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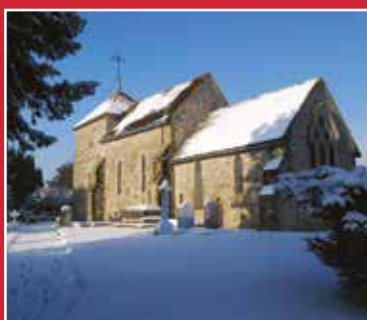
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Holy Sepulchre **WARMINGHURST**  
(Churches Conservation Trust)

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# THE PARISH CHURCHES OF

**St Mary  
STORRINGTON**



**St Mary  
SULLINGTON**



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THAKEHAM**

## IN THE DIOCESE OF CHICHESTER

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### **SULLINGTON AND THAKEHAM WITH WARMINGHURST**

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



The sun is shining and the rain has at last stopped for a few hours as I write this article, and the first snowdrops are just poking their heads out. In my last garden in Lincolnshire I had quite a collection of different varieties of snowdrop that someone else had planted. I can't call myself a 'galanthophile', but I did enjoy discovering the amazing differences between them; some grey-leaved and some green, some short and some tall, some early and some late, and all the different green markings around the central petals. Slowly I am developing my own collection of different varieties of snowdrop here in Storrington, to add to the wonderful drift of *Galanthus nivalis* that covers the lawn by the office.

Snowdrops have long been associated with the festival of Candlemas, which falls on 2 February. Candlemas, or the feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, celebrates the time when the baby Jesus was brought to the Temple 40 days after his birth to fulfil the ancient rites of presentation and cleansing.

The church has kept Candlemas as a feast day since at least the year 350AD. The distinctive feature of the festival is a procession with lighted candles at the end of the Eucharist, hence the name Candlemas. Candlemas is the date that marks the end of the Christmas and Epiphany season, so this is the day for taking down the nativity scene and putting it away until next year. That is why our churches still have their nativity scenes in place.

There is a bitter-sweet flavour to Candlemas. In the presentation of Jesus in the Temple, Simeon and Anna joyfully witness to the revelation of the child's true nature – Jesus is God's salvation for the world. With the joyful witness comes also Simeon's prophecy, which speaks of how this child will cause the fall and rising of many in Israel, and of the sword that will pierce the heart of his mother. These words lead us on beyond the joy of Christmas and into the pain and suffering of Passiontide, and so on to Easter, the completion of God's work of salvation.

Candlemas is a pivot; it is a turning point in the year. Here we have one last look back to Christmas before we turn resolutely towards the Cross. In some of the old liturgies, the bitter-sweet flavour of Candlemas was expressed through a striking change of liturgical colour. The Eucharist had been celebrated in white and gold vestments, and these were changed to the Lenten and Passiontide colours of purple for the procession which followed. This candle-lit procession brought to mind Simeon's proclamation of Jesus as the 'light to enlighten the nations and the glory of God's people Israel'.

Candlemas reminds us that there are two sides to the full story of Jesus, his life is 'a game of two halves'. There is the light, warmth

and comfort of the Christmas story, when God enters into human life. Then there is the dark suffering and pain of the cross, when God in Christ is put to death by humanity. It is only at Easter that the story is completed, when God raises Christ from the dead, proclaiming once more his love for all people, and bringing about the world's salvation.

### **Thank you**

Thank you to all of you who so kindly sent cards to the Clergy; we all really appreciate your thoughtfulness. Thank you also to all those who worked so hard at cleaning, flower-arranging, decorating and keeping the heating going, to make our churches so beautiful and welcoming this Christmas. Thank you to our churchwardens and church committee members for all they do to keep our churches open and functioning throughout the year. And thank you also to Amanda and all the great team behind the creation and distribution of the 3 *Heralds* - they are all volunteers and generously give of their time and energy so this magazine is produced to such a high standard.

With every blessing.

KATHRYN  
Rector of Storrington

### THE PRAYER OF ST BENEDICT OF NURSIA (c.480-547)

O gracious and holy Father,  
give us wisdom to perceive you,  
intelligence to understand you,  
diligence to seek you,  
patience to wait for you,  
eyes to behold you,  
a heart to meditate upon you,  
a life to proclaim you,  
through the power of the Spirit  
of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.



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What's happening at

# St Mary's Thakeham



**Sullington & Thakeham with Warminghurst**

Same family. Two parishes. Working together.

[www.thakehamchurch.com](http://www.thakehamchurch.com)

## Churchwarden

Allison Goodfellow (740499)  
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## Treasurer

Liz Whitehead (07742 277757)

## PCC Secretary

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## Electoral Roll Officer

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## Organist

Beryl Hardie (892349)

## Church Bookings

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## Bellringers: Tower Captain

Roger Watts (01798 813775)

## Gift Aid Officer

Bob Timms (01798 813807)  
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## Safeguarding Officer

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

**PASTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THAKEHAM:** 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.

## Family Support Work Christmas Quiz 2019 Answers



**A WELCOME START FOR NEARLY EVERYBODY:** 1. Head; 2. Heel; 3. Knees; 4. Shoulder; 5. Brained; 6. Beard; 7. Elbow; 8. Hair; 9. Mouth; 10. Toe; 11. Tendon.

**HYMNS:** 1. The Lord's my shepherd; 2. Be still for the presence of the Lord; 3. All things bright and beautiful; 4. Jerusalem; 5. Onward Christian soldiers; 6. Guide me, O thou great Redeemer; 7. The God of Abraham praise; 8. How sweet the name of Jesus sounds; 9. For all the saints; 10. The holly and the ivy; 11. The day thou gavest Lord is ended.

**ADVERTS – MAINLY CARE OF TV:** 1. RNIB; 2. Tesco; 3. Crocodile; 4. Care Co; 5. Lloyds; 6. Hastings; 7. HSBC; 8. Guide Dogs; 9. Vanish; 10. TSB; 11. Plumbs.

**GOOD SPORT:** 1. Steffi Graf; 2. Boycott; 3. Fanny Blankers-Koen; 4. David Shepherd; 5. Murrays; 6. Williams sisters; 7. Monica Seles; 8. Hurricane Higgins; 9. Paula Radcliffe and Mo Farah (marathon runners); 10. Tiger Woods; 11. George Best.

**DRINKABLE LIQUIDS:** 1. Guinness; 2. Champagne; 3. Cocktail; 4. Tea; 5. Thatchers cider; 6. Lemsip; 7. Malmsey; 8. Cordial; 9. "Sherry"; 10. Coffee; 11. Ginger beer.

**BEHIND BARS:** 1. Mandela; 2. Joseph; 3. Chris Hulme; 4. Daniel; 5. Aitkin; 6. St Paul; 7. Provis/Magwitch; 8. St Peter; 9. Sydney Carton; 10. Mary Queen of Scots; 11. Archer.

**WILD FLOWERS:** 1. Buttercup; 2. Daisy; 3. Japanese knotweed; 4. Clover; 5. Lord and Ladies; 6. Honeysuckle; 7. Hop; 8. Dock; 9. Old Man's Beard; 10. Moss; 11. Groundsel.

**BOMBARDED BY CHARITIES:** 1. Salvation Army; 2. Red Cross; 3. Guide Dogs; 4. Children in Need; 5. Chestnut (Tree House); 6. Jubilee Bakes; 7. Family Support Work; 8. Médecin sans Frontières; 9. 'Gosch'; 10. Marie Curie; 11. Macmillan.

**FOOD 4 THOUGHT:** 1. Bisto; 2. Angel Delight; 3. Heinz Baked Beans; 4. Aunt Betty; 5. Worcester Sauce; 6. Cockles and Mussels; 7. Ambrosia; 8. Lancashire Hot Pot; 9. Yorkshire Pudding; 10. Cream Cracker; 11. Haggis x 2.

**DINGBATS:** 1. High and Mighty; 2. Middle East; 3. Jam Packed; 4. Stitch Up; 5. A Hair Cut; 6. Arrowhead; 7. Down and Out; 8. A Love Triangle; 9. One stop; 10. Odd numbers; 11. Cross Bow.

*This Quiz has raised over £400 for Family Support Work. Thank you all for taking part. I have also received an anonymous donation of £200 and so am able to give a total of £600 to Family Support Work. Please forgive any errors. Many thanks to Liz MacGregor and Viv Stuart for their valuable help.*

Harold Linfield

## Knit and Stitch Tea on Tuesday

Thakeham Church Rooms 18 February between 2pm and 4pm  
All welcome. Enquiries to Wynn Lednor - 743025

## SULLINGTON & THAKEHAM

4th Thursday of the month

@ Thakeham Village Hall

4pm - 5.30pm (inc. your evening meal!)

Children ... bring your adults to our Church!

Crafts, games, singing, stories and new friends.



## Church in the Pub

1st Monday of the month

The White Lion Pub, Thakeham from 8.30pm

## NEW DISTRIBUTOR NEEDED!

New delivery person required urgently for the Thakeham round covering The Street, Thakeham, and surrounding area (currently 22 magazines). If you are able to help please contact Karen Arkle on 744844.

"Loving God and  
Loving our Neighbour"

# What's happening at St Mary's Sullington



[www.st-marys-sullington.org](http://www.st-marys-sullington.org) [info@st-marys-sullington.org](mailto:info@st-marys-sullington.org)

## Churchwardens

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Sullington Lane,  
Sullington, RH20 4AE

## Treasurer

Gail Kittle (745754)

## Churchwardens Emeriti

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

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**PASTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR SULLINGTON:** 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. Times of Church services can be found on page 18. Alternatively you can visit the Church website for further details.

**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**

## CHRISTMAS LUNCH FOR THAKEHAM AND SULLINGTON

Parishioners from both Thakeham and Sullington were treated to a three-course Christmas lunch with festive games and quizzes to keep us entertained. The wine with the meal may not have aided tuneful participation of the Carol singing but it certainly improved the volume.

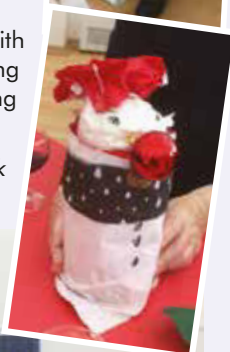
Plus there was the 'Build a snowman' task activity for prizes!

Donations were made to local charities supporting the homeless.

Special thanks go to Liz and her team, too numerous to mention here, but you know who you are.

Amazing team effort with many already looking forward to this event being repeated in 2020.

Carol Peacock



## The Wild Fortune Quiet Garden

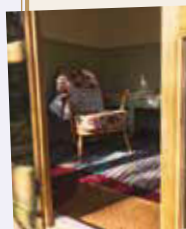


*Jesus said: Come with me  
by yourselves to a quiet place  
and get some rest. (Mark 6:31)*

The Wild Fortune Quiet Garden will be open through the autumn on the following dates

**12 February • 11 March**

Each morning begins at 10am with welcomes and a short meditation leading into silence. The rest of the morning is spent in quiet, in the house, prayer loft, garden or Sandgate Park. We then gather for shared reflections and closing prayer, finishing by 12.30pm. Numbers are limited to 8, so if you would like to come, please be in touch with your preferred date.



Booking is essential. Our contact details are below along with the website for the Quiet Garden movement to whom we are affiliated.

Tessa & Mark Holland.

Email: [wildfortune@btinternet.com](mailto:wildfortune@btinternet.com) Tel: 741904  
[www.quietgarden.org](http://www.quietgarden.org)

## Tea with the Vicar

**Wednesday 19 February 3-5pm  
At Thakeham Rectory**





# What's happening at St Mary's Storrington

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

## Churchwardens

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## PCC Secretary

Val Rice (918958)  
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RH20 4JZ

## 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

Stuart Lee (743661)

## 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)

## 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 Cleaning:** Jeannie Watten (742542)

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

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

**Bible Study / Home Groups:** **Orchard Gardens Home**

**Group** continue their study of Revelation, on Wednesdays (10.30 – 11.45am) until 12 February. New members are very welcome to join this friendly group. Contact Robin Lenharth on 743962.

**Crowhurst Crescent Home Group** started on Thursday, 23 January for 6 weeks (ends 27 February), looking at more topics of concern to contemporary Christians. Contact Alison Wall (743713).

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

## ASH WEDNESDAY – 26 February

The main service to mark the start of Lent will take place on this day at 7.30pm – Sung Eucharist with imposition of ashes.

Storrington Deanery Synod takes place at West Chiltington Church Hall on Thursday, 27 February, at 7.30pm. This is an Open Meeting and there will be a Deanery Presentation on Visual Theology. All welcome.

## ST MARY'S STORRINGTON CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING & GRAND CHRISTMAS DRAW



Thank you so much to everyone for supporting the Coffee Morning and Christmas Draw in December – we raised £812.

A special thank you to the congregation and local businesses who donated prizes.

## STORRINGTON REGISTERS

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

16 Dec Jean Mary Hughes (94 years)

**Interment of ashes only**

7 Jan Betty Lucy Paget (91 years)

## Church Diaries 2020

A useful pocket diary is available in St Mary's Church, Storrington, which is open daily. Please help yourself and make a suitable donation. We have a new style diary for 2020 and our thanks to all who advertise in the Church diary and in this magazine.

## ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS RAFA CHAPEL SUSSEXDOWN

Communion with the residents  
Thursday, 27 February at 11.30am

BCP Holy Communion in the Chapel at Sussexdown  
Please do come and join us. Visitors are welcome.  
For more details phone Kay Channon on 892461

## Church@4pm 16 February

at St Mary's Church, Storrington

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



## St Mary's Church Storrington CONCERTS

The Concert and Music Committee have the following dates for your diaries...

**Saturday 29 February at 7.30pm** – Brighton Welsh Male Voice Choir

**Saturday 25 April at 7.30pm** – Happy Days Big Band

**Sunday 31 May at 3.00pm** – Tea and Songs





## CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL AT WARMINGHURST CHURCH

A spectacular display of trees, decorated with inspirational ideas and attention to detail, by local businesses and schools. A marvellous atmospheric event not to be missed so put it in the diary for 2021 as unfortunately it is only put on every two years.

*Carol Peacock*



## FSW FUNDRAISING LUNCH



**Tuesday 18 February**

**Pulborough Village Hall**

**£12 a ticket**

Bring own wine/drinks and glasses

Guest speaker is Peter Nottingham,  
Conservation Manager of Arundel Castle

Doors open 12.30pm, Lunch at 1pm

**Tickets from Alyson Heath 01798 873795**

**or Barbara Buchanan 741916**

**Deadline for tickets 11 February**

## CHURCHES IN STORRINGTON LENT COURSE

The Five Essentials of Discipleship

Starts on **Monday 24 February** at 7pm with light refreshments in the Priory Hall and runs for 6 or 7 weeks. There will be a talk and discussion groups as well as a distributed 'Thought for the Day' for each week. Aim to finish by 9pm.

Please sign up on the board at the back of Church if you could like to come.

More information from Charles and Felicity Hadley on 740787 or email [charles.felicity@gmail.com](mailto:charles.felicity@gmail.com).



## CHEMIN NEUF COMMUNITY The Priory, School Lane, Storrington

### EVENTS AT THE PRIORY

### SPIRITUAL EXERCISES RETREAT

Led by members of Chemin Neuf Community

**1 - 6 March**

**(Sunday late afternoon – Friday lunchtime)**

5 days of guided retreat in silence to come to know Christ better through his Word to love and serve him better in everyday life.

Daily time with a Spiritual Companion.

This is slightly shorter than the usual Spiritual Exercises retreat, so it is a good one to start on if you haven't been on one before.

More details: [retreatsuk@chemin-neuf.org](mailto:retreatsuk@chemin-neuf.org)

### QUIET DAYS

**Wednesday 18 March**

Theme – Lent

Speaker – Fr Chris Bergin, Priest at Bognor Regis

**Wednesday 3 June**

Theme – Pentecost

Speaker – To be arranged

10am-4pm

Simple lunch provided

More details: [storrington@chemin-neuf.org](mailto:storrington@chemin-neuf.org)  
[www.chemin-neuf.org.uk](http://www.chemin-neuf.org.uk)



## THAKEHAM, SULLINGTON & STORRINGTON CHURCHES

Lent lunches will start on **Ash Wednesday 26 February, at 12.45pm** and will continue for six weeks – the last one will be on Wednesday 1 April. The venue is the Church Rooms at Thakeham.

The lunch is homemade soup and bread roll and cheese followed by coffee and tea and the cost will be £3. Any profit will go to local charities

The Revd Sara-Jane Stevens will hold a short time of reflection each Wednesday at 12 noon in Thakeham Church prior to the lunches.

Once again all three parishes will be working together to provide the delicious lunches. All welcome.

## CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

On a bright, mild and thankfully dry Christmas Day, the Old School again echoed to the sound of people thoroughly enjoying a traditional Christmas lunch.

We believe Christmas is a time to share with friends and family. Now in its fifth year, Christmas Day Lunch began in 2015 with the aim of ensuring that residents from the

Chancetonbury area, who would otherwise be alone over the festive season, are brought together to enjoy a few hours of good food, fun, friendship and music.



This year we catered for 38 guests and it was a pleasure to welcome previous and new attendees; the day was a resounding success. A delicious two-course lunch, complete with trimmings, was served to the delight of all present. Music throughout the day and an enthusiastically conducted carol singing session was well received. Of course the day was made complete by a visit from an extremely energetic Santa Claus and assistant reindeer. Everyone went home happy, having had a thoroughly enjoyable time.

Without the fantastic support of people, some of whom were new to the event this year, who are happy to share part of their Christmas Day, whether greeting, cooking, serving food and drink, playing music or transporting people, the day would not and could not happen.

Local businesses and individuals have been hugely supportive of this event. Waitrose again allowed the Christmas Day Lunch to participate in its Community Matters scheme and we were fortunate to have the use of the community minibuses, providing safe and enjoyable transportation to the meal and home again.

So to all the amazing volunteers, businesses, people in the community and, of course, our guests, a huge thank you.

Sue Kibblewhite



St Mary's Church  
Church Street  
Storrington

Wednesday 19 February  
10am to 11.30am

And every 3rd Wednesday of the month

*Come and join us for a friendly  
'cuppa' with the Clergy*

## Come and join our SPACE

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

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

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

For more information contact: Storrington Rectory Office (742888)

## Christians in Storrington

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

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

**Tuesday 4 February** – Chemin Neuf Community will lead

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

**One in faith and love and praise**

## Storrington Macular Group

in partnership with

**Pulborough Sight  
Problems Group**



**Fourth Tuesday of every month 2pm – 4pm**

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

**Open to anyone affected by sight loss.**

**Family, friends and carers welcome.**

**Contact Philippa on 743182**

**Macular Society, PO Box 1870, Andover SP10 9AD**

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## WEST CHILTINGTON AND STORRINGTON MOTHERS' UNION

### Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

Bishops from across the world will be visiting the UK in July for the Lambeth Conference. MU will be playing a large part in providing hospitality and looking after the wives whilst they are here. Twelve bishops and wives will be staying in Chichester Diocese, and our Prayer Shawl Ministry team will be knitting six shawls as gifts for six of the wives. Another Branch will provide the remainder. Donations of double knitting wool, or money to purchase wool would be very helpful and much appreciated. Such donations may be given to Jeannie Watten or Jean Hunt.

Our first meeting of 2020 will be on **6 February** at 2pm in West Chiltington Church Hall. We will be holding our AGM followed by a quiz to 'Name that Plant'.

We offer a warm welcome to the new Rector of West Chiltington, Revd Stephen Merriman, his wife Beth, and children Hannah, Joseph, Isobel, and Thomas. We hope they will be very happy living and working in West Chiltington, and we look forward to meeting them.

Jean Hunt

### STORRINGTON FLOWER CLUB

Wednesday 26 February 2pm

Demonstrator: Gill Homer

Theme: Looking on the Bright Side

Competition: Be My Valentine



**St Mary's Church**  
**Storrington Concert**  
**Committee presents**



## BRIGHTON WELSH MALE VOICE CHOIR

### St David's Day Concert

at St Mary's Church, Storrington



**SATURDAY 29 FEBRUARY AT 7.30PM**

**Tickets £12**

to include a glass of wine/soft drink and nibbles

from Fowlers (745844) or King & Chasemore (745761)

## FAMILY ACTIVITIES

### A fun filled day at CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

**Friday 21 February**

**10am – 3pm (last entry 2.30pm)**

Follow our themed Cathedral trail and collect your prize when you finish!

Design and Make Creative Crafts

No need to book just drop in – £2.50 per child

Ages 3 – 11 – accompanied by an adult

Lunch offer: one child's meal for £1.50 when an adult spends a minimum of £5.50 in the Cloisters Café between 11.45am and 2.30pm, collect your voucher when you arrive.

Our Family Activity days are popular with parents, grandparents and carers looking for a place where everyone can come together and be creative.



#### Cathedral Trail

The trail around the Cathedral is themed to each activity day, making it different each time. Children choose the trail that fits their age and ability to find different places and objects within the Cathedral before collecting a prize at the end.

#### Craft Activities

The craft element of the day gives everyone the opportunity to get creative and use our resources to make something special to take home. If you're not a crafty adult don't worry, there are lots of helpers on hand to get you started and offer support during your visit.

We look forward to welcoming you at one of our Family Activity days soon.

For further details contact Luna on 01243 812998 or [luna.russell@chichestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:luna.russell@chichestercathedral.org.uk)  
[www.chichestercathedral.org.uk](http://www.chichestercathedral.org.uk)

## JUST TO MAKE YOU SMILE!

One Sunday a minister preached about shepherds. He explained that sheep need lots of guidance, and that a shepherd's job is to stay close to the sheep, protect them from wild animals, and keep them from wandering off.

He said the people of the church were God's sheep. Then he asked, "If you are the sheep, who is the shepherd?" He was hoping they would say he was the shepherd.

After a few seconds, a young boy piped up saying, "Jesus must be the shepherd." So the minister then asked, "Well, then, who am I?" One of the girls answered immediately, "You must be the sheep dog."







## SULLINGTON 122 YEARS AGO

### EXTRACTS FROM CANON PALMER'S DIARY – FEBRUARY 1898

**Tue 1:** Dull foggy drift. 50 degrees. Board of Guardians. Drove Clara to Highden and Ashington rectory, saw no-one. Jack writes about his railway. My first lamb.

**Wed 2:** Fine but very stormy from west and north west. 42 degrees. School 19/27. Visited one Ford in the lanes, a newcomer from Cootham: dull and ignorant but not unwilling, also Sam S who is better: also E Parkinson gone to Bournemouth. Girls went to Petworth choral. Sowed small lot of tomatoes.

**Thu 3 – Sat 5:** To Petworth Ball. A gay and beautiful scene. Slept at Mrs Barnes, on to Chichester Council Conference celebrating for Hooklands and Hardham thence to Goodwood where big party – 32. Home with Zouche to Parham; lunched and he sent me back.

**Sun 6:** *Septuagesima*. Raw and rainy and then cleared. 40 degrees. Short morning congregation (7 communicants) very large evening full Church. Old service and extempore on the 2nd lesson. The New Heaven, River and Tree of Life. Baptised a child of Skinner. Found one of my ewes dead.

**Mon 7:** Cold. 38 degrees. Am suffering from gouty toes and a cracked tooth. Piano tuned. Patrick Newton and I practice "Sing, sweet bird". Hames sends me a very old sermon preached by Fittleworths Rector in 1675.

**Tue 8:** As yesterday. 38 degrees. To Rural Deanery meeting at Pulborough. A large gathering, many new faces: B read a paper on the Light Treatment of Holy Communion which was languidly discussed.

**Wed 9:** As yesterday. 44 degrees. To Brighton taking Cicely: dentist for us both. Some small shoppings for her. Had a general anti-concert practice in the evening.

**Thu 10:** As yesterday. Chill. Rode to Amberley for the Asylum meeting in connection with Professor Cope and the pigsty. Our concert in the evening went off well, some 85 packed in. Austin, Patrick, Newton and Pamphletts supped.

**Fri 11:** Fine April-ish. 45 degrees. Cicely remains in bed, the cold and general debility. A sends me an amusing essay on "Breath" from a youth who had been attending a course of lectures.

**Sat 12:** Much as yesterday. 47 degrees. The 3rd lamb born, put in four rows of early sunrise peas under the wall. Rhubarb and crocuses well out. Walked with Clara to Chantry and teed with the Leemings, 2 tidy girls and 2 dismal young men.

**Sun 13:** *Sexagesima*. Dull and rainy, afternoon clear. 43 degrees. Two thin congregations. "the eys of them were opened" and in afternoon St Paul's grounds for assurance in the storm, connected to the Epistle.

**Mon 14:** Fine and bright. 45 degrees. Ben had his splint off great excitement. Mr Montgomery came and saw Barns Farm which won't do.

**Tue 15:** Dull and stormy. 50 degrees. Long and tedious session at the Board: District Council tenders etc. Came away about three.

**Wed 16:** Fine bright fresh. 46 degrees. To Brighton with Andrews to a voluntary association meeting: the girls and Mrs Montgomery to Pulborough to choral practice. Lord William Neville gets five years penal servitude having pleaded guilty. Old Sam comes up for the first time after an absence of four weeks.

**Thu 17:** Fine but some rain at night. 45 degrees. School 26/27. Gardened a bit sowing sweet peas by the asparagus: old Sam came up rubicund but trembly. Wrote for Cicely's "Lisbon return". Girls went through an ambulance examination. Rode to Roundabout for an evening lecture on Christ our example in Prayer.

**Fri 18:** Wet and dull then sleety. 35 degrees. Kept in most of the day. Drove in a fly to Amberley in the evening for a village concert, the girls doing the "Backward child". The nomination papers were brought me by Mr Lee.

**Sat 19:** Fine with sharp white frost. 38 degrees. Coldicot called to ask me about his induction. The Miss Leemings had tea. Fourth lamb born.

**Sun 20:** *Quinquagesima*. Fine but unsettled but raw. 35 degrees. Only three (ourselves) to the 8.30 service: the other services thinly attended. The collection for the CDA much as usual, poor but for two or three donors. Preached on "Love as from God" John IV 7 and on Psalm CVI.

**Mon 21:** Some light snow then fine but raw. 36 degrees. A touch of winter. WBC writes from the Ophir, down channel. Ride to call on Gynn and give him ten shillings for National Society. France has chosen to 'cheek' us in the hinterland of Lagos, probably to divert public attention from her military (Dreyfus Zola) scandals at home.

**Tue 22:** Dull and cold but dry and fine. Pass the day in bed with lumbago, cough and remedies. The others to the last entertainment at Storrington where May and Cecily gave a duologue. Three lambs (2 and 1).

**Wed 23:** Much as yesterday but more sun. 37 degrees. Up as usual but stiff. Our service 11am attended by 8. We had one hymn the whole lasting just one hour. Handed in my nomination at Manse. Wrote to Arthur at Umbala.

**Thu 24:** As yesterday. Fine and keen. 37 degrees. Kept at home. Clara took Cicely into Brighton for teeth and shopping.

**Fri 25:** Fine to dull and some rain at night. To Chichester with May. I to asylum, she to Boxgrove, wither I walked in afternoon with Kydd: preached there.

**Sat 26:** Fine bright keen. 40 degrees. After a walk up to pretty Halnaker returned home. Last lamb being the ninth.

**Sun 27:** Lent I. Cold and stormy. 41 degrees. Fair morning thin afternoon congregation. Baptised Baigent's child: preached on the Worthlessness of the Flesh: and gave a brief address from lectern on the parallel between Abraham offering of Isaac and baptism.

**Mon 28:** Fine fresh unsettled. 44 degrees. Drove over to West Chiltington and inducted the Revd Andrew Coldicot with due form and ceremony during Bourkes absence.

## STORRINGTON COMMUNITY MARKET

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

For your fresh local produce: Fruit, Veg, Merryhill mushrooms, Plants, Eggs, Scott's Free Range meat, Homemade cakes, biscuits and pies, Homemade marmalade, jam, lemon curd and chutney, Auntie Val's Jams. PLUS Jewellery, Crafts, Forever Aloe Vera products, Elli & Tish candles and diffusers, Boutique 35 fashion, Cafe - tea, coffee and biscuits

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



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Sandgate Singers, your local community choir, look forward to welcoming you to our Easter concert! Haydn was inspired to write his *Creation* after listening to Handel's *Messiah* and *Israel in Egypt*. It is a dramatic musical setting of the biblical story of our universe, moving from chaos and darkness to the first appearance of light, followed by the emergence of water, landscapes, plants and beasts of air, land and sea. The third part of this work is the story of the love between Adam and Eve, inspired by John Milton's great poem, *Paradise Lost*. Peter Allwood, Sandgate's Musical Director, has taken this wonderful work to a new level with his idea of special atmospheric lighting which takes us on an exciting journey of music and light. We hope you enjoy the experience with us.

This concert will also be our way of supporting the Love Your Hospital Charity, which I am sure you all feel is incredibly worthwhile. This Charity covers all three of our local hospitals at Worthing, Shoreham and St Richard's in Chichester.

A night to remember for all.

## CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL FREE LUNCH TIME CONCERTS

### FEBRUARY

- Tuesday 4** Rose Consort of Viols with Chichester Cathedral Choir  
**Tuesday 11** Charles Harrison (*organ*)  
**Tuesday 18** Reigate Winds - Ensemble of wind players  
**Tuesday 25** Simon Watterton (*piano*)

Free entry. All are welcome

For full details of programmes see  
[www.chichestercathedral.org.uk](http://www.chichestercathedral.org.uk)



## STORRINGTON CONSERVATION SOCIETY

We look forward to the year ahead with mixed feelings. There is always anticipation but also uncertainty. The major issue is climate change. In December, the climate summit held in Madrid achieved little progress so was disappointing from the point of view of the most vulnerable nations. As they are small or uninfluential, their voices are weak, but they will suffer most from rising sea levels. They pointed out that the scientific reports from the Intergovernmental Panel show urgent action is needed. The onus is now on the UK to ensure progress at the next summit in Glasgow in November. It is necessary for those who press for action to substantiate their case and to show that any suggested remedy is not counter-productive. It is equally right to ask those who are opposed to back their position with substantial evidence. It is fair to question the science, but factual research results cannot be dismissed, the risks are too great. We can ask our new government to give urgent consideration to the problem and to take the necessary action.

In addition, each one of us can play a part in reducing our impact on the environment. It helps to know the extent of our carbon footprint and how to minimise it. Those of us who use the internet can get guidance from [footprint.wwf.org.uk](http://footprint.wwf.org.uk). To act is a good start to the New Year. It's a big problem; even so individually we can make a difference.

The work party on 4 January continued the management and restoration of the Fryern Lower Dell.

We next meet on **1 February** at 10am at Fryern Dell, this time at the pond by the waterfall, clearing invasive vegetation. All comers are invited to join in, gardening clothes and wellies advised, other equipment provided.

On **22 February** we have the **Tea and Talk** in the Village Hall at 2pm. Our speaker is Dianne Dodsworth WSCC/BIFFA Waste prevention in West Sussex, with an introduction to waste treatment. All welcome to hear about this important subject. Entrance £3.50, refreshments included.

Have an enjoyable carbon reduced new year.

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

Stuart Kersley

## COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING

Thakeham Village Hall  
10am to 11.30am

1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month

All ages welcome to drop-in, meet,  
and have a chat.

[info@thakehamvillagehall.co.uk](mailto:info@thakehamvillagehall.co.uk)

Tel 01798 815467





## THAKEHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

### Planning

**Abingworth Phase 3:** the developer is making a separate application parallel to the approved plan to build 25 units to complete the project. The new application is for 75 units, a modestly amended version of the 77 unit scheme the Parish Council (PC) objected to in September. This was considered late January by the PC, with the decision being made by Horsham District Council's (HDC) Planning Committee in February.

**Abingworth shop:** progress remains frustratingly slow despite the PC pressing the parties to reach a settlement to complete this building. The shop has become somewhat of a hostage in negotiations around the developer's delivery of other outstanding community benefits linked to the development. We will keep pressing for a resolution.

### Local infrastructure improvements

Hopefully residents have noticed the re-appearance of the Thakeham Oak sign at Harbolets crossroads; the new oak beam was provided with generous discount by nearby Northwood Forestry and should last for many years.

Further work to complete resurfacing of the remaining section of the bridleway connecting High Bar Lane and Threals Lane will happen in next couple of months, with costs shared with West Chiltington PC.

Local children will soon benefit from the next phase of equipment refurbishment works at High Bar Lane playground which will happen in January.

### Road safety improvements

The traffic light installation on Water Lane is progressing well. We understand the temporary lights are adding to waiting times and causing some frustrations, but we appreciate residents' patience.

Following success in securing the reduction of the speed limit on Greenhurst Lane to 40mph, we're waiting for a timeline for the signage changes.

### Winter roads clearance

As one of many local parishes to raise concerns about WSCC's November proposals to reduce their gritting and snow clearance commitment, the PC was relieved when these proposals were withdrawn in December, but this will likely remain an area of funding pressure in coming years.

### Community Transport

A healthy response to our survey on residents' travel needs has provided helpful pointers to the planned community transport scheme in partnership with Community Transport Sussex over coming years, dependent on funding securement.

### Tree planting

Tesla Engineering is working with the Woodland Trust to plant 4000 trees at their site in Water Lane. Students at Thakeham Primary planted trees in December and were joined by Parish Councillors and the Parish Clerk. Going forward the PC is looking at options to plant more trees and hedging to help pollinators and wildlife on the land owned and controlled by the PC.

### Community Events

There is now funding available to other groups who wish to hold their own community events within the Parish. If you are a potential event organiser and would like further support or funding, you can contact Thakeham Community Events by email at [thakehamcommunityevents@gmail.com](mailto:thakehamcommunityevents@gmail.com).

We'll be organising 2020's annual Village Spring Clean very soon, so keep an eye on our website and facebook so you can get involved in keeping our Village tidy and welcoming.



**Tuesday 4 February at 2pm**

**Gavin Plumley will talk on The Hungarian Metropolis: Art and Culture in Budapest**

Budapest was formed in 1873 by the unification of Buda and Pest.

The talk explores how the Hungarians came to understand their national identity through architecture, painting and music.

**Tuesday 3 March at 12.30pm**

**Ploughman's Lunch followed by a talk at 2pm given by Daniel Robbins on The Studio Houses of the Holland Park Circle**

In the late nineteenth century, an extraordinary group of houses were built on the edge of Holland Park. These provide a fascinating insight into the wealth, status and taste of successful artists of the period.

Meetings held in Fittleworth Village Hall

Doors open 1.40. Tea and coffee after the lecture

Please call 3411086 or contact [jackiebuckler@sky.com](mailto:jackiebuckler@sky.com)

Visitors most welcome – £5

**[www.theartsocietywestsussex.org](http://www.theartsocietywestsussex.org)**

*The Arts Society is classed as a charity and any funds made are put towards arts projects for school children.*

[www.westsussex.gov.uk/HLD](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/HLD)

## Home Library Direct

**Helping people to continue accessing library services from home**

Do you know someone who loves reading but cannot go to the library due to age, illness, disability, caring responsibilities or other reasons?

Our Home Library Direct volunteers deliver books, large print books and audiobooks to people in their home. We can also offer help to use our online services

If you know someone who would like this service, please ask in the library for further details and an application form or complete the online form at [www.westsussex.gov.uk/HLD](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/HLD)



**Contact Storrington Library**

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Phone: 01903 839050

Email: [storrington.library@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:storrington.library@westsussex.gov.uk)



What finer way to start the New Year than by having a substantial, celebratory lunch followed by a talk on Healthier Living – at least we got it in the right order!

The Speaker of the Day was Louise Camby who gave us an excellent and informative talk on Aloe Vera, also known as The Wand of Heaven. The gel, from this powerful and medicinal plant, is an amazing and natural ingredient which is known to help with skin conditions, digestion, joint pain, immune system, general wellbeing and energy. Packed with vitamins and nutrients, this gel can be delivered to the consumer, in a variety of different products, to help them with so many health challenges and conditions.

Louise had a full range of Aloe Vera products to present to us and many samples to try. Many of us were already acquainted with some of the products, particularly the 99.7% Forever Aloe Vera Gel Drink. Imagine slicing open an aloe leaf and consuming the gel directly from the plant; these drinks are as close to the real thing as you can get and help maintain our natural energy levels.

We were keen to know more about the Forever Company background and were told the company was founded in 1978 by CEO Rex Maughan and is based in Scottsdale Arizona. Over the past 42 years it has grown and currently trades with 161 countries and owns 60% of Aloe Vera plantations worldwide. It also manufactures and markets bee derived personal care products, dietary supplements and cosmetics etc.

Indeed Louise also has a most informative talk on the bees and the amazing products from the hive. She has had first-hand experience of working on bee hives, covering how a hive works, evaluating the substances from the hive and how they help bees and humans. Since bees are essential to our eco-system, it is in our joint interest to prevent their decline.

There were many questions and we all appreciated her time with us.

Russ Fry



## WANT TO RECYCLE MORE? WELL, YOU CERTAINLY CAN!



I'm Fiona Womble, and I, coincidentally, used to live in Wimbledon, but now am based in Thakeham.

I love rubbish, especially recyclable rubbish, which, of course, is not really rubbish if it can be reused / repurposed / recycled. It is a valuable resource.

So what do I collect? Items which cannot go in your blue top recycling bin, such as:

- toothpaste tubes (caps on), toothbrushes, electric toothbrush heads, dental floss containers and associated dental packaging
- crisp packets
- flexible plastic from sweet biscuit, cake and cracker wrappers
- cat & dog food plastic pouches and flexible bags (rinsed please)
- personal care products: plastic bottle caps, trigger heads, pumps, tubes, roll-on deodorants & flexible plastic wipe packaging
- home cleaning products: plastic bottle caps, trigger heads, pumps, cleaning wipe packaging
- ballpoint pens, felt tips, markers, highlighters

and more! See website for full list: [sussexgreenliving.co.uk/single-use](http://sussexgreenliving.co.uk/single-use)

When I've sorted it all out, I deliver it to Sussex Green Living, which is a local organisation working on many environmental fronts. Recycling is just one of their activities, and they work with schools especially. Thakeham Primary School is now enthusiastically collecting, and I believe other local village schools are about to start.

The recycling is then sent to TerraCycle, which is a company specialising in hard-to-recycle materials. They partner with commercial companies and the plastics are transformed.

For example, a primary school in Hampshire recently won a competition sponsored by TerraCycle and Colgate, and the prize was a playground where the equipment was made from recycled toothpaste tubes! As I said earlier, rubbish? No, a valuable resource!

At the moment there is a public drop-off bin at the William Penn Primary School in Coolham, during school hours.

There is a bin at Thakeham Village Hall, open most mornings from 10.30am to 12.30pm.

I also run a collection point at the Storrington Community Market on Friday mornings from 9.45am to 11.15am.

So please, think about your 'rubbish' and help turn it into something useful, rather than going into landfill.

Fiona Womble

## CALLING ALL GENTS

### Don't sit at home alone!

Join the Neighbourhood Wardens at the new Gents' Meeting Club for a game of pool, darts, dominoes, cribbage or just a chat and a cup of tea or coffee. Or, if you like, try a hot snack at a very reasonable price.

Every Tuesday from 12 noon to 3pm at Storrington Social Club (behind Southdowns Bikes).





# CHURCH SERVICES AT A GLANCE

DATE	FESTIVAL OR SUNDAY	STORRINGTON St Mary's	THAKEHAM St Mary's	SULLINGTON St Mary's
2 February	<b>CANDLEMAS</b> <i>The Presentation of Christ in the Temple</i>	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Family Communion 6pm Evensong	10.30am Joint Family Service (with Sullington)	8am Celtic Communion
9 February	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> before Lent</b>	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion 6pm Evensong	9.30am Morning Prayer	8am Holy Communion 11.30am Mattins
16 February	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> before Lent</b>	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion with Prayers for Healing 4pm Church@4	8am Celtic Communion	10.30am Joint Family Communion (with Thakeham)
23 February	<b>Sunday Next before Lent</b>	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion 6pm Evensong	9.30am Family Communion	11.30am Family Communion
Wednesday 26 February	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	7.30pm <b>Ash Wednesday Eucharist with imposition of ashes</b>		
1 March	<b>Lent 1</b>	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Family Communion 6pm Evensong	10.30am Joint Family Service (with Sullington)	8am Celtic Communion

Midweek Holy Communion Service on First Thursday of each month at St Mary's Church, Storrington, at 10.30am  
Holy Communion Service at Sussexdown on the fourth Thursday of each month at 11.30am

## OTHER CHURCH DETAILS

### ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Our Lady of England, Monastery Lane*

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

Daily Mass: Monday – Friday 9am.

For other midweek services, confessions etc., please contact

Parish Priest: Fr Charles Howell

2 St. John's, Fern Road, Storrington RH20 4LW

Tel: 740338

### STORRINGTON CHAPEL

*North Street*

Sunday Services 10.30am and 6.30pm

Enquiries to Storrington Chapel Evangelical Church,

North Street, Storrington RH20 4DH

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

### LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH, STORRINGTON

*(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: 01798 817596 Email: [admin@lccstor.org](mailto:admin@lccstor.org)

[www.lccstor.org](http://www.lccstor.org)

### TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH

*Thakeham Road*

Sunday Service 10.30am

Minister: Revd Dr Frank Okai-Sam

Tel: 01273 597122

(Church Office: 01903 746390 / 01273 596374)

[www.trinitymethodiststorrington.uk](http://www.trinitymethodiststorrington.uk)

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## 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

Monday to Friday 9.30am – 5.30pm

Saturday 10am – 4pm

The Churches of Storrington invite you to

## SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB

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

**1pm on Second Sunday each month (except August)**

at the Old School, School Lane, Storrington

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

Louisa Austin, Church Street, Storrington



## STORRINGTON POP-IN LUNCH CLUB

**Storrington Village Hall**

**First Thursday of each month**

**(except January and August)**

**COFFEE served from 10.30am**

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

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

**ALL ARE WELCOME. Come and meet old friends**

**and make new ones. No need to book – just turn up.**

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



# WHAT'S ON

February	
<b>Sat 1</b>	
10am	Storrington Conservation Society – Working Party – p15
<b>Sun 2 CANDLEMAS – Presentation of Christ in the Temple</b>	
<b>Mon 3</b>	
7.30pm	Storrington Museum – Talk – p24
8.30pm	Church in the Pub – Thakeham – p4
<b>Tue 4</b>	
10am	Inter-Church prayers – RC Church (side-chapel) – p10
10am	Community Coffee Morning – Thakeham – p15
10am	St Barnabas Outreach – Library Car Park – p27
12noon	Gents' Meeting Club – p17
2pm	SPACE – Arts and Craft Group – p10
2pm	Arts Society West Sussex – Talk – p16
<b>Thu 6</b>	
10.30am	Holy Communion at St Mary's, Storrington
10.30am	Pop-In Lunch Club – p18
2pm	MU AGM and Quiz – p13
7.30pm	Storrington Camera Club – Meeting – p27
<b>Fri 7</b>	
10am	Storrington Museum – Steward Open Morning – p24
<b>Sat 8</b>	
10am	Sandgate Conservation Society – Working Party – p31
<b>Sun 9 3rd Sunday before Lent</b>	
1pm	Sunday Lunch Club – p18
<b>Mon 10</b>	
7.30pm	Thakeham Gardeners' Club – Meeting – p31
<b>Tue 11</b>	
12noon	Gents' Meeting Club – p17
<b>Wed 12</b>	
10am	Wild Fortune Quiet Garden – p5
7.30pm	Rotary Film Night – <i>Downton Abbey</i> – p28
<b>Sun 16 2nd Sunday before Lent</b>	
4pm	Church@4 – St Mary's, Storrington – p6
<b>Tue 18</b>	
10am	Community Coffee Morning – Thakeham – p15
12noon	Gents' Meeting Club – p17
12.30pm	FSW Fundraising Lunch – p9
2pm	SPACE – Arts and Craft Group – p10
2pm	Knit and Stitch Tea – p4
<b>Wed 19</b>	
10am	Café in the Church – St Mary's, Storrington – p10
7.30pm	Sullington Windmills WI – Meeting – p32
<b>Thu 20</b>	
7.30pm	Storrington Camera Club – Meeting – p27
<b>Fri 21</b>	
2pm	Storrington Museum – Talk – p24
7.30pm	Storrington Horticultural Society – Talk – p32

<b>Sat 22</b>	
10am	Sandgate Conservation Society – Working Party – p31
2pm	Storrington Conservation Society – Meeting – p5
<b>Sun 23 Sunday Next before Lent</b>	
<b>Mon 24</b>	
7pm	Christians in Storrington Lent Course – p9
<b>Tue 25</b>	
12noon	Gents' Meeting Club – p17
2pm	Macular Group – Meeting – p10
7.30pm	Mary How Trust Film Society – <i>Downton Abbey</i> – p23
<b>Wed 26 ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	
12noon	Reflection followed by Lent Lunch at 12.45pm – p10
2pm	Storrington Flower Club – Meeting – p13
7.30pm	Ash Wednesday Eucharist at St Mary's, Storrington
7.30pm	Sandgate Conservation Society – Talk – p31
<b>Thu 27</b>	
11.30am	Holy Communion – Sussexdown Chapel – p6
4pm	Messy Church – Thakeham – p4
7.30pm	Storrington Deanery Synod – West Chiltington Church Hall – p6
<b>Sat 29</b>	
7.30 pm	Brighton Welsh Male Voice Choir Concert – St Mary's, Storrington – p13

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

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL DAYS

FEBRUARY	
<b>Sat 1</b>	<b>PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE (Candlemas)</b>
<b>Sun 2</b>	<b>Anskar, 865</b> , known as 'Apostle of the North' (Europe)
<b>Mon 3</b>	<b>Gilbert of Sempringham, 118</b> , founder of the Gilbertine Order
<b>Wed 5</b>	<b>Accession of Queen Elizabeth II, 1952</b>
<b>Sun 9</b>	<b>Scholastica, c.543</b> , Roman Catholic Saint
<b>Thu 13</b>	<b>Cyril and Methodius, 869 and 885</b> , brothers, Greek, principle Christian missionaries for Slavic people <i>Valentine, c.269</i> , associated with love since high Middle-Ages; this day also remembers other saints called Valentine
<b>Fri 14</b>	<b>Sigfrid, 1045</b> , apostle of Sweden, second 'Apostle of the North'  <i>Thomas Bray, 1730</i> , founded the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in 1701
<b>Sun 16</b>	<b>Janani Luwum, 1977</b> , Archbishop of Church of Uganda, one of the most influential leaders of the modern church in Africa. Murdered in 1977 by Idi Amin
<b>Sat 22</b>	<b>Polycarp, c155</b> , a disciple of the apostle John, who ordained him bishop of Smyrna. According to David Trobisch, Polycarp may have been the one who compiled, edited, and published the New Testament
<b>Wed 26</b>	<b>George Herbert, 1633</b> , Welsh-born English poet, orator and Anglican priest, important British lyricist



# STORRINGTON & SULLINGTON – REFLECTIONS OF THE PAST

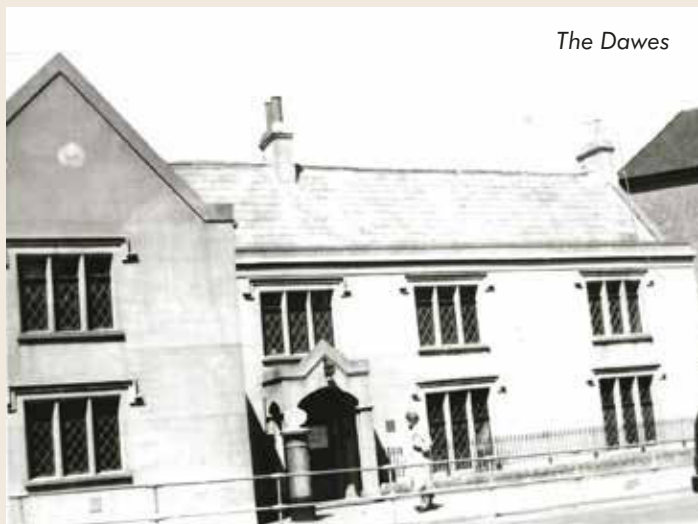
## MEMORIES OF OUR LIVING HISTORY

1942. We were in the middle of WWII and the Village had already changed – many local people, women as well as men, were either in the Forces or ‘doing their bit’ as land girls filling the vacuum on local farms, or in the Red Cross, or driving ambulances; others were “digging for victory”, turning



their gardens and lawns over to valuable food production, serving in the ARP or Home Guard and, for the first time, girls were in the National Fire Service in Storrington, operating the telephones night and day. Others provided homes for evacuee children from London, or billets for troops and a Naafi was opened in one of the Colonnade shops. The big houses, too, were no longer the exclusive property of private families, but were taken over as headquarters for military use and billeting officers. The first County Library was installed in the Village Hall, replacing the old privately-run public library managed for many years by Pat Pickworth, who was such a valuable librarian and knew everybody and what they liked to read.

Buses had always stopped outside the White Horse and beside Mulberry House in The Square. In 1949, proposals for what was described as “... our dream of the future” were published. They included a new bus terminus in part of the field behind the Colonnade shops, a car park and even a cinema. The bus shelter and turning circle were installed but later plans [1964] would have demolished this and introduced further development which met with strong opposition. However, it led to the development of Old



The Dawes

Mill Square, Stor Meadow and Hawthorn Way and a curtailment of bus services.

Charles Mant sold his house, The Dawes, and its grounds in West Street to the GPO for £4,795. It cost £2,600 to adapt it for use as a post office and maintenance and a further £6,000 for a new garage.

In 1953, just as in the situation after WWI, homes were needed for returning men from the Forces and their families. This year marked the building of the first Council estates at Spierbridge and Meadowside.



Council flats

Television, the embryonic service closed down at the outbreak of war, re-started from Alexandra Palace and television sets came on the market for those who could afford them. BBC transmissions consisted of a test card during the day for the use of TV engineers setting up sets for customers (do you remember the little girl with a blackboard and patterns on ‘test card C’?) and two hours of programmes during the evening, black and white pictures, of course. On Friday nights a once-weekly newsreel was shown. On Saturdays there was a variety show called, I believe, *Café Continental*, introduced by a top-hatted doorman opening a taxi door for the passengers with the words, “Hallo, hallo, hallo sir, the answer must be no, sir, we have no reservations tonight,” as viewers were invited to enter the ‘café’.

The early pictures were subject to various kinds of interference; I remember the ‘tadpoles’ that swam across the screen sometimes when [Worthing] hospital was using a diathermy machine; passing traffic would send the picture spinning with lines and noise, and certain weather conditions also caused reception problems. Home television set sales were greatly boosted in 1953 by the Queen’s Coronation, when the BBC put on a very ambitious day-long outside broadcast and the Coronation in the Abbey, covering all that was going on in the capital. It was a magnificent effort for the new television service. People who had a television set would invite friends and neighbours in to come and watch. I remember a 9” [screen] console TV put up on a table in the corner of an average-sized living room which was packed with people. Food was still rationed and there was no such thing as ready-sliced bread, but we cut plates of sandwiches and neighbours contributed tea, sugar and sandwich fillings. Ron, who then worked for a radio and TV shop in the town, went out in the morning to attend to a lady’s set that wasn’t working, and she was so delighted to be able to see the big day that she gave him a tip – a 2lb bag of sugar! His mother was equally delighted as she made copious pots of tea during the day.

1953 was a memorable year. Stanley Matthews won his Cup Final medal, Gordon Richards won the Derby on a horse called Pinza, Sir Edmond Hillary and Sherpa Tensing reached the summit of Everest for the first time ever by the old-fashioned way, and Ron and I were married.

We had the opportunity in the following year of coming to live and work in Storrington; we always wanted to live in the country. We lived in the flat over Ron Vine’s wireless shop at 3 High Street, which [my] Ron managed, and a few years later he bought in partnership with Derek Knight from Hurston. It was a successful 23-year business based on service; in those days spare parts for appliances could

be obtained, often put on the bus the same day as ordered from a Brighton wholesaler, where one of us collected it from the paper shop in the Colonnade – such things as electric kettles would be repaired while the customer went shopping in the Village, electric irons, wireless sets, fires and vacuum cleaners could all be repaired. Wireless sets owned by people from remoter parts where there was still no mains electricity needed accumulators which we recharged (6d) and batteries larger than a house brick.

1954 brought the Cold War, with Civil Defence lectures and training, which thankfully was not needed. Gerston, the big house in Greyfriars Lane owned by the monastery, acquired new residents in the shape of Hungarian refugees fleeing the Russians, and in 1959 in World Refugee Year, 50 of the 210 Yugoslavian people who had managed to escape to Italy and on to Britain. Later Fryern Hall opened its doors to Maltese people brought over to work at Thakeham in Linfield's mushroom farm (Chesswood Mushrooms).



Gerston

The most radical event as far as local people were concerned was the old family business, Greenfields of Storrington, changing its grocery business into self-service, preceded by a letter to customers explaining the change, and what it meant. We

could still buy, and taste before buying, the amount of cheese wanted, cut off the big block; bacon sliced to the thickness a customer desired, loose-leaf tea blended to requirements, coffee freshly roasted, mixed and ground to a customer's taste. Self-service did not mean that there was no personal attention when people needed it.

In 1956 the old gas standards were gradually removed as street lighting became electrically supplied by a network of overhead cables, which was put underground in 1975 in High Street and Church Street at a cost of £8,500, earning Seeboard the European Architectural Heritage Year Award.

1958. The old building in West Street, The Dawes, started to collapse inside, with a ceiling falling into the public area then in use as a post office. The Dawes had had a centuries-long history as an Inn, later the office of the Mant family of solicitors before Charles Mant opened his veterinary practice there. The old house should really have been preserved as part of Storrington's history but we were coming into an era of rebuilding at the cost of losing our heritage. The building was closed down and demolished. In 1964 a newly built post office was opened on the site.

In the early 1960's a new telephone exchange was built on School Hill, replacing the old manual exchange operated by four girls in a house at the bottom of Manley's Hill. Existing two-figure telephone numbers had two or more figures added in front, so that private phone numbers were now four-figure ones; where we used to be able to ask the telephone operator to "put me through

Gas lamp



to Greenfields" or "the chemist please" we now had automation which did not recognise such requests. The photo shows the new system being activated.

With the death of John Wolstenholm, a very good philanthropical gentleman with a great interest in the Village, his lovely house, Sussexdown, was sold and his family accepted a bid from RAFA against others, one of which would have seen the house demolished to exploit the sand underneath, and so ex-RAF personnel could come to be cared for in their time of need, and enjoy the peace and beauty of the home and gardens. It attracted some notable patrons and supporters – the Duchess of Gloucester, Prince Phillip and show business people.



In 1964 the new Primary School in Spierbridge Road was fully opened, overseen by the long-serving and dedicated headmaster, Mr Cecil Waller. He had been in office from the days when the Village school opposite the Church had no electricity or flush lavatories. He urged the installation of all of these together with a hard-surfaced playground and established a very good rapport with the Village, which helped when war broke out and he had to accommodate evacuee children from London doubling the size of his school. He started C Flight of the Air Training Corps preparing older boys for joining the RAF as well as taking on duties as a special constable and other wartime activities. He introduced Sports Day for the children, persuading Col Ravenscroft to come and distribute prizes;



Mr Waller

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he took the children on various outings, ensuring that those who could not afford it joined the parties. Mr Waller was a cricketer and member of the Cricket Club from day one of coming to Storrington. He was a man who should have been publicly recognised for his compassion and devotion to duty, although his 'half-century' as headmaster was marked by a testimonial.



Col Ravenscroft

The following year, 1965, the Roman Catholic diocese of Southwark was divided, creating a new diocese of Arundel and Brighton. The new bishop, the Rt Revd David Cashman, took up residence in Storrington in the beautiful Lutyens-style house in Greyfriars Lane built by Mr George Trotter in 1911, Gerston, which he re-named St Joseph's Hall. Many notable people came to visit him there. His household was run by four nuns of the Franciscan Missionaries of the Divine Motherhood, specially brought over from their hospital in Rhodesia to look after him. A separate wing of the house was their convent and chapel, with rooms on the upper floor as their enclosure. They were lovely people and took an interest in the village. St Joseph's Hall was the home of successive Bishops until the last, the Rt Revd Kieran Conry, was removed to Pease Pottage, when the house reverted to other uses.



PC Terry Smart

1965 saw a new draft Village plan published, which would have completely changed the centre of the village. A road was proposed which would have cut behind High Street and demolished Brewer's Yard with its old cottages, to emerge in North Street. Thankfully, it remained a draft plan, hopefully now lost! But three years later Holly Court was pulled down and the site re-developed.

In the 1970s things began to happen faster. A new library was built in 1972 replacing the overstretched Village Hall public library, industrial estates were springing up on the outskirts of the Village, oil was discovered at Cootham by large machines which thumped their way heavily around the streets. The South Downs Way was



established, giving people a marked long-distance walking path along the crest of the Downs. Less happy was the demolition of Fryern Hall and the Byne watermill, remembered only in street names. The last remnant of the watermill, the opening of the iron water-shoot, can be seen in the brick wall behind the mill pond.

Storrington gained its first supermarket in High Street, Key Markets, where the present Oxfam shop stands, and the field south of Fryern Road was developed with streets and houses, as were Hormare behind the recreation ground and part of the Amberley Road. New doctors' surgeries were built on the Church Meadow and beside the new library extension.



By 1997 Storrington began to reach out into the wider world with the twinning of the Village with Villerest in France. Exchange visits and excursions continued to bond the two Villages. In that year we lost our two local policemen who had been such a feature of the Village with their valuable local knowledge, personal connection with the community and easily accessible at their houses and office in North Street. The new doctor's surgery in the Church Meadow became a medical centre offering a wider range of services.

We have now reached a new century, with computers and a photocopier for public use installed in the library, DVDs available to borrow and machines for self-recording books borrowed, returned or renewed and issuing a receipt if required without speaking to the librarians. Everything available 'on line' to buy or inform, pay bills, do our banking and controlling every aspect of daily life. Human beings are fast becoming redundant it seems, and here is where I get off and retire to the past.

Joan Ham (Village Historian)



# WEATHER WATCH

## A soggy month to end the year but at least it was mild

There was no let-up in December to the wet conditions that set in during the autumn. The month measured 157mm of rain at Storrington and this is around 60% above the average. Since the beginning of September I recorded 573mm and this is the average rainfall for the entire year in places across the east of Britain such as Cambridge. Overall, the year amassed 972.1mm at my station but this is well short of the year 2000 when many places in West Sussex logged over 1300mm of rain.

The persistent downpours really started to take their toll during December when in the seven days from the 15th some 88mm of rain fell. No wonder the A29 became impassable at Swan Corner, Pulborough, as the River Arun burst its banks and there was an ingress of water into properties. It was about this time I paid a visit to a local farm to purchase a Christmas tree and its large pond had burst its banks and water flooded across a track way. The lower lands were absolutely saturated.



Swan Corner

There are often some positive spin offs to unsettled, wet winter weather as it is usually accompanied by mild conditions with winds coming in from the south-west. This year was no exception with the temperature some 1.7°C above the norm, and there was no snow. Frost was mostly slight. We have to go back to 2010 since the last really cold December when we suffered disruption to road, rail and air travel. Snow lay almost 30cm deep and caused massive delays to 90,000 passengers at Gatwick Airport. The temperature dropped below minus 10°C.

Although Christmas Day lacked a traditional white mantle of snow it did dawn with a veneer of grass frost and was a perfect day for a winter walk, with virtually continuous sunshine. In stark contrast, Boxing Day brought a return of the rains and overcast skies. At least the year ended on a quiet note with high pressure prevailing.

It was a year when three National all-time temperature records were broken. In February on the 26th Kew Gardens in southwest London reached a remarkable 21.2°C, the highest ever winter value attained in the UK. On 25 July a new all-time national reading for any month was reached at The Cambridge Botanic Gardens with 38.7°C. Maximum temperature records are being broken at an increasing rate with the national figure being surpassed three times since 2000, but only twice in the previous 100 years, whilst on 28 December a new record for the month of 18.7°C was reached at Achfary, in the Highlands of Scotland.

Whatever the conditions, may I wish all readers a very pleasant 2020 with some good weather watching. Will any more records be broken?

Ian Currie, Weatherman and editor of Weather Eye magazine

## A FEW HISTORICAL DATES FOR FEBRUARY

- 1** **1901** – The royal yacht Alberta brings the body of Queen Victoria into Portsmouth harbour en route to her funeral in London. The Queen, aged 82, died on January 22, at Osborne on the Isle of Wight.
- 4** **1926** – Malcolm Campbell sets a new world land speed record of 174 mph (278 kmph) in Wales.
- 5** **1958** – Parking meters first appear on the streets of London's exclusive Mayfair district. The meters were first used in America in 1935.
- 6** **1783** – Death of Lancelot 'Capability' Brown the greatest English landscape gardener. His work lives on today throughout the great estates of England.
- 7** **1301** – The son of King Edward I of England becomes the first English Prince of Wales.
- 8** **1587** – Mary Queen of Scots is beheaded on the orders of her cousin England's Queen Elizabeth I.
- 11** **1975** – Iron Lady, Margaret Thatcher, becomes the first woman leader of the British Conservative Party.
- 12** **1554** – At the tender age of 16, the 'nine days queen', Lady Jane Grey is beheaded at the tower of London.
- 15** **1971** – Pennies, bobs and half-crowns all disappear as Britain goes decimal.
- 16** **1659** – A cheque is used for the first time in Britain as Mr Nicholas Vanacker settles a debt.
- 19** **1897** – The Women's Institute is founded in Ontario, Canada, by Mrs Adelaide Hoodless.
- 21** **1804** – British engineer Richard Trevithick demonstrated the first steam engine to run on rails.
- 23** **1863** – Lake Victoria, in Africa, was declared to be the source of the River Nile by British explorers John Speke and J A Grant.
- 25** **1570** – Queen Elizabeth I is excommunicated by Pope Pius V.
- 26** **1797** – The Bank of England issues the first ever one pound note, in part a result of the panic in London caused by the French invasion of Fishguard.

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## STORRINGTON & DISTRICT MUSEUM

The Museum's last talk in 2019 was about some of the customs, legends and ideas that contribute to our present concept of Christmas. Carmen Kew, who gave the talk, looked very elegant in her Edwardian dress as she stood beside a beautifully decorated Christmas tree, with a golden harp completing the scene.

Her husband introduced her, saying that we were to imagine we had gone back about 100 years and it was Christmas Eve. Then the tree lit up and Carmen played *Silent Night* on the harp. She told us about Christmas trees, that they were not first introduced by Prince Albert, but that the Royal Family popularised an ancient custom which went back to pagan times. They did introduce the carol *O Christmas Tree* (*O Tannenbaum*) to England however, with its theme of faithfulness and constancy. Carmen's tree was surrounded by presents: lead soldiers, a bugle, a drum, and boiled sweets, confits, and aniseed balls.



Carmen Kew

In Elizabeth I's time people danced and sang and played games, and the huge Yule log, which lasted for the whole twelve days, was lit. After more music on the harp, Carmen talked about the Old Magic, the Druids, the dark days and the winter solstice, and the hope that life would return as the nights slowly grew shorter. Sacrifices were made to the old gods to ensure that this would happen. The day of Saturn, an agricultural god, was in December, and for the Romans this was a time of general merrymaking, role reversal, and gift giving.



Bringing in the Yule log in Elizabethan times

Carmen said this all tied in with early Christianity in England as the old beliefs gave way to new, sometimes clashing but gradually drawing together, as with old ideas about Thor and St Boniface. It all mixed up with Nordic celebrations of Yule. The line between life and death was thin. Misfortune had to be kept at bay. If

the gods were appeased the sun and life would return. Vestiges of these thoughts remained throughout mediaeval times. Merlin the magician met the Archbishop of Canterbury and told him to expect unusual happenings. The Archbishop called all the Kings and Knights together and on Christmas Day Arthur was the only one able to pull the sword from the stone.

On to the Normans and William I who chose Christmas Day for his coronation.

28 December is the Feast of the Holy Innocents. Carmen said that in the 12th century boy bishops were installed just for that day, and foolishness was celebrated, with pranks and jokes and role reversals. Also, people went wassailing from house to house and round the fields and orchards to bring fruitfulness to crops and trees in the year ahead.

Carmen played *Deck the Halls* and explained how all the evergreens had their own religious significance. Biblical events, especially the Nativity, were enacted in houses and churches during the twelve of celebration. Henry VIII banned boy bishops, but Christmas was still a rowdy time for many years.

Charles I loved it, but war and poor harvests made Protector Cromwell ban every exuberance – there were to be no decorations or merrymaking, even the Glastonbury thorn was cut down. This led to riots, however, and Merry Christmas returned with Charles II's restoration in 1660.

Queen Victoria and Prince Albert's love for this season influenced many people. Their Christmas tree was copied, and so was their present giving. Many of our carols were written during Victoria's reign; *Good King Wenceslas*, for example, was written in 1853 by John Mason Neale, a Church of England priest from East Grinstead. In 1826, crackers made their debut. In 1843, Charles Dickens' book *A Christmas Carol* sold out in five days. By 1880, the service of nine lessons and carols was established. The poem *The Night before Christmas* was written as early as 1822. The Victorians saw a great revival of the good things about Christmas, the family gatherings, seasonal food and drink, dancing, games, and generosity in general.



Victorian Christmas tree

Carmen's talk presented many more facts about Christmas, and she played her harp many more times than I have mentioned during her entertaining presentation. Christmas seems to begin before Guy Fawkes Night nowadays and many people decry the loss of spirituality in our times, but Carmen's talk showed even the more secular side of Christmas has a long, varied, and interesting history. The old traditions were maintained after the talk with mince pies and mulled wine!

The next talk will be given by Richard Shenton on **3 February** and his subject will be the Wey and Arun Canal. At 7.30pm at The Old School. Tickets £5 (£4 Museum Society Members) to include coffee and biscuits.

On **Friday 7 February**, between 10am and 1pm, we invite anyone who might be interested in becoming a Museum Steward to come along and find out more. Some of our present Stewards will be on hand; nobody knows better than they do what is involved, and there will be coffee and home-made cakes to enjoy. There is no need for any commitment, just come along and meet us, ask any questions you like, and find out what goes on behind the scenes in the Museum.

In the afternoon of **Friday 21 February**, a talk 'All about Cheese' (with samples!) will be given by Rosemary Horton at 2pm at The Old School. We are trialling afternoon talks as so many members have said that they do not like venturing out on dark winter nights. Tickets £5 (£4 to Museum Society Members) to include tea/coffee and biscuits.

If you visit the Museum you will not find the usual 'special exhibition'. Instead the Curators are displaying artefacts from our archives which have not seen the light of day for a long time. To begin with you will see some old office equipment, which we hope will bring back all sorts of memories.

Mary Wilson

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## When you don't have a garden

I have a ukulele, but I'm not a ukulele player. Other people have gardens, but aren't gardeners. Perhaps you'd call them lawnmowers? But what if you're a frustrated gardener, with no garden? Here's how I've coped when my interest exceeded my available space:

### Play in someone else's garden



When I lived in Brighton, I soon exhausted my flat's windowsills and tiny balcony. Luckily, my friends and colleagues were starting to buy their first homes. I would invite myself round for dinner (cheeky!) in return for investigating their garden, identifying the plants and

giving them growing advice. I often took a pair of secateurs and pruning saw with me to earn my supper. This still happens; I am such a sucker for a meal that I haven't made myself.

### Rent a garden

By which, I mean get an allotment. Go on, just a small one, maybe with a friend. I got myself on the waiting list when I knew our Storrington address but hadn't even moved in yet. Storrington Library has a shelf devoted to the subject and you're likely to be working with sandy soil which is a dream compared to the chalky hills or claggy clay my friends and I dealt with in East Sussex.



### Give – and get something back

While you're torturing yourself flicking through gardening magazines with your itchy green fingers, someone in your community could have a garden in need of your help. Perhaps they are suffering with arthritis, or are widowed and sad to see their loved one's pride and joy overgrown with weeds. If you don't already know someone who would appreciate a chat while you get your gardening kicks at their place, you could contact local organisations such as the RVS, who run a Community Companion scheme, or Age UK and offer to be a volunteer gardening friend to someone in your area.



**Recycling update:** A reader wrote with the great news that plastic plant pots of any colour can be recycled at the B&Q, at Lyons Farm, Worthing if delivered to Customer Services in a trolley. If anyone hears of other locations, please get in touch.

Cheryl Brown

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### MEETINGS

**Thursday 6 February 7.30pm**

South Downs Trophy – Interclub competition between Henfield, Rottingdean, Southwick, Steyning and Storrington.

**Thursday 20 February 7.30pm**

4th Print & Projected Image Competition with an (Open Subject) theme. The judge for the evening will be Andrew Mills ARPS.

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## STORRINGTON AND DISTRICT PROBUS



Storrington Probus had a busy run up to Christmas.

Members enjoyed a visit to the Aviation Museum at Tangmere where the Club was welcomed and given an interesting talk by one of its volunteers. He explained Tangmere began as a fighter station in the First World War and in the Second World War became a staging post for agents on their way to France. After the war it was the base for high speed flights and the world air speed record was broken in 1946 and 1953 by Neville Duke. Some members had the chance to 'fly' a simulator, and finished the day with an excellent lunch at the Gribble Inn nearby.

Later in the month, members enjoyed the Annual President's Ladies Dinner which, as always, was well attended. The Club president, John Wilkinson, and his wife, Kathy, officiated the proceedings, ably assisted by Vice-President, Roger Overton-Smith. More than 70 members, friends and family celebrated in style, with a fine meal provided by the chefs at The West Sussex Golf Club, and afterwards members danced and thoroughly enjoyed music and vocal entertainment by Kerry Le Bern.

The Christmas festivities were finalised with a trip to Gun Wharf Quays in Portsmouth where members went shopping in a super atmosphere of lights and decorations. Later on, they all met at the Old Custom House for lunch and, having pulled crackers and removed their paper hats, walked to The Theatre Royal for a performance of *The Nutcracker*. A wonderful day, with great entertainment organised by Alan French.

If you would like more information regarding the Probus Club of Storrington and District please visit the website [www.storringtonprobus.com](http://www.storringtonprobus.com).

Cliff Palmer

## LEAP YEAR TRADITIONS, CELEBRATIONS AND SUPERSTITIONS



Every four years, thanks to a quirk of the earth's orbit and the combined efforts of Roman Emperor Julius Caesar and 16th-century Pope Gregory XIII (of Gregorian Calendar fame), we must add an extra day to the end of February to create a leap year. But neither Caesar nor the Pope could have predicted the weird and wonderful celebrations and superstitions that have arisen because of it.

### A decent proposal

In the 21st century, women are free to propose to their partner at any time they choose, but for centuries it was solely the gentleman's prerogative. Tradition states that once every four years, on 29 February, the tables are turned and matrimony-minded women have the chance to ask their sweetheart to marry them instead.

Folklore suggests the tradition began in Ireland in the 5th century, with a deal brokered between St Brigid of Kildare and St Patrick, but the tradition has spread across Europe and beyond. In Scotland, women intending to propose are advised to wear a red petticoat visible to their love, perhaps to give them fair warning.

### The cost of a refusal

Unfortunately, it isn't always happily ever after. Supposedly originating from a law passed by Queen Margaret of Scotland in 1288, any man who refuses a Leap Day proposal should be issued with a fine, which can amount to anything from £1 to a silk gown.

In Denmark, the penalty is 12 pairs of gloves, which the spurned maiden can wear to hide the ignominy of having no ring, and in Finland a man who declines must provide enough fabric to make a skirt.

### May Day romance

In Germany's Rhineland, love-struck young boys traditionally place a small birch tree decorated with ribbons (a *Liebesmaie*) on the doorstep of their crush on 30 April, the eve of May Day. Every leap year, girls can do the same. And on May Day itself in Germany, leap years see only women dancing around the maypole; in other years men join in too.

### Leap years – unlucky for some?

In several places, leap years, and 29 February in particular, are considered to bring bad luck. A superstition in Greece holds that marriages that take place in a leap year will end in divorce, and in Scotland it's thought that those born on Leap Day will live a life of untold suffering. Scottish farmers apparently also worry for their livestock – there's an old saying that states a "leap year was never a good sheep year". Perhaps it's something to do with the weather.

In Italy, the origins of the bad luck are clearer. In Roman times, February was associated with the dead, and extending it only prolonged an already morbid month.

### Toasting the occasion

Whatever you think of leap years, you'll have reason to raise a glass. In 1928, Harry Craddock, a bartender who worked at the famous Savoy Hotel in London, invented a cocktail of gin, Grand Marnier, vermouth and lemon juice to celebrate the hotel's Leap Day celebrations. Mix your own to toast the day: the recipe was published in his 1930 tome *The Savoy Cocktail Book*.

### St Oswald's Day

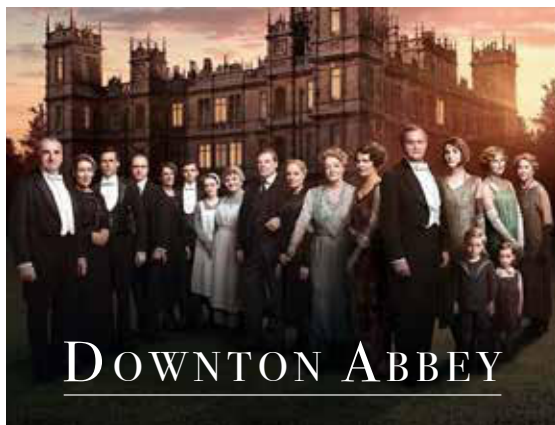
Leap day is also St Oswald's Day, named after the archbishop of York who died on 29 February, 992. His memorial is celebrated on 29 February during leap years and on 28 February during common years.



## Rotary Film Night

at Sullington Parish Hall

Wednesday 12 February 2020



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## SANDGATE CONSERVATION SOCIETY

February is generally accepted as being the coldest month of the year but nothing can be sure these days with the indifferent weather we have experienced in the past few months. The least we can hope for is that it will be dry, so check your seaweed.

We are always on the lookout for volunteers for the Society, be it to attend the monthly work-parties or simply helping out at our social evenings held in the Sullington Parish Hall.

The work-parties are just great in getting the circulation up to speed and very therapeutic: if you are doubtful just turn up and give it a try. All equipment, gloves etc. are provided and there is a mid-morning break for refreshments to keep up your strength; all free we may add, so what are you waiting for?

The work-parties will be in action this month on Sullington Warren on **Saturday 8 February** from 9.30am till 12 midday and in Sandgate Park on **Saturday 22 February** from 10am till 12.00 midday

The next presentation at the Sullington Parish Hall will be held on **Wednesday 26 February** at 7.30pm where Mark Saunders, the Head gardener at Fittleworth House, will give a talk entitled 'Garden Inspiration'. Mark is an excellent speaker with a wealth of knowledge, definitely not to be missed!

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

Brian Burns



## THAKEHAM GARDENERS' CLUB

The Club met in December for its first Christmas Party in the new Village Hall which gives excellent facilities for catering, although we still all miss the atmosphere of our beloved old Hall. A superb 2-course meal was partaken and thanks go to the committee and especially to Gill Quince for providing this. A table quiz, jokes and poems read by Robert and Rita Benton followed and the evening concluded with the joint rendering of the *Twelve Days of Christmas*, always a fun ending.

At the next meeting on **10 February**, James Crebbin-Bailey will talk on the creation and care of Topiary.

Meetings take place at 7.30pm on the second Monday in the month in Thakeham Village Hall, apart from January. We welcome new members and guests, so come along to the Hall on Club night or ring Linda Turk on 01403 741068 for further details.

Sandra Jenkins

## CHANCTONBURY LIONS CLUB NEEDS MORE HELP

Chanctonbury Lions Club, which covers Steyning, Storrington, Pulborough and villages in between, urgently needs more members and supporters.

We raise money for mainly local good causes through sales of second-hand books, on Saturday mornings from our vans at Steyning and Storrington, and through the bookshelf at Pulborough Station.

Because of a shortage of active members, we have had to cut back our Storrington sales to twice per month instead of every week, though we hope to maintain our other sales outlets. This means that local charities could be missing out by over £1000 this year.

If you could help, by becoming either a member or a 'Friend of Lions', helping on the sales stalls or with book collection, sorting and pricing, please get in touch - see <https://e-clubhouse.org/sites/chanctonbury/>

Thanks for your support.



Members of Sullington Windmills arriving for the December meeting were greeted by the seasonably decorated Hall, including tables adorned with Christmas decorations and seasonal refreshments, both sweet and savoury.

The President, Erika Brichta, opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and spoke about the success of the Christmas wreath making day held on 30 November. Erika continued by informing members of some forth coming events, such as a table tennis tournament, singing for pleasure, a scrabble singles tournament and a speakers interviewing day. This proves the WI does cater for everyone regardless of age. Erika's report was followed by the secretary giving her report.

As there was no speaker at this meeting, Maureen Sherwood, a member and past President, spoke about Christmas and how different religions all have their feasts and festivals. Maureen continued by saying how over the years Christmas has changed, and is now the time many companies look forward to making their largest profit; it is no longer looked on as one of the most import events in the Christian calendar as commercialism has taken over. This brought Maureen to the games she had planned for the meeting, all made from recycled materials, and suitable for all members of the family during the celebrations over the festive season. The games included a reindeer race using some left-over wallpaper as the track, another game using spaghetti and pasta from the larder, and some games included balloons, which members joined with much hilarity.

Following Maureen's talk everyone enjoyed a quiz entitled 'A Mixed Bag'. Pat Jenkins thanked Maureen for her talk and entertainment. Tea or coffee was served before members joined in the singing of Christmas Carols, led by Wendy Davies, an Institute member and a professional singer. After the raffle was drawn, which contained many seasonal prizes, the President closed the meeting and conveyed seasonal greetings to everyone.

The next meeting will take place on **Wednesday 19 February**, when the speaker will be Philip Gulvin, his talk entitled 'How to move a mountain'.

Meetings take place on the third Wednesday of each month (2nd in December) at 7.30pm in Sullington Parish Hall. If you are interested in paying us a visit, becoming a member or require further information, please contact Erika Brichta, President, on 742039 or erikabrichta@hotmail.co.uk, or contact Sara Harden, Secretary, on 741350 or s.harden@hotmail.co.uk.

Pat Snape



Our annual Christmas buffet was once again a great success. Every year we look forward to this event as the evening is always enjoyable.

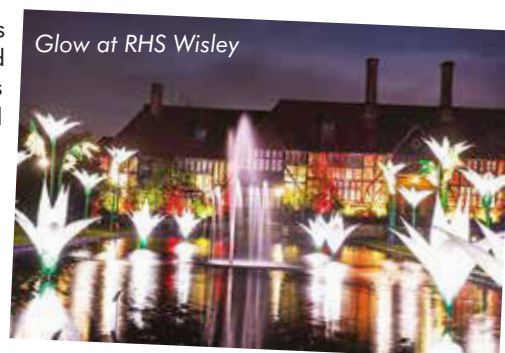
The food as always was superb with a selection of soups followed by a main course of a selection of cold meats, fish and various salads, followed by fantastic sweets, cheese and biscuits, coffee or tea and *petite fours*, all prepared by Janet Webber and Carol Banks and assisted by a very helpful committee. Quizzes, stand up bingo, a raffle and carol singing completed the night. Chris Lee played lovely back ground music throughout the evening. Roll on next December!



Polesden Lacey

The last visits of the year were to Polesden Lacey House and RHS Wisley to see their Glow event. Polesden Lacey built in 1824 and owned by the Grenville's from 1906. It was then, at no expense, that the Ritz's architects, Mews and Davis, renovated and re-modelled the house for Ronald and Margaret. The couple soon filled the house with a collection of fine furniture, porcelain, silver and antiques. Her collections are displayed in 11 galleries and reception rooms as it was at the time of her celebrated parties. These include the stunning décor of the gold saloon, picture corridors containing an amazing collection of old Dutch master oil paintings, plus 11 other rooms containing exhibitions of, silverware, Majolica figures, jewellery, and wonderful gifts given to Mrs Grenville from guests attending these social occasions. The grounds extend for 1400 acres and include a walled rose garden, lawns and ancient woodland landscaped walks.

At Wisely, this year's Glow was modelled on the four seasons with illuminated giant flowers from each of these plus a wide selection of Wisley's best known trees and shrubs. An added attraction was the display in the Glass



Glow at RHS Wisley

House where we experienced an enchanted botanical festival of illuminated plants and magical animals. The whole display was enhanced with light music played throughout the garden.

We look forward to our next meeting on **21 February** when Geoff Peach will be talking to us about 'Flower Shows can be Fun' which should make for an amusing and interesting evening.

Website [storringtonhorti.org.uk](http://storringtonhorti.org.uk)

Michael Webber

## West Chilt Jazz Club

West Chilton Village Hall RH20 2PZ

### CONCERTS

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*Floral Dance* –  
Liz Barber LRPS

With the season progressing, in addition to our regular guest speaker and member evenings, we also have our competition evenings. For our second competition the judge, who had the task of reviewing and awarding the scores, was David Eastley. As part of his introduction, David shared how he looks to focus on simplicity when approaching his own photography.

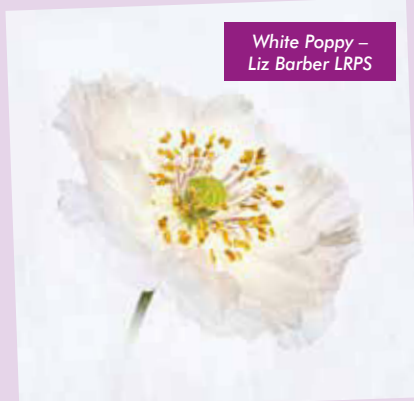
The first half of the evening focused on the prints with a wide variety of subjects being submitted that included 'landscapes, architecture, flowers, wildlife and abstract'.



*Angles on the Downs*  
– Dean Sephton

For Club members, the single focus isn't always on winning, although everyone enjoys when an image is selected, but as much about learning and improving. Like most things, the more you do something the better you become. With so many photography and social media sites, images are now common-place, and the ability to take an image is readily available to almost everyone. Taking a poor image today is difficult as most cameras have settings that enable users to just press a button to take the image.

Submitting an image into a competition provides the opportunity to receive feedback, some favourable and some not so but in a way that provides an opportunity to learn. This was the case with David.



*White Poppy* –  
Liz Barber LRPS

Whilst assessing the images, he provided comments, anecdotes, hints and tips during the evening that were amusing, constructive and helpful to all.

As he reviewed the prints David commented on both the high quality and subject variety which makes it a challenge for him when scoring. Following his initial review, he awarded four with the top score. The

winning images were *White Poppy* and *Reeds* from Liz Barber, the latter being an artistic image showing reeds in a pond which was also selected as Best Print of the evening. The other top scoring images came from Martin Tomes with *Frosty Bramber Tree*, which involved being out early on a cold morning to capture the image,



*Frosty Bramber Tree*  
– Martin Tomes

and Dean Sephton with his image of *Angles on the Downs*. Dean certainly managed to capture a moody landscape on the downs.

David then moved on to reviewing the projected images. With these he awarded three with the top score. David Seddon's *Orang-utan* was praised for its dramatic colour combinations and attention to detail. Liz Barber's *Floral dance* was also selected, which was of a flower almost dancing on the screen. The final top



*Orang Utan* –  
David Seddon

scoring image was from Janet Brown with the title *Fight at the feeder*.



*Fight at the Feeder*  
– Janet Brown LRPS

The image showed several goldfinches squabbling over food at her garden feeder. David commented that the image was full of colour and action. He also awarded this Best Projected image of the evening.

Another entertaining evening that showed the diversity of images taken by our members.

Kevin Harwood



*Reeds* –  
Liz Barber LRPS





## STORRINGTON THE GREAT WAR LEGACY

An Exhibition by the Storrington Local History Group

The Old School & Museum

Saturday 29 February and Sunday 1 March  
10am to 4pm

With all the military records that give the details of the men who went to the war, very scant information is available to research those who returned. Contrary to popular myth, far more returned than were lost. This exhibition talks about some who came back and made their lives in Storrington, either in their own business or working for others in the town and district.

Across the nation were 'Peace' celebrations and the erection of War Memorials to the lost, funded by public subscription in many cases. Old comrade associations grew and later the Royal British Legion would form.

The legacy of the Great War is more than just about the retuning personnel. Life at home had changed. Attitudes between the classes were different, as was the job front where women had to take on the roles left by the men. Many women indeed kept their jobs after war.

As with the other exhibitions, we have artefacts, pictures, and maps showing life after the 1914-1918 conflict. Please come along to the Old School, and see for yourself. Members of the group will be there to answer your questions.

This exhibition has been supported by the National Lottery Grants for Heritage. We received an award of £4000 in support of this project.

### Note from the editor....



Technology never ceases to amaze me. I bought my husband an 'Alexa Echo' for Christmas, and, amazingly, she knows more than I do! And she can turn the lights on with voice command. She even told Eric she loves him! But as yet I haven't worked out how she will do the washing and ironing, cleaning or cook the dinner.

So whilst this technology can enhance and enrich our lives, nothing can replace human interaction: conversation, touch, caring and love.

Let us embrace and use technology available, but remember human contact is more important, cannot be replaced by anything, and won't fail you if there is a power cut or network meltdown.

I'm now off to make a Shepherd's Pie – that's one up on Alexa!

May God's blessings be upon you all

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