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A Journey into the Unknown

Happy new year everyone! I hope you all had a blessed and happy Christmas and are ready to face whatever 2020 brings.

There is so much we don't know about the coming year: will I be well? Will I be happy? Will the country be a prosperous place in which to live? Will my family be fed and warm? Whatever comes in the future, I would suggest that we will be most content with our lot if we live in the present. There are so many things we can worry about in the days to come,

and we can dwell on the pains of the past; but if we live in the blessings of the now, we will find a reason to be thankful.

There is a phrase I love, and try to live by, "Bloom where you are planted". I don't know who first said it but it is quoted by many authors. There is some real wisdom here ... wherever you are right now, whatever your circumstances right now, show your best colours! We each have so much for which to be thankful. BUT before you think I am saying all this from a well-off and entitled point of view, this was first said to me by a widow in Ukraine in 1996. A woman who had lost her husband, her pension, her home, and her young children to an orphanage. She had nothing but the clothes she stood up in, her pride and her faith in God; and she shone with inner peace.

Faith, the Bible tells us, is "to be sure of the things we hope for, to be certain of the things we cannot see" (Hebrews 11:1). As a Christian, that Ukrainian widow's faith was in God. There was no social security to pay for her next meal and, no emergency housing for a roof over her head. But there was a God that provided each day for her hunger, her need for a coat, her fellowship with other believers and for her eternal future. She could not see how she would make it through the day, but she had faith that God had all that in hand – and it gave her freedom to blossom a beautiful colour to all those around her.

Go on, give faith a try and be relieved of many burdens in the new year.

SARA-JANE STEVENS

Priest-in-Charge of Sullington and Thakeham with Warminghurst



New Year Greetings



**The parish clergy and their families
wish you Peace and Joy in 2020**

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

PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

A Prayer for the New Year

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
whose years never fail and whose mercies are
new each returning day:
let the radiance of your Spirit renew our lives,
warming our hearts and giving light to our minds;
that we may pass the coming year in joyful
obedience
and firm faith;
through him who is the beginning and the end,
your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS RAFA CHAPEL SUSSEXDOWN

**Communion with the residents
Thursday, 23 January 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

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St Mary's Thakeham



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FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT IN THAKEHAM

The Christingle service on 1 December included a gift to every household from the Knit and Stitch group: the Christ child to care for through Advent until the Christmas celebration on 25 December.

Who will remember to bring Him back on the day?



SHOEBOX APPEAL

Our Shoebox Appeal this year saw another 52 gifts delivered to the warehouse in Worthing. Special thanks to everyone who donated, particularly the Knit and Stitch group for the teddies and blankets. The Youth Group packing session was appropriately on Children in Need night and was great fun.



The young people produced 25 of the total so well done to them. We are very grateful again this year to Chris Whitehead for transporting the boxes and volunteering at the depot where they are packed into larger crates for the lorries. Prayers were said at the 8am service on the Sunday so they were sent with blessings from both Churches that they may bring light and joy to those receiving them.

Knit and Stitch Tea on Tuesday

Thakeham Church Rooms 21 January 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.



A FIRST TASTE OF CHRISTMAS

St Mary's Church, Thakeham, Christmas Fayre took place on Saturday 30 November, for the first time in the new spacious Village Hall. With more space available, more tables could be placed in the dining area enabling visitors to not only visit the Fayre but to be able to meet friends and enjoy the delicious hot and cold food available which included Wynn's famous turkey rolls.

The Hall soon looked very festive as stallholders set out their wares; the stalls, as always, were many and varied. Who could resist purchasing a homemade cake or buying a Christmas gift or two from the wonderful craft stalls? And, as always, there was a splendid raffle and if you felt lucky there was the Tombola Stall. To make sure everyone was in the Christmas spirit, the St Mary's Church Thakeham Music Group entertained everyone by singing Christmas carols. All involved with the organising of this event thought our first Christmas Fayre in the new Hall had been a huge success; if you were unable to attend this year, do make a note in your diary for 2020.



The Coffee Morning held on Friday 27 September in Thakeham Church Rooms, in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support, raised £319.00. A huge thank you to all who helped on the day or contributed in any way.

Church in the Pub

1st Monday of the month

The White Lion Pub, Thakeham from 8.30pm

There will be no creed, no hymns, no confessional, no set format and no expectations.

Just a chance to meet drink and talk

So why not come along and just enjoy

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What's happening at St Mary's Sullington



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Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in us

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



CONFIRMATIONS FOR SULLINGTON AND THAKEHAM

On Tuesday 26 November, both Sullington and Thakeham Churches were pleased to hold a joint Confirmation Service at St Mary's Church, Thakeham.

Bishop Richard of Lewes confirmed seven members of the congregations, four from St Mary's Church, Sullington and three from St Mary's Church, Thakeham. There was a lot of support from family, friends, and members of each congregation. This was a most lovely service which Bishop Richard said was his last as Bishop of Lewes as he is moving to a new post in Hereford.

WHAT A FRIEND I'VE FOUND

New friends were made and old acquaintances rekindled. There was a tangible feeling of peace, joy and acceptance as Bishop Richard spoke about the transformational effect of Jesus in our lives.

What a joyful evening to welcome three young people and four adults fully into our Christian fellowship here at Sullington and Thakeham. As we sang out *Sing Hosanna* in the last hymn there was no doubt the Spirit of God was present and lives were being changed, restored and made whole.

I know this because I was there and I was one of them.

Carol Peacock

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, SULLINGTON



Tea with the Vicar

8 January 3pm till 5pm

Sullington Manor Farm

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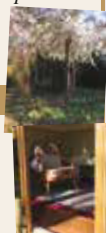
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Each morning begins at 10am with welcomes and a short meditation leading into silence. The rest of the morning is spent in quiet, in the house, prayer loft, garden or Sandgate Park. We then gather for shared reflections and closing prayer, finishing 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.

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What's happening at

St Mary's Storrington

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Anna Forster (745392)

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Church Services see page 18.

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

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. Kathleen Osgood (01403 780928)

Church Cleaning: Jeannie Watten (742542)

Church & Churchyard Maintenance: Ray Hunt (01798 813681)

Mothers' Union: Jean Hunt (01798 813681)

Bible Study / Home Groups: Orchard Gardens Home Group will start a new session in the new year meeting on Wednesdays, 10.30 - 11.45am. New members are very welcome to join this friendly group. Contact Robin Lenharth on 743962.

Thursday morning Home Group meet at 51 Crowhurst Crescent (10am - 12 noon) to discuss contemporary dilemmas. A six-week study will take place in the new year - All welcome. Contact Alison on 743713.

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

STORRINGTON REGISTERS

Interment of ashes only:

22 Nov Alan Ernest Appleford (70 years)

30 Nov Dawn Yolande Attwood (88 years)

CANDLEMAS SUNDAY - 2 February

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

St Mary's Church
Church Street
Storrington

Wednesday 15 January
10am to 11.30am

And every 3rd Wednesday of the month

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

Christians in Storrington

Monthly Inter-Church Prayer Meetings Everyone welcome

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

Tuesday 7 January - Our Lady of England RC Church will lead

Tuesday 5 February - Chemin Neuf Community will lead

One in faith and love and praise

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.

Church@4pm

19 January

at St Mary's Church, Storrington


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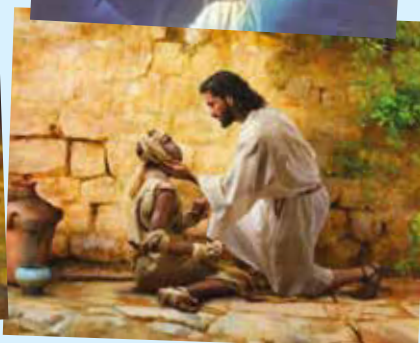
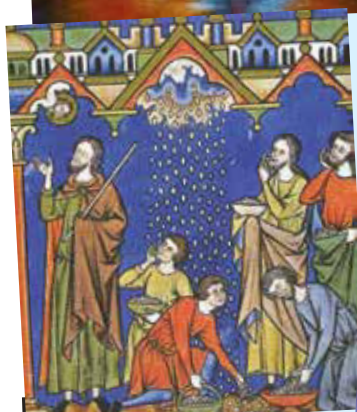
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SULLINGTON EVENSONG 2019

Seven pictures summation: Can you connect the titles with the pictures?

Below are seven possible solutions in no specific order:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Peace I leave with you | 5. Liberation |
| 2. Contact made | 6. Alone and isolated |
| 3. Help at hand | 7. A light in the darkness |
| 4. Fed up! | |



Thanks to Dr David Whitehead and John who masterminded the presentations, William, our Churchwarden, and Dame Cicely Sanders, founder of the hospice movement.

"Suffering is only intolerable when nobody cares."

Harold Linfield

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN THE ST MARY'S, STORRINGTON, BAND OF HANDBELL RINGERS?

Come and learn to play handbells - we practise in Storrington Church on Wednesday mornings at 9.30am. New players are very welcome.

Kathleen Osgood (01403 780928)



PASTORAL LETTER FROM THE ARCHDEACON OF CHICHESTER

2020 – Don't Panic!



When I wrote this in time for January publication, the General Election campaign was in full swing. Whatever the predictions I might have had about the vote in December, I'm pretty sure they will, no doubt, now proved to be wrong!

Whenever we look forward into the unknown that is the future, we have a potent sense of uncertainty, hope and aspiration. At the beginning of a New Year we might look back and reflect on what has been. 2019, without doubt, has given us all plenty to look back on! We also look forward and usually resolve that whatever the future holds we somehow want to be better. It's not only the start of a new year that provokes us to reflect and review our lives in this way. So many of us spend time in our professional lives reflecting and reviewing, and setting aspirational targets for a better and more successful future. Even if we don't have to do that, we all live with the tyranny of the diary, constantly looking ahead, planning and preparing for the future.

The unexpected joy of being asked to write this article at a time when I can't look back on an event that hasn't yet happened, or predict with any confidence where we might be now or what future is unfolding, is that I am compelled to simply be where I am.

The gift of the present moment, trusting that I am where God has called me to be now, and that He loves me in this place at this time, and that He is in all time and eternity, redeeming that which has been and going before us – Alpha and Omega – the beginning and the end; this is the gift of peace.

At the beginning of this New Year may we know that peace of God which passes all understanding; the peace that is the gift of the Risen Lord who has gone before us. He tells us not to be anxious or afraid.

The worse that can happen has happened; we have killed the Son of God. But God raised him from the dead and gave him glory, that our faith and hope might be in Him. The perfect love of the Risen and Ascended Lord drives out fear.

Whilst I can't predict the events of recent weeks, I do know that amidst whatever confusion and uncertainty the ongoing drama of our national life throws at us, the drama of our salvation revealed in the Birth, Death, Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus continues as He works the good purposes of his perfect will. His grace is sufficient and His power is made perfect in our weakness.

The invitation is to grow in our love for Him, and to joyfully trust in his promises, for He is faithful. Or, in other words, "thy kingdom come on earth, as it is in heaven."

Happy New Year!

The Venerable Luke Irvine-Capel
Archdeacon of Chichester

St Mary's Church Storrington

CONCERTS

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

2020 dates

Saturday 4 January at 7.30pm – Taylor Maid

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

ST MARY'S, STORRINGTON CONCERTS

Two smashing concerts

In October, we were treated to an evening from the *Singing Salon*. This is a group of enthusiastic semi-professional singers coached and directed by Pippa Dames Longworth. As a soloist, Pippa has sung in some of the finest opera houses of Europe, including Glyndebourne and English National Opera. Under her direction, and using all corners of the Church, her ensemble performed works from Tchaikovsky and Mozart. We were moved by Lensky's *Aria* from Eugene Onegin, and drawn into the intrigue of *Così Fan Tutti*. However the evening wasn't all highbrow as we too joined in a rousing rendition of the Toreador's song from *Carmen*, and exercised our cockney accents as we belted out the chorus of *With 'Er 'Ead Tucked Underneath 'Er Arm*. We were hilariously reminded of music and movement lessons at junior school, at least those of us old enough to remember such things! In between, there were delightful folk songs and art songs. The finale was *Miss Fogerty's Christmas Cake*, setting us up for the season to come.



Brian Kelley

'Adieu to Autumn' was a great collaboration between our very own Jill Arthur, with friends and students, and the Slipstream poets. Jill and her accompanist, Liz Hewson Winning, always give us a varied programme and good value, and this concert was no exception. We enjoyed Monteverdi, Kander and Ebb (*Cabaret*), Gilbert and Sullivan, Kurt Weill and Lloyd Webber. Mike Nicholson's two folk songs reminded me greatly, in a good way, of my college days in folk clubs in the North East.

The addition of poetry led to a particularly interesting afternoon. We had Russian classics: Pushkin and Yevtushenko, read wonderfully in both Russian and English translation by Brian Kelley. Kipling's evocative *Smuggler's Song* took us back to the days when West Sussex had a thriving black market. However, for me, the highlights were the poems both written and read by the Slipstream poets. This is a local group who meet regularly at the Methodist Church. I liked especially a poem about the Queen that opened "If I wasn't Elizabeth, the sensible queen" and went on to list the things she would like to do.

Our first concert in 2020 is on 4 January. It is the ever popular Taylor Maid. It will be a cracking evening.

Christine Tuson



Singing Salon



18 - 25 January WEEK OF PRAYER for CHRISTIAN UNITY

APPLICABLE TO ALL CHURCHES

This year the main service will be on

Sunday 19 January

On other days there will be a short service or event hosted by one of the churches followed by refreshments.

Saturday 18 January at 10am

Unity Week Prayers

St Mary's Church, Church Street, Storrington

Sunday 19 January at 6pm

Main inter-Church Unity Week Service

Our Lady of England RC Church, Monastery Lane

Monday 20 January at 8.30am

Unity Week Morning Prayer

Our Lady of England RC Church, Monastery Lane

Tuesday 21 January at 8.30am

Unity Week Morning Prayer

St Mary's Church, Church Street, Storrington

Wednesday 22 January at 7.45 for 8pm

Unity Week Prayers at Thakeham Village Hall, 1 Abingworth Crescent, Thakeham RH20 3GP arranged by Storrington Community Church

Light refreshments will be served at the beginning

Thursday 23 January at 12.30pm

Chemin Neuf Community Prayer Group

Storrington Priory, School Lane

Saturday 25 January - 11am - 3pm

Unity Week Prayer Stations

St Mary's Church, Sullington

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Crafts and
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Either bring along something you can already do, or have a go at something different.

For more information contact: Storrington Rectory Office (742888)



ST MARY'S CHURCH, SULLINGTON CHRISTMAS FAYRE

A very successful Christmas Fayre.
Thank you to everyone who came to support us.



A SLIMMER'S PSALM

Strict is my diet, I must not want.
It maketh me to lie down at night, hungry,
It leadeth me to pass the refrigerator,
It tireth my will power,
It leadeth me in the paths of starvation for my figure's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the aisles of pastas,
I will buy no chocolate eclairs,
for they are fattening.
The cakes and pies they tempt me.
Before me is a table set with green
beans and lettuce,
It filled my stomach with liquids;
my day's quota runneth over.
Surely, my calories and weight
charts will follow me
all the days of my life,
And I dwell in the
fear of the scales forever.



CHURCHES OUTREACH SUPPER

Following on from the successful Storrington Christians Supper last September, there will be another Supper on **Monday 27 January** in the Priory Hall at 7pm for 7.15pm.

This time everyone is encouraged to try to invite a friend to come with them, someone sympathetic to but not fully involved in church life. We want to share news about activities in all the churches which need support, and we want to flag up the Lent Course, 28 February being Ash Wednesday, which will major on the basics of Christian discipleship.

Please sign up on a list at the back of Church from 5 January onwards, or ring/text/email myself or Felicity so we can get the numbers for catering.

Charles Hadley

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We offer our congratulations to Revd Kathryn Windslow who became a Canon of Chichester Cathedral on 1 December.

We enjoyed our Advent Service and Festive Tea with invited guests at West Chilmington Church on 5 December, and were delighted Revd Canon Kathryn Windslow led the Service.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

Jean Hunt



SULLINGTON 122 YEARS AGO

EXTRACTS FROM CANON PALMER'S DIARY – JANUARY 1898

Sat 1: Dull with showers. 44 degrees. Has been a very sombre opening day. Visited all my people in the Sandy Lane; Slaughters, Richardsons, Humphreys, Rogers. Clara and the family to an evening at Highden.

Sun 2: Christmas II. Very fine and springy. 45 degrees. 10 to Holy Communion, fair morning and good evening congregations. Sermons on Matthew and Romans. Saw a fire balloon in afternoon going with the wind from the sea coast. Used a special prayer for Peace.

Mon 3: As yesterday. 41 degrees. Much preparation going on for the children's tea etc tomorrow. Bedding rhubarb and sea kale.

Tue 4: Fine, very mild. 48 degrees. Board of Guardians. My thunderbolt on Parsons. Our school treat and Christmas tree, elephant and carols. Attended a lecture (Ambulance) by Graham on the means of restoration from collapse and drowning. Patrick teaed and played.

Wed 5: Mild and wet. 50 degrees. An indoors day. Girls tried to go to Petworth but were driven back by the weather. I foiled in going to Cobden for the service in evening. I am reading Adam Smith's second volume on Isaiah.

Thursday 6 until Wednesday 12 pages missing.

Thu 13: Dull, mild. 43 degrees. Hal and Neel left for Town. Visit school, call Register 26/28. Saw a man named Ford just imported from Storrington at 64 and weak. Reading Tennyson's life, full of interest and beauty.

Fri 14: Much as yesterday, very dull. 43 degrees. Old 'Sam' had to give up work, he had some kidney inflammation. With Clara to Mrs Penfold, who has taken Bolton's cottage and sandpit, they hope to do something with the garden there. Girls go to Findon, to a concert in the village.

Sat 15: Brighter. 38 degrees. Clara drives to Pulborough to meet H Davidson who misses his train: a young talkative fellow rather fond of his own abilities.

Sun 16: Epiphany II. Dull, dripping fog throughout. 43 degrees. Early communion very few attended. Preached to a good morning congregation on Isaiah. Fair afternoon congregation extempore on the Miracle of Cana. Walked down (with two painful big toes) to see and read to Sam.

Mon 17: Foggy. 38 degrees. Parsons up here with his ledgers and excuses. Am feeling 'gouty'. House maid Alice Batchelor, goes to nurse her father. Made up year's accounts, spent about £950.00.

Tue 18: Fine, mild, dull. Long and tiresome sitting at Board of Guardians. Parsons condemned but not yet executed: Davy governor: RDC sat till nearly 4pm. We had a hockey party. A final lecture by Graham on poisons and stretching. Buried Mrs Burchet at Storrington.

Wed and Thu to Clapham.

Fri 21: Fine but dull and foggy. 50 degrees. Walked home from Clapham this afternoon prevented by influenza at Thrales from taking my service there. Hal who returned yesterday has gone into Cromptons Works at Chelmsford as a supervisor in Electric Work.

Sat 22: Very fine - like April. 49 degrees. Hal inaugurates the Bowsan by a 40 minutes cut! I take him to Pulborough en route to Chelmsford with a shoulder of mutton! Call upon influenza patients on return.

Sun 23: Epiphany III. As yesterday. 48 degrees. Preached in morning on Isaiah and last two verses True and False Light. In afternoon extempore on the Healing of the Leper. Took an evening at Storrington for E Parkinson taken ill at morning service. Congregations fair but influenced by influenza.

Mon 24: Dull, colder. 45 degrees. A little gardening, sowed some Long pods, unpacked Suttons 'Combination' box and planted out wall flowers. Rode round some influenza patients.

Tue 25: Still overcast. 44 degrees. School 19/26. Employed William Bowers to dragharrow meadows. To Cobden to visit patients, better generally. Put in sweat William plants.

Wed 26: As yesterday. 44 degrees. Boy dragging meadows. Our house maid Alice Batchelor returned from a ten days attendance on her father. Called on the Washington Road folk, Mrs Skinner 11th baby. Practising here in evening for a concert in the school room.

Thu 27: As yesterday. 44 degrees. School 20/26. Found Old Sam better: he much wished me to inspect the sea-kale and said he had been 70 years at work. Drove Clara to call on Caldecotts, first visit: out. The girls went to Worthing 'wheeling'.

Fri 28: As yesterday but 43 degrees. To Chichester early. R and G humorous about the Ball, agree to go on Friday night. Had a double dose of practice sacred and secular this evening.

Sat 29: Fine, dull. 45 degrees. Took a little bicycle exercise with May. Cut the first sea-kale. Various folk to practice for our concert.

Sun 30: Epiphany IV. Rough and mild, drifty. 54 degrees. Fair congregations considering weather. Sermons on The Changed Aspect of Suffering Through Christ from Isaiah and extempore on The Miracle of the Calming of the Storm. Visited SS. Churchd Mrs Baigent.

Mon 31: Fine and spring-like again, sunny. 47 degrees. Took evergreens down from the Church. Walked with Clara to Rock to call. Hal writes cheerfully from Chelmsford.

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
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STORRINGTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The meeting started with the AGM, our Chairman, Mrs Janet Webber, reporting as a point of interest this had been the 155th year for the Society. Formed in 1864, Storrington Horticultural Society was originally called Storrington and Parham Cottage Gardeners.

Again this year we had enjoyed an excellent and varied speakers' programme at our monthly meetings; four outings had been organised, all fully booked, and two very enjoyable holidays had been enjoyed by the members.

There had been no spring Show but, support for the Wish Class Hyacinth at the March Meeting exceeded expectations. The summer Show had also been a great success with a high number of entries. The Society continued to help other groups in the Village when asked. She ended by welcoming Mr Tom Brown, head gardener, as our new President, after the retirement of Stephen Turrell, and thanking the Committee members for all their time and hard work and continuing support.

Following this was a talk by from the Kent Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance Trust.

Its Mission Statement is:

The Kent Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance Trust is a registered charity established to relieve sick and injured people in South East England and surrounding areas by providing a Helicopter Emergency Medical service (HEMS).

Responding swiftly to 999 calls, the air ambulance can deliver a highly skilled team of Specialist Doctors and Critical Care Paramedics to the patient at the scene.

The first flight service started in Scotland in November 1933 with a flight from Wideford Airport to Kirkcubbin, Orkney.

The service in Kent, Surrey and Sussex commenced in 1989 and since its inception has attended more than 30,000 incidents. It operates two helicopters 24 hours a day with two helicopters available for 18 hours. The aircraft are kept at Redhill Airport and are also maintained there. When a call comes they can reach any part of the region within 25 minutes. The Air Ambulance operates as a charity and is a costly and complicated business. Flying and maintaining the aircraft 24 hours a day, buying vital equipment, and training costs to ensure the very best teams are in the air and on the ground, now costs over £14 million a year in order to operate the service and continue its life saving work, so every donation is greatly appreciated.

The meeting closed with a raffle and light refreshments.

At our next meeting on **17 January**, Penny Lane will be talking about rewilding at Knepp Castle; outing tickets will also be available.

Web Site storringtonhorti.org.uk

Michael Webber

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).




THAKEHAM GARDENERS' CLUB

Lesley Chamberlain was welcomed to the November meeting and her subject was 'Grow your own Canaries' which was a talk on the flora of the Canary Islands, not tomato growing. Lesley explained the growing conditions on the islands: coastal, arid, laurel, rock, ruin and artificial. Saying that, plants survived under all these conditions much better than would be thought, and a lot of planting was undertaken on tiered slopes.

Lesley showed slides of several plants and explained how many would prosper in our own gardens. Most plants on the islands are indigenous as they are isolated in the Atlantic and the following are some that were mentioned.

The canary foxglove likes forest areas so therefore light and shade, grows to 6' tall and flowers between March and December.

Anemium are also abundant and over 30 varieties can be found. Echium plants come in red, white and the very magnificent blue varieties and, whilst preferring dry conditions, can withstand temperatures down to -15.



There are many daturas and the attractive canarina canariensis with its red bellflowers

Brooms thrive, and also cactus. Almond trees crop on the western slopes of the islands, there is just one variety of palm tree, and the slopes of Mount Teide are covered with pine forest, again just the one canary species. These don't need much rain as they capture moisture from the atmosphere and as they



are very fire resistant forest fires are rare. The most famous tree on the islands is the dragon tree which is a tourist attraction and found on all the islands.

The Chairman thanked Lesley for her talk.



The Club doesn't meet in January so our next meeting will be in February. Meetings take place at 7.30pm on the second Monday in the month in Thakeham Village Hall. We welcome new members and guests; come along to the Hall on Club night or ring Linda Turk on 01403 741068 for further details.

Sandra Jenkins

VILLAGE HALLS WEEK

Village Halls Week is a national celebration of village halls, their volunteers, and the services they offer their communities. This year, Village Halls Week will run from Monday 20 January to Sunday 26 January.

Village Halls are an important part of the community, most of our local villages have one, and most are Charities run by volunteers, but they need support from the local community to keep going. This special week is the opportunity for people to find out what facilities are available in their community, what sort of events, activities and clubs there are, and what plans there are for the future. Ideas and suggestions will also be welcome by most halls, and importantly more volunteers and organisers!

The new Thakeham Village Hall will be holding an Open Day on Saturday 25 January, and also celebrating its 1st birthday. Most of the clubs from the old Village Hall are still going, and new ones, like Short Mat Bowls and Table Tennis, have been set up. There have been numerous community events held at the Hall during the past year, and also new activity classes have started up. So go along and see for yourself what your community now has to offer you.

John Bearman

THAKEHAM VILLAGE HALL OPEN DAY AND FIRST BIRTHDAY SATURDAY 25 JANUARY 10am to 4pm

Come and see the Hall and the facilities

Find out what classes, clubs, and activities are available

Try Badminton, Short Mat Bowls, and Table Tennis

Put forward suggestions and ideas for the future

Refreshments available



Details are available on our website:
www.thakehamvillagehall.co.uk

Phone 01798 815467
Email: info@thakehamvillagehall.co.uk

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL FREE LUNCH TIME CONCERTS

JANUARY

Tuesday 21 Meera Maharaj (*flute*)
Dominic Degavino (*piano*)

Tuesday 28 Elena Toponogova - (*violin*)

Free entry. All are welcome

For full details of programmes see
www.chichestercathedral.org.uk



THAKEHAM PARISH NEWS

We hope everyone had a merry Christmas and enjoyed the New Year's celebrations, and 2020 looks set to be another busy year for Thakeham!

Things high on our agenda include, as usual, various aspects of the Abingworth development: the final shape of Phase 3, securing the opening of the new Village Shop, clarifying a timeline for the delivery of the new allotments area and more bridleway improvements. We also aim to progress our Community Transport proposals and running more fantastic community events.

We understand that Horsham planners are likely to be re-consulting the Thakeham community during January on another version of the Abingworth Phase 3 planning application. We expect that this application will be for a similar number of houses (around 75), but other details will have changed since September. Further details of upcoming meetings to discuss the proposal will be on our website and Facebook page soon.

As of late November, the Abingworth shop building still awaits further works to rectify construction defects. Both the Parish and District councillors have been pressing for the involved parties to resolve their differences in order to deliver this long-awaited facility to the community.

WSCC have informed the Parish Council that they are reducing the gritting and snow ploughing commitments within the Parish and wider areas due to budget cuts. Although the gritting route within Thakeham is largely unchanged, if we do get substantial snowfall there may be problems with the main B roads (B2139/B2133) remaining uncleared. Unfortunately, the Parish Council doesn't have the capacity to take over this responsibility, especially at such short notice but we are exploring options to minimise the impact where we can. Our website and Facebook page will have information regarding any major problems with the roads in the event of severe weather.

Thakeham Parish Council and Thakeham Community Events have agreed on a funding arrangement to provide another large community event in the summer of 2020. There is also 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.

From January the Purple Bus youth project will be returning to Thakeham Village Hall on Thursday evenings from 5pm to 7pm. They are a small team of DBS checked, trained youth workers providing FREE activities for 9 to 13 year olds.

On a Friday evening at the Village Hall there will be the table tennis sessions and, every other week the Friday Night Club run by Youth Thakeham-Sullington.

Make sure you check our Parish Council website to keep up to date on recent news and upcoming events. If you don't want to miss out, you can sign up to our monthly e-news subscription.

STORRINGTON FLOWER CLUB Wednesday 22 January 2pm

Demonstrator: Robin White (Robin was awarded Designer of the Year at the Floral Art & Design Show 2019)
Theme: *The Link it Green*
Competition: *Take Five*





The Fryern Ladies' Probus Christmas meeting was held, as usual, in The Roundabout Hotel. Surrounded by tasteful, festive decorations, the ladies relaxed for Christmas card distribution, pre-lunch drinks and Christmas cracker pulling before partaking of the promised seasonal four-course meal!



miscellany of prose and poetry, which included well-known aspects of belief, behaviour, humour, tradition and values, which contribute to this festive season. Some of these were well known like *T'was The Night Before Christmas* by Clement Clark Moore, *The Journey of the Magi* by TS Eliot, *Nursery School Nativity Play* by Joyce Grenfell, *Christmas 1914* by Rifleman Graham Williams, *The Boy who Laughed at Santa Claus* by Ogden Nash and *Talking Turkeys* by Benjamin Zephaniah. The further rendition of *Twelve Days of Christmas – a Correspondence* by John Julius amused us greatly as it recorded the daily thank you letters from one increasingly bemused young lady to her unseen admirer – a reminder to us all to 'think before you buy' re Christmas gifts as chaos could well develop!

We were also advised about the tradition around Christmas puddings, originating from Victorian times, and that 13 ingredients must always be used to signify the 12 apostles plus Jesus. You also have to stir east to west and all the family must participate. Similarly, you have to stir clockwise, as if you stir anticlockwise you stir in The Devil, and a wooden spoon signifies the crib and sixpences to be encouraged. The well-known children's nursery rhyme of *Little Jack Horner* was ridiculed as plums were never used in pudding making and Little Jack Horner would have only pulled out a sultana, raisin or current. All too soon time was up and Betty Parker thanked Jonathan on behalf of us all for his entertaining, colourful and reminiscent talk and added there was no better way to start Christmas. Our next meeting will be on **2 January**.

We wish you all a happy 2020.

Russ Fry



It had been a busy week for some of the ladies, as the previous Thursday outing had been to Hever Castle in Kent where there had been a Christmas Fair and roundabouts to enjoy. Within the Castle itself were further opportunities to explore a little of Ann Boleyn's Tudor history; as from 1462

to 1539 it had been the seat of the Boleyn Family – a great prelude to Christmas.

The Speaker of the day was a gentleman called Jonathan Jones whose talk title was suitably named Christmas cracker. Jonathan, being a most experienced public speaker/former, has delivered over 800 talks, since taking early retirement from his previous career, and is also currently the Honorary Town Crier for Farnham, Surrey. Indeed we were fortunate in booking him as he will not be accepting any more speaking events from the end of this year.

Jonathan gave a most interesting and thought-provoking talk on all aspects which make up Christmas. He gave a



Jonathan Jones



Rotary Film Night at Sullington Parish Hall Wednesday 8 January 2020



Starring: Viggo Mortensen, Mahershala Ali & Linda Cardellini

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

Anyone needing transport should contact Roger Jamieson on 01798 813956
For further details please contact Ken Collins on 01903 740745

Rotary Club of Storrington & Pulborough District

All proceeds go to charitable causes supported by Rotary. Registered Charity No.1029115

CHURCH SERVICES AT A GLANCE

DATE	FESTIVAL OR SUNDAY	STORRINGTON St Mary's	THAKEHAM St Mary's	SULLINGTON St Mary's
5 January	EPIPHANY SUNDAY	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Family Communion 6pm Evensong	10.30am Joint Family Service (with Sullington)	8am Celtic Communion
12 January	Epiphany 2 Baptism of Christ	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion 6pm Evensong	9.30am Morning Prayer	8am Holy Communion 11.30am Matins
19 January	Epiphany 3	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion with Prayers for Healing 4pm Church@4	8am Celtic Communion	10.30am Joint Family Communion (with Thakeham)
6pm Main Unity Week Service at Our Lady of England RC Church, Monastery Lane, Storrington				
26 January	Epiphany 4	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion 6pm Evensong	9.30am Family Communion	11.30am Family Communion
2 February	CANDLEMAS The Presentation of Christ in the Temple	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Family Communion 6pm Evensong	10.30am Joint Family Service (with Sullington)	8am Celtic Communion

Midweek Holy Communion Service on Thursdays 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

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

www.lccstor.org

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH

Thakeham Road

Sunday Service 10.30am

Minister: Revd Dr Frank Okai-Sam

Tel: 01273 597122

(Church Office: 01903 746390 / 01273 596374)

www.trinitymethodiststorrington.uk

www.facebook.com/TrinityStorrington

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

January

Thu 2

10.30am Pop-In Lunch Club – p18

10.30am Holy Communion at St Mary's, Storrington

Fryern Ladies' Probus – Meeting – p17

Sat 4

10am Storrington Conservation Society – Working Party – p32

7.30pm Taylor Maid Concert – St Mary's, Storrington – p13

Sun 5 Epiphany Sunday

Mon 6

7.30pm Storrington Museum – Talk – p24

8.30pm Church in the Pub – Thakeham – p4

Tue 7

10am Community Coffee Morning – Thakeham – p32

10am Inter-Church prayers – RC Church (side-chapel) – p6

12noon Gents' Meeting Club – Storrington – p15

2pm SPACE – Art & Craft Club – p10

Wed 8

3pm Tea with the Vicar – p5

7.30pm Rotary Film Night – Green Book – p17

7.30pm Sullington Windmills WI – Meeting – p25

Thu 9

12 noon West Chiltington & Storrington MU – New Year Lunch – p??????

5pm Purple Bus Youth Project – Thakeham – p16

7.30pm Storrington Camera Club – Meeting – p28

Sat 11

9.30am Sandgate Conservation Society – Working Party – p31

Sun 12 Epiphany 2

1pm Sunday Lunch Club – p18

Tue 14

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Wed 15

10am Wild Fortune Quiet Garden – p5

10am Café in the Church – p6

Thu 16

5pm Purple Bus Youth Project – Thakeham – p16

Fri 17

7.30pm Storrington Horticultural Society – Talk – p15

Sat 18 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (until 25 Jan) – p10

Sun 19 Epiphany 3

4pm Church@4 – St Mary's, Storrington – p6

6pm Unity Week Main Service – Our Lady of England RC Church, Storrington – p10

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12noon Gents' Meeting Club – Storrington – p15

2pm SPACE – Art & Craft Club – p10

2pm Knit and Stitch Tea – Thakeham Church Rooms – p4

Wed 22

2pm Storrington Flower Club – Meeting – p33

Thu 23

11.30am Holy Communion – Sussexdown Chapel – p3

4pm Messy Church – Thakeham – p4

5pm Purple Bus Youth Project – Thakeham – p16

7.30pm Storrington Camera Club – Meeting – p28

Fri 24

Sat 25

10am Sandgate Conservation Society – Working Party – p31

10am Thakeham Village Hall – Open Day – p16

Sun 26 Epiphany 4

Mon 27

7pm Churches' Outreach Supper – p13

Tue 28

12noon Gents' Meeting Club – Storrington – p15

7.30pm Mary How Trust Film Society – Yesterday – p24

Thu 30

5pm Purple Bus Youth Project – Thakeham – p16

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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL DAYS

JANUARY

Wed 1 THE NAMING OF JESUS

Thu 2 Basil the Great and Gregory of Nazianzus, 379 and 389

Mon 6 THE EPIPHANY

Wed 8 Baptism of Christ

Fri 10 William Laud, 1645

Sat 11 Mary Slessor, 1915, a Scottish missionary to Nigeria. She is credited with having stopped the killing of twins among the Efik, a particular ethnic group in Nigeria.

Sun 12 Aelred of Hexham, 1167

Mon 13 Hilary, 367; Kentigern (Mungo) 603; George Fox, 1691

Fri 17 Antony of Egypt, 356; Charles Gore, 1932

Sat 18 Amy Carmichael, 1951, a Protestant Christian missionary in India, who opened an orphanage and founded a mission in Dohnavur.

Sun 19 Wulfstan, 1095

Mon 20 Richard Rolle, 1349

Tue 21 Agnes, 304

Wed 22 Vincent of Saragossa, 304

Fri 24 Francis de Sales, 1622

Sat 25 THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL

Sun 26 Timothy and Titus, Companions of Paul

Tue 28 Thomas Aquinas, 1274

Fri 31 John Bosco, 1888, founded the Institute of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians, a religious congregation of nuns dedicated to the care and education of poor girls

STORRINGTON & SULLINGTON – REFLECTIONS OF THE PAST

TEMPUS FUGIT – ANOTHER NEW YEAR

Another New Year. Whatever happened to the last one? It seems to have vanished without a trace. As each month was ticked off the calendar we wondered where the previous one went, the same every week. It seems like only yesterday I was writing about the millennium and the dawn of the 21st century and can that really be twenty years ago? Shakespeare famously wrote of the seven ages of man in *As you like it* starting with the infant and in a few lines ending with a state of "... mere oblivion, sans teeth, sans eyes, sans taste, sans everything." Later in the play he describes the tricks that Time plays, "Time travels in divers paces with divers persons ... I'll tell you whom Time ambles withal, and whom Time trots withal, whom Time gallops withal and who he stands still withal." Time has tried all these tricks on me so I would rather say, "O fall back yesterday, bid Time return," (Richard II). So here goes – Storrington calls back yesterday.

As the 19th century turned into the 20th there were 62 businesses occupying the old centre of the Village – High Street, West Street to Cootham, Church Street, North Street and School Hill. The first incursion into the big field which stretched from the roadside at East Street, up to Fryern Road and between Mill Lane and North Street adding 27 more, was the development along East Street in 1938 of the Colonnade. Post-war came Old Mill Drive, a bus station with toilets, Mill Parade, and later, in the 1970s, Old Mill Square. But stead, Time is beginning to gallop! Let's tarry him for a while.



Walter Charman, Mr Haywood, Fred Leggatt, Jimmy Clark (The Forge, Church St)

In 1895 *Kelly's Post Office Directory* listed a tailor, draper, saddler and harnessmaker, ironmonger, wine and spirit merchant, watchmaker, Greenfield & Sons which encompassed grocery,



Mrs Booner (nee Nellie Mitchell)

drapery, haberdashery, wine and spirits and also the agency for the County Fire Office; there were plumbers, butchers, stationers, a fellmonger, Post Office, John Joyes business which covered bakery, maltster, coal, corn, hay, straw and

hop supplies; there was a seedsman, shoemakers, chemist, and tradesmen such as Hayward and Charman who were plumbers, painters and glaziers, gas, hot water and sanitary ware installations – the gas from a private company whose landmark gasholder and works stood behind today's *Oxfam* shop. There was also a costumier, Nellie Mitchell, whose little shop was at the bottom of Manley's Hill.



Mr Penn

themselves employing as many as ten family and others. Although Storrington people had few means of leaving their Village, they could buy anything or any service they needed locally in 1895.



North St showing The White Horse

The Village pubs were venerable institutions going back three or four centuries and especially The White Horse in the Square. They were the hub of village life, supplying meeting rooms, private transport, flies ("fly-by-nights" a horse-drawn cab) for the

railway stations at Worthing or Pulborough or other requirements. Two eagerly anticipated annual Fairs were held in May and October when the village streets would be full of animal pens, horses for sale being trotted up and down to show off their paces, entertainment and stalls for everything from farm produce to fresh fish, pickled salmon, luxuries and pedlary.

The 20th century brought the No. 1 bus service and nearly, but not quite, a branch of the London, Brighton and South Coast Railway, with a station at the top of School Hill, which prompted an enterprising resident to open The Railway Inn.



The Railway Inn (on right)

The old Thakeham Union Workhouse closed in the early 1930s, a new secondary school, Rydon, built on the site which opened just before WWII and later a new primary school at Spierbridge replacing the old village school opposite the Church. Mains water drawn from the new pumping station under the Downs supplanted the old and often contaminated wells. Electricity gradually came to the village from



Thakeham Union Workhouse

Bernard Hicks' water-powered generator at Sullington Manor Farm millpond. Two world wars changed the village forever, with the disappearance of some of the big houses and estates which had provided much employment, and the development

of council housing estates at Meadowside, Spierbridge, Windmill Copse and others; private housing threatened the loss of Sullington Warren with its previous and unique habitats. That was saved by the great efforts of people aware of its natural value, such as Miss Enid Clarke-Williams and others who raised the money to buy it and present it to the National Trust in 1933. Sad losses were the Kithurst and Sullington windmills, both destroyed by fire, and the Chantry and Byne Common watermills, this last with a unique iron wheel, in spite of attempts to save it from demolition. The 1970s were a relentless period for destruction in order to re-develop. Storrington had its own volunteer fire brigade, started with no more than a hose truck and keen volunteer firemen with little more than belts, axes, a spanner, rope and flat caps. This was improved and equipped through Charles Mant's lifetime of fund-raising which financed the purchasing of proper engines, uniforms, training and insurance

until WWII absorbed such volunteer brigades into the National Fire Service. When we moved to Storrington in 1954 there were two resident policemen who could be reached by telephone (Storrington 22) or by calling in at North Street where they lived with their office between the two houses. One of them patrolled the village at closing time to ensure that all was quiet, and tried all shop doors to test security.



The Railway Inn, School Hill

They also visited shops on a regular basis with the stolen property lists, and were an active part of community life. Time is pushing us forward again so let us leave the mid-20th century with the smell of baking

bread, roasting chickens and hot pies in the dairy next to Brewer's Yard, and roasting coffee wafting from Greenfield's window. Go back Time, allow us to lean on the bridge and watch the cows in Gatley's field, or the swallows on a summer evening calling and swooping from the eaves of the High Street buildings, to savour the scent of fresh-cut hay in the Church Meadow where pinafore and smock-wearing children played, or further back in time, when the only pollution in the village was left by horses and cattle and valued for recycling in the village gardens.

The White Horse, centre of the village for centuries, was run by Ernest Gower Hammond, son of Ernest Hammond. He was an interesting diarist who saw and recorded the end of the 19th century and the beginning of the 20th (Can that possibly be over 100 years ago?!).



Bus station and old car park

1899: "Dr Caldwell took over the village school from Mr H Andrews. Alterations and additions to The White Horse completed. An outbreak of incendiarism (most rick fires) during the year.

1900 Feb 23: The Rector since 1871, Rev G Faithfull dies.

Feb 27: Storrington School granted a holiday to mark the Surrender of 4,300 Boers to Lord Roberts at Paaderberg in the S.A. wars.

Feb 28: Shotguns and fireworks were discharged in the village in celebration of the relief of Ladysmith.

May 17: The same with regard to the relief of Mafeking after a siege of 218 days.

June 11: Storrington marked the British successes in South Africa with a grand illuminated costume carnival and procession the like of which the village had never seen before, heartily participated by all classes and from many villages around. It was preceded by a salute of seven guns and marched from School Hill through the village pausing to observe the burning of an effigy of Kruger in The Square.

1901: Ernest Hammond, proprietor of The White Horse Hotel since 1887, received a telegram from London announcing the death of Queen Victoria at Osborne House, I.o.W., and spread the news in the village.

1902: Jan started with a smallpox scare, many in the village were vaccinated by Dr GRR Paine.

April 31: Peace Treaty signed ending S.A. War. Great rejoicing in the village.

[Father Time would know that 17 years later the village would be marking the end of a terrible war, much nearer to home, but before that, would come the golden Edwardian years.]

June 30: From Sullington Warren more than 20 beacon fires were visible on neighbouring and distant hills in celebration of the King's coronation.

Aug 7: With others witnessed the RC Bishop of Southwark, Bishop Bourne, lay the foundation stone of new church adjoining the Praemonstratensian Monastery at Storrington.

1903: The International Kite-Flying Contest took place on the Downs. There were several hundred spectators and kites were flown by several personalities including Colonel Cody (the Yankee), Colonel Baden-Powell (brother of the Mafeking hero), Professor Salmon and the inventor Sir Hiram Maxim [who invented the machine gun, destined to slaughter so many soldiers in the not-so-distant war]. [The kite-flying was a serious contest, some experimental kites at this time were man-carrying devices].

Sep 11: A tremendous gale in the night – enormous damage to property resulted and the countryside was a sight to see, uprooted trees closing the Pulborough, Chantry Roads, Brown's Lane entirely choked with limbs and large tree branches. A brick wall at the end of The White Horse garden was toppled.

Oct 20: With 2½ months still to come, 1903 has been pronounced the wettest ever known, eclipsing even that of 1852. [Climate change?]

Oct 28: Cootham Pond now extending over Pulborough Road and the Hardham Road submerged. Valley of the Arun a vast lake and the road at Stopham under 2ft of floodwater. Cellars at the Swan Hotel [Pulborough] full of water and with uprooted trees and a disorganised telegraph system, all paints a picture of devastation. [Fast forward time to 1987 – sounds very familiar].

Let's end these diary selections on a happier note from **1905 July 30:** Visiting Australian Cricket team stopped for refreshments at The White Horse on their way to play Sussex at Brighton. They readily satisfied the band of enthusiastic autograph-hunters in a good-natured manner. They continued on their way to the cheers of the many who had gathered in The Square and declared the village ... "a very pretty little place."

A remarkable collection of newspaper cuttings from 1899 to the 1930s was made by Percy Ayling, born in 1880 and starting work with the Thakeham Board of Guardians and Rural Sanitary Authorities in 1894. Four years later he became managing clerk for the Local Authority, then Superintendent Registrar for births, deaths and marriages. Apart from his workload, added to by being involved in local schools and managing the Storrington Gas Company, he held many honorary appointments, and wrote stories and poems. Percy Ayling was publicly recognised for his 50 years of service to the Council as Clerk. He was also a cricketer for over 30 years, playing regularly. He is well worth a "Reflections" all to himself, but a few news cuttings from his collection are more relevant here.

In 1889, newspapers were concerned with news of the war in South Africa, as Mr Hammond had noted in his diary.

1899.7.12: War Fund – On Wednesday week Captain Austin and Mr J Vincent Elsdon gave a most successful lantern lecture in aid of the Transvaal War Fund. The lecture and entertainment raised £21.5s.3d.

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In the New Year, Lord Zouche (of Parham) and Captain Campion were at The White Horse to enrol volunteers, attended by the Steyning Town Band and a detachment of the Steyning Volunteer Company ... Mr Ernest Hammond, a member of the old Storrington Corps, has given the use of the market room for drills, etc.

The new century was marked by the appointment of a new School Board after the order from the Education Department "... under section 12(2) of the Elementary Education Act 1870 ... their Lordships being satisfied that the elementary school called The Storrington Parochial School ... will no longer be maintained by the managers and that the said school is discontinued, the amount of public school for such district will be insufficient, resolve, that it is expedient for a school board to be formed for this district, and for this purpose, order that a requisition be sent to the Clerk of Thakeham Union requiring him to take proceedings for holding the election of a school board ... the number of members of the schoolboard for Storrington shall be five." The newly-elected board held their first meeting at Captain Austin's house, where Capt. WF Austin, Messrs Joseph Blackmore, Edwin Hammond, John Joyes and Edward Parlett elected Capt Austin as Chairman and E Hammond as Vice-Chairman. Mr Arthur Mant was proposed as Clerk at a salary of £20. Mr Edward Tucker of the Storrington Branch of the Capital and Counties Bank was appointed Treasurer. Mr Mant offered his office for the monthly meetings. It was noted that the income had averaged £248.1s.6d. for staff only. It was estimated that £387.10s.0d. would be needed in the future. The Government Inspector visited annually and, by pleading poverty, they [the managers] had been able to get out of doing a large amount of repairs, but it was felt that the Inspector would not be quite as merciful to the new Board. At present there were four pupil teachers and new indentures would be needed to be entered into for them. The salary for Mr and Mrs Caldwell would be reduced to £140 per annum and the Infant Mistress would stay the same at £15 per annum. The Trustees were willing to lease the Master's house for a nominal 1s. per annum for 21 years and also the school house to the Master himself ... Mr and Mrs Caldwell were appointed Headmaster and Headmistress with Miss Burnell as Infant Teacher. The takeover date for the board to run the school was May 1st."

The South African war was still very much in the news.

"Private George Merritt, a reservist in the Royal Sussex Regt. Was reported killed in the charge of the regiment at Zand River. News of the relief of Ladysmith was greeted with joy in the village – houses and shops were decorated and a torchlight procession headed by the old Storrington Band with an effigy of Kruger was carried to the top of Mill Hill where it was burnt. Celebrations continued until late and guns were fired. Collections taken amounted to £6.12s.6d. and, after deductions for the cost of the procession, the remainder was given to George Merritt's widow left with two children."

The fall of Pretoria was announced in June with more celebrations and "... a holiday for the Board's schoolchildren and a cricket match between Greenfield's XI and the Storrington Cricket Club who won by 15 runs. Another match was played between Miss Daisy Mant's XI and Master Gower Hammond's team who were compelled to bat left-handed, eventually winning by an innings. Another light-hearted match was played by Miss Daisy Mant's team and Mr Frank Mant's Gentlemen, who had to bat with clubs, batting and bowling left-handed, but still winning by 47 runs. The procession for the Pretoria celebrations was an imposing costumed affair, with a seven-gun salute.

Starting from School Hill, led by mounted men with torches, it was followed by boys with Chinese lanterns, the Storrington Brass Band, an ambulance wagon, a 4' 7" naval gun, engineers, costumes, decorated cycles, another ambulance wagon, boys with torches,

nurses, stretcher, a car carrying John Bull, Uncle Sam, an effigy of Kruger, a clown's car and more boys with torches. Kruger was again burnt in The Square, the National Anthem sung and the celebrations ended with a grand firework display on Mill Hill. Oh! For a photographer to record the event.

"A Paaderberg Hero. The inhabitants of Cootham demonstrated on Monday evening on the return from the seat of war of Gunner William Lillywhite who has been invalided home. When the vehicle in which he was conveyed arrived at Bog Common Hill the horse was unharnessed and the conveyance drawn by a number of willing hands amidst strains of 'Sons of the Empire' and 'Rule Britannia'. On arriving at Grover's Farm three cheers were given for Gunner Lillywhite. In reply to a question by our representative, he stated that he was present when General Cronje surrendered at Paaderberg. On his arrival at Bloemfontein he failed with enteric fever, which necessitated his return home."

One problem which lasted over the turn of the century was the occurrence of rick fires, which were reported at the Church Meadow, Ormare [*sic*], a small rick in a meadow near the Half Moon Hotel belonging to Mr Henry [*cropped edge*]us causing some alarm to people nearby. It burned during the greater part of the day."

"A rick at Bog Common, belonging to Mr J Quinnell. People from Cootham ... rendered valuable assistance in preventing a corn rick in the adjoining field being also destroyed. The Steyning Fire Brigade sent for and arrived soon after 7pm but by this time the rick was nearly destroyed.

1899: "Headline: More rick fires. Fires are by no means uncommon in Storrington just now ... a hay rick in a meadow adjoining Chantry Lane was by some means alight ... the property of Mrs Annie Crowhurst of Chantry Mill ... no sooner had this fire been extinguished than another rick was seen to be alight about ¼ mile further up the lane. This was a straw rick which was totally destroyed."

"More fires. Just after midnight on Friday a shed belonging to Mr Henry Terry was discovered to be on fire. The shed which was situated at School Hill was only a few yards from Mr Jesse Johnson's house. On Sunday night about 10.30 the inhabitants of Storrington were again aroused by a cry of Fire! This proved to be a shed at the rear of a house occupied by Miss Walker. Yet another fire has to be recorded, this time a building in Back Lane [North Street] belonging to Messrs Greenfield & Sons and used as a stable and cart house which was destroyed on Monday night ... the damage is estimated at £150 but is covered by insurance".

1905: "Storrington keeps its unenviable reputation for rick fires. On Sunday evening last two ricks belonging to Mr R M King were destroyed at Fryern Farm (about 200yds from Fryern House) ... there have been many rick fires on the Fryern Estate during the last few years and it is peculiar that in nearly every case the fires have occurred after thrashing operations ... it is generally believed to be the work of an incendiary or incendiaries who make the thrashing operations a pretext for the cause of the outbreaks." Perhaps they were a protest against the use of machines? There seem to be no more reports of fires after this until 1911 when the Sullington windmill burnt down in a heath fire.

1900: Some Parish Councils have big ideas. At a meeting of the Storrington P.C. last, a resolution was passed requesting the County Council to provide this remote little village with extra police protection. The population has decreased by nearly 300 in the last 10 years." How impertinent of them!

And Time, that takes a survey of all the world.

Must have a stop. (*Henry IV parte 1*). Me too.

Joan Ham (Village Historian)

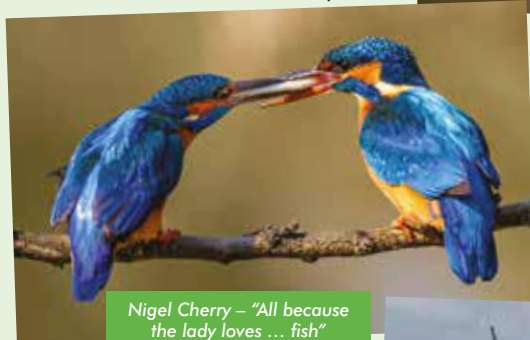
TOP SCORING COMPETITION IMAGES AND 'OFF ON SAFARI'

With the season progressing, in addition to our regular guest speakers and member evenings, we also have our competitions. The entries submitted for our first competition of the season again showed the diversity of interests and styles from our Club members. When entering images into the competitions you never know how it will be perceived by the judge from both a technical and aesthetic perspective. For our first competition, our judge Royston Williamson described how he appreciates photographers stepping away from the norm and producing images which generate a strong reaction with their audience, regardless of what that reaction might be.

As Royston reviewed the submitted images this was certainly the case, where he was impressed by the high standard and variety presented including the number of monochrome images. It was great to see that the variety included images from our newer members. As he reviewed them, he offered useful advice for further improvement, which is always helpful and welcome.

For the 'Print Images' part of the evening the scoring resulted in a tie for top marks between the four images from Nigel Cherry and Chris West. Nigel's images were of a leopard "Anticipating Lunch on the Masai Mara" and two Kingfishers sharing fish as part of their courting ritual "All because the lady loves

Nigel Cherry – "Anticipating Lunch on the Masai Mara" (Best Print)



Nigel Cherry – "All because the lady loves ... fish"

... fish". Chris's offerings were an image of racing yachts "Closely contested" and a landscape, "Early Light at St Cado". It was a close-run challenge with

Chris West – "Closely contested"



Chris West – "Early Light at St. Cado"



For the second half of the evening three 'Projected Images' were awarded the full 20 marks. These were from Jane Coward, Derek Grieve and Kevin Harwood. Jane's image had the interesting title of "Beyond the Ectoplasm", a very creative image with a menacing air about it. This photo was also selected by Royston as best of the night for this group. Kevin and Derek's were both of wildlife. Kevin's

was a rare shot of a Lappet Vulture ejecting a food pellet entitled "Inedible even for a Lappet". Derek's image "Go Away" showed an amazing image of a squabble between Gulls.

Kevin Harwood – "Inedible even for a Lappet"



Jane Coward – "Beyond the Ectoplasm" (Best Projected Image)



Derek Grieve – "Go away"

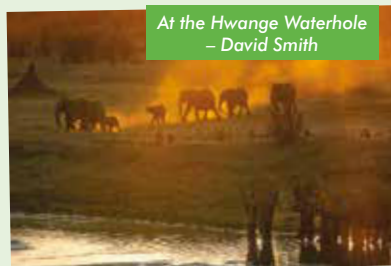


Stalking Lion – David Smith



Later in the month we were entertained by our guest speaker, David Smith. David shared his expertise and experiences with 'African Safari Photography'. Whilst big cats are his passion, he had sombre words about the decline in the populations of lions and the other African wild cats. All very sad and very urgent if the generations which follow us are to be able to see these creatures in the wild. We enjoyed many pictures - a few "aaah" images and many "red in tooth and claw" photographs from big cats - quite literally a bloody existence. The presentation included a wide-ranging variety of African wildlife. Excellent photography of these difficult subjects.

At the Hwange Waterhole – David Smith



Whilst we all would like images similar to what we see on wildlife TV programmes, these can take up to five years to film and many weeks on location. It was a very interesting evening being able to see David's photographs that are more

authentic and of a kind achievable by enthusiastic photographers on relatively affordable trips.

Kevin Harwood

Hippos – mating ritual – David Smith





STORRINGTON & DISTRICT MUSEUM

Happy New Year! Let us hope 2020 produces some positive decisions in our country and more kindly feelings than 2019.

The Museum will open after the Christmas break on **15 January**, but before that, on **6 January**, the monthly talk will be given by Gordon Stephenson about Southdown Buses.

In February, Richard Shenton, a Blue Badge Guide, will tell us about the Wey and Arun Canal.

Our talk on Monday 4 November, given by Neil Hunt, was called "On the Bottom". The picture on the advertisement for this talk showed a free-swimming diver with oxygen bottles and flippers. That definitely was not Neil Hunt. He came with a huge diving helmet weighing many pounds, 'shoes' so heavy they could hardly be lifted, and weights, a knife, and several other tools – definitely not a scuba diver's gear, but that of an old fashioned diver, the sort whose picture I remember from an encyclopaedia from the 1940s.

Neil is such an entertaining speaker, very direct and full of life and enthusiasm – qualities which would help in facing the challenges of diving – not for fun but as hard, almost terrifying work. He said the films in lovely technicolour showing divers like him were grossly misleading. The water was rarely clear, there were no giant clams but in the total darkness other obstacles were everywhere. There were no giant octopodes either, but swirling currents pulling and tugging. He had begun to think that the job he was doing was boring and was wondering if he could stand x-number of years at it when the chance to train as a diver came along, and as he said, he was "young and stupid", and he went for it! So he joined the last group of men to be trained using this type of equipment. Two men were needed to fit the diver into a suit of canvas and rubber, with built in feet, over very thick undergarments. Weights were placed around the waist and the helmet was bolted on to a built-in collar over the shoulders. This helmet had two working parts to let the air, pumped from the surface, circulate and keep him alive. Once all this was done and the face plate put in, he goes over the side and he is on his own on the bottom, but depending on the airline and the vigilance of those on the surface.

The training was done in a tank, and much of it was designed to see if you could cope in any situation. The horror of being without air deep under water, encased in armour plating, is overwhelming and some recruits gave up, finding it too difficult and demanding, but Neil was not daunted. He worked in the Port of London's George V Docks, where he managed to step on a trainershod foot – 200 lbs. did a lot of damage. In London Docks he did maintenance work on the lock gates fifty feet under water in pitch darkness with strong currents flowing. He did not dwell on the deaths he saw during his work but the fear and reality of death was always present.

He worked in the Middle East on harbour clearance and salvage work. The danger here was that you could become entangled in old rigging, which happened to him. He had the presence of mind to ditch his weights and cut himself free, but rising to the surface too quickly is also very dangerous. Neil also worked in the North Sea, laying pipelines for Shell installations. By this time he had become a Diving Superintendent with a team of fifteen men – all free spirits and difficult to handle – full of larks!

This was a super talk, full of jokes but also quite serious, from a fluent speaker who knows what he is talking about from personal experience. Neil did not sensationalise any of it but made it feel real, giving his audience a glimpse of another world – on the bottom – doing essential and dangerous work which most people know nothing about.

November saw the 10th Anniversary of the Museum's annual Pro-Am Art Show, which is always a success, but this year the weekend threw up several surprises. We've come to expect the high standard of the so-called 'amateur' painters – far from amateur in fact – and

this year two professional artists did us proud with some very big and striking canvases. There were also two 'artists in residence', bravely working under close scrutiny. The range of work produced by the artists is so varied – as well as over 200 paintings in many different mediums, there were greetings cards and gifts of exquisite needlework, hand-made toys, and even an amazing working wooden automaton. Almost the most satisfying aspect of the Show is the happy atmosphere generated by the artists when collected together. They have so much in common and obviously enjoy sharing information and experience. All helped along by the home-made pies, soup and bread and cakes that were on offer. The fact that two local groups attracted new members illustrated the welcoming atmosphere and at one point there were popping corks as bottles of bubbly were opened by one lively group celebrating sales made by a friend who was showing for the first time. Several people commented on how valuable such an occasion is for the community spirit it generated, and perhaps that is the most satisfying outcome for the Museum. The funds raised are vital to us, but so is our place in the community, and we are so grateful to the artists who so willingly supported us with such enthusiasm.

Mary Wilson

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About those resolutions...

This time last year I made some gardening resolutions. Shall I tell you how I got on? I promised to deal with the weeds that mattered and worry less about the others. Hmm...I took a more relaxed (lazy) attitude to weeding altogether and while they did take over in the veg patch, I also had the chance to enjoy some nice surprises, including tomatoes, carrots and a stunning collection of poppies.

I also swore that if I bought any plants in 2019, these would not be in black pots because they cannot be recycled. That has been easier than expected because the horticultural trade is starting to catch up with public demand by rolling out light-coloured pots. But the bad news is that we're still not able to recycle plant pots, of any colour, in West Sussex.



I vowed to do more sitting in the garden and just enjoy my surroundings. That resolution was the most successful after we bought ourselves a free-standing hammock, although technically I've been doing rather more reclining than sitting.

So what for 2020? I've been observing some trends in horticulture which I hope will continue in the coming year and my goal is to do what I can to support them.

Firstly, the rise in horticulture being used more deliberately in enhancing wellbeing, with more evidence seeming to emerge each week of its benefits for mental and physical health. I'll be looking for more ways this year to help other people get the same rewards that I've had from working with plants and in growing my own food.



Secondly, gardeners are increasingly being encouraged to be more conscious of the contribution they can make with their small patch of earth. We are often reminded that the total area of UK gardens is greater than that of all our nature reserves put together. With this in mind, I'm planning to create more opportunities for insects and birds to make our garden their home.



Enjoy your garden this year!

Cheryl Brown

ROTARY CLUB SUPPORT FOR THE STORRINGTON CHRISTMAS POP-IN LUNCH



Storrington & Pulborough District Rotary Club helped some of Storrington's senior citizens get into the Christmas spirit at their December Pop-In Lunch.

The Christmas Pop-In Lunch is the December event of the Storrington Pop-In Lunch Club which meets monthly throughout the year. The Club meets on the 1st Thursday each month in Storrington Village Hall. Members are primarily elderly members of the local community.

Some 40 guests attended the lunch this year enjoying a glass of wine and traditional Christmas lunch. Special guests were well-known local folk singers Anne Sartain and Alan Wheeler who entertained the diners and led them in singing Christmas carols.

Storrington & Pulborough District Rotary Club has sponsored and run this free community Christmas event for many years. A dedicated team of Rotary Wives provides the lunch and other Rotarians help prepare the Hall, serve the food, wash up and tidy up afterwards.

Rotarian organiser Norman Boyland said, "We were delighted to once again host this special occasion and give some of the more elderly residents of Storrington an excellent meal, a couple of hours of fellowship and some happy memories".

This year the Pop-In Lunch welcomed support from the Waitrose Community Matters grant initiative which provides help for vulnerable members of the community.

Our President Erika opened our November meeting by welcoming all members to the 2019 Annual Meeting of Sullington Windmills WI.

On show was our new library of books exclusively about Inspiring Women, which are now available every month for members to borrow. There was also an interesting exhibition of WI archives and pictures dating back many years.

While enjoying a drink of wine, we watched a PowerPoint presentation on the large screen in the Hall of our 50th birthday celebrations in October, including the inauguration of the refurbished bench in Villerest Place, Storrington.

There followed the usual business reports as well as a Delegate Report about the West Sussex Federation's AGM in Worthing. It was their Centenary Year so it was a rather special meeting with some interesting speakers.

We then got down to the business of electing a President and Committee for 2020. Our President Erika was re-elected for a further year.

While enjoying tea, we had a quiz to ponder over, which really tested our knowledge to the full.

We meet on the second Wednesday in the month at Sullington Parish Hall at 7.30pm and new members and visitors are always most welcome. Should you require further information please contact Erika Brichth on 742039 or visit our web site at www.sullingtonwindmills.org.

Patricia Beard



1ST STORRINGTON RAINBOWS

The Rainbows love making things. The meetings leading up to Christmas are a perfect opportunity for them to make gifts, together with decorations for the tree at home. This year we made reindeer heads from a soap and flannel, trimmed with googly eyes and pipe cleaner antlers; a perfect home-made present to give to mummy or grandma.

We always finish the term with a Christmas party. Rainbows were asked to choose what food they'd like, and it is pleasing to know that most of their choices were for something healthy. Pass the parcel and musical chairs are always favourite party games, and we make sure that everyone goes home with a prize.

We said goodbye to four girls that are moving on to Brownies in January, and four new girls will be starting Rainbows. We wish them all well.

Joan Parkes and Gina Stainer

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SANDGATE CONSERVATION SOCIETY

Into the New Year with gusto and a host of resolutions! Sure, that sounds a bit heavy but should a bit of exercise be required you couldn't go wrong by joining one of our work parties, where you work at your own pace with like-minded colleagues on a varied program of conservation work; so go on, you just know it will do you good.

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 11 January** from 9.30am till 12 midday and in Sandgate Park on **Saturday 25 January** from 10am till 12 midday

The next presentation at the Sullington Parish Hall will be held in February, more details next month.

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

Brian Burns

WEATHER WATCH

Wellingtons and waterproofs this month

The results of a warm 2018, some bursts of genuine warmth this 2019 summer and visitations by ex-tropical storms and ex-hurricanes have given a burst of adrenaline to our weather systems of late and certainly provided a very wet autumn.

I have recorded 428mm of rain and this is about 50% above par for the season. It was the wettest November since 2009 for many and the rainiest autumn since 2000. Storms such as Humberto, Pablo and Sebastian have pumped some subtropical air full of moisture into our airstreams and as the air comes in from the south west and rises over the Downs it yields lots of rain. At first, this autumn the ground was able to accommodate the rain as the year up to then had overall been on the dry side. Even in mid-November a local farmer said to me the fields were still draining well, but by the end of November, after 55mm of rain in the last week, the ground was absolutely saturated. A good example was the flood plain of the Arun at Pulborough Brooks. I enjoyed a dry walk over it in September but on 28 November there were vast sheets of water as my picture shows and a boat would have been the best mode of transport. The outflow from Chantry Mere plunging down the waterfall was a surging, cascade of water that could be heard for quite a way down the lane.

The air pressure was very low for much of the month at 1000hPa (29.53 inches) about 13hPa below the average and during the past 40 years or so only November 2000 had a lower mean.



Low pressure is often associated with wet, unsettled weather conditions and this was certainly the case on Saturday 2 November. A very deep low pressure system crossed

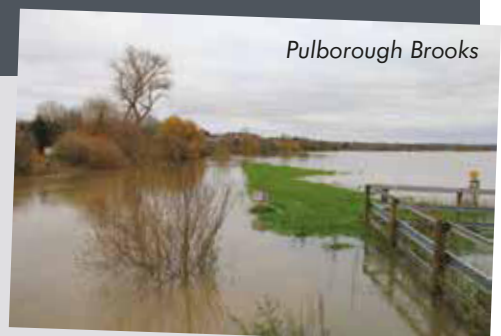
England and winds were particularly strong across southern England. It was a very depressing day with driving rain, poor visibility, dark gloomy skies and the wind reaching 50mph for many. On the coast between Shoreham and Worthing, it reached 70mph, with 106mph recorded at the Needles, Isle of Wight.

But perhaps we should be positive about the frequent downpours as rain at this time of year with little evaporation means that it slowly sinks into the ground and provides the moisture to sustain the rivers, lakes and the ground water which we need for our water supplies. Also, in summer heat, vast amounts of water are needed by many trees and shrubs and they will extract the moisture stored from autumn and winter. It is summed up by the old saying, "From Martinmas to Yule, water's wine in every pool".

November did not have any really cold days though the wind turned to the north on the last day or so with an air frost on the last day that whitened the fields and gardens, and it certainly felt that winter was just round the corner. Taken as a whole, it was virtually average temperature-wise but it was no surprise that sunshine was rather lacking and down by around 35% cent over much of Sussex.

I wish all readers an enjoyable and healthy weather watching 2020.

Ian Currie, Weatherman and editor of Weather Eye magazine



NEW YEAR REVOLUTIONS

Forget about New Year Resolutions
– we need a Revolution!

The planet is seriously ill; its temperature is rising fast.



What would you do with a sick patient or child? Besides getting sad and worried, you would nevertheless take action. You would prioritise your life-style to focus and cope with this emergency, and you would seek help from the scientific professionals. Why are we NOT doing this for our beautiful blue planet Earth? Why is complacency so rife in our society and even more so in the people leading our country?

The Earth has been in equilibrium, with a steady ebb and flow of carbon dioxide (CO₂) gas in the atmosphere hovering between about 200 and 280 parts per million (ppm). This has been so since the beginning of mankind. But with the coming of the industrial revolution we started burning fossil fuels and, unknowingly at first, tampered with the control systems. We are impacting the Earth's well-being to something altogether unplanned for. The concentration of CO₂ in the Earth's atmosphere is now beyond 400ppm, a level last reached over 3.5 million years ago when the Earth was much wetter and warmer and the seas much higher.

When scientists started realising this nearly 50 years ago, humanity had experienced the material benefits that the burning of fossil fuels afforded us. The corporates and greedy money-hungry exploiters were not going to miss out on that sweet taste of massive, often personal, rewards, regardless of the cost to the planet and to life on earth. We had already become addicted to that step-change in energy and power. Hence, we buried our heads in the sand, the truth was too inconvenient to face and we carried on adding CO₂ equivalents to the atmosphere. These greenhouse gases form a warming blanket around us; we felt nicely snug and enjoyed our cosy life-styles.

Those in power skewed the science and deliberately caused confusion, just like the tobacco industry all those years ago. The population at large therefore remained naïve. Some shouted loudly to change our ways, but the noise of the industrial revolution pounded on relentlessly. This was seen as 'progress, economic growth and well-being'! It took a 15-year old girl, Greta Thunberg, and also David Attenborough, George Monbiot and Extinction Rebellion, to awaken us from our slumber. All those and other world forces funnelled through in 2019 and created a pressure wave large enough to focus minds. Now at last the media appears to be starting to listen. And the nation is slowly slowly becoming alerted to the climate and ecological crisis.

This has been nothing short of a revolution!

But now Government must deliver. The nation chose its current leadership at the end of last year. We need a true commitment to our environment like never before. The next 5-year term will dictate the survival of our human race, whether you like it or not. Currently though, we are still on a scary trajectory for fever pitch temperatures with dire global consequences. A fresh new year has dawned, it's a new day - it's a new life! If you're at a loss of what to do next, or just want to know more, come along to the Extinction Rebellion Arun Valley climate café's. We are here to discuss the climate and ecological emergency. Let's get invigorated by what CAN be done as a rural village community in Storrington and surrounds to regenerate a society with collaborative values in a mission to tackle this crisis.

Information available from xrarunvalley@protonmail.com or ring Viviane Doussy on 741446 or Claudia Fisher on 07970 813248

Happy New Year!



STORRINGTON CONSERVATION SOCIETY

It is good to know during the election campaigns that it was not only the Green Party promising to take action in the face of Climate Change. We have an opportunity to note the environmental commitments of all parties and to hold them to account. It can't all be left to the politicians, as each one of us has to play our part. Regrettably we have become a wasteful, throw-away society. We all use many forms of energy, transport, water, food, clothing. We can save money by better use of these items. Take energy: where possible we can use high efficiency bulbs and appliances. Is it always necessary to use the car? Can our water consumption be reduced? How much food do we throw away? Are our clothes able to be repaired? What else can be recycled? Just a few ideas worth thinking about. There are many more. The production of all the items mentioned contributes to our carbon footprint, especially where imported goods are flown in. Conservation isn't just caring for, or protecting, our local area, however important that may be. It is also caring for the health of the global environment on which our local area depends.

The work party on 21 November was at Foxmead Court clearing and tidying up in and around the pond. Our work party was at Fryern Dell on 7 December, clearing self-seeded trees around the pond.

The work party on **4 January** at 10 am gives the opportunity to overcome some of the Christmas excess by continuing the restoration of the Lower Dell. All are invited to make a New Year resolution to join us.

Greetings to all conservationists, and an environmentally rewarding 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.

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.

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Our guest demonstrator in November was Lucinder Knapman, who is a florist and medal winner at the Chelsea Flower Show. Her theme of 'Home for Christmas' gave us all food for thought for our own arrangements over the Christmas period.

Her first display was for the front door. If, like Lucinder, you have a window in the door, holly wreaths can be a problem. The result was a silvered, rectangular frame made from interwoven twigs. To this Lucinder had attached a small container for the arrangement of blue spruce, pittosporum and asparagus fern. Long stems of pussy willow swept around the frame complemented by a beautiful white cymbidium orchid.

A Christmas Eve box was the center piece for the next arrangement, with a basis of cupressus, pittosporum and bay leaves; to this gold sprayed twisted willow was added and red dyed oak leaves bringing depth and colour to the display. Lucinder then added bronze spider chrysanthemums, vibrant orange roses and spray roses that had orange petals tinged with bronze. Lastly, to soften the look, she added a little panicum fountain grass.



The next arrangement was created in a container shaped as a black hat box. It was a deep container that allowed Lucinder to use deep red amaryllis, a very popular flower at this time of year. These were interspersed with pussy willow stems, and around the base of the design she added a small amount of willow hebe and little tufts of black organza to which she added a splash of red glitter. This was a simple but very effective design that would last for most of Christmas.



Celebration was the theme for the next display, arranged in an oversized martini glass filled with iridescent tinsel. The arrangement was a traditional triangular shape with height made from pussy willow stems and the base from fatsia leaves and fern with a little lime green cupressus. Vivid cerise pink spray carnations and roses along with bright pink gerbera made a fantastic bright and cheerful design. The last flower to be added was a brand new anthurium with a pink centre and lime green around the edge. Everyone agreed it was

beautiful addition the the anthurium range.

Chocolate Father Christmas and his reindeer took centre stage in the next design. You can't have Christmas without holly and this arrangement had an attractive holly called blue prince which had soft leaves with no prickly edges. This was used along with cupressus, silver birch twigs and holly berries. Deep red 'naomi' roses also spray bronze and red roses were added with a little burgundy skimmia. To complete the winter wonderland pine cones,

cinnamon sticks, dried apple and walnuts were added. This was a very attractive display for Christmas.

Last but no means least was a magnificent mantelpiece arrangement. The base was made up of blue spruce, pittosporum and eucalyptus, all given a slight frosty appearance with iridescent glitter, then added to this was white hydrangea broken into small florets. The main flowers were creamy white 'avalanche' roses and white lisianthus; small pieces of frosted asparagus fern and amber nut flowers were included last. To complement the display, Lucinder added a smaller display she had made earlier. The overall effect was amazing and would grace any home at Christmas.



We meet again on **22 January** when Robin White will be our demonstrator. Robin has recently been awarded 'Designer of the year 2019' so we are all looking forward to a very entertaining afternoon. Guests are also very welcome to join us for a very pleasant afternoon and a chance to win one of the beautiful arrangements created for us.

Helen Jenkins




**Storrington & Pulborough District Rotary
and Chanctonbury Lions Clubs**

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CRICKET IN STORRINGTON



Annual General Meeting and Curry Night

Two separate events!

The Club's AGM was held on Wednesday 13 November when the following positions were voted on, with many of the existing officials being re-elected:

Chairman: Steve Watkins
Vice Chairman & Cygnets Manager: Martin Fisher
Treasurer: Jude Houghton
Secretary: Steve Porter
Welfare Officer: Malcolm Flitt
Cygnets Representative: James Harrington
Ground Representative: Colin Harrison
1st XI Captain: Ian Homewood
Vice Captain: Steven Livermore

Earlier in the month the Cygnets committee organised a repeat of last year's successful Curry Night which was again well-supported by youngsters and adults alike, despite atrocious weather and widespread flooding on the day. After the curries and desserts, everyone's 'little grey cells' were challenged by a series of quizzes prepared by Sam Robertson's father. A good time was had by all, and Club funds also received a useful boost.

Chris Winter

STORRINGTON COMMUNITY MARKET

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

Starts again on 10 January

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.



Note from the editor....



Well, we can now relax after all the hectic, but joyful, Christmas period, and I truly hope you had time to share this wonderful time of year with those who are dear to you.

Although January can be a cold month, often bringing snow and ice, we need to share warmth, comfort and friendship with others. At this time, and in fact at all times, we should think about our neighbours, near and far, who may be alone or just needing a little help, which may be a chat over a cuppa and cake, giving a hand with shopping or a lift to an appointment. Sharing friendship and caring is the best New Year's gift you can give to anyone.

If every person who reads this magazine shares a little love with one person, that would make 800 + people very happy.

So give some time and show a little love – it will make you feel good too. The small gift you give will come back to you 10 fold.

May God's blessings be upon you and your loved ones for 2020.

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