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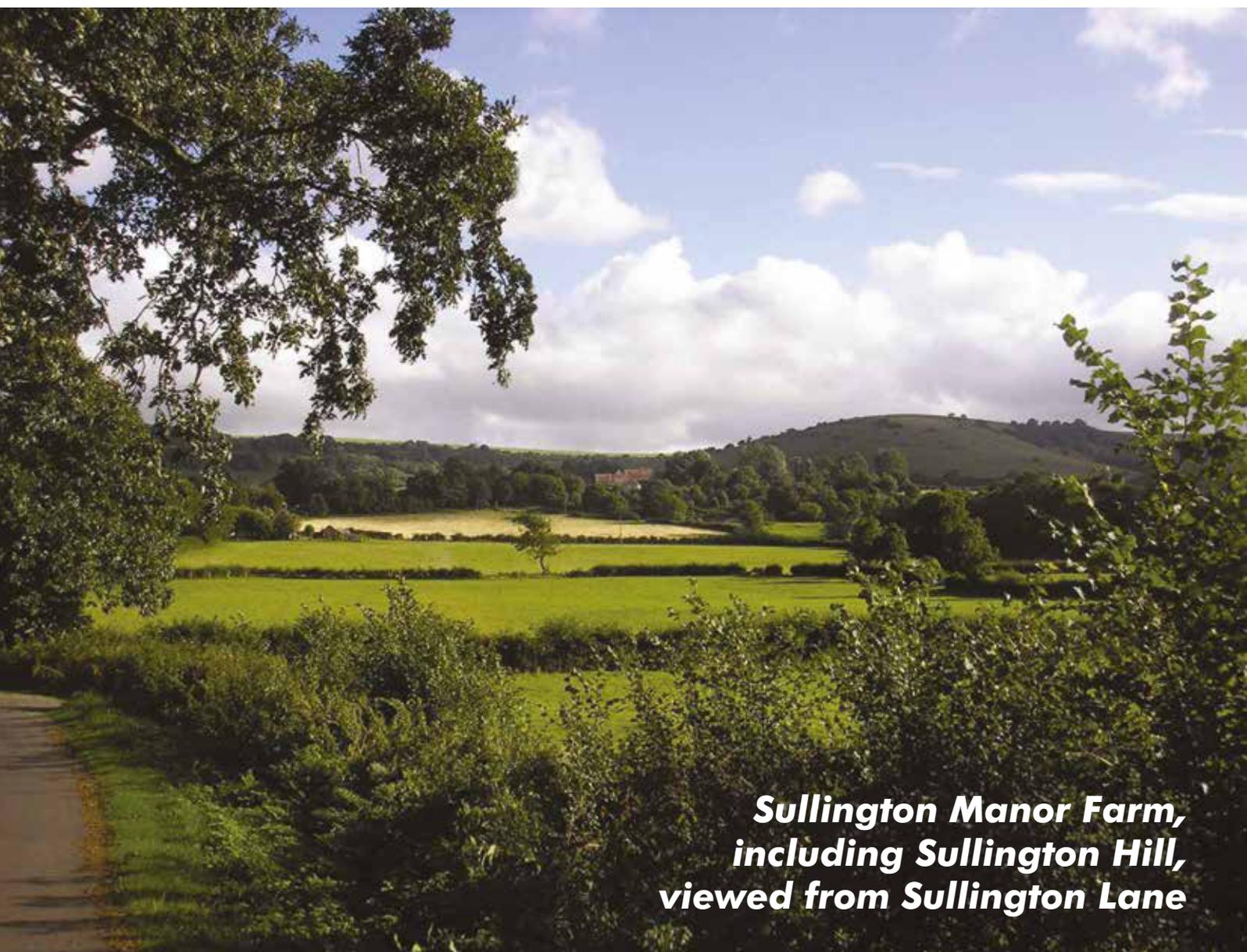
STORRINGTON



SULLINGTON



THAKEHAM



*Sullington Manor Farm,
including Sullington Hill,
viewed from Sullington Lane*



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Holy Sepulchre **WARMINGHURST**
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SULLINGTON AND THAKEHAM WITH WARMINGHURST

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Lockdown Reflections

So what did you do in the Lockdown? Did you achieve all those things you have wanted to do for ages, if you only had the time: paint the fence and shed, clear out the loft, learn Spanish, get fitter, tackle the garden? I did have some extra time for gardening, but I seemed to spend an inordinate

amount of time writing protocols and risk assessments only for them to be out of date by the next day. I did also learn something new; I learnt to do a Zoom Eucharist sat at my dining room table. Thank you Den Cowdrey for being such a great teacher!

Something else I did quite a bit of was 'spring cleaning'. My study had a good clear-out and a thorough dust, and a huge amount of paper went through the shredder. As the Lockdown began to ease, my thoughts turned to St Mary's Church in Storrington. What is it about churches that make them such depositories for 'stuff'? I have made a start on one such hidey-hole for miscellaneous things and have discovered lots and lots of old 'Register of Services' books, dating back nearly 100 years.

I need to get these old Registers over to the archives in Chichester for them to be properly stored and cared for, but in the meantime it has been fascinating to glance through them.

The earliest Register I have found so far is dated 1925-1929. Inside the front cover is stuck an official piece of paper entitled 'Chichester Diocesan Clerical Registry', referring to a central agency holding a register of approved and licensed clergy, which was formed in 1891. The Registrar could be contacted any day of the week if temporary help was needed to cover a Sunday because of the incumbent's illness, or similar. Or an incumbent could apply for the help of a permanent curate. According to the leaflet, "The terms for Sunday duty (Holy Communion, Mattins, Evensong) are Two and a half Guineas, Hospitality and Return Railway Fare; any additional service, 10/6. Conveyance should be provided if over a mile from a station." To be on the Register there was a fee for both the incumbent and the curate seeking employment.

The first entry in 1925 is for New Year's day when a service of Holy Communion was taken by the Revd JH de Turri Croft. Eight people took communion. 4 January was the Sunday after and 29 took Communion at the 8am service, which was followed by Morning Prayer at 11, Communion at 12 with 9 taking communion, and Evening Prayer with sermon at 6.30pm. Sadly the book doesn't record how many people attended the services, only the communicants. I was surprised at how few of them there were and I do wonder how many unnumbered people attended. On Sunday 18 and 25 January the name AF Faithfull appears against Morning Prayer, together with the words "Rector read prayers only". On 22 February

the collection was for the 'Waifs and Strays Society' and amounted to £3.8.11. Every now and then there is a collection for the Mothers' Union, or the Diocesan Fund, the Nursing Association, the Assistant Clergy Fund, Hospitals, Bishop of Egypt and Sudan Fund, the Organ Restoration Fund, and Earl Haig's Fund, to name just a few.

On Easter Day at the 7am service there were 32 communicants, at the 8am service there were 147 communicants and another 46 at the 12 noon service. In between there were services at 11 (Matins), 3 (Children's Service) and 6.30 (Evening Prayer). One of these six services was taken by another priest, Revd Charles Tower. I imagine the Revd de Turri Croft went home on Easter day for a long lie down!

By February 1926 the Revd W Drury had started taking services at St Mary's. On Easter Day he took all six services himself. Clergy were made of sterner stuff in those days! On 25 October there is recorded a note of the funeral of the Revd Arthur Ferdinand Faithfull, Rector of Storrington from 1900-1926. Mr Drury carried on taking the services until 25 April 1927, when the Revd ARH Faithfull was instituted as Rector of Storrington by Bishop Winfrid of Chichester. Arthur Faithfull made a note of every time he said morning and evening prayer in Church, which was daily at 8am and 7pm. By the next year the times had become 8.30 and 6.30, perhaps some of the initial enthusiasm had worn off!

Just the first Register contains such a wealth of local history. On 18 August 1927 at 2.30pm there was the funeral and burial of Charlotte Mary King of Fryern House, aged 96. In the notes there is the comment that "Canon Palmer, Rector of Sullington since 1859, was also present". On 9 October 1927 Henry, Bishop of George, took two of the services. I have no idea where the Diocese of George was – does anyone know? On 9 September 1928 the sixth bell in the tower was dedicated at Evensong, and the sermon was on bells. Just occasionally the weather makes an appearance; snow one Sunday in January 1926 meant a tiny congregation. Another time heavy rain meant that no one appeared for a baptism. For the historians of the future the Register of Services for Storrington from 2014 onwards will also make for interesting reading as I, too, tend to record any significant weather, such as storm Dennis or freezing temperatures, or other events. So, 2020 has the remark "Lockdown due to Covid-19, no services" next to Mothering Sunday and the corresponding "First service since the end of Lockdown" next to 19 July.

There is one major problem with having a good clear out and tidy up – you can spend hours reading forgotten books and wondering about, or remembering, the past. Now I need a bit more time to read some of the other Service Registers...

Yours in Christ,

KATHRYN
Rector of Storrington



What's happening at

St Mary's Thakeham



Sullington & Thakeham with Warminghurst
Same family. Two parishes. Working together.

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Electoral Roll Officer

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Organist

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4 Crescent Rise
Storrington RH20 3NB

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Roger Watts (01798 813775)

Gift Aid Officer

Bob Timms (01798 813807)
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Safeguarding Officer

Jane Williams (742956)
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PASTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR

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

CORONAVIRUS NIL: THAKEHAM 54

We saw the first hints that coronavirus could turn into a challenge for local communities in February, which were immediately recognised by Thakeham resident Rosemarie Berry, who suggested on Facebook that we, as a village, should work together.

The idea was rapidly picked up by Rector, the Revd Sara-Jane Stevens, who, asked by one of the Thakeham and Sullington parishioners, if the Church should get involved, replied, "Definitely – come up with a plan".

At the time none of us had any idea what we might face, and if we're honest, probably still don't for the future. But after posting on Facebook and Nextdoor, we found nearly sixty people volunteering to join the group.

Since then we've had a pretty busy period with a list of achievements which include:

54 Volunteers

148 'Clients'

160 Food parcels distributed over 8 weeks

220 Prescriptions collected

120 Shopping trips made

42 Ready-meals made and delivered

23 Boris boxes redistributed

8 Families given financial assistance

1 Assistance Dog fed for two months

Thakeham is an amazing picture postcard village, and we've found since the virus arrived it has an even more amazing community. We're all looking forward to a celebration barbecue at the Rectory when it's all over.



Thakeham Knit and Stitch Group



The Knit and Stitch Group are meeting on **Tuesday 15 September** at 2pm, unless further restrictions have been put in place before this date. During the months, the Church and church rooms are to be closed due to building work, but Revd Sara-Jane has allowed us to meet in the Rectory garden weather permitting, otherwise we will meet inside the Rectory, with social distancing adhered to. Everyone welcome, so come along, meet with friends and catch up whilst enjoying tea and cakes. Bring your favourite stitch-craft project, there may even be time for the odd stitch or two. More information available from Wynn Lednor on 743025.



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Friday 25 September 10am - 12noon

Hurston Street Farm, Hurston Lane, Storrington, RH20 4HF
Home of Jenny and Johnny Denman

This will be held in their adapted barn and social distancing will be observed

Our sincere thanks to them for agreeing to host this event

Everyone welcome

Please come along and support this worthy charity

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

BINGO BONANZA by Zoom!

Wednesday 23 September at 7.30pm

Anyone and everyone welcome to join in this fun evening

Play as many tickets as you wish

Cash prizes

For more information:

stmarysthakehamtreasurer@gmail.com

or wynniled06@gmail.com or telephone 743025

£10
per ticket
for 6
games



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What's happening at St Mary's Sullington



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Treasurer

Gail Kittle (745754)

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Heather Cotton (745751)
Douglas Parkes (743106)
Ann Salinger (01798 813481)

Pastoral Care

Ann Salinger (01798 813481)

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 Muriel Astley (01798 812706)

Safeguarding Officer

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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

MESSAGE FROM REVD SARA-JANE STEVENS

What a strange few months it has been. Yet in all the recent changes, some things remain the same; the birds still sing, the flowers still bloom, the tides still ebb and flow.

This planet we call home continues without us, even in spite of us, and some may say has flourished in our absence during the lockdown! God the Creator gave us this place to work the land, care for the creatures, fill the earth and be its caretakers. However, human history shows us taking advantage of the natural world for our own comfort and profit, even pushing other humans aside in the process.

Thankfully, as we have seen again and again, with each new season comes the opportunity to make better decisions and make amends. In this new season of summer and listening restrictions, we have the opportunity to continue being kinder neighbours, using our cars less, taking more walks, working from home some of the time and protecting those around us.

It has been heart-warming to hear tales of whole roads looking after each other in the last few months, especially the older and more vulnerable who live there. I hope this return to selfless community can continue. Others have donated sacrificially to funds set up to assist any with financial need, due to the Covid-19

virus. Let's hope we will continue to be generous to those in crisis.

Some things have changed, like church. Since 29 March, our benefice has moved away from meeting face-to-face to watching recorded services on-line. On Sunday 26 April we held our first live joint parishes 'Zoom' service and there have been 13 more since. The church family has continued to meet together, hear God's word, sing God's praise and pray for those in need; the church is alive and well, even when church buildings are empty.

Now there are more changes coming. If our country continues to keep the spread of the coronavirus to a minimum then our parishes will be able to restart face-to-face services, within the Covid-19 restrictions. All details will be on the church websites and on The Sunday Telescope joint parish newsletter in due time.

Changes abound, some will feel like a good thing, a step forward; but if the virus becomes more widespread, and we may find ourselves taking a few steps backward. Whatever happens, our God is unchanging, and we can cling to The Rock (Psalm 18).

Please stay safe and live to keep those around you safe too.

God bless,
Sara-Jane

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

**Sullington Flower Festival 2020
was cancelled due to Covid 19**

But, some good news!

**We have dates for 2021:
3 to 5 September**

**We will give more details next year but we are looking
forward to it**



PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

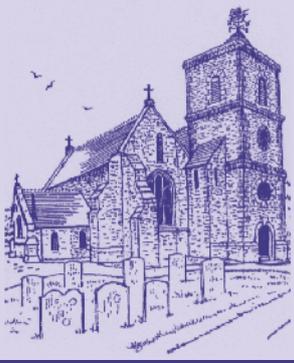
Lord God, your Son left the riches
of heaven and became poor for our sake:

when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,

that we may trust in you alone; through
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.





What's happening at St Mary's Storrington

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

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Retired Clergy

Revd John Peal (743083)
Revd Jaquie Peal (743083)

Verger: Michael Taylor (742218)

Sacristy Team

Rosemary Wills (01798 813206)
Stella Hastings & John Taylor (745477)

Captain of Bellringers

John Taylor (745477)

Parish Visiting Scheme

Sonia Fox (745703)

Recorder

Rob and Alison Wall (743713)

Electoral Roll Officer

Val Rice (918958)

Director of Music

Stephen Bloxham

Assistant Organists

Ian Miles, Chrystalle Kersley
Peter Lewis, Keith Smithers
Simon Whitchurch

Readers and Sidesmen

Vera Blake (743974)

Church Flowers

Anna Forster (745392)

Child Protection Officer

Jackie Lee (743661)

Bible Reading Fellowship

Amanda Hislop (743700)

Bible Society

Jean Hunt (01798 813681)

Christian Aid Co-ordinator

Anna Forster (745392)

The Rector, Revd Canon Kathryn Windsor, will take Friday as her day off.
The Rector's Office remains closed at the moment but Viv Stuart, Parish Secretary, can be contacted on 745913.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Church Services see page 18.

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

Altar Servers: Revd Jaquie 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)

Bible Study / Home Groups:

Orchard Gardens Home Group (Wednesdays 10.30 – 11.45am) New members are very welcome to join this friendly group. Contact Robin Lenharth on 743962.

Crowhurst Crescent Home Group looks at topics of concern to contemporary Christians. Contact Alison Wall (743713).

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

FACE COVERINGS/MASKS IN CHURCH

It is now required that face coverings/masks must be worn by everyone attending a Service in Church

BATTLE OF BRITAIN COMMEMORATION SERVICE

The service normally held at St Mary's in September will not be taking place this year.

ZOOM SERVICES

at St Mary's, Storrington – see page 18

STORRINGTON REGISTERS

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

7 Apr Kathleen Irene Rosoman (96 years)
24 Apr William John Gordon Rowlands (92 years)
27 Apr Hugh Bowen Francis (84 years)
4 May Sylvia Humphrey (82 years)
20 May Donald "Don" Charles Sherwood (92 years)
26 May Joyce Chacksfield (86 years)
26 May Rosina Gladys Mayne (99 years)
8 June Doronee Felicia Monypenny of Pitmilley (77 years)
8 June Patricia Suter (84 years)
18 June Violet Jean Mary Nunn (78 years)
22 June Genevieve Vivienne Lavinia Geary (70 years)
13 July Veronica Brook (78 years)
16 July Hazel Olive Hammond (87 years)
30 July Patricia Susan Davis (73 years)

Interment of ashes only:

29 Apr Derek Frank Stoner (91 years)
29 June Maureen Phyllis Stoner (89 years)
31 July Elsie Florence Greenfield (98 years)
1 Aug John Warren Dillow (93 years)

HARVEST FESTIVAL AT STORRINGTON

Sunday, 4 October

We will be celebrating Harvest Festival in a slightly different way this year. We will have our Harvest Festival Parish Communion at 10am and everyone is invited to bring non-perishable food contributions for our local Foodbank.

Church@4pm

at St Mary's Church, Storrington

Unfortunately we are unable to have Church@4 at this time



JOHN AND JACQUIE PEAL

A few brief stories from a glorious 50 years

John and Jacquie met at the Christian club in Bognor Regis, Jacquie being the 100th member. The Peal family took some getting used to with their back chat and Mr Peal senior's wicked sense of humour; ask Jacquie about the paper napkin mouse which moved. Even worse, according to her Grandmother, was the fact that Christopher, John's younger brother, introduced Jacquie to alcohol! Despite all this, the couple married on 25 July 1970 at St John's Church in Bognor Regis. The day started grey but brightened and the sun shone for the photographs.

When John finished his training for ordination, he and Jacquie, now a physiotherapist, moved to their first parish in Portsmouth. Their second parish was Westbury and here Adam became part of the family. On my first meeting with him, on a sweltering summer's day, the 11 month old naked baby was put on my lap and promptly wet my dress!

The family of three moved to Borstal, where John was vicar and chaplain at the women's prison. I arrived home from one of my visits and received a phone call from my father telling me that whilst at my house he answered my phone and told the person on the other end that I was visiting my brother in Borstal; apparently there was a silence and the phone was put down. At Borstal Joanna joined the family.

The family, now 4, moved to Erith. When John and Jacquie went on a special holiday I looked after Adam and Joanna, an interesting week. The week included a visit to hospital when a glass 'broke' in Joanna's mouth and a piece appeared missing, and an interview with the CID when a church shed was set on fire. I was glad when another aunt took over.

John had two hobbies at the time, growing his own vegetables; he even had his own allotment, and making wine which was very potent and eagerly sampled by all. What would Jacquie's grandmother have said? As the children grew up, dogs became part of the family's life. Bexley, the next parish, saw more changes. Adam married Helen, and Jacquie was one of the first female ordained priests at a moving ceremony. During her ministry, Jacquie worked in Dartford and as a hospice chaplain, helping design an interfaith chapel.



John and Jacquie moved to Ash, their last parish. The couple's Ruby Wedding Anniversary was held in the vicarage garden on a hot, sunny day and family and close friends later met up for a lovely meal. Both children were now living in Bognor Regis where Joanna met Mike. Their wedding took place in Ash; at the wedding were the couple's young daughter and her great, great aunt. There are now four grandchildren: Kimberley 18, Ellie 12, Jayden 11, Riley 6.

Retirement involved a move to Thakeham and here on a very wet day in the middle of the Coronavirus pandemic they celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. The rain did not deter people from helping the couple celebrate. Hardy neighbours and parishioners from St Mary's Church, Storrington, stood in the rain drinking their champagne, tea and coffee, and chatting. John's best man from Westbury, together with friends, family and parishioners from some of John's past parishes also joined the couple on this wet but memorable day. Unfortunately, the pandemic stopped John and Jacquie's children and grandchildren from attending, so close family celebrations will follow later, as will the planned holiday back to their honeymoon venue, and a couple of days staying in luxury in Amberley Castle. Plans grown over the past year were thrown into turmoil by the weather and the virus, but everyone was grateful to celebrate with Jacquie and John.

Rose Peal (John's sister)

HISTORIC CHURCHES RIDE & STRIDE



**Cancelled for 2020 –
but we will be back in 2021**

Christians in Storrington Monthly Inter-Church Prayer Meetings Everyone welcome

Do join us either in the side-chapel at
Our Lady of England RC Church or at "Matt's Meadow"
(please check venue beforehand)
10am - 10.30am on the first Tuesday of each month
Tuesday, 1 September – Community Church will lead
Tuesday, 6 October – Roman Catholic Church will lead
One in faith and love and praise

St Mary's Church, Storrington, needs your PLEASE SAVE ALL YOUR STAMPS

and leave in the box in the Church porch...
they can be converted to much needed funds for our Church.
Please pass the message to all your friends and neighbours.

Come and join our SPACE

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

We hope to start again in September/October; for more
information contact Storrington Rectory Office (742888)

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.

BETTY WATSON

2 May 1928 to 22 June 2020

Born in Epsom in 1928, Alice Horatia Elizabeth Watson, was known simply as Betty to family and friends. An only child, and motherless from an early age, Betty was a devoted daughter to her wonderful father Teddy, who endowed her with a great love of life and, most notably, a wicked sense of humour. Instantly likeable, Betty was always up for a laugh.

With much in common, particularly a passion for tennis, the Watsons and my family were always very close and it's safe to say that Betty was a best friend to my mother, Anne. As children, Betty and Anne were inseparable and were classmates at Parsons Mead school, Ashted, and later Malvern College in Worcestershire. My mother was later to emigrate to Canada, where she married and started a family, but the 4,500 mile distance between her and Betty did not hinder their friendship in the slightest and the two kept in touch through regular letters and crackly telephone conversations. Being the loyal friend she was, Betty even made the arduous trip to Alberta, shortly after I was born in 1955. I have no idea how many hours that journey took but, because passenger jets weren't available back then, it must have included at least one stop and was probably fairly bone-shaking at times.

Betty remained ever present in my life as, indeed, she did the rest of my family. Never missing a birthday or Christmas, she was very much "Aunt Betty" to me, my sister and my cousins. She also remained Aunt Betty to all of our own children. Always fun and entertaining, she has always been a very welcome part of our family.

In 1965, we moved to be near our English family in Guildford which is only a short drive to Coldwaltham, where Betty lived with Teddy. Anne and Betty's friendship became stronger than ever and barely a month went by without us meeting up for Christmas and birthdays or simply for picnics and dog walks in the beautiful Surrey and Sussex countryside. A great favourite was Climping Beach, where Betty and Teddy loved joining in with our make-shift games of cricket, but probably the best

of all were our visits to the South Downs. One of my most cherished possessions to this day is a beautiful watercolour painting of the summit of Chanctonbury which Betty kindly gave me. It is very reminiscent of those visits we made to Betty's beloved Sussex.



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On a few occasions, Betty even came with us on camping holidays to France and Belgium. With the roof rack of her mini loaded precariously, and my sister and I in the back, my mother would drive while Betty navigated. I recall we received a few bemused looks from the locals as our strange looking ensemble trundled through their villages. Betty would respond with her usual booming laugh and the occasional royal wave. Needless to say, those trips were nothing like the glamping holidays of today and much of our kit was ex-army issue. In spite of that, the only equipment malfunction I remember was with Betty's camp bed. In the middle of the night we were suddenly awoken by a loud twang and an even louder yelp. After lighting our Campingaz lamp, we discovered Betty's bed had somehow folded itself shut with Betty still in it! It took us a moment or two to fix the situation because we were all laughing so much, Betty included.

Because Betty was so much a part of our family it barely occurred to me, as a child, that she had several relatives of her own. It wasn't until seeing all the photos dotted around her flat in Storrington, where she

moved after the passing of Teddy, that I realised how many uncles, aunts and cousins there were in her life. Betty even had a cousin Betty (yes another Betty) who still lives in Storrington. The two ladies would accompany each other to many events, particularly at Christmas time. I imagine two Bettys together would have been pretty confusing for everyone!

Betty would often drive down to Truro for summer holidays with her cousin Philip and his family, often stopping off at Lyme Regis to visit my cousin, Mary-Anne. Betty would quite literally go to great lengths to visit family, so she was devastated when she had to finally give up her driving licence. Philip loved Betty's company, so although the Truro Watsons are without a car, he enabled Betty's 495 mile round trips to continue by providing her with door-to-door taxi services.

Perhaps the most interesting aspect of Betty's family history is their connection to the Haymarket Theatre in London. Several generations of Watsons were major shareholders and managers of the Haymarket and I believe it was that heritage that inspired Betty's passion for the theatre. She adored going to the Haymarket in her youth and the Chichester Theatre later in life.

With her tremendous energy and outgoing personality, Betty embraced life in Storrington with gusto. She was a librarian in the town for many years and her general knowledge can best be described as formidable. Apparently, it was more than her knowledge that was formidable - woe betide anyone whose books were overdue!

Betty was very active with the Women's Institute and much of her time was spent making her highly-renowned marmalade, cakes (particularly lemon drizzle) and cross-stitched greetings cards. Our family must have received hundreds of cross-stitched cards over the years. Betty would be a regular feature of WI market stalls in Storrington and the big Country Fair at Ardingly, which was one of the highlights of Betty's year. She loved a good cause and she also loved comradeship, which are two things the WI provided in abundance. The same can be said of the British Legion, to which she had a long association, possibly because her father served in the RAF in World War II. Betty was a stalwart member and would never miss the Legion's St George's and Memorial Day lunches. A very active fund raiser, Betty coordinated a number of raffles and pounded the streets of Storrington selling poppies with great effect.

A tournament player in her youth, Betty remained an avid follower of tennis and it was almost impossible to get her to come to the phone during Wimbledon fortnight. With her keen eye for a ball, she kept active long after she was no longer able to scamper around a court by joining another great Storrington institution, Storrington Bowling Club. An accomplished player for a number of years, Betty remained an associate member long after she was forced to retire from the greens. Never a one to miss a good get-together, she kept in touch with her friends at the Club by attending several garden parties, including one recently held in honour of retired players.

It wasn't until well into her 90s, and with great problems with her legs, that Betty finally had to admit that she needed full time assistance, so with the kind assistance of her dear friends Ian and Laura Wadey, she booked herself into the Anchorage Care Home, Pulborough. Vehemently opposed to the very idea of receiving personal care, Betty surprised us all by settling in very quickly at the Anchorage. It's testament to the staff that, against all the odds, Betty really enjoyed her time there. One staff member described her as "a great character and very popular". She also described Betty as "the queen of scrabble and a whizz at the word wheel".

It was touching to see that Betty's recent funeral service was so well-attended. In order to write the eulogy for that event I had a number of very pleasant telephone conversations with people from Storrington who were close to Betty. I heard stories of how she helped others and others helped her and I soon realised that Storrington has a strong, possibly unique, community spirit. It's no wonder Betty stayed there for so long and was, undoubtedly, so very happy there.

Alex Roden

A PROFESSIONAL FIRM

Mills & Company is an established firm of Chartered Surveyors & Estate Agents in Storrington. It was originally founded by John F Mills in 1970, who combined two tiny cottages in North Street to form the present office. The former cottages were themselves modernized during the Victorian era by having a new brick frontage provided, and it is believed the building dates back to the 1700's, originally having a thatched roof.

The firm is currently owned and run by Roy Firth, who offers residential surveying and valuation services, not only in Storrington but also throughout West Sussex. The firm also offers estate agency.

Being located close to the centre of the Village, the office is located next door to the well-respected firm of opticians, Avern's & Sandall, and occasionally customers intending to collect their spectacles inadvertently find themselves in the surveyors' office by mistake, usually much to their amusement!

On other occasions, Mills & Company has been mistaken for an estate agency specializing only in the sale and purchase of mills, windmills or water mills, but to the disappointment of those potential customers, as we have never been in the fortunate position of offering a mill for sale, but then there is always a first time!



Prior to its conversion, the premises in North Street were owned by the Greenfield family. Shortly before his retirement from the famous Greenfields hardware store, John Greenfield spent some time distributing old photographs to local businesses, showing Storrington buildings in earlier times, and he kindly gave us this photograph of the Mills

office at 7/9 North Street, taken in about 1969.

Roy Firth

MESSAGE FROM TONY PEACOCK OF TP BESPOKE

It's safe to say these past few months have been strange for us all, and I'm sure many of you have been reluctant to contact tradesmen to do work because of the risk involved, and health, absolutely, has to be paramount.

However, we would like to let everyone know that TP Bespoke are now back up and running and we are taking every possible measure to keep us, our families and of course you, our clients, safe. Please do not wait if you have anything on/in your property that needs attention, as this can lead to bigger and inevitably more costly problems to resolve.

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Please contact Tony to discuss your requirements. You will find our full advert on page 30 this magazine.

All the best and stay safe.

Tony Peacock

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As we continue through these unprecedented times, there is no doubt we have had to adapt, adjust and reacclimatise our businesses and ourselves. This doesn't just affect us here at GL & Co, but the property industry and ultimately the whole country too.

Within our business our team, we're becoming more mobile and had the tools to work remotely, but this is even more important now. We had all started using laptops so working from home was not a problem and with internet phone systems, as long as we could plug into broadband, our phones can be used from anywhere. With full access to our database and all the web portals, we have been able to keep our clients up to date with 'hits' to their specific property and discuss a strategy for when the lockdown came to an end. We have been able to conduct 'face to face' video calls with our clients old and new, and even facilitate valuations for sales and lettings, meaning we continued to be very much functional and here to provide expert local property advice.

During the lock down, many owners grasped the opportunity to improve and present their property ready for sale. This has created an instant activity in the market since the end of June, where more homes have come onto the market and many people looking to move, with a real pent up demand in activity. All the improvements made during lock down have really helped increase the value of a property when it comes to selling. Our newsletters and blogs have great advice to read through during this time.

The property market is very resilient and there will continue to be an underlying demand from keen buyers. The Government have 'pulled a rabbit out of the hat' with the abolishing of stamp duty up to £500,000, and although this will end in March 2021, it will coincide with the spring market bounce so the impact should be minimal.

We find as some normality returns that everyone's experience of the pandemic has been very different and, in many ways, very personal. We understand this and never assume the reason for an instant and sometimes urgent move. We listen carefully and offer individual advice to sellers, as their needs require.

Interestingly our colleagues from our sister holiday lettings companies, Amberley House Cottages, based here in Sussex, and Portscatho Holidays, in Cornwall, have been helping with requests for short-term lets, especially from keen sellers wanting to honour their sales. Of course, the Staycation is now the most popular form of holiday! The GL & Co lettings department has also seen a surge in demand from potential tenants.

We are doing our best to help, whether it is buying or renting or a short-term arrangement, so if anyone has any property related queries, we would be delighted to hear from you.

Neil Moore, Managing Director
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EXTRACTS FROM CANON PALMER'S DIARY – SEPTEMBER 1898

Canon Palmer went away on his holidays for 8 weeks!

Sat 3: Hot and bright. 65 degrees. Returned from Tunbridge Wells, where we have been spending the last week and seen much of the dear Mother. Here we find Hal last parted with at Okehampton on 8 August. This evening like July. Harvest nearly over.

Sun 4: Trinity X111. As yesterday 66 degrees. A wonderful day for the season. Congregation very fair, but few men. Harvest not quite but nearly through. Only 7 to Holy Communion. Sermons from notes, The Call of Christ to SINNERS, and on the Christian Virtues of Neighbourliness (Gospel). Had 9 children to the afternoon service and questioned them on the doxology in the Lord's Prayer.

Mon 5: As yesterday. 66 degrees. Another piping day – we sit out on the lawn till prayer time! Begin school work again – 28 children. Rode to Storrington and brought back the news of the victory of the Sirdars Army on Friday and Saturday before Omdurman, and the flight of the Kalifa. Rode to Cobden in afternoon, 3 empty cottages there. Began to take some geranium cuttings, rather late in the day for striking. Write to Evelyn Sandham about Ringrose for Barn's Farm.

Tue 6: Very warm. 66 degrees. Another abnormally warm day. Entering my 64th year! Letters from Edward and WBC. School (27). Entered our report. Cuttings of geraniums, pruned roses, mulched, etc and pansies. The combined flags floated over Khartoum on Sunday, when a solemn service was held. Mrs Arnold has lost her only child, Nellie, quite suddenly – infantile paralysis – 8 years.

Wed 7: As yesterday. 68 degrees. Heavy fog early: then hot. A lawn party of small dimensions at Sandgate. Sat outside reading on the lower lawn till prayer time.

Thu 8: Much the same weather. 68 degrees. Into Littlehampton by Downs riding to Amberley: our meeting re the school and Burial Board areas, etc. fairly harmonious. Lunched with Whitehead; and called on Mrs T[?]. Found a small tea and tennis on my return. Haines looked on.

Fri 9: Fine, warm. Rather fresh 65 degrees. Had our first practising this evening. About 10 attended. Mrs Hoare with Miss Terry (?) to tea. Paid for magazines to end of this month. £1 4s and 4d. Noted some curious luminous streaks about 8 coming from SW to NE, dying away and reviving again every two minutes.

Sat 10: Fine, bright, fresher. 61 degrees. Worked at a written sermon for tomorrow on Egypt. Tea-ed with Mrs Hoare, meeting Mr Blenkins, now taking Faithful's duty, the latter is at Worthing and has had a serious attack of angina.

Sun 11: Trinity X1V. Fine and fresh. 60 degrees. Two fair congregations. Preached in morning a written sermon (!) on Egypt: in evening notes on the zeal of Jehu. Walked with Hal to High Tittons and saw Mrs Dean.

Mon 12: A little shower early and then fine but cool. 59 degrees. School 26 /28. An hour at the school. Clara and May to Lodsworth, the Montgomerys. I visit the Washington Cottages. Mrs Bowers apparently very weakly. Assassination of the sporting Elizabeth of Austria at Geneva on Saturday by an Italian anarchist.

Tue 13: Generally fine. A scud in the late afternoon. 62 degrees. First attendance at Board of Guardians for 9 weeks. Choose a Master and Matron out of the 65 candidates: our first choice was a false one so we went back to the second, none so promising as Phears.

Wed 14: Fine, bright. 63 degrees. School 26. Made a long parish tour – Chantry – Roundabouts – then with Clara to Wiston Rectory bringing back WBC.

Thu 15: Fine, bright. 60 degrees. School 27. Agreed with Baigent, to come on here at Michelmas. I think and hope he will prove a useful man. With WBC to Cunliffes: there was a rustic match going on, pleasant to watch.

Fri 16: Very warm again. 67 degrees. Mrs Adsett much resents the going of James. With WBC and Clara to Storrington Rectory and call on the locum tenentes. We went on to Kithurst and saw Blackmore senior.

Sat 17: As yesterday. 67 degrees. Napier and son (George) came over to lunch, walking through the heat. I drove them partly home. Girls decorated the Church for tomorrow.

Sun 18: XVIII Trinity. Fine bright fresh. Some rain in the morning. Harvest Day. Early congregation after which some rain, which checked our morning Communion. Preached on Psalm XCV. "Hardening of the Heart". In evening to Ashington, and Heartley here.

Mon 19: Fine but some change from the West, scuddy. 61 degrees. Quite a change in the temperature. Tom Gibson appears. Have not seen him for 12 years. He has the same face but coarser in feature – manner gentle as their wont. WBC and Hal went to Town, the latter to make plans about which he is at present hazy. Evelyn S. and Miss Holland arrive.

Tue 20: Fine, fresh. 59 degrees. School 28/33. The extreme heat seems to have passed but dryness continues. Clara took Evelyn and Cicely to West Chiltington and Fryern – the rest of us to Miss Page's and up to the top of the hill. Cunliffe sends birds.

Wed 21: As yesterday. 60 degrees. School 26. Had a picnic at Muntham Beeches: to which Bridges, Austens, Caldicott and sister, Heartleys and friend etc etc came. Very successful: Tom Gibson there.

Thu 22: As yesterday. 58 degrees. School 25. Gave Mrs Bowers a hospital ticket and 5s for expenses. Our young folk go to the Bridges for the afternoon.

Fri 23: As yesterday. 51 degrees. Keep on taking cuttings of the geraniums etc. Ride to Burpham and tea with Foster, who is now very gradually declining under a grave malady, his niece Miss Tracy with him.

Sat 24: As yesterday. 49 degrees. Our two guests left after lunch for Groombridge. Visited Humphreys and new people at "Lishers" one of the many Lindfields from Storrington.

Sun 25: XVI Trinity. As yesterday. 49 degrees. Very fair congregations. Morning service on the Widow of Nain; evening service on Psalm 119 verse 70 on the Creator and Man. In afternoon to Barns Farm and Washington to see for our parishioners. The Hammonds are moving thence.

Mon 26: Fine rather cloudy. 49 degrees. School 25. Busy at home all day. Mrs Paine in afternoon. Had a small wood fire in evening.

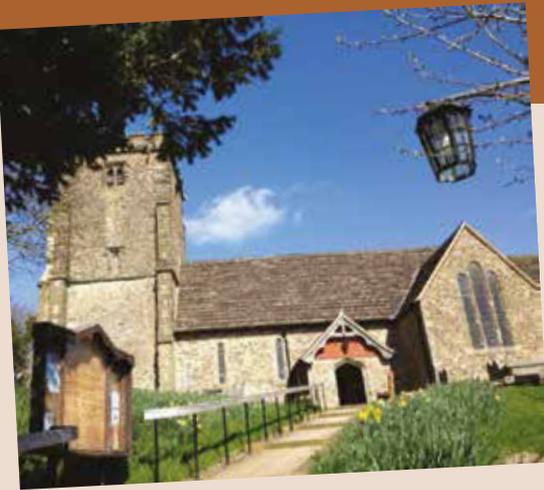
Tue 27: Fine, dull. 55 degrees. Kate Gibson with Charlotte came over for the afternoon. Board of Guardians and District Council. Nothing of interest. Hammond took down outer blinds. Then went round the stock for sale.

Wed 28: Fine. 50 degrees. Whitcombe to the school. I don't think we need have him every year, but now and then. Clara and the girls walked over to the Brewsters.

Thu 29: Fine until sundown when rain. 56 degrees. School 26. Sale here, large attendance, fair prices. Old black pedigree Angus cow in calf made 25s – bought 20 ewes for 28s/6 and an Alderney in calf for £14-10s and a chicken run, originally put up by Cunliffe. Mr Knatchbull Hugesson and Dan and young Watson lunched and the Blenkins from Storrington Rectory tea-ed.

Fri 30: After a wet night, dull. 53 degrees. To Chichester via Amberley, Hal commitante, en route for Town and probably Cambridge. After our Asylum work got back by 5. Picked up Clara at the Vicarage and so home.

ST MARY'S, THAKEHAM – 'BUILD

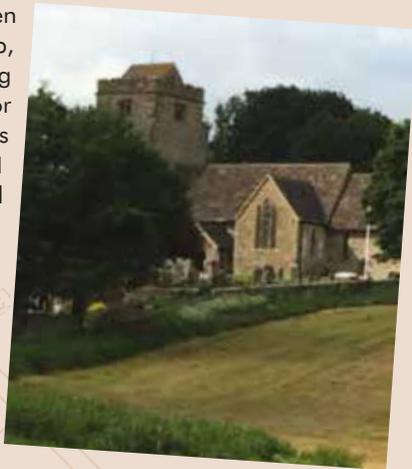


The past months have been unusual and our building plans have been slowed but it has been so good to know and experience we are still a church family regardless of how or where we worship and serve

God. Our Church mission statement is "Loving God and loving our neighbour", so our vicar Sara-Jane and members of our congregation have been supporting our local community during the Covid-19 crisis and like everyone else we have had to learn and adapt fast.

History of our church building

Our church building has been used for Christian worship, prayer and as a gathering place for the community for nearly 1000 years. St Mary's is a 12th century Grade 1 listed building with several important historic features. It has undergone numerous changes through centuries as generations have sought to express their worship in ways which reflected their culture, understanding and music.



Here are a few examples:

- 12th+13th century: There was a nave (the middle part of the Church) and a chancel with an altar. Services were in Latin and the building was a meeting place, centre for village life and 'refuge on a hill', too.
- Between the 14th and 16th century a porch was added and was used for baptisms and weddings.
- From 16th century services were held in English, then pews for the congregation and galleries for musicians and singers were added.
- In the late 19th century galleries were removed and choir stalls added instead. Also, a small vestry, now in poor condition, was built at the back of the Church, used by clergy and others to prepare for services.
- Small and large repairs have been carried out from time to time. The leaking roof was replaced just 7 years ago.

Vision

Our vision is to create a building suitable for worship and other activities for the 21st Century harmonising the history and accommodating the future for the benefit of all.

In other words a 'Building for the People' and to the glory of God.

Time has passed and our generation's needs differ from those in the 19th century:

- We live longer and want our building to be accessible to people of all ages and abilities to join in acts of worship, enjoy private prayer and attend a wide range of community activities.
- Accessible toilets and baby change facilities are needed for our diverse congregation and community.
- The music in our services includes contemporary as well as traditional styles.
- We enjoy offering hospitality with hot drinks and snacks as part of church services and community life.



Meanwhile, building structures and services have decayed over the years and are in desperate need of repair.

Through expert assessment we have discovered that extensive stonework repairs are required before we can start internal renovations. The work will also 'right the wrongs' of inappropriate repairs carried out in previous generations. The magnitude of these repairs was unforeseen and will cost around £200,000 which is over 1/3 of our current funds.

In addition, the specialist skills, materials, methods and supervision required when working on an ancient building have also exceeded initial estimates. This means we will have to raise additional funds to complete the work. As the building infrastructure problems are now clear and to guard against further inflation, a phased approach has been adopted which is described below. All phases have been fully costed and phase 2 is affordable now with additional fundraising required to achieve Phases 3 and 4.

Some great news

Thanks to a legacy left to us in a generous person's will, we have already been able to make some safety critical improvements and will be able to carry out large parts of the remaining work, too.

In phase 1, finished in 2017, we built new, safer paths and steps with handrails and lighting leading to the front of the Church along with an accessible car park at the rear of the Church and have had some great feedback from people who hadn't been able to come to the Church for a while but were able to visit again.

So what's next?

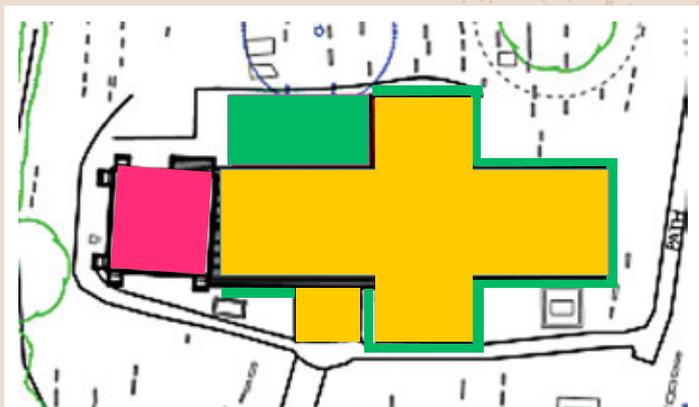
We are now about to embark upon Phase 2 (see diagram opposite):

- **In Phase 2** we plan to carry out extensive repairs to external stonework and structures to ensure the building's survival in future generations. This will also form a solid foundation for internal renovation works. There are no toilets at the Church, therefore we intend to build an extension to accommodate much needed accessible facilities including a baby change area along with a small new vestry / meeting room. At the same time we will renew and connect electrical supplies, water, drainage and heating systems.



- **After that in phase 3** we plan to repair and redecorate the crumbling internal plasterwork and relocate some pews along with the organ to create a more flexible worship and community space at the front of the Church. This will easily accommodate wheelchairs and babies' prams. We will also complete better and more efficient heating within the existing Church building.
- **Last but not least, in phase 4** we plan to create a mezzanine level in the bell tower to make a dedicated gallery for the bell ringers. This will then release space for a kitchenette and/or extra seating space when needed (our church is small!) at ground level.

The diagram shows the proposed project Phases 2, 3 and 4.



- **Phase 2 (funded):** An estimated £590,000-615,000 will be required to complete*
- **Phase 3 (not yet funded):** An estimated £270,000-280,000 is required to complete*
- **Phase 4 (not yet funded):** An estimated £300,000-315,000 is required to complete*

* NB: Though relief is not guaranteed, churches and charities are eligible to apply for VAT relief for certain costs associated with building costs. The lower figures quoted above assume we'll be able to reclaim around 1/2 of VAT, the higher sums assume reclaiming just 1/4.

Permissions and Finance

After much preparation work, including consultations and numerous mandatory surveys and assessments from experts in areas as diverse as historic plasterwork, archaeology, ecology and bats, we were delighted to receive Planning Permission from Horsham District Council and a Faculty (church planning permission) from the Diocese of Chichester in early 2020. A competitive tender process followed but our construction start date had to be deferred due to the Coronavirus lockdown.

As outlined above, we have sufficient funds to cover Phases 1 & 2 of the project, however, because of extra costs mentioned, we are now looking for ways to raise funds for phases 3 and 4. We shall need to raise in the region of £500,000 to complete Phases 3 & 4.

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Phase 2 is to be completed in the spring of 2021, and our contractors will be able to complete work from Phases 3 & 4 as new funds become available. We are planning to raise money through grants, VAT refunds, personal and corporate donations and other fundraising efforts. Every £1 will help, no gift is too small! Every fundraising idea will be considered.

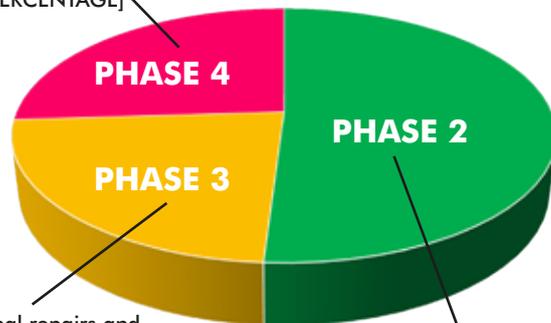
It would be wonderful to roll from Phase 2 straight into Phase 3 and 4 but we will pause as necessary until we have a clear way ahead with achieving our fund raising to realise this ambition.



The fundraising efforts have been kicked off by Revd Sara-Jane cycling the entire South Downs Way and she was hoping to complete this in August. To sponsor her efforts please go to our website for details www.stmarysthakeham.org.

Percentage of cost for phases 2, 3 and 4

External repairs to Tower, construction of mezzanine level for bell ringers with new stair, ground level kitchen area. [PERCENTAGE]



Internal repairs and decorations, new heating, lighting and AV, layout modifications. [PERCENTAGE]

External repairs and services, new extension with toilet and vestry. [PERCENTAGE]

Access to the Church and the Churchyard while work is in progress

The Church was closed from 17 August through to completion of work. Most of the churchyard will be accessible during the building works. Where works mean that access is temporarily limited, visitors must follow the instructions of the site manager for their own safety. Accompanied visits to restricted areas of the churchyard can easily be arranged by contacting the Church office. The footpath that runs through it will be accessible most days throughout the build but visitors must follow any temporary signs when works mean the path must be closed. Burials can still happen in the churchyard during the building works. Please contact the Church office to arrange this.

Church services

There will be no services in the St Mary's Church building in Thakeham while the contractors are on site (17 August 2020 until some time in 2021 depending on the Phase funding). Christenings, weddings, marriage blessings and funeral services will still be available but will be held in neighbouring church buildings instead. Please contact the Church office or Revd Sara-Jane for details. All Church services will happen either on-line, in Thakeham Village Hall or at St Mary's Church, Sullington. Please see the website for information, especially in this uncertain time of the Coronavirus pandemic.

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So, in these uncertain and interesting times, what do we, at West Chillington Dramatic Society, have to report?

Lockdown in March struck as we were halfway through rehearsals for our May production of two Noel Coward plays. Sadly, due to the COVID-19 situation, we were unable to stage these plays and there will be no further performances in 2020.

However, we have not been idle! Firstly, we had a sketch-writing competition, for which we had ten entries. These can be found on our website www.wcds.co.uk. The joint winners, as voted by the members, were *Rabbit, Rabbit* by Jean Trew and *Whuthering Depths* by Ralph Wigg. We are hoping to use these sketches, along with some of the other entries, in an online play reading later in the year. We are very lucky to have such an array of talented writers in the Society.

We also had a go at a radio play, and with some success. If, again, you go to our website www.wcds.co.uk, you will be able to listen to our production of *Letters to the Editor*, a radio play by Derek Raby, directed by Amanda Hislop. This was very favourably received, and so Amanda is going to direct another radio play over the summer holidays. Watch this space, or rather our website!

So, it has been a year with a difference (as I write, it is 12 months since we were about to put on our Drama Festival!), but we are as busy as ever. Nevertheless, when we return to 'normal', we will be very keen to find more production and technical members; we can train up anyone interested, from directing to stage management, set design and building, through to lighting and sound. We are also seeking anyone interested in acting. If you are interested in joining our friendly Society, either behind the scenes or on stage, please visit our website www.wcds.co.uk or make enquiries via membership@wcds.co.uk.

Angela Sloane, Vice-Chairman

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Ever since Covid-19 began and lock-down was upon us, we continued to keep in touch with our sellers and buyers alike, with many sales reaching through to exchange and completion as was permitted during lockdown. On-line viewings became very popular on the websites which kept clients in touch with the housing market and potential properties for them to view.

Since we returned to the office in early May, the housing market has been very busy and with the extra assistance with the stamp duty relief this has increased selling and buying to new levels for the year, and properties, if priced correctly to sell, are more or less going within days if not weeks to buyers, a lot of which are new clients wishing to get onto the housing ladder and being able to buy a property at a higher price than they would have previously.

If you are looking to buy or sell in the coming weeks or months ahead, then we would be very happy to give you our help and advice on the current housing market. Please call in to see us for a chat in either of our local offices at Storrington or Billingshurst or give us a call or visit our website.

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STITCH REOPENS ITS DOORS

A warm and very belated "hello" from us a Stitch (21 West Street, Storrington). We were asked to write a short article for the 3 Heralds magazine some time ago but, from when we opened in October 2019 up until we temporarily closed in March, we were very busy with the opening and running of our new business. So, here we are nine months since our opening day and how has that time gone by so quickly?



Our journey started in January 2019 when we (Sue and Jan) went out for a cuppa one Saturday afternoon. Neither of us envisioned that by the end of that afternoon we would have a rough idea that maybe we could open a fabric shop in the village! Many, many more cups of tea, slices of cake, lots of notepaper and plenty of paint

later, we were delighted to open our doors on 5 October last year.

If you have not visited us yet, then do come along. We stock a wide range of dressmaking fabric with all the haberdashery items you need to complete your project. Alongside dressmaking, there is a varied range of quilting fabrics for all sorts of projects and we always have some children's prints too. Added to the fabric, there are a variety of books, sewing machines (including servicing), craft kits, embroidery threads, cross stitch kits and lots more for all your sewing requirements.



We have a great space in our studio at the back of the shop where we hold our sewing lessons, social sewing group and birthday parties etc. Before the pandemic we had been teaching 17 children each week and lots of adults across a variety of classes. Our most popular class is the two hour one-to-one session, which is often booked by people who have either never sewn before or who did so many years ago and are very rusty. During these sessions, we can tailor the teaching to just what each individual needs so they can get the most out of the time. We are now able to offer one-to-one sessions again, so do get in touch.

In February, we held a successful charity sewing day making breast care cushions and syringe driver bags for the unit at Worthing Hospital. We managed to squeeze a lot of people into our studio and much laughter was heard whilst some serious sewing was achieved. More charity sewing sessions are planned as soon as we are able to.

However, we don't just teach you to sew. Sue is a qualified upholsterer and will assist / teach you if you have a small upholstery project to undertake, along with curtain and blind making.

We love being part of the busy community in Storrington and really enjoy seeing people's completed projects when they bring them in to show us.

So, if you want to learn a new skill, or if you are an accomplished seamstress already, then do pop in and see us and what we have to offer.

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DON'T BE FLOORED WHEN IT COMES TO HYGIENE

There has been a lot in the news recently about hygiene. Since reopening our shops in Storrington and Worthing, we've introduced social distancing guidelines and are offering hand sanitiser to customers. We also have spare disposable masks available for those customers who want to come into the shop but have forgotten their own. We understand there's a lot to be thinking about these days and want to help where we can.

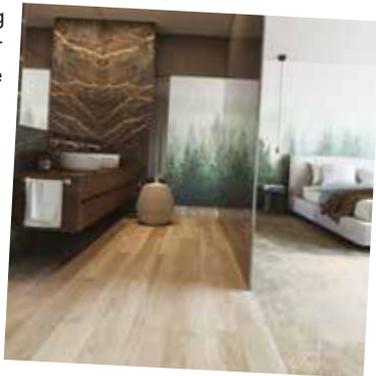


Keith Kirby

So, when asked to write a piece for the 3 Heralds Magazine, we thought we would give our expert advice in relation to flooring. What flooring is best when it comes to hygiene and how can we keep it clean?

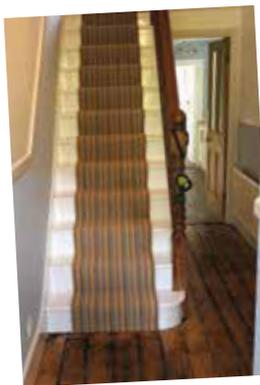
Different rooms in a house require different types of flooring simply because of the different activities that take place in them. For example, in a bathroom and kitchen, it's usually best to have hard flooring as typically kitchens and bathrooms are moist environments. Whether it's from the shower or a boiling kettle, there will be steam in those rooms at some point and so hard flooring is the best option. Hard flooring does not readily absorb water and so dries easily when it gets wet.

If you're looking for comfort under-foot, hard flooring does not need to be throughout the entire house. Why not have bleach-cleanable carpet in the living room? Carpets with shorter fibres are a good option where hygiene is concerned, as they do not attract much dust. Also carpets don't have to literally cost the earth these days either, as many use recycled materials and we even stock a range made entirely from plastic waste that is collected from the ocean!



How to clean hard flooring

Although a vacuum cleaner is very effective when cleaning a hard floor, if your hard flooring has detailing you may want to consider using a broom. The individual bristles on the broom would allow you to get into the small indents in the panelling of the floor; ensuring harder to reach areas are properly cleaned.



For a deeper clean, a damp mop is a good option. Using a mop allows you to add extra cleaning agents into the water you are mopping the floor with; offering an even deeper clean. We would also recommend purchasing a micro-fibre mop as the fibre would attract the dirt and not hold onto too much moisture, meaning you can clean the hard floor without saturating it in water and allowing it to dry quicker.

How to clean carpet

Although carpets can also be vacuumed, and this works well for general dust and dirt, it will not take out stains. If you know that you have bleach-cleanable carpet, then you really can use bleach on it without ruining the colour. We always recommend patch testing first and checking the manufacturer's guidelines to find out how much to dilute the bleach by, if at all.

If your carpet isn't bleach-cleanable, there are many reputable carpet cleaning products on the market. Most cleaners state they can be used 'generally', but, again, we recommend testing and

checking the manufacturer's website. Or ask your friendly, local flooring experts for their advice to determine what type of stains and carpet the product can be used on.

Contact us by either coming into our Storrington or Worthing store. Or call us in Storrington on 744748 or in Worthing on 503638 to speak to our expert team.

Keith Kirby

Director at Wall Bros Carpets and Flooring in Storrington

Please note, that although we are experts, this article is only offering friendly advice and we can't be held responsible for what you do to your flooring.

WEST CHILTINGTON AND STORRINGTON MOTHERS' UNION

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

Along with the rest of the nation MU has had to abandon meetings since March, but MU has not been idle.

Back in January, our World Wide President, Sheran Harper, was recommended by The Archbishop of Canterbury to attend the Abrahamic Faiths Initiative in Rome, one of only three women attending amongst 25 religious leaders representing Christians, Muslims and Jews. They had come together to discuss practical ways of promoting peace and fraternity. At an informal evening gathering of delegates, Sheran met Pope Francis, who blessed her.

March brought changes to our Diocesan leadership with former Diocesan President Kathryn Anderson becoming the new Provincial President for the Province of Canterbury. Her replacement as Diocesan President is Karen Hill from West Tarring Branch. Usually there is a Commissioning Service for the new President in Chichester Cathedral which members from across the Diocese attend, but for Karen's Commissioning this had to be a virtual service with Bishop Martin on line. Karen had been very much involved with the Mothering Sunday Songs of Praise which celebrated the MU Ministry of Cake project at Worthing Hospital.

Activities at Mary Sumner House in London, the hub of MU, had to be stopped in March. This meant a huge loss of income to the organization as the conference facilities alone bring in half a million pounds a year, which enables our projects in the UK and abroad to function. As a consequence, an appeal was sent to every member to ask for a donation if they could possibly afford it, with a target of £1,000,000. Praise the Lord! Thanks to the huge generosity of the membership and friends three quarters of a million pounds has been raised.

Our Branch was very much involved in June in collecting food items over a four-week period in response to an appeal from Family Support Work. Their stocks of food had become dangerously low and so all the MU Branches in the Chichester Diocese were asked to contribute if they possibly could, especially as many of our members were shielding. Again, with God's blessing, enough food was collected to feed 180 families for a month.

During the lock-down, many of our members kept in touch with each other by phone, emails or post, and the occasional chat from the end of a garden or drive-way. For those missing church services there was the 'Daily Hopeline' which provided a selection of hymns and prayers. There is no substitute for the real thing and I am sure everyone is looking forward to a time when we can meet, worship, and chat together once more.

Jean Hunt

CHURCH SERVICES AT A GLANCE

STORRINGTON St Mary's



THAKEHAM St Mary's



SULLINGTON St Mary's



DATE	FESTIVAL OR SUNDAY	STORRINGTON	THAKEHAM	SULLINGTON
6 Sept	Trinity 13	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion 10am Parish Communion Service on Zoom	10.30am Joint Parishes Praise on Zoom (Zoom login details are available from Parish Office – contact details on pages 4/5)	
13 Sept	Trinity 14	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion 10am Parish Communion Service on Zoom	8am Joint Parishes Reflective Communion on Zoom 10.30am Joint Parishes Praise on Zoom	
20 Sept	Trinity 15	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion 10am Parish Communion Service on Zoom	10.30am Joint Parishes Praise on Zoom	
27 Sept	Trinity 16	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion 10am Parish Communion Service on Zoom 3pm Blessing of Pets Service at St Mary's Churchyard	8am Joint Parishes Reflective Communion on Zoom 10.30am Joint Parishes Praise on Zoom	
4 October	Trinity	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Harvest Festival Parish Communion 10am Parish Communion Service on Zoom	10.30am Joint Parishes Praise on Zoom	

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

St Mary's Church, Storrington, is usually open for private prayer on Thursdays 9am – 12.30pm

Thakeham & Sullington with Warminghurst Parishes

Mondays – Monday Reflection from 12noon on YouTube

Wednesdays – Midweek Communion from 12 noon on YouTube

www.youtube.com and search 'Sullington & Thakeham Parishes'

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

(Formerly The Community Church Storrington)

Steining Grammar School – Rock Road Campus

Family Worship – Sundays 10am

Enquiries to Katherine Edwards

Life Community Church Office,

PO Box 1020, Storrington RH20 3UY

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)

www.trinitymethodiststorrington.uk

www.facebook.com/TrinityStorrington

ZOOM SERVICES AT ST MARY'S, STORRINGTON

At St Mary's, Storrington, we have been holding a Sunday Eucharist service at 10am each Sunday during lockdown using Zoom. If you would rather not come to Church just yet then you will be pleased to know the Zoom service will be continuing at 10am on Sundays for the time being. Den Cowdrey will send out the link as usual. If you haven't yet joined in our Zoom service then email Val Rice (valrice77@gmail.com) and ask her to add you to the list and she will arrange for you to be included in the Zoom group. Den will even talk you through what you need to do to join in!

In order to participate, you will need a computer or tablet with a camera and microphone. In addition, you will need to install the free version of the Zoom app. If you need help getting set up, Den Cowdrey (cowdrey34189@icloud.com) is more than happy to assist.

You will need to register yourself on Zoom, then you log in on Sunday morning about 10 minutes before 10am - this will give Den time to ensure everything is working correctly. An order of service will be emailed on Saturday morning containing details of Celebrant, Preacher and who is reading the Lessons and Intercessions. Details of the readings will be included on the order of service. The order of service will be a Word document so you will be able to print and follow the service on hard copy.

If you have a problem with printing the order of service please let Val know and she will arrange for a hard copy to be delivered to you on Saturday. Please respond with 'Sunday Service' in your subject line.

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

For more details and to see current opening hours please see page 20.

SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB



POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

contact Storrington Rectory Office for further information on 742888

STORRINGTON POP-IN LUNCH CLUB

CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

For further information contact Pat Webb on 893145



WHAT'S ON

SEPTEMBER	
Tue 1	
10am	Inter-Church Prayers – RC Church – p9
2pm	SPACE – Arts and Craft Club – p9
Sat 5	
10am	Storrington Conservation Society – Working Party – p20
Sun 6 Trinity 13	
Thu 10	
7.30pm	Storrington Camera Club – Zoom Meeting – p23
Sat 12	
9.30am	Sandgate Conservation Society – Working Party – p32
Sun 13 Trinity 14	
Tue 15	
2pm	Knit and Stitch – p4
2pm	SPACE – Arts and Craft Club – p9
Wed 16	
7.30pm	Sullington Windmills WI – Zoom meeting – p21
Sun 20 Trinity 15	
Wed 23	
7.30pm	Bingo Bonanza via Zoom – p4
7.30pm	Sandgate Conversation Society – Huxley Birds of Prey presentation – p32
Thu 24	
7.30pm	Storrington Camera Club – Zoom Meeting – p23
Fri 25	
10am	Macmillan Coffee Morning – p4
Sat 26	
10am	Sandgate Conservation Society – Working Party – p32
Sun 27 Trinity 16	

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

SEPTEMBER	
Tue 1	<i>Giles, c.710</i> – Hermit – founded Abbey of St Giles, France, a popular pilgrimage site. Also patron saint of Edinburgh
Thu 3	Gregory the Great, 604 – Pope Gregory I – patron saint of musicians, singers, students, and teachers
Fri 4	<i>Birinus, 650</i> Venerated as a saint, first Bishop of Dorchester
Sun 6	<i>Allen Gardiner, 1851</i> - British Royal Navy officer and missionary to Patagonia
Wed 9	<i>Charles Fuge Lowder, 1880</i> – Founder of Society of the Holy Cross
Sun 13	John Chrysostom, 407 – Archbishop of Constantinople
Mon 14 HOLY CROSS DAY	
Tue 15	<i>St. Cyprian, 258</i> – Bishop of Carthage – Early Christian writer
Wed 16	Ninian, c.432 - Christian saint 8 th century missionary for the Pictish peoples (now Scotland) <i>Edward Bouverie Pusey, 1882</i> – One of the leaders of the Oxford Movement
Thu 17	Hildegard, 1179 – Founded monasteries of Rupertsberg in 1150 and Eibingen in 1165
Sat 19	<i>Theodore of Tarsus, 690</i> – Eighth Archbishop of Canterbury, reformed the English
Sun 20	John Coleridge Patteson, 1871 – Anglican bishop and martyr
Mon 21 ST. MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST	
Fri 25	Lancelot Andrewes, 1626 Bishop of Chichester, Ely and Winchester and oversaw the translation of the Authorized Version (or King James Version) of the Bible
Sat 26	<i>Wilson Carlile, 1942</i> – English evangelist - founded the Church Army; Prebendary of St Paul's Cathedral
Sun 27	Vincent de Paul, 1660 Renowned for his compassion, humility, and generosity – known as the 'Great Apostle of Charity'
Tue 29 ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS	
Wed 30	<i>Jerome, 420</i> – Known for his translation of the Bible into Latin (the Vulgate)

PETWORTH AREA CHURCHES TOGETHER –WORKING TOGETHER IN HARMONY



Food Bank Report

This has been a time of changes, with continuing enthusiastic response from the volunteers, and considerable frustration due to political wavering.

We have continued to produce our own food boxes, with great support from Chichester warehouse. We were allowed to use the URC upper hall for storage and packing of food for the duration of the lockdown, so we were able to produce our own KLPs (Kids Lunch Packs) for the summer holidays (100-120). Then it was decided to make the KLPs larger, to cover three weeks' lunches per box, instead of two weeks, so the number needed was reduced to 65 - 80.

Chichester warehouse was under great pressure, needing to produce 1,500 KLPs for the summer holidays. We offered to help and were asked to produce 200 KLPs for Midhurst.

After just over a week we had produced 100 KLPs, and by that time Chichester had produced 960. (100 KLPs use 1 ton of food, so not only a large packing task but a transport problem, since all the food had to be brought over to the URC by our volunteers.)

At this point the government did a U-turn and said that food vouchers would be provided over the holidays for children receiving free lunches. The Trussell Trust cancelled the supply of KLPs for the summer holidays, leaving over 1000 KLPs unused. Most of these will be used at Christmas, but all of our supply had milk, biscuits and fruit juice which will expire before Christmas, so these boxes have had to be opened and the expiring items replaced. All extremely frustrating and inefficient. The KLPs we have for Christmas delivery will be given out regardless!

This week, Chichester warehouse received an urgent request from Chessington Foodbank for food. Neither Chichester nor Chessington had transport available, but our volunteers stepped in and took the food from Chichester to Chessington.

Our volunteers have responded promptly to every request they have received - a really big THANK YOU to all of them.

Geoff Pye

Gpye7@icloud.com

www.petworthareachurchestogether.com

STORRINGTON CONSERVATION SOCIETY

With cautious relief, we received the relaxation of the Covid 19 restrictions announced by the Government. This means we should be able to resume limited working parties, so long as we follow the revised arrangements that are required. We know everything depends on behaving sensibly if the reintroductions of restrictions is to be avoided.



It is noteworthy that since the start of the lockdown, more walkers, joggers, riders and cyclists are taking the opportunity to enjoy the paths and bridleways in the area, family groups being especially noticeable. Perhaps this will become part of the new normal. It demonstrates how valuable our green spaces are. Research shows use of them is good for our mental and physical health. Their conservation is vital and making them more accessible to all should be seen as essential.

If circumstances allow, the regular Saturday morning work party is due to meet in Fryern Dell on **5 September** at 10am to carry out further restoration work of the Victorian Pleasure Garden, to be confirmed nearer the time.

For information about when our activities will resume, 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

YOUR LIBRARY SERVICES

As West Sussex Libraries continue with their phased return to full service, libraries continue to offer a free 'Select and Collect' reservation service and a fantastic digital offer.

Did you know that whilst libraries were closed over the lockdown period, staff made over 20,000 keep in touch calls to vulnerable residents, worked as community responders acting on requests for support with food, medicine and welfare checks, and used library vans to deliver over 500 emergency food parcels. They welcomed over 1,500 new library members online and created a whole host of digital services such as a Virtual Reading Group on Facebook, online baby rhyme times and storytimes, video book reviews and more. By investing more in their eLibrary, the Library Service saw a huge increase in the number of residents accessing free eBooks, eAudiobooks, eNewspapers and eMagazines. For those residents who struggle to navigate this online offer, library staff set up a remote digital support service to assist customers over the phone or by email. For details of this helpline and all the latest library opening hours and services visit: <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/libraries/> or follow the service on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/WestSussexLibraries> or on twitter @WSCCLibraries.

Current opening times for Storrington Library:

Mon – 2pm – 5.30pm **Tue – 2pm – 5.30pm**
Wed – 2pm – 5.30pm **Thu – 9.30am – 1pm**
Fri – 9.30am – 1pm **Sat – 10am – 1pm**
For more information call: 839050

Opening times subject to change!



SANDGATE SINGERS

We are now officially on our summer break and hope you are enjoying the return of the lovely sunshine.

During lockdown, for the last seven weeks several choir members have been singing on Zoom with the assistance of our Music Director, Peter Allwood, our accompanist, Alison Manton, and Sandra Janman, our soprano. They have been rehearsing a selection of songs from '100 Years of Broadway' with the intention of singing at Ashington Community Centre on 4 July 2021.

The choir hopes to start up again on Monday 7 September by using Zoom for 7 weeks until 19 October and then having a half term break. We are pleased to say we will be joined by members of the West Sussex Philharmonic Choir. We will be practising well-known classical pieces such as *If Ye Love Me*, *Mass in D major op.86* by Thomas Tallis, *Gloria* by Anton Dvorak, *Locus Iste* by Anton Bruckner, *Ave Verum Corpus* by Mozart and *I Was Glad* by Hubert Parry.

We will return on Monday 2 November for our AGM and hopefully by that time we will be able to go back to Sullington Parish Hall for our rehearsals and to normality!

If you are interested in joining Sandgate Singers please contact our Chairman, John Fisher on 741256 or visit our website.

See our website: www.sandgatesingers.com or find us on Facebook.

Sheila Ferrier



SANDGATE SINGERS



STORRINGTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

It is very nice to see the 3 *Heralds* back giving us an opportunity of giving you an update on the Horticultural Society.

As you are aware, the current social restrictions introduced due to the Covid-19 virus has had a severe effect on the activities of the Society with the cancellation of our monthly meetings, holiday in Scotland, and shorter mini holidays planned for September and November.

The Chairman and her committee at their recent socially distanced open-air meeting, have now decided to cancel all meetings, including the Christmas buffet, outings and holidays until further notice. They will consider the situation in the New Year, possibly March. By then social distancing and the directive on using local village halls may have been revised and a way forward of returning to some of the Society's activities may be found.

Gardening during the pandemic has thrown up its own challenges with closures of garden suppliers and garden centres, long dry periods with little or no rain and the seemingly unaffected attacks from garden pests, but I guess this is what makes gardening such a rewarding and challenging activity.

Please keep in touch with the Society; our website has full information on the Society and is the fastest way to get up to date information and any reintroduction of our activities will also be published on suitable notice boards.

Let's hope that future easing of social distancing will allow the Society to restart its monthly meetings and calendar of events early in the New Year.

Website storringtonhorti.org.uk

Michael Webber

FITTLEWORTH FLYERS RUNNING CLUB



www.fittleworthflyers.org.uk

After much discussion, The Flyers have decided not to hold our annual Flyers Five Race on Sunday 6 September.

The present Government lockdown guidelines just would not make it feasible unfortunately.

The Flyers currently have 109 members which, as I proudly tell my friends, that for a village running club the number is a quite remarkable figure. According to the lockdown figures, 70% of the population are now doing more running since before the lockdown. Let's keep it going afterwards as well, and The Flyers are here to help you with that.

Our training sessions, including a Learn to Run course, start on a Tuesday evening in the Storrington Library car park at 7pm. All welcome. See website for details.

Gerald Gresham Cooke
01798 342151 Geraldgreshamcooke@gmail.com

CROSSWAYS VETERINARY GROUP

Following the announcements on 23 March, our top priority was to continue to provide care for pets, whilst at the same time accepting our social responsibility to protect our clients, staff and the wider community against the spread of COVID-19.

We also had to follow guidance from the British Veterinary Association (BVA) and the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS) that restricted the type of work we were allowed to do. To achieve this, we had to change the way we operate with a focus on emergency care and any cases that were classed as high risk. It did mean we had to defer some routine healthcare matters where pets were generally well, or did not run the risk of compromised welfare by not attending an appointment. For example, most dog, cat and rabbit vaccinations can be delayed by up to 3 months.

We had to adapt our way of working and for the first time we introduced telephone and video consultations. If pets did need to be seen then they would be brought into the practice but without their owners, which seemed as strange to us as it did to the pet owners! The picture shows two puppies we recently saw for their vaccinations.

As the lockdown arrangements have started to ease, we have opened our doors again to clients with consultation appointments. It's been lovely to see our clients coming back in and we hope we can expand our access to clients over the next few weeks. We do ask all clients to wear face masks/face coverings and it's only one client per pet at present.



Telephone and video consultations are an additional service that may continue into the future as a convenient way for owners to access vet advice without having to come into our branches. Face to face consultations will, of course, remain a core part of our service.

Thank you to all our clients for your understanding and we apologise for any inconvenience you may have experienced over the last few months.

Tim Watton
Practice Manager

the WI INSPIRING WOMEN WI NEWS SULLINGTON WINDMILLS

If you asked anyone which two words they associated with the WI, most would reply "Jam and Jerusalem". Yes, we do produce delicious homemade jam and yes, we do occasionally sing *Jerusalem*, but Jam and *Jerusalem*, important as they are, play an exceedingly small role in the WI.

As with all organisations, Sullington Windmills has not been able to hold a meeting since February, but that does not mean the organisation has been inactive, as there has been much organising behind the scenes to produce some amazing talks via Zoom. On a national level, Denman College is the WI's own seat of learning, founded in 1948 and named after Lady Denman, who was the first chairwoman of the WI Federation. Times have changed and its doors are now open to non-WI members, both male and female learners. During the Pandemic, whilst no one has been able to attend Denman, the College has kept members interested and entertained via Zoom with talks as diverse as making a prawn curry to listening to the history of Whitehall, in fact something for everyone.

During July, the West Sussex Federation of WI organised talks again via Zoom. The first guest speaker was a well-known author, Julie Summers, who has written a book entitled *Jambusters*, about the WI during World War II, on which the television series *Home Fires* was based. The talk Julie gave was entitled 'Dressed for War'. This was the life history of Audrey Withers, who for 20 years was the editor of *Vogue* magazine. This proved to be an interesting and informative talk. The next talk organised by County was a talk entitled 'Gatwick Airport Today and Tomorrow'. This was an update on operations response to ongoing challenges and sustainability. The talk was given by two different speakers, each giving details of their responsibility, Alison Addy, Head of Community Engagement, and Rachel Thompson, Head of Sustainability. Everyone agreed we had all learned so much from these two speakers.

Each month during lockdown Sullington Windmills has held its own monthly meeting via Zoom, with many members taking part. This was of course different to the usual format, but it was one way members could keep in touch. The meetings included quiz nights, gardening talk, and a talk on the history of perfume, with more talks planned. Members have also been busy knitting hearts and making cards for patients in St Barnabas Hospice to give to their loved ones who could not visit during the pandemic, knitting poppies for the large display which will be in Storrington for Remembrance Sunday, and knitting squares for a blanket, which will be given to a member of Sullington Windmills, Pam Spinks. Pam celebrated her 100th Birthday in August (a full report on this Birthday Celebration will be in next month's 3 *Heralds*). So although members have been in lockdown they have also kept busy.

As we go to press, we have no idea as to when the usual monthly meetings will commence. Even during this strange time new members are most welcome. We would also be happy to have visitors join our Zoom meetings. The next Zoom meeting will be held on **Wednesday 16 September** at 7.30pm, when the talk will be about 'Hearing Dogs'. Should you wish any information about the WI or in particular Sullington Windmills, including how to join the Zoom meetings, please contact Erika Brichta, President, on 742039.

Pat Snape



Rotary in action in the community with a new President

Along with many normal local activities, Rotary's community service has been hard hit by the Coronavirus safeguards. We have been unable to start our monthly Sullington Hall Film Night programme that many village folk look forward to; Rotary's Storrington Village Day was cancelled and we have been unable to host our popular Bank Holiday Car Boot Sales. Many community support projects are on hold too and Rotary Members share everyone's frustration at the enforced curtailment of our local service commitments.

Our Members continue to meet at a distance through the newly discovered Zoom internet medium. We've embraced this new technology after a few sometimes amusing trial-and-error attempts! But we're up and running and planning to resume business as usual as soon as circumstances allow.

And we have a new President – Pippa Davies.

Pippa and her family moved to Partridge Green, West Sussex from West Wickham, Kent in 1997 and more recently she and her husband Steve moved to Thakeham. They have a son who is a corporate lawyer in London.



Beginning her career as an officer in the Metropolitan Police Force, she re-trained and specialised in educational and personal development for children and adults who have learning disabilities. For 20 years Pippa managed West Sussex Learning Links, raising £1.5 million for this unique countywide charity which supports adults who have learning disabilities to access mainstream learning and leisure opportunities with support from volunteer 'buddies'.

In her spare time she also enjoys getting out and about with her husband gardening, reading and walking the family's dogs. She is now using her knitting needle skills in preparation for the arrival of her first grandchild.

Pippa joined the Rotary Club of Storrington and Pulborough District in January 2011 and had a first spell as President in 2015. Taking on the role again allows her to once more lead the Club support for worthwhile projects in the local community and internationally.

Pippa says, "The friendships and fellowship of other Rotary Members in these challenging times is a very big bonus and I am very much looking forward to the year ahead as President of such a great Club".

Our weekly meetings often feature a guest speaker and even in these unusual times we welcome suggestions /offers from individuals / organisation that want to tell us about their work in the community. Also, if anyone has a project you think Rotary should consider supporting, please contact Pippa.

Email: pippadavies_wsll@hotmail.com, or telephone 740406.

STORRINGTON COMMUNITY MARKET

We're open every Friday between 9.45am and 11.15am in the Village Hall in West Street.

We're planning to re-open on Friday 4 September at 9.45am with all the usual stalls except the Book stall and we won't be able to have the cafe unfortunately

Please note masks/face coverings must be worn, it will be a one way system round the village hall rooms with social distancing of 2 metres. For further information, call Katie Bridge on 07909 681884.

The Village Minibus is available every other week. Contact Velda on 892962.



The Way Forward for the Museum

I'm writing this late July and who would have thought in March when we went into lockdown that months later we would still be isolating and facing so much uncertainty. The possibility of reopening the museum is always on our minds, but the social distancing and constant cleaning procedures we would have to put in place to ensure the safety of volunteers and visitors alike are demanding to say the least.

Officially we were allowed to reopen on 4 July, but the general feeling was it was too soon to take such a step. The Government's concern to get the economy moving again is understandable, especially where livelihoods are at stake, but with lockdown being reimposed in several places and with much conflicting information circulating, it does seem sensible in our situation to wait and see.

2020 was the 20th Anniversary of the Museum opening. At the beginning of the year we were full of plans and decided we could afford to spend some of our precious reserves to make some improvements in the museum and possibly carry out much needed reorganisation of the office. But in March everything had to be put on hold and any spending other than what is strictly necessary has been delayed for the time being in case we need to fall back on our reserve funds to meet running expenses.

The Hooper & Downer Trust have generously reduced our monthly rent for the duration of the lockdown while we are unable to raise funds, and we are more than grateful for this respite, but they themselves are a Charity and we cannot take this moratorium for granted. Keeping the Museum financially secure has been a challenge from the outset. Coronavirus is the biggest challenge imaginable, but we are determined to do all we can to get through these hard times, and we cannot stress too greatly how much we need and appreciate the support of our members and the local community served by the Museum.

Before lockdown, we had a good programme of talks lined up and these will be reinstated once social distancing rules are relaxed. Until then the smaller audiences allowed means that these fund-raising events would not be viable. The special event last April to showcase photographs taken during Cindy and Frank Waters' A272 sponsored road trip was another of the casualties of shutdown and Frank would like this to go ahead in 2021 as a tribute to Cindy and all she did for the museum. Cindy was also arranging a concert with the Taylor Maid Group to raise funds for the museum, and this too will go ahead. One more disappointment of shutdown was that we were unable to work on our plans to celebrate our 20th Anniversary. This is another event for the future.

Meanwhile, we feel a great responsibility to keep the museum and the archives in good order and are happy to respond to any enquiries we receive via our website. We count ourselves lucky to have a committed team of curators, stewards who are ready to give their time once we can reopen the museum to the public, and a committee who take care of museum affairs. We all have the best interests of the Museum at heart and once we are confident that it is safe for volunteers and public alike we will reopen and move forward once again.

Patricia Wilks, Chair
Storrington & District Museum Society

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CYNTHIA BRENDA WATERS

1946-2020

Cindy was born on 3 January 1946 in Edgware. She had two brothers and a sister, and went to school in Mill Hill. The family moved to Rayleigh in Essex in the 1950s where she began a lifelong connection with the Methodist Church, and soon became a Sunday school teacher.

A few years later she worked as a typist in a London insurance company. Then in 1962 she met Frank at a Methodist Youth Club dance in the City of London. Cindy had a phenomenal memory for dates and could give chapter and verse of many of the events and concerts she and Frank went to during their courtship, and the items she enjoyed buying each week for her "bottom drawer".

Cindy and Frank married in 1967, the start of a long and happy marriage. Derek was born a year later and Alison in 1971, and as well as being a full-time mother, knitting and sewing and caring for her family, Cindy also worked part-time.

After the family moved to Storrington in 1980, Cindy worked for one or two local companies and also for a time became a Care Nurse at Sussexdown, the RAF Home for ex-service people, fulfilling a childhood ambition to become a nurse. When she eventually retired, she had worked for the Police at Horsham and Gatwick Airport, and also the Inland Revenue in Worthing. Her talent for making and keeping friends always flourished.

Cindy and Frank lived for many years in Concorde Close, Storrington, and more recently in Ashington, near to daughter Alison, son-in-law Andrew, and grandchildren David and Sarah. Cindy enjoyed cooking, photography, wildlife, star-gazing (she loved to see the International Space Station pass by), crosswords, music, and reading, and had a vast collection of Royal memorabilia, particularly jigsaw puzzles. She and Frank enjoyed travelling, especially visiting America to spend time with Derek, his wife Diana, and granddaughters Emily and Katie. They were

both members of the Hornby Collectors Club, because of Frank's wonderful collection of Hornby trains, and their visit to various Club events, even in Australia, made them dozens more friends. They have been volunteers with Brighton Toy Museum for many years.

Over the years they became very involved in Storrington village life, and through their various activities, including badminton at Rydon School, made many friends. Cindy was also on the Welcome Rota at Trinity Methodist Church. Throughout her life her great gift was making friends and, more importantly, keeping in touch with them. She still organised an annual reunion of people she and Frank knew from their Youth Club days in North London.

Cindy was a keen member of Storrington & District Museum Society and the Storrington History Group. She was Vice Chair of the Museum Committee and liked nothing better than keeping a piece of good news to the very end of a meeting and producing it under 'Any Other Business'. Thanks to enthusiasm and dedication, she and Frank raised hundreds of pounds for the Museum by arranging a talk given by the organiser of the Red Arrows Flight Team, and through sponsorship for their trip down the A272, which was inspired by a Dutch couple's book on their similar road trip. Cindy's enthusiasm was infectious and we often went from "that will never work" to "well, we never thought that would be such a success".

Cindy's great gift was that she loved people. She was cheerful and warm-hearted and greeted most people with a big hug. She was full of energy, liked to be involved in everything that was going on and was still going strong at the end of a long day when the rest of us were beginning to flag. Even when she was so ill, she carried on without complaining for as long as she could.

Cindy passed away peacefully at home on 24 June 2020. We all loved her and admired her courage and determination, and grieve that we have suddenly lost such a wonderful friend and colleague, and because of the lockdown situation are unable to have a joyous gathering with all her family and her many, many friends.

The celebration of her life was held on Friday 3 July at Worthing Crematorium. As her hearse passed along West Street and High Street, Storrington, there was great support from the local community as many people stood along the route and clapped for Cindy.



THAKEHAM GARDENERS' CLUB

Due to the current Covid-19 crisis, the Club has had to cancel all meetings and events, which included the Spring Plant Sale and our Summer Show. Fingers crossed we hope to be able to hold the October Plant Sale.

Looking on a brighter note, this enforced confinement will have meant we have had no excuse not to get out in our gardens and get on top of numerous tasks, especially with the glorious weather we had during May. Our gardens should be looking a picture and I hope you have all taken as many photos as you can of your garden over the past few months. Perhaps when the Club does meet again we can find a way of sharing our pictures and achievements.





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Thursday 10 September 7.30pm
Start of Season – Please see website for details

Thursday 24 September 7.30pm
On-line Zoom
Guest Speaker – Michael Berkeley ASISLP ASISEP LRPS
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SULLINGTON MANOR FARM

There's been a farm at Sullington for at least 800 years and throughout the centuries farmers have adapted as food technologies and consumers' demands change; diversification is now a part of life for very many farming families. The Kittle family have been farming at Sullington for almost 70 years and in that time most of the original agricultural buildings have been deemed unsuitable for continued agricultural use or have become redundant as the agricultural activity is no longer viable. The holiday cottages were originally Victorian stabling, then cattle byres and finally chicken sheds before Edwina Currie decimated the chicken and egg market overnight in the 1980s. The tithe barn was used to store harvest until 2001 when regulations changed and, after 600 years, harvest had to be stored off the farm in grain silos. The Old Workshop was originally a harvest barn, presumably built to either accommodate additional harvest or possibly a different corn harvest, which became a farm workshop when tractors and vehicles arrived on the farm in the twentieth century. It opened as a café in 2018.



The arrival of COVID-19 meant adaption for everyone, not just farmers, but here on the farm we certainly noticed some changes. Sullington tithe barn, now used for wedding receptions and other large events, has been quiet all year as all the planned wedding receptions moved to 2021. Byre Cottages were also silent as all this year's holiday makers cancelled and the café at The Old Workshop closed in March for nine weeks. However, the farmland has been busier than ever with so many people taking to walking, cycling and horse-riding on the Downs. There have been a number of times

when gates left open mean that cattle have found new pastures, sometimes in the crops, and the gates themselves have taken a battering, but there's no litter and generally it's been great!

It is several generations since most people were employed in agriculture and the convenience of food on supermarket shelves means that farming is reasonably far removed from many people's consciousness these days. However, we feel that some of the people of Sullington, Storrington, Thakeham and all the villages around are discovering more of their local area and rediscovering the benefits

a working farm can bring to everyone. In this part of Sussex, we are generally very lucky to have the Downs as a backdrop, even if you aren't able to get out and about 'up the Downs', just looking at the landscape lifts your spirits. But footpaths and bridleways are part of a farm landscape and people have visited in such numbers to use the ancient pathways that years ago brought others to work on the farm or took livestock away. Some have engaged with Grahame Kittle to mention how much they have appreciated the continued support for the community with the provision of parking to access the Downs and some have taken an interest in the livestock or crops and the wild bird conservation features, whilst others have visited regularly to watch out for particular wildlife. A local farm helps with jobs, with the prosperity of an area, with interest and diversity and access makes a destination.

One possible outcome is that more people will think more about food miles and the way they shop for food. This is not only good for UK farming but buying in-season local foods will reduce food miles, help the climate, enable jobs, have more nutrients and taste better! Over 1m people signed an NFU petition to hold overseas farmers to the same high welfare and production standards as UK high regulations so perhaps people are already thinking about eating good quality whole foods. Another consequence of people not being able to go far from home is the realisation of the importance of the local businesses and infrastructure around them.

As an un-intensive farm, we're passionate about working in union with nature to provide quality produce and it is a delight to see others engaging in the countryside in greater numbers. I'm sure we all still feel uncertain about what happens next but now that the Café and cottages are open we are really thankful for the loyalty of the local community who are supporting us and other local, small businesses.

HOME SWEET CARE HOME

Following the constant, terrifying wall-to-wall news of the last three months you could be forgiven for thinking that care homes are COVID-ravaged wastelands; a world-war-one style 'front line' in the 'war against the virus'. Perhaps we could take a moment to correct that perception. In fact, across the UK only 23% of care homes had cases of the virus, often after taking NHS discharges without testing, and in many cases, even the very elderly who got the virus recovered well. I wish that story was more widely known.

We run a small care home for 26 elderly residents overlooking the Downs in High Salvington. The care home has been an oasis of safety, peace, joy, fun and community. Our brilliant staff handles the additional pressures with enormous grace. Our managers have been keeping serene and calm while paddling like mad under the surface to make sure we are prepared, trained and ready for all eventualities.

In a time of isolation and concern for many, our kitchen continued to produce great locally-reared food, the domestic team kept everything ultra-clean, activities continued aplenty and our events team put on some excellent 'dos' to look forward to and participate in: Easter



celebrations, a VE-day party (one of our residents was a designer at aircraft manufacturer De Havilland during the war and shared some remarkable stories), a Wimbledon celebration day, a summer grill complete with an 80-song 'golden oldies' set from a superb performer in the garden, and more.

The nonagenarian husband of one of our residents said to me this week during a visit "You've had lots more fun in here than I had at home by myself! I was jealous of all you got up to. For me there was nothing to do, everything was shut!" He's right. In a world of increasing isolation and concern, it has been a blessing to be part of a thriving care home community.

Dr Will Andrews
Country Lodge Nursing Home

WELCOME TO MEADOW HALL VETS

We're an independent, first opinion, small animal veterinary practice that opened in June in the village of Thakeham. The practice was set up by Sophie Hall who has lived in the village for over 20 years. In the first few weeks since we opened, Meadow Hall Vets has already made a difference to the health and wellbeing of the pets of Thakeham and local areas.

When setting up the practice Sophie was keen to make a difference to pets and their owners in her direct community so she has set about creating a welcoming and calming environment. We know it can be stressful bringing your pet into the vets so to help ease this stress we have separate dog/cat waiting areas, and even separate dog/cat consultation rooms and wards. The Practice is well equipped to assist your pet in most eventualities; we have a modern operating theatre, digital x-ray facilities as well as a separate dental suite, internal laboratory and dispensary.

You'll be warmly welcomed and looked after by our small, but experienced and friendly team. Sophie, Hannah, Ruth and Jan have been in the veterinary industry for many years. We provide a tailored approach to all aspects of veterinary care which involves a large amount of communication between the practice and our clients.

While we are operating under the constraints of the Coronavirus, we will often be seen outside the practice spending time with an owner to ensure the correct treatment plans are instigated.

Healthy Paws Club

We want to help you spread your costs as much as possible and to never let the fear of cost prevent you from seeing a vet. The Healthy Paws Club includes every single vet and nurse consult, including anal glands, nail clips and "he/she's just not quite right" checks. It also includes the usual routine vaccinations, as well as a range of flea, tick and wormer products.

Benji's Blog

We're delighted to also share one of our newest recruits with you.

He is in charge of writing a weekly blog for our Facebook page. Here's part of his latest blog about our inpatient accommodation:

"...I hope you don't need to stay with us but if you do you'll have an individual light (in case you want to read a woof book), under floor heating to keep you warm and a glass front to look out of (but for kitcats the doors are frosted as we know you can be shy)."



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Planting for caterpillars?



In April's 3 *Heralds* I wrote that over the next few issues I'd be looking at practical ways we gardeners can become greener. I imagined my next column would be about buying plants responsibly or organic methods of pest control. What a difference a few months can make! Lockdown has left many people with a greater appreciation for gardens and their potential to attract wildlife. Spending more time at home, combined with long spells of fine weather, has also encouraged several people I know to take their first steps into gardening and to their complete amazement, they love it.



I've finally learned to sit still among the plants for a while and watch what flies, hovers and crawls near me, and I'm taken by the idea of viewing our outside space as their home, as well as my outside room. With garden centres fully open and increasingly well-stocked, I

thought I'd use this month's column to explore which plants can be added to a garden that will give the gardener pleasure and insects a reason to stay. If you're not a big fan of creepy crawlies, but you do love birds, then think of this as investing in an all-you-can-eat buffet for busy blue tits next spring.

The first thing to remember with a wildlife-friendly garden is that animals have different needs at different points in their lifecycle. There's plenty of advice available on what to grow to attract pollinators, including choosing plants with simple, rather than double, flowers that offer the visitors somewhere to land. But it's harder to find information on what to grow so the caterpillars of native butterflies and moths have something to eat and the adults somewhere to shelter. We hit the home library and soon had a long list of caterpillar-friendly plants, some of which were unlikely to be on most gardeners' shopping lists: clover, couch grass, nettles, docks and thistles.

If, like us, you can't accommodate a meadow, an alternative is to give over a sunny patch of your garden to the weeds for the Meadow Browns, Skippers, Peacocks, Tortoiseshells and Six-Spot Burnets to lay their eggs on. Otherwise, several plants on the list are more welcome in the borders and could stand a bit of nibbling without looking awful such as ivy, hops or honeysuckle. If you grow Red Valerian (*Centranthus ruber*), you may even get the amazing Humming-bird Hawk-moth set up home in your garden. Another option is to replace a fence with a hedge of native trees. A mix of buckthorn, rowan, hawthorn, blackthorn, willow and holly could attract Brimstones, Holly Blues, Common Emeralds or the rare Purple Emperors to lay their eggs and provide them with shelter during hibernation.



Our research threw up other interesting facts: some butterflies get nutrients, especially salts, from muddy puddles (known as 'puddling') so maybe a bog garden is called for? We also learned we should avoid cutting back plants, especially ivy, until the spring because they are favourite over-wintering sites for some butterflies and moths. Finally, having had a few attempts at the Big Butterfly Count, we can report that marjoram is the most popular flowering plant in our garden with all kinds of winged creatures, not least the delicate little Mint Moth whose caterpillars feed on the leaves and then enjoy the frothy pink or white flowers as adults.

Cheryl Brown
with research assistance from Toby Gee

THE OLD FORGE

Storrington's much loved The Old Forge has returned from lockdown, brimming with fresh ideas and a sparkling new menu.

The decision to reopen was taken at the behest of customers who contacted Patrick Roberts, the chef, and asked him when the Church Street establishment was going to throw open its doors again. So from Wednesday to Saturday lunchtime, The Old Forge is back in business. "We have ensured the restaurant is comfortable and welcoming while being as safe for our customers and our staff as we can make it," Patrick says. "We have a back room that acts as a private dining room and in the main room have a table in the window and one in the opposite corner."

Patrick describes his menu as contemporary British with global influences. "I use seasonal ingredients and create something a bit different. I prepare things that are interesting and fun to cook and enjoyable to eat."



The months of lockdown allowed plenty of time for Patrick to experiment as well as helping Cathy Roberts, his mother, in her outside catering business that supplied, and continues to supply, Storrington with a broad variety of meals delivered to the doorstep.

"One of the things we spent time learning about was curing our own meats," Patrick says. The fruits of the newfound skill have found their way on to his summer menu in the form of a starter of Old Forge duck prosciutto. The main courses include slow-cooked belly of pork, with bruleed apple, pickled radicchio and mashed potato with smoked butter and skate schnitzel, with kohlrabi mustard, crushed new potato with chive dressing and dressed celery. A vegetarian option comes in soy-dressed buckwheat noodles with seared eryngii mushroom, fried enoki mushroom, braised pak choy and shiitake broth. Vegan and gluten-free options are available throughout the menu.

Another skill practised by Patrick in lockdown was making waffles and the desserts boast a coconut waffle, with pineapple and coconut ice cream with lime syrup. Alongside a chocolate tart and a selection of local cheeses, Patrick has conjured a Pimm's jelly cup with cucumber and mint sorbet and strawberry salsa.

"I think I have managed to come up with some unexpected flavours and exciting new combinations," Patrick says. "The dishes are all at what we consider to be an appropriate price, we don't want to be charging silly money for anything" - the most expensive main course is priced at £12.75. The restaurant has a full range of wine, sourced by Clive, Patrick's father, as well as beer and non-alcoholic drinks to accompany every dish.

Patrick's flair and enterprise make a visit to the Old Forge a rewarding experience and ensures that it represents an essential stopping point for all visitors to Storrington. The established cafe and deli service are also still available from Tuesday to Saturdays and Cathy is delighted to discuss your catering needs, from cooking for a special occasion to supplying a takeaway or home delivery for a quiet evening in.

With its bright, newly painted exterior, the Old Forge remains a beacon for all that is best in Sussex food and drink.



View from top of Sullington



A DAMAGING DELIVERY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Last week, after carelessly delivering a package, the delivery driver dropped a pack of leftover McDonalds' chips out of his window as he sped down my road.

At first, I was totally outraged at this blatant disregard for our environment. But, after a period of reflection, I began to wonder.

Why should he care about my road, when I am in one of hundreds of streets he will visit in a single day, or the thousands he will visit in a week? He doesn't know my road, or any of the people who live in it, or the village as a whole. He doesn't know what the impact of his actions might be, in the temporary increase of seagulls that will then leave their mess on the cars, or the packaging which will inevitably be picked up by one of the residents to put in their own bins.

It's not that I am excusing his behavior, but with no connection to the community, or understanding of the consequences of his actions, how can we expect him to have respect for it?

The same can be said for nature and our environment. We are very lucky to live in an area where we are surrounded by areas of outstanding beauty. It doesn't take long to walk from the centre of our villages, and still be in fairly untouched natural spaces, like The Chantry, Sandgate Park or the hills behind Sullington Church. Not everyone has access to this so readily, so how can we expect the climate crisis, pollution or deforestation to be high on the agenda for those with no connection to the natural environment. David Attenborough said that if you don't know something, you're not likely to want to save it.

In more and more schools, Forest School programmes are being used as a way to connect children with nature. I am a Forest School leader and a National Director of the Forest School Association. If you're not aware of what Forest School is, I really recommend looking into it. Currently, the Forest School Association are running a campaign to get funding for every school, dedicated to promoting nature education in all its forms. (www.forestschoollassociation.org). Unless every school age child has access to nature on a regular basis, they will not develop a connection to it. No connection and no understanding means no desire to do something about protecting it.

And we will have more delivery drivers dropping rubbish out of their van windows.

*Matt Harder, Bluebell Bushcraft
Director, Forest School Association*

THAKEHAM VILLAGE HALL

Following the Government update in July, the Village Hall re-opened on a part-time basis in August. Strict Government guidelines have been implemented, and there are restrictions on permitted activities and a limit on numbers. These will be reviewed as further Government guidance and updates are received. The latest information is available on the Hall website www.thakehamvillagehall.co.uk and on our Facebook page. The Hall Manager can be contacted by email on info@thakehamvillagehall.co.uk, or phone on 01798 815467.

*John Bearman
Chairman, Thakeham Village Hall Committee*



A STITCH IN TIME

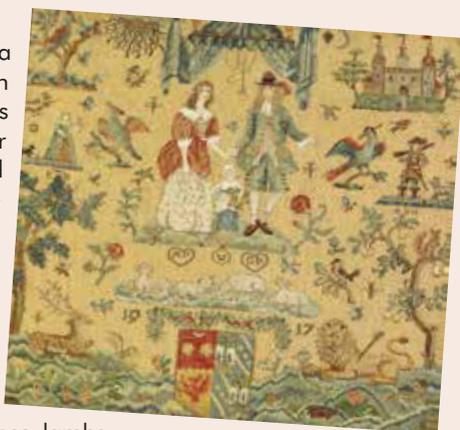
Parham's delightful collection of samplers reveals stories from the past

Lady Emma Barnard recounts how Parham's fine collection of needlework reveals a touching insight into what life was like for young girls during the 17th and 18th centuries and also later during the Great War.

Parham's beautiful collection of needlework would have been in pride of place in June, had we been able to open, but instead it is resting, much of it covered by its winter covers and safely stowed away. My great-grandmother Alicia Pearson, encouraged and helped by her mother Ethel, Lady Brabourne, collected it; both were fine needlewomen themselves.

Lady Brabourne embroidered several pieces, on display in the 'open' side of the House. In the early 1920s, Alicia and she stitched, for fun, a replica of an early 18th century chair-covering in the Saloon; both chairs stand together, and, notably, the 'modern' dyes have faded, while the original vegetable dyes remain much more vivid.

She also embroidered a panel (pictured here), in the style of King Charles I, featuring Alicia and her husband, Clive, in period dress, with their little daughter, Veronica (my great-aunt), standing between them, and four lambs as a symbol of possible children to come. Veronica, of course, inherited Parham, and one of those lambs, two years later, turned into my grandmother, Lavinia.



The dark days of the Great War

I am struck that this piece is signed and dated 1917, so it was done during the dark, terrible days of what was known as the Great War. It is very moving to contemplate the many, many hours she must have spent doing it, and how the subject matter looks forward to better times with hope and a quiet willing to 'come through'.

Thinking about it, this panel links both forwards to the anxious times we are living through at the moment, and backwards to the times when women and little girls were expected to embroider, make and mend as a given of their education. Sadly, I did not inherit any of my ancestors' skill in needlework, but if I had been living here at Parham in previous centuries this is what I would have been doing, whether I had the skill or not.

Isolation fuelled creativity then and now

Lockdown has produced many examples – you can see them all over social media – of people producing beautiful things at home, having taken up all sorts of crafts, including decorative needlework, to fill the time profitably and therapeutically.

Years ago, needlework was essential for the proper running of the domestic household. Household items had to be identified, clothes mended and adorned. The samplers we have all over the House date mainly from the 17th and 18th centuries and were stitched by little girls as practice for learning these particular skills. 'Sampler' comes originally from the Latin word 'exemplum', meaning example, or the old French word 'essamplaire'; stitches were learnt and recorded in this way as a reference, long before printed designs were widely available, and they were, of course, passed down in practice from person to person.

Samplers were stitched by children

It is the ages of the little children who stitched these beautiful things with such skill that are so astonishing. The exquisite ones we have at Parham were produced, painstakingly and so often in appallingly bad light, by girls as young as six years old. Their alphabet letters, numbers, animals, flowers, houses, and Biblical quotations and mottoes are finely wrought in all manner of stitches and colours, and they are mainly signed and dated. One can only imagine the levels of effort and the hours they must have taken to produce.

A very touching example hangs in the Long Gallery, worked by Esther Sleepe (1725-1762) when she was seven years old. It says: "Esther Sleepe is my name and in my youth I wrought the same and by this work you may plainly see what care my parents took of me November the last in the year 1732." Esther was the mother of the novelist Fanny Burney (1752-1840), who has written the inscription: "Sampler of my own dearest Mother, Given to me by her precious self, when I was 8 years of age." How old objects speak volumes.

This plainly shows not only the very close bond between mother and daughter but also the sentimental importance of the little piece of needlework for the two women. The little Esther is justifiably pleased and proud of her achievement, and what she has achieved is clearly considered both right and proper within the family; it's a testament to "what care my parents took of me". That she died when she was only 37 (early death being all too common then) must have made that cherished piece even more poignant and precious to Fanny.

Old objects speak, and they often tell volumes. These little pieces of needlework are simple but so personal; it's impossible not to marvel at them and be moved by them. I'm glad they have survived because through them it's possible to glimpse the stoicism, even bravery, of the ordinary lives lived then. Time may change standards and circumstances, but we are more linked to previous generations through our emotional experiences than sometimes we realise.

Please visit www.parhaminsussex.co.uk for further information.

THAKEHAM COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Thakeham Summer Fair in June this year was obviously cancelled due to the Covid-19 virus. However, the Events Committee has since looked at organising some other suitable activities. In July there was a 'Find our Fluffy Friends' competition for children. Fluffy toys were displayed in various house windows in different parts of Thakeham Parish. Children who spotted one could then apply to enter the prize draw to win one of the Fluffy toys. At the time of writing, the Committee is working on a Cryptic-style quiz to 'Guess the Businesses in Thakeham'. Again there will be a Prize Draw to select winners, with numerous vouchers to be won.

The Annual Firework Display is scheduled for 31 October, Halloween, on the Abingworth Field. However, this will only go ahead if Covid-19 regulations and guidance allow it. Details of this and any other events are available on our Twitter and Facebook pages.

John Bearman

CRICKET IN STORRINGTON



Play Resumed in July

All cricket, play and practice, had been suspended by the ECB until July, and we had also postponed the official opening of our new Outdoor Net that was going to take place in April.

During July, the Cygnets began practising in the new Net, and on Sunday 19 July our first match was played against Henfield. We fielded a development team, being a combination of senior team players, older Cygnets and their coaches. After weeks of dry weather, it came as no surprise that the first two hours were played in a light drizzle! And, fielding first, our bowlers had the disadvantage of the ball handling like a bar of soap. The result was a fairly comfortable win for Henfield, whose younger players were all rather older and bigger than our Cygnets. However, there were promising batting displays from Tom and Jamie Fisher and first senior wickets for Noah Philby and Thomas Wroe. As yet, normal use of the pavilion, including teas, cannot be allowed, and on the field the match ball and fielders hands have to be sanitised every six overs.

Further development team matches are planned for August and the senior team has entered the League's August Cup competition, and will be playing in a group with Barns Green, Wisborough Green, West Chiltington, and Petworth Park, following cancellation of the normal League season.

On Wednesday 22 July, our Cygnets Under 12s played West Chiltington's Under 12s at home. It was a beautiful evening for cricket, and the crowd who turned up to watch were treated to a very evenly balanced, but exciting game that went all the way to the last ball.

West Chiltington lost the toss and Storrington elected to field first. Thomas Wroe took the new ball for Storrington and got a wicket with the first ball of the match followed by his second wicket with the last ball of the first over. West Chiltington steadied the ship with their 3rd wicket partnership between Jonty and George, the former eventually retiring with an unbeaten 22 runs. Thomas Wroe came back in to the attack and proceeded to get another two wickets in one over, finishing with the impressive bowling figures of 4-3. West Chiltington then applied some pressure with the bat through an impressive 22 runs from Finn who retired unbeaten. Storrington secured 3 more wickets from the bowling of George Harrington, Connor Puttock and Ollie Brown, before West Chiltington finished their innings on 138 runs.

Storrington came out looking to play shots from the get go but unfortunately lost an early wicket before Thomas Wroe built a solid partnership with Oscar Smith. Thomas Wroe was the stand out batsmen for Storrington, scoring an unbeaten 21 runs before retiring. West Chiltington then slowed the scoring rate with some good bowling. By the end of the 15th over Storrington had been restricted to 101 runs, and needed another 38 runs from the remaining 4 overs. George Harrington chipped away at that total, leaving 8 runs needed from the final over for victory. A couple of runs and extras conceded in the first few balls meant that a 4 was needed from the final delivery to secure victory for Storrington. The West Chiltington bowler keeping his line nice and tight, bowled a lovely dot ball to give his team victory. Congratulations to both sides for producing an enjoyable and finely balanced match that was greatly enjoyed by supporters from both Clubs.

We hope all our readers are staying safe and well.

Chris Winter



SANDGATE CONSERVATION SOCIETY



The conservation days have been put on hold due to the Coronavirus situation since March, although we are scheduled to restart them this month, commencing with Sullington Warren on **Saturday 12 September**, 9.30am till noon and in Sandgate Park Woods on **Saturday 26 September** 10am till noon

Also there is a presentation scheduled for **Wednesday 23 September** at the Sullington Parish Hall, commencing at 7.30pm, where the Huxley Bird of Prey Centre will be bringing some of their birds to support their talk. You may be able to handle some of them, although we understand that they will have already been fed!

It is doubtful that these events will take place so we would ask you to check our web-site to confirm that they are still on before you leave home.

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

STABLE ANTIQUES

Stable Antiques in West Street, Storrington, is run by Ian and Laura Wadey and offers something for everybody's taste and pocket. You may know Ian and Laura as part of the congregation at St Mary's, Storrington, as well as being bell ringers. Their daughters, Amber and Hannah, often help out in the shop and appreciate aged items of practicality and quality.



Vintage, affordable and green. All of us now need to watch our cash, so here is a great place to source home interior items to suit your style and be creative by recycling and refurbishing.

Situated opposite Storrington Village Hall with easy access to street parking, there are 34 stallholders on two floors of the Grade II listed building, which is 200 years old and full of character. The building lends itself well to antiques and items from yesteryear. Steeped with history, it has been associated with a brewery, dairy and even funeral directors. As the name suggests, it was a stable for working horses and still has the original cobbled floor, stalls and mangers. In the central courtyard is a covered well which would originally have supplied water to the stables and premises.

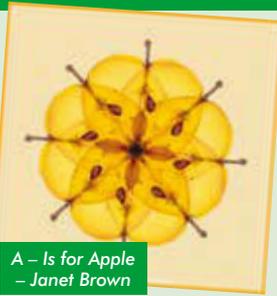
Ian and Laura have been running the business for nearly 27 years. Success is owed to the high turnover of stock and sensible prices. There's always something new to view and for those who like to rummage, a bargain can be found, and outside The Courtyard Garden sell a choice selection of plants.

Ian Wadey

CLUB COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND VIRTUAL PARTICIPATION IN A CHANGING ENVIRONMENT

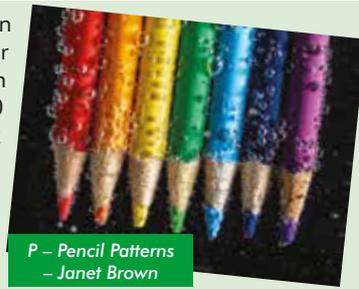
We have all been experiencing major lifestyle changes over the last few months. This has resulted in a lot of the activities we have previously enjoyed having either stopped or being severely restricted.

Being able to meet with family, friends, acquaintances and colleagues for a chat over coffee, lunch or going for a long walk became impossible. Those on their own, restrictions brought different challenges in terms of losing opportunities to stay connected and meeting others face to face. For clubs such as our own, the sudden curtailment of our season in March could have meant that we stopped all activities and waited for things to change.



A – Is for Apple
– Janet Brown

Our new on-line season starts in September. Subjects being covered by our guest speakers include 'An Introduction to Music and Sport Photography', '100 Strangers' and 'Starting from a Blank Canvas'. In addition, we are also running on-line photo critique sessions and competitions. We will also have our on-going on-line 'Hints and Tips' sessions and 'Coffee Mornings'.



P – Pencil Patterns
– Janet Brown

Our website <https://www.storringtoncc.org.uk/> lists all our 2020/21 Club season meetings. If you are interested in getting more out of your photography, or because of family commitments were unable to join us on a Thursday evening, this might be an ideal way to see what we do, from the comfort of your home. You are welcome to come and join us for one of our meetings and are offering new members two free visits. To join us please get in touch using the 'Contact Us' tab on our website and let us know which meeting you would like to join, we will then confirm and email you a Zoom invite.

Kevin Harwood

T – Thank You NHS
– Andy Jones



Thanks to our chairperson, Janet Brown, and the committee, the decision was made to take advantage of the on-line communication capabilities such as Zoom, and make our events 'virtual'. This meant our monthly 'Hints and Tips' session became weekly thereby providing members the opportunity to stay in contact, chat and participate in knowledge-sharing sessions. In addition to our monthly 'Flicker' challenge, a new weekly 'Alphabet' challenge has

been introduced, run by Liz Barber. A random letter being chosen, members then try and take images during the week reflecting that letter. During lock down, creativity searching out ideas for each week from within members' homes, gardens or during their brief exercise walk, helped provide interest and activity, especially as some of our members were, and some still, shielding.

Zoom has provided new opportunities. Martin Tomes, our new chair, arranged a session with a US photographer who shared his images and techniques. Certainly not something we would have had access to at a regular Club meeting! Virtual coffee mornings provided another means for members to meet up and chat whilst having their cup of coffee or tea at home.



G – Goldfinch
– Jane Coward

F – Flying Duck
– Nigel Cherry



As members became more familiar with on-line video, we decided to hold our deferred May Annual General Meeting. This proved a success for both members and the committee in engaging and agreeing on our approach going forward. Due to ongoing distance and event restrictions, it was decided to move our new season programme on-line

until Christmas. Whilst disappointing, it brings additional options and benefits as we are no longer restricted to local guest speakers. They can now be from anywhere.

A recent extra guest speaker presentation with Alan Harris MA (Photography) entitled "Don't Walk Between the Tracks" reflects this. Alan lives in Pembrokeshire and shared how he got into documentary photography and went on to do his MA (Photography). Experience from this first on-line speaker session was that members were more engaged in Alan's Q&A, which resulted in the meeting running longer. Also not having to think about driving home may have also played a part.



O – Orange
– Liz Barber

ROADMARK TRAVEL MOVES TO NEW PREMISES



Many residents of Storrington and neighbouring villages will be familiar with the name Roadmark Travel. Your local coach company has been taking passengers on holidays and days out for over 32 years, and covered countless thousands of miles throughout the UK and Europe. We have built a strong reputation for quality, caring customer service, value-for money and attention to detail. Over the years, our coaches have improved considerably in terms of comfort and reliability, and we currently operate two luxurious Mercedes. These *Tourismo* models offer supreme comfort, with air-conditioning, on-board WC, and the latest safety features. Our drivers are among the best, and friendliest, in the business and always do their utmost to ensure you enjoy your trips with us.

This year has, of course, been an extremely challenging one for the coach and tourism industry, with businesses struggling to survive and even some household names going under. Here at Roadmark we remain financially strong, although over recent months have refunded passengers many thousands of pounds from cancelled trips. Our coaches have been idle since the middle of March, still incurring costs but with no real income. Our main concern in recent months has been for our customers to keep safe and well.

However, we are optimistic about the future and firmly believe that our loyal customers, whilst understandably cautious, are keen to start enjoying their excursions and holidays again, just as they have done in the past. We are doing everything possible to ensure that all Government guidelines are adhered to, and have put in place additional measures for cleaning and sanitising the vehicles. We hope this will give our clients the confidence to travel with us again and experience the convenience and friendly atmosphere of travelling by coach.

Having started life in Old Mill Square, followed by moves to Gerston Business Park and Church Street, we are now happily installed in our new office in Mill Parade near the Gem Cleaners. Our friendly team would be happy to hear from you and to add you to our mailing list. Please see our advert on the back page for contact details.

See you back on board soon!

VILLAGE NURSERIES – A FAMILY AFFAIR

Our year has been interesting to say the least. Back in March when the lockdown became a reality, we were just on the point of gearing up for our main spring season, so we had to make decisions fast. Just closing was not an option as that would probably have wrecked the business that we had spent 25 years building.

So we decided to carry on regardless, luckily with the help of our extended family. First of all, we offered a delivery service that quickly turned into a mass exercise transporting compost, and we were so busy with compost deliveries that our suppliers couldn't keep up with the demand and we had to start rationing customers to three bags. Luckily, my great nephew Konnar was up to the challenge of delivering compost day in and day out throughout the local area.

Then we ran into a few problems. Our main young supplier went into meltdown and abruptly cancelled all orders for two weeks at the height of the growing season and then our vegetable plant supplier ceased trading for six weeks.

Meanwhile the paper mountain was growing with orders coming in thick and fast, far more than we could cope with in a normal season, but this was not a normal season. My sister and brother-in-law, Carol and Nigel, had to abandon their cleaning business so they could join us to share the load, and somehow we managed to cope thanks to the efforts of my niece, Sally, who managed the orders.

Government regulations were relaxed in April so we could offer customers the option of collecting their orders at a specified time; this is when things really started to get busy and April and early May passed in a sort of blur.

Eventually when we were able to open again in mid-May we found ourselves with the role of maintaining hygiene and running busy nurseries, not an easy balancing act, and even answering the phone at this time became an impossibility as we were simply too busy.

Our customers have clearly found solace in their gardens this spring and I would like to thank everyone who purchased goods from us and offer an apology for all the mistakes that we made; it was a very steep learning curve.

Hopefully, next spring you will all be able to come in and choose your own plants.

Peter Manfield



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Note from the editor....



I am delighted to be able to present the September edition after five months of nothing happening!

I will not harbour on about how strange times these have been – you don't need me to tell you! I just hope you and your loved ones are well.

This edition of the magazine is a little different as we don't have all the usual reports and events to let you know about. I must say thank you to those groups that have been able to give some contribution this month, and also to the various businesses and organisations who have kindly given me some content.

I am hoping, as time goes on, we will be able to report on more activities within our communities, although it may be not as we were doing last year – we will all have to get used to a new 'normal'. However difficult it may seem, we must be thankful for the fact we are still here and have God as a constant presence; someone who can give comfort and strength, even in times of darkness, trouble, distress and heartache.

May God's blessings be upon you all, and stay safe

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