuckle from start to finish.

Two couples return to the home of one of them, only to find it ransacked. The perpetrator is still in the house and when he's discovered, proceeds, with real gift-of-the-gab, to manipulate them to the extent they're no longer sure what day it is!"

Tickets are available now and can be purchased online via www.wcds.co.uk and also from NISA or The Post Office Stores, West Chillington: £10 for an adult and £5 for a child (under 16 years). There will be a bar, tea and coffee, and a raffle each evening. We look forward to seeing you!

We are also preparing for our Christmas Members' Evening on Saturday 11 December at West Chillington Village Hall, when we hope to present Rob Pearson's sketch, *Starlight Inn*. This will be followed by a 'pie' supper and festive music.

If you are interested in joining our Society, whether in an on-stage or a 'behind-the scene' role, there are details and information on our website.

Angela Sloan, Vice Chair, vicechair@wcds.co.uk



STORRINGTON CONSERVATION SOCIETY

When this article is being read, probably the climate conference, COP26, will be taking place. It is a critical moment for our planet, as many world leaders now recognise. No doubt there will be numerous commitments made to cut the use of greenhouse gas producing items. Good intentions. Will they be adequate? If so, and more importantly, will they be implemented? Effective action will certainly involve accepting major changes to our way of life. Some have already taken steps to reduce their carbon footprint, and all of us will need to follow suit, for our own sakes as well as for others and for future generations.

At the time of writing there are queues at petrol stations, rising gas prices and worries about shortage of supplies at Christmas. Very few of us are unaffected; a timely reminder of our dependence on one another. Climate change is not a problem for others, but for all.

The good news is that we can all play a part. Each of us can reduce waste by recycling, reusing and repairing. Customer power has already been used to persuade supermarkets to minimize packaging. Buying locally produced food and other goods reduces demands on transport. Those in authority can be lobbied to support vital care of the sea, which produces oxygen and absorbs CO₂. The care involves protection and development of kelp forests, the elimination of the disgraceful process of the discharge of raw sewerage. Just a few of the many ways to get involved.

The plan for the work party to meet on 2 October at Hurston Warren, next to the Golf Club, to clear this heathland SSSI of invasive vegetation, had to be cancelled due to relentless rain. The work there has been postponed to **6 November** at 10.30am. All welcome to join us and do share transport if possible.

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

Stuart Kersley

Storrington and District Museum

PRO-AM ART SHOW and SALE

Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 November
10am to 4pm

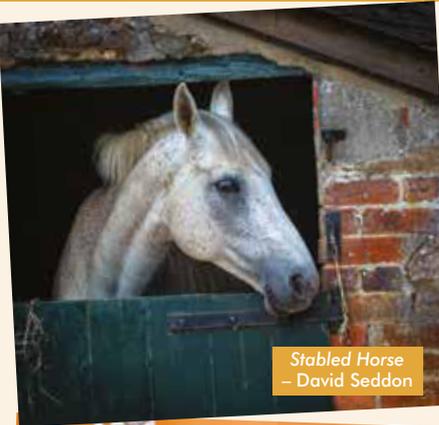


Local artists and art groups will be exhibiting and selling their works

Refreshments available

ADMISSION FREE

STORRINGTON MUSEUM
The Old School, School Lane, Storrington RH20 4LL



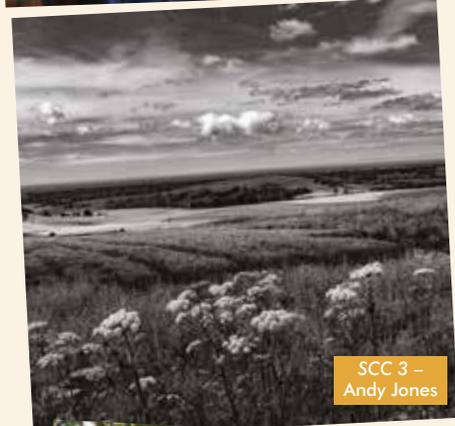
Stabled Horse
– David Seddon



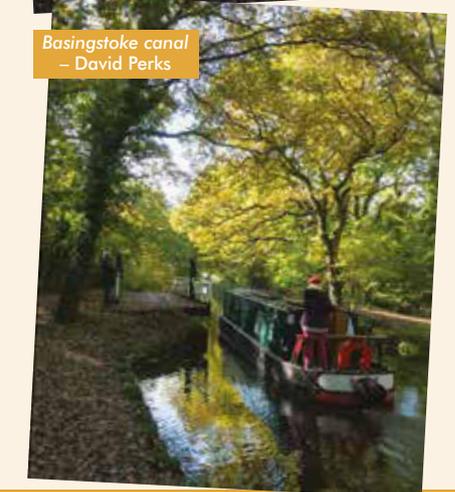
Drawing at the V&A
– Rob de Ruiter



Hello, is it me
you're looking for!
– Nigel Cherry



SCC 3 –
Andy Jones



Basingstoke canal
– David Perks

Our 21/22 season is now underway. Having face to face meetings allows an opportunity for a new normality from the previous seasons' on-line only meetings. Whilst face masks and hand gel are part of the new 'norm', the ability to see and talk to other members and see images on a large screen was welcomed by all.

The season has started with sessions covering presentations from members of their personal and favourite images captured over the last 12 months; an image 'critique' evening and, a guest speaker presentation on 'Moments in Time' from Rob de Ruiter ARPS.

Member presentations reflected again the diversity in interests and subject matters through the images taken by Club members. Many genres were covered: landscape, people, street photography, sport, action, night, food, nature, and wildlife were on show, with a narrative from members as to why they had selected these specific images.

Another regular event on the calendar is the opportunity for members to select images to be reviewed by an independent assessor, and this year it was Bill Brooks, LRPS, who is the Chairman of Bognor Regis Camera Club. The session involves Bill reviewing each image and making an appraisal with advice on what improvements could be made that would help the image, especially should they wish to enter any competitions. During the evening Bill expressed how impressed he was by the range of subjects and the quality of the images to be reviewed from members of such a small Club. Comments to help members included not only composition, background and settings but also options as to how they might be presented, examples being where images might work better as a large print or with a similar selection in a photobook or as part of a set of images something that could work well as a collage.

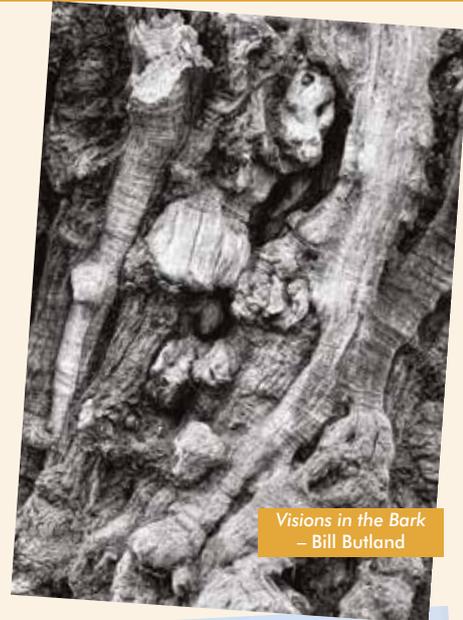
Having our first guest speaker for 18 months in person was also welcome not only by members but also by our guest Rob de Ruiter whose presentation was 'Moments in Time'. Rob has been a judge for some of our past competitions and, as he said, this presentation turned the table and allowed members to see and comment on his images!

Rob divided his talk into seven different subjects covering his approach to photography and what attracts him to take an image and why. Examples being having a person or people in a shot, but they are not posed or always prominent, or whenever he does a coastal image whether that be a landscape or street photography, he always tries to ensure that there is a gull in the image.

Our first meetings have provided a variety of topics and members are enjoying being together once again.

You are welcome to come and join us if you are interested in improving photography or would like to pick up some hints and tips. Details of our meetings are available on the website <https://www.storringtoncc.org.uk/>. Should you have any queries please use the 'Contact Us' tab on our website.

Kevin Harwood



Visions in the Bark
– Bill Butland



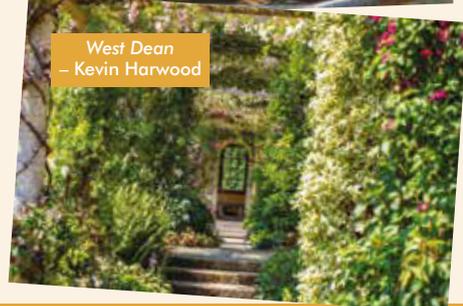
A problem getting airborne
– Norman Kirby



Heather Bracken and Birch
– Daisy Kane



Thirsty.....cheers!
– Jane Coward



West Dean
– Kevin Harwood

IS IT OLD AGE OR PAIN?



Hello I'm Sophie Hall vet and owner of Meadow Hall Vets. I'm passionate about keeping pets as pain free and as healthy as they can be. Understanding whether your dog is suffering from old age or pain is a difficult one. It could be any one or a combination of the following;



Eyes and Ears

Ageing changes can lead to a gradual deterioration in vision and hearing.

Mobility Issues

You might notice they're a bit stiff when getting up after a rest, or they have difficulty in finding a comfy spot to settle in. Are they limping or reacting when certain areas are touched? Perhaps they choose to amble on walks when before they'd be walking twice as far as you.

Muscle Wastage

You should also note any muscle wastage, for example over hind limbs. This occurs when a dog attempts to alter the way they walk in order to relieve discomfort and weight bearing in affected joints.

You should never assume any changes in how your dog behaves or its activity levels are simply normal ageing related changes. Arthritis is common in dogs and many levels become quite severe. As soon as you notice the signs contact your vet, as a management and treatment plan can be put in place to let your senior citizen enjoy life as much as they possibly can.

Dr Sophie Hall B.V.Sc., M.R.C.V.S.

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STIR-UP SUNDAY

The last Sunday before Advent is 'Stir-up Sunday', the day when traditionally families gather together to prepare the Christmas pudding. This year that will be Sunday 21 November.

The day does not actually get its name from 'stirring the pudding': it gets its name from the *Book of Common Prayer*. The Collect of the Day for the last Sunday before Advent starts, "Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people". However, since Victorian times it has become associated with the rather lovely family custom of preparing for Christmas together by making the Christmas pudding, an essential part of most British Christmas dinners.

The Christmas pudding as we know it is said to have been introduced to Britain by Prince Albert, consort of Queen Victoria, however it is thought that a version of the pudding was actually introduced from Germany by George I (sometimes known as the 'pudding king') in 1714.



Usually the pudding is prepared well in advance (five weeks before Christmas) and then reheated, and lit, on Christmas Day itself. Most puddings will contain some of the following ingredients: dried fruit, prunes and dates (often soaked in brandy), candied peel, mixed spice, treacle, suet, eggs, breadcrumbs and dark brown sugar. Traditionally there would be 13 ingredients in all, to represent Jesus and his disciples. Most families have a favourite recipe or follow one handed down over the generations. Sometimes silver coins are added to the mixture; anyone who finds one when eating the pudding is said to receive health, wealth and happiness in the coming year. Unfortunately it has been known for the discovery of a coin in the pudding to result in a broken tooth – not quite so lucky in this case!

On Stir-Up Sunday, families gather together to mix the pudding. Each member of the family takes a turn in stirring the mixture whilst making a wish. The pudding should be stirred from east to west, in honour of the Magi (Wise Men) who came from the east to visit the baby Jesus. It's also a good excuse to enjoy a wee dram or a cup of festive mulled wine!

On Christmas Day the pudding has its own ritual. It is topped with a sprig of holly (plastic holly is best as holly berries are poisonous) to represent Jesus' crown of thorns. A little warm brandy is then poured over it and lit – with care, as many an eyebrow has fallen victim to an over-enthusiastic dousing of the pudding in alcohol! It is then carried proudly, alight and flaming, to the table to be served with brandy butter and cream or lashings of hot custard.

Indeed, even Charles Dickens mentions this festive ritual in his novel, 'A Christmas Carol':

"Mrs Cratchit left the room alone – too nervous to bear witnesses – to take the pudding up and bring it in... Hallo! A great deal of steam! The pudding was out of the copper which smells like a washing-day. That was the cloth. A smell like an eating-house and a pastrycook's next door to each other, with a laundress's next door to that. That was the pudding. In half a minute Mrs Cratchit entered – flushed, but smiling proudly – with the pudding, like a speckled cannon-ball, so hard and firm, blazing in half of half-a-quarter of ignited brandy, and bedight with Christmas holly stuck into the top."



Ellen Castelow

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





SANDGATE CONSERVATION SOCIETY

At long last the Society is getting back to some form of normality after such a long period of difficulties. Both conservation groups have been hard at work in order to catch up on the many tasks outstanding on Sullington Warren and in Sandgate Park.

On **24 November** at 7.30pm there will be a presentation by Tony Whitbread, the President of Sussex Wildlife Trust, entitled "Reimagining the land Commons".

The conservation activities on Sullington Warren are held on the second Saturday of every month, from 9.30am till 12 noon. 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 situation 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 or Brian Burns on 743001.

Brian Burns



Auntie Val's Ability Centre

Auntie Val's



Run by disabled people

For disabled people



Auntie Val's Ability Centre Charity seeks volunteers

Have you recently retired and are looking for somewhere to put your skills and experience to help others? Would you like to gain experience through volunteering to add to your CV? There are many areas we would welcome your involvement and assistance.

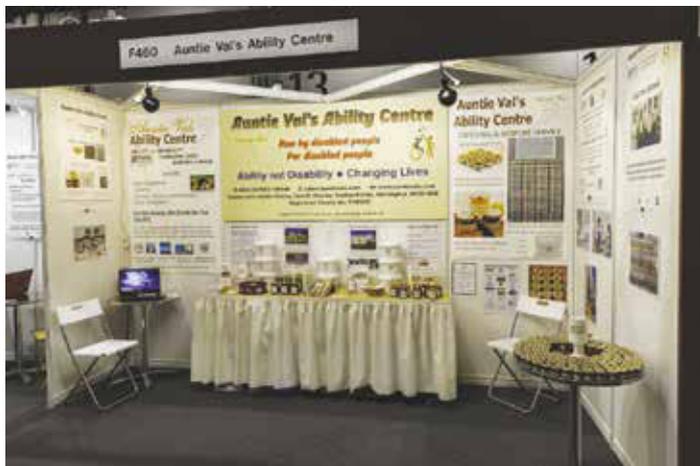
Auntie Val's Ability Centre is a charity based in Storrington providing work experience, workplace social integration, confidence building and training for those with disabilities and long-term health issues. To help achieve this the charity makes artisan jams, marmalades, chutneys and preserves sold to five-star hotels, award winning bed and breakfasts, catering companies and through specialist food and farm shops.

In today's difficult times the charity wants to help as many people as possible with disabilities and long-term health issues to gain skills and experience for future employment opportunities. To enable this, the charity has expanded its premises at its location in the Chantry Lane Trading Estate to provide a safer environment and will also be adding formal accredited training.

We would welcome new volunteers with Administrative, Fundraising, Marketing, IT, Training and Sales experience. In today's changing workplace the location for some of these roles can be flexible.

If you could offer any assistance, even if it is only a few hours a month, we would be very grateful. Please contact Andy Challis on 746748 or through the website www.auntievals.com.

Auntie Val's Ability Centre, Registered Charity No. 1185557



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>



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