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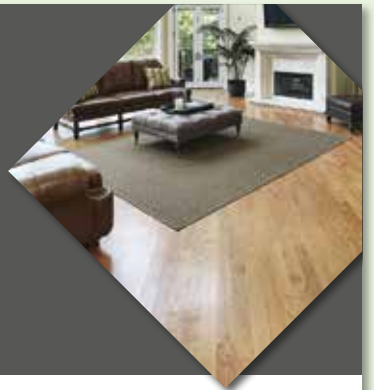
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SULLINGTON AND THAKEHAM WITH WARMINGHURST

Priest-in-Charge	Revd Sara-Jane Stevens, (01798 813121) The Rectory, The Street, Thakeham RH20 3EP office.stwparishes@btinternet.com
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Information about study and prayer groups, and requests for baptisms, weddings and home communions, for Storrington contact Revd Canon Kathryn Windslow and for Sullington and Thakeham contact Revd Sara-Jane Stevens.

All telephone numbers are 01903 unless otherwise stated.



The word 'Lent' comes from a Middle English word meaning the lengthening of the hours, in other words, spring. So, maybe Lent is a time to get a spring back in your step.

Well, that sounds much too jolly for Christians, who are supposed to be gloomy, indulge in sackcloth and ashes and generally feel bad about ourselves. Isn't that what Lent, as the season of 'fasting and penitence', means?

We 'do' Lent over 40 working days because Jesus withdrew to the desert for 40 days to consider his call from God after being baptised by the Holy Spirit, a call which ultimately leads to the cross and Resurrection. So, in one way or another, Lent is a stepping aside from 'normal' life and focussing on what it could mean to follow Christ.

For many, a Lent resolution is simply to give up eating something you really like eating (could I possibly be thinking of dark chocolate?). This is not to be mocked; it is an act of fasting. Apart from the fact that for some of us this resolution is difficult to keep, it is also an act of self-control, often combined with giving the money saved to a good cause.

Others want to go further, and because the most precious commodity these days seems to be TIME, they choose to commit more time to God, to pray a little longer each day or in a more structured way, maybe using Bible reading notes, or to learn more about the basics of Christian faith, such as a Lent course, or to make more time available to serve others.

Some feel Lent is the best season really to withdraw, to spend time on retreat somewhere. Only thus can they truly fast and truly be penitent, reflecting on Jesus' death on the Cross, to ponder the extraordinary thought that somehow what Jesus did he did for me, to help ME to get re-united with God, sins and all.

Chemin Neuf are holding a 5-day retreat at The Priory from 2-6 March with around 15 people booked as I write. And if a retreat, much of it in silence, sounds over-keen, Chemin Neuf is also running a Quiet Day at The Priory on 18 March. One group of 22 people from Cockfosters parish in North London is even spending 10 days in the Holy Land on a pilgrimage this March.

Whatever you do, from giving up chocs to going to the Holy Land, what matters is that it helps you get closer to God. And getting closer to God should fill you with more peace, more love, more joy, because our Father in heaven is a God of love, not condemnation.

He sent His Son to free us from all that locks us into cycles of fear, guilt or anxiety, to carry it for us on his own shoulders.

Lent IS a time to ask the Holy Spirit to put a new spring in our step.

Just remember to pray for those who live with someone who has resolved to give up...chocolate!

With love and prayer,

CHARLES HADLEY

Assistant Priest, St Mary's, Storrington

PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

Blessed are you, Creator and giver of peace.

Peace be upon us,

Peace be upon this place,

Peace be upon this day.

The deep, deep peace of God which the world cannot give,

Be upon us and remain with us always.

from *The Open Gate*

Celtic Prayer for Growing Spirituality

by David Adam



Christians in Storrington Monthly Inter-Church Prayer Meetings Everyone welcome

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

Tuesday 3 March – Church of England will lead

Tuesday 7 April – Trinity Methodist Church will lead

One in faith and love and praise

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What's happening at

St Mary's Thakeham



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

FSW Christmas Quiz 2019



RESULTS

Sandy and Peter Clark & family (Thakeham) – **89**.
Revd Stuart & Chrystalle Kersley (Storrington) – **87**.
Andrew & Sheila Boulton (Storrington) – **81**.
Andrea Carlson Hedges (West Chiltington) – **79**.
Gil and Keith Quince – **77**.
Revd Charles & Felicity Hadley – **76**.
Jeannie Bell – **76**.
David & Carol Peacock – **76**.

Thank you to everyone who took part in the quiz on behalf of those helped locally by FSW.

Only Stuart and Chrystalle solved the FOOD 4 THOUGHT question 11.

Question: Sounds like 2 x H between 2Z!!
Answer: Haggis

NB. A variety of better answers than mine were accepted, and every question got an answer!

Harold Linfield

Knit and Stitch Tea on Tuesday



Come along, meet with friends and catch up over your favourite stitch-craft project.

Thakeham Church Rooms
17 March 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.



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

DONATION TO CRISIS AT CHRISTMAS

Due to the success of the joint parishes Christmas Lunch, when members of both St Mary's Thakeham and St Mary's Sullington along with family and friends enjoyed a delicious Christmas lunch, it was possible to donate almost £1000 to Crisis at Christmas. The event is to be repeated during December 2020, watch this space later in the year for further information.

Church in the Pub

1st Monday of the month

The White Lion Pub, Thakeham 8.30pm

The idea is for us to meet together to drink and talk.

It won't be 'church' as such, but then that all depends on how you view church! What it won't be is creeds, hymns, stand up, sit down, say a prayer etc. but rather a gathering of people meeting and sharing together.

There won't be any fixed agenda, we'll just see how it develops - the aim is just to meet, chat, be real and have a bit of fun - with maybe a few 'god gems' thrown in!

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

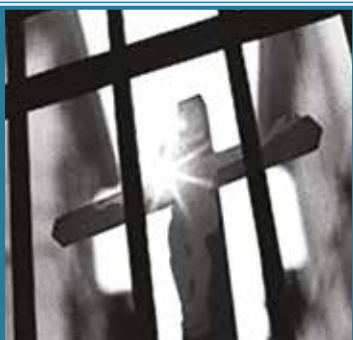
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**Communion with the residents
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BCP Holy Communion in the Chapel at Sussexdown
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For more details phone Kay Channon on 892461

SPRING AND SUMMER TRADITIONAL EVENSONGS AT SULLINGTON



**On the first Sunday of each month at 6pm for six
months starting on 4 April and ending on 4 October.**

The services will be led by Harold Linfield and David Whitehead.
This year's theme will be 'Life behind Bars', and we will explore
the stories and the influence of some famous Christian prisoners.

Tea with the Vicar

**THERE IS NO TEA WITH
THE VICAR IN MARCH**

**The next is on Thursday 2 April – 3pm to 5pm
at Kay Channon's, 1 Oak Cottage, Rock Road,
Washington.**



Parishes Prayer Meeting

10.30am every Saturday in Thakeham Church Rooms

40 mins of prayer and reflection led by a variety of people
from both parishes. All welcome

Informal morning prayer

10.30am – 11am, every Monday, Thakeham Church, and
every Wednesday, Sullington Church. All welcome

Ministry Team Prayer Meeting

7.30pm on 1st Tuesday of each month at The Rectory

45 mins of prayer and discussion for all those who lead or
supervise in the parishes

Please let Revd Sara-Jane know if you are coming:
01798 813121 or office.stwparishes@btinternet.com

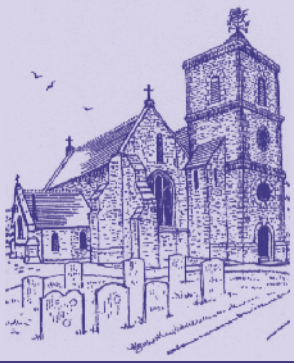
Would you like to deepen your prayer life?

Can you commit one hour a day for 6 days to do this?

From Sunday 15 to Saturday 21 March, during Lent, nine
trained and DBS checked Prayer Companions will be joining us
in the parishes for a 'Week of Accompanied Prayer'

You can book to meet with a Companion each day for 30mins,
at a time and a place convenient to you. There is no fee for
this, but donations towards their mileage expenses would be
appreciated.

Can you offer any Companions B&B at your home? Look out
for forms in Church.



What's happening at St Mary's Storrington

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

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Revd Jaquie Peal (743083)

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Sacristy Team

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

Captain of Bellringers

John Taylor (745477)

Parish Visiting Scheme

Stuart Lee (743661)

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Electoral Roll Officer

Val Rice (918958)

Director of Music

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Ian Miles, Chrystalle Kersley
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Simon Whitchurch

Readers and Sidesmen

Vera Blake (743974)

Church Flowers

Anna Forster (745392)

Child Protection Officer

Jackie Lee (743661)

Bible Reading Fellowship

Amanda Hislop (743700)

Bible Society

Jean Hunt (01798 813681)

Christian Aid Co-ordinator

Anna Forster (745392)

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Church Services see page 18.

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

Altar Servers: Revd Jaquie Peal (743083)

Bellringers: Fridays, 7.45pm - 9.30pm.

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

Church Cleaning: Jeannie Watten (742542)

Church & Churchyard Maintenance: Ray Hunt (01798 813681)

Mothers' Union: Jean Hunt (01798 813681)

Bible Study / Home Groups:

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

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

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

MOTHERING SUNDAY – 22 March

Families are especially invited to the **Mothering Sunday Family Service** on **Sunday 22 March at 10 am.**

CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

The Church Electoral Roll is a list of baptized people who consider themselves to be supporters of a particular parish church; at this time of year we aim to bring it up to date. If you are not yet on the Roll and would like to be, please find the appropriate form at the back of Church or at the Rectory Office, returning it to Val Rice (Electoral Roll Officer) or Storrington Rectory Office (details above).

CHURCHES IN STORRINGTON LENT COURSE

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Continues on **Mondays** at 7pm with light refreshments in the Priory Hall.

There will be a talk and discussion groups as well as a distributed 'Thought for the Day' for each week. Aim to finish by 9pm.

More information from Charles and Felicity Hadley on 740787 or email charles.felicity@gmail.com.

STORRINGTON REGISTERS

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

16 Jan Ralph Lancaster Richards (94 years)

21 Jan Joan Mary Connell (97 years)

27 Jan Janice Lesley Stabler (74 years)

6 Feb Julian Robert Geary (71 years)

Interment of ashes only:

18 Jan Basil Thomas Ticehurst (80 years)

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

Tessa & Mark Holland.

Email: wildfortune@btinternet.com.

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THE WILD FORTUNE QUIET GARDEN

Everything is for a season

In May 2019 it was our 20th anniversary of being an affiliated Quiet Garden. Through all the joys and sorrows that life brings, we continue to be deeply thankful to be part of this very gentle, vital and often hidden ministry of prayer and welcome. The quiet vibrancy of 'God's big book' of creation has taught us so much, as has the presence and friendship of fellow pilgrims who have joined us over the years in response to the invitation of Jesus to "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest".

Everything is for a season and we are living with a new challenge and the opportunity it presents. In the last few months, planning approval has been granted for three separate building projects by neighbours either side of us. As a result, in a spirit of thankfulness for all that has been and looking ahead to what might be, we have decided to close the Wild Fortune Quiet Garden. Our final quiet morning will be in March.

In the meantime, we continue to wholeheartedly commend and support the Quiet Garden movement. Contact details for other Quiet Gardens in Sussex and further afield can be found on the website or by phone. If you are looking for quiet prayerful space, or feel called to offer your home and garden as a Quiet Garden, do be in touch directly with the Quiet Garden office. This is a beautiful Christ-centred ministry which is a joy both in the offering and receiving.

O Lord Jesus,
true gardener,
work in us what you want of us.
For you are indeed the true gardener,
at once, the maker and tiller
and keeper of your garden;
you who plant with the word,
water with the spirit
and give your increase
with your power.

Cistercian Guerric of Igny, 12th Century

Tessa & Mark Holland

The Quiet Garden Movement, tel 01494 578909, www.quietgarden.org.

**CHRISTINGLE
AT ST MARY'S
CHURCH,
STORRINGTON**



The total collected for the Children's Society in 2019 by St Mary's Church, Storrington, was £1,719.12.



St. Mary's, Storrington,
Children's Society representatives
preparing the Christingles

The box opening total was £1,216.77 and the collection taken at the Christingle Service on Christmas Eve was £503.15. On behalf of the Children's Society, we would like to thank everyone who gave so generously. Our thanks also go to Sainsbury's at Pulborough for their generous support, and to the wonderful helpers who prepared the Christingles.

The Christingle service was attended by many children and young families; the Church was full and our thanks to the Revd Rupert Toovey and Jackie Lee for organizing the Nativity Presentation.

If anyone would like a Children's Society box for their small change please contact us. We will be delighted to supply boxes.

Alun and Pat Jenkins (744927)



**THAKEHAM,
SULLINGTON
& STORRINGTON
CHURCHES**

Lent lunches will continue on **Wednesdays at 12.45pm** until Wednesday 1 April. The venue is the Church Rooms at Thakeham.

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

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

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

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Inter-Church Service for Storrington Area

Friday 6 March @ 2pm

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Members were deeply saddened to hear of the death of our member June Knowles. June joined Mothers' Union as a young Mum well over 50 years ago. Despite health issues, June was a regular attendee at meetings and gave her support to events whenever possible. Right up until November she provided the tea and biscuits for our meetings even if she was unable to be there herself. She gave staunch service to MU and the church, and will be greatly missed by us all. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to all June's family.

It was our AGM on 6 February at which Branch Leader, Sally Boyland, reported on the activities for the past year, and thanked members and Committee for their support. The Treasurer presented the Accounts happily reporting that our financial situation is healthy. The business part of the meeting being completed, we all enjoyed a quiz set by Sonia Fox to 'Name that Plant'. Sonia took 28 beautiful photos of wildflowers, which look very different in close-up, for us to identify. Even though we had trouble coming up with all the names, they were a joy to behold, and the winner was Stella Hastings.

On **5 March** there will be a Lent Lunch in West Chiltington Church Hall at 12 noon with our Meeting following on at 2pm. Visitors are very welcome to partake of lunch and stay for the Meeting when our MU Speaker, Scilla Page, will be telling us of the Moses Baskets her Branch provides for new-born babies.

Jean Hunt

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LETTER FROM THE BISHOP OF CHICHESTER



I was recently asked by a reporter whether in the diocese of Chichester Ash Wednesday has become more popular, like Christmas is.

My own experience of offering 'ashes to go' outside Brighton station was very informative. Generally, people on their way to work were not very interested and sometimes hostile. People with a bit of Christian formation and experience were more pleased to see us. I

sensed that for some of them, this was an invitation to re-connect with the season of Lent and the renewal of their faith. For others, it was encouraging, giving permission for the hidden, private practice of their faith to be affirmed by someone else in public.

The message of Lent is cheering and simple: God loves you and the Church is starting preparations to celebrate that fact at Easter.

But this year, in particular, the ashes with which we began this season of Lent offered a serious statement of protest. As destructive fires raged in Australia, ash was everywhere. Our ashes were identification with all who are the victim of climate change and environmental damage. But perhaps more importantly, ash was an even clearer symbol of the Christian call to repentance, a radical change of heart.

Extinction protests have certainly become more popular. But we might have more yet to do to make the Lenten discipline of repentance more popular within the Church, in order to become a catalyst for repentance in society and global change.

My hope and prayer is that we might emerge from this Lent with a greater sense of reverence for the earth and all its inhabitants. The celebration of Easter will then be marked by a different, freer, lighter way of living, rather than a return to damaging habits we had tried to give up for the time being.

+Martin

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EXTRACTS FROM CANON PALMER'S DIARY – MARCH 1898

Tue 1: Very wild, stormy and wet from NW. 39 degrees. Sam and Bolton in garden making hot bed for seeds. Planting early puritan. Board of Guardians not very long. Patrick dined, had expected Graham but he gouty. Hal changes his lodgings.

Wed 2: Stormy and some showers. 38 degrees. A little gardening, potting etc. In evening to Threales, my gathering very thin, a strong rein being *mal a propos*. May to Petworth.

Thu 3: Cold, fine till afternoon when sleet storms. Took Cicely to Southampton, stayed at SW Hotel.

Fri 4: Fine but very cold wind from North West. 37 degrees. Cicely XIX! Saw Cicely off on the 'Nile' at 12.30pm. I returned home by 7pm.

Sat 5: Fine but cold. 35 degrees. A bit of winter on us: streaks of snow about, ground raw and 'gammy', air cold. Called on Graham, gouty. New people Lelliot via Cosham.

Sun 6: Lent II. Snow in morning then cleared. 35 degrees. In spite of weather a fair congregation. 9 to Holy Communion. Preached on "walking with God" Gen XVIII. Catechising mid-afternoon 14 on Thy will be done; our evening congregation quite large. Preached n Romans XV 13. Three fold blessing. Dear Cicely on the high seas today!

Mon 7: Fine, bright, frosty. 37 degrees. Rode to Allens. He read a good and clear paper on Arch's career expressing no opinions: this was a largish meeting, Fallows, Moor, Springett rather good Arch and Crick, Barwell and self-continuing sympathy with the labouring man in his needs expressed fully: but few now exist. Nappier (at 80) walked from Wiston!

Tue 8: Very dull and cold, some sleet. 38 degrees. School 29/29. Did not leave the grounds: superintended putting up a chicken run. Nile at Vigo yesterday at 7am.

Wed 9: Much as yesterday. 40 degrees. Nile at Lisbon yesterday DG. Dining and kitchen completely turned out. In to Brighton to Schools Association, an unexpectedly harmonious meeting: 3 teachers to be co-opted. To Cobden for a service ended in a fruitless journey.

Thu 10: Fine, bright, air cold. 37 degrees. School 26/29. Sowing parsnips and onions. Meal in Library, general confusion. Mrs Austin reports favourably of Harold. Queen goes abroad.

Fri 11: As yesterday. 38 degrees. Potato planting geranium potting. Walked and called with May on cottagers. Hear poor account of Cunliffe. Received letters from Cicely at Lisbon.

Sat 12: Dull, still, chill. 36 degrees. Gardened in morning. In afternoon called at the Wantleys. Old Pickford takes my advice, and sends his case to the Archdeacon.

Sun 13: Lent III. Fine, bright. 43 degrees. A long descriptive letter from Cicely. Had a fair morning congregation, but a very moderate afternoon congregation. Preached on the Thinking of God working in creation and redemption. Ecclesiastes VII and on The body a temple.

Mon 14: Dull, some rain. 42 degrees. A crazy letter to May from a man at Storrington was received by the 2nd post. He attends this Church. Mrs Caldicot and sister came to tea.

Tue 15: Milder, fine, bright. 45 degrees. Board of Gaurdians, a debate over the re-appointment of Statham as surveyor. Winterton, Lambert and his tutor, Rees, spent the day from Eastbourne. He seems much improved in all ways.

Wed 16: Dull, mild. 47 degrees. School 27/28. Clara went to Horsham to a meeting of the Girls' Friendly, addressed by Jones of Petworth. I went to Preach at Storrington and we supped with EP.

Thu 17: Much as yesterday. 50 degrees. School 26/28. Gardening, potting off geraniums, pruning the small orchard etc. May goes to

Town with Amphletts. Have an evening service at Roundabouts well attended.

Fri 18: Fine, bright. 49 degrees. To County Council first meeting of new committee. Tedious Alderman choosing: then a long discussion about the Green Lane. Home with Zouche. Clara cook hunting and with Mrs King to Bignor and Burton about registration of the mid-wives. May to point-to-point at Warminghurst. I teaed Miss Watson and Miss Stewart.

Sat 19: Fine, warm, a little rain at night. 47 degrees. Drove Clara to Watersfield after a cook but did not like the look of a tawdry young female in a green bodice and with drab spats, nor did she approve of our place.

Sun 20: Lent IV. Fine, bright, dry. 39 degrees. A fair morning poor afternoon congregations. Only 4 at Holy Communion. Preached in morning on The "Soul Thirst", and in afternoon on The famine was sore; some reflections on our plenty on the sequence of events good from evil and the three kinds of nutriment needed for our constitution.

Mon 21: Sharp and white frost, as yesterday. 39 degrees. Took a little cycle exercise. Pruned orchard trees. Settled with Mant about my income tax which had hung fire a long while. Teaed at Sandgate.

Tue 22: As yesterday, another white frost. 42 degrees. School 26/28. Rode to Warminghurst and Ashington enquiring after Harry March with a broken arm. Graham comes up with a story of a disrespect to him on the part of the master of the workhouse. Paid my income tax.

Wed 23: Stormy, thunder, cold rain. 37 degrees. Some seed sowing. May coached me on the 'Wheel', caught in a thunder storm. To Amberley in evening for a sermon: a very tidy congregation. Finish pruning the small orchard and now begin digging among the comfrey.

Thu 24: Rough and bitterly cold with storms of sleet. 35 degrees. A winters day. Visited in the parish. Digging about and dunging my small orchard and netting peaches and apricots.

Fri 25: Very wild, SNOW and sleet all day. 37 degrees. Winter again. Only moved out in the evening for practising to which no-one but our own household. Library swept and polished: beat carpets in barn. Heartily called and lugubriously recounts his police experience.

Sat 26: Dull and stormy sleet showers in afternoon. 36 degrees. Have not received one answer to an advert for a cook. Mary Rose Miles comes to us to ask to hear her bans put up. Long and graphic account of Cicleys doings.

Sun 27: Lent V. Dull, drifty from north. 39 degrees. Fair congregations considering the weather. My sermons were on "Seek ye the Lord while He may be found" and on the parable of the Hidden Treasure suggested by an account of a discovery of coins.

Mon 28: Dull and chill. 39 degrees. In afternoon to Clapham, calling; teaed with Mr Williams, May 'hares' a bicycle paper chase.

Tue 29: Fine, milder. 41 degrees. Cutting box edgings and dragging and harrowing the field. Board of Guardians. Parsons receives his dismissal from the LGB. Graham complains of the master but does not get much change out of us. Walked to Rock and had tea.

Wed 30: Fine. 42 degrees. Minute Vestry meeting, a triumvirate, accounts showed a small balance in hand! May to a choral practice at Petworth on the bicycle. My last service at Threales thinly attended, passed four empty houses on my way.

Thu 31: Fine, bright. 40 degrees. School 26/28. Letter from WBC at Alasio. Gardened, much digging up the whole of the rose bower. Gerald Vesey sent me a bonnie parcel of chrysanthemums. We loose a fair cook and a very useless groom in Mr and Mrs Brewster.

Simnel Cake

for Mothering Sunday / Easter

This traditional Easter fruit cake is topped with 11 spheres of homemade marzipan, representing all the Apostles, minus Judas. Decorate with a wide yellow ribbon.

Ingredients

For the cake

225g / 8oz butter

4 eggs

225g / 8oz light Muscavado sugar

225g / 8oz sultanas

225g / 8oz self-raising flour

225g / 8oz currants

113g / 4oz glacé cherries (halved and floured to prevent sinking to bottom of cake)

60g / 2oz candied peel

2 tsp mixed spice

Grated rind of 2 lemons

For filling and topping

454g / 1lb almond paste

2 tbsp apricot jam

1 egg (beaten to glaze)

Almond Paste (to be used for centre and top of cake and to make balls for decoration)

225g / 8oz ground almonds

225g / 8oz caster sugar

4 egg yolks

225g / 8oz icing sugar

6 drops almond essence

Method

Mix ground almonds and sugars. Add egg yolks and almond essence. Knead to form a stiff paste. Sprinkle with icing sugar. Cover in cling film and cool in fridge until required.

Cake Method

Grease and line a deep 20cm/8in round cake tin.

Pre-heat oven to Gas 2 / 300 F / 150 C

Mix all ingredients in a large bowl. Beat well. Spoon half the mixture into prepared tin and level surface. Using one-third of the almond paste, roll into a circle and fit on top of centre of cake mixture. Spoon rest of cake mixture on top of the marzipan and level surface. Bake in pre-heated oven for 2½ hours until well risen and firm to touch. Cover with greaseproof paper or tin foil if browning too much. Cool for 10 minutes in tin then turn out on to a wire rack.

When cake is cool, brush top with warm apricot jam. Roll one-half of remaining almond paste to fit top of cake. Press firmly and crimp edges to decorate. Cut criss-cross pattern on almond paste with sharp knife. Form remaining paste into eleven balls to represent Apostles (not counting Judas) and arrange around the outside edge of top of cake, then brush almond paste with beaten egg. Place under a hot grill until almond paste is golden brown. Decorate with crystallized primroses or jonquils and violets in the centre.

This recipe was kindly given to us by Mrs Pam Tunnell who says that the simnel cake was originally given by servant girls to their mothers when they went home on Mothering Sunday. Pam's recipe is based on a Mary Berry recipe. Pam went to school with Mary Berry, who is two years older than Pam, and she was Pam's patrol leader in the Girl Guides. They attended Domestic Science classes together at Bath Technical College in 1953.



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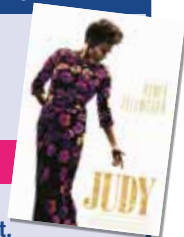
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At our meeting on **9 March**, Steve Bradley will host a question and answer session and our competition will be 'A Single Narcissus'.

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

Sandra Jenkins



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Due to casting difficulties, we have had to postpone our May production of *The Darling Buds of May*. However, we are replacing it with 'An Evening with Noel Coward'. In this production we will be presenting two of 'The Master's' one act plays, namely *Still Life* and *Red Peppers*, together with a musical interlude featuring some of his well-known songs and monologues. The performance dates have not changed from 21 to 23 May and tickets will be available closer to the dates from our usual box offices, Nisa Stores and the Post Office, West Chillington, together with the Card Shop, Storrington, and of course on-line through our web site www.wcds.co.uk. We hope to present *The Darling Buds of May* at a later date.

Our Quiz Night members evening was held on 22 February, followed by the Society's AGM on 24 February. During the evening a presentation of £250 was made to Auntie Val's Ability Centre, a Storrington-based charity working with disabled people. This brings a total of £850 the Society has given to worthy causes during the past twelve months.

We will be holding a Play Reading for Fun in April and more information will be available in our next report.

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Our first Senior league fixture is on Saturday 2 May, away to East Preston, followed by a visit to Bosham the following week. The first home match is against Findon on 16 May. Prospective new players should contact Ian Homewood on 07734 308785 for information about nets, fixtures and match fees.

The Cygnets outdoor season commences with a group training session on Friday 24 April. This season the junior section will be fielding 5 squads: All Stars 5-8 years, Dynamos 9-11 years, plus U10, U12, and U14 squads. New Cygnets recruits are always welcome. No previous experience of playing cricket is required, and full kit is provided by the Club. Please phone Martin Fisher Colts Manager on 07812 257263 for further information.

Does anyone know how many Bricklayers and Carpenters there are in Storrington today? Stepping back to the last week of August 1885, there were, according to the Sussex Daily News, enough local Bricklayers and Carpenters to play a double innings, twelve-a-side match. The Bricklayers side comprised: M Penfold, C Penfold, E Elms, S Marner, G Chapman, R Strudwick, T (or F?) Elms, G Charman, G Barnard, W Pollard, R Elms, and H Elms. The Carpenters side comprised: W Charman, G Goatcher, J Woods, A Hughes, C King, W Wicker, J Parker, Lindfield, W Giles, G Rapley, E Day, and Mustchin. The Bricklayers scored 25 and 53, W Charman taking a total of 16 wickets. The Carpenters scored 76, W Charman not out 37, and were 82-8 at stumps, W Charman not out 50. A match very much dominated by W Charman! If anyone today has connections with any of these names, the writer would be pleased to get a call on 01798 812806, especially if there are family records of playing cricket in Storrington.

Ending with a bit of a mystery, a team calling itself the Storrington Prophets played Steyning on Saturday 4 June 1887. A clue to the origin of this team might be that one of its players was called Mant, a well-known Storrington family name, but none of the other names in the team resonate with Storrington's regular players at that time. Mant was a lawyer so perhaps the Prophets were, in fact, a team of legal practitioners!

Chris Winter

West Chilt Jazz Club

West Chilton Village Hall RH20 2PZ

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Doors Open 19.00 Concerts start at 19.30
Licensed Bar with Draught Beer

Tickets £10 from NISA (Cherilyn) Store in West Chilton and the Card Centre, Storrington.

More information and late tickets from Keith Rushton
742914 | ckrushton@outlook.com
www.westchiltvillagehall.org go to "Jazz Club"



CHURCH SERVICES AT A GLANCE

DATE	FESTIVAL OR SUNDAY	STORRINGTON St Mary's	THAKEHAM St Mary's	SULLINGTON St Mary's
1 March	Lent 1	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Family Communion 6pm Evensong	10.30am Joint Family Service (with Sullington)	8am Celtic Communion
8 March	Lent 2	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion 6pm Evensong	9.30am Morning Prayer	8am Holy Communion 11.30am Mattins
15 March	Lent 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)
22 March	Lent 4 Mothering Sunday	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion 6pm Evensong	9.30am Family Communion	11.30am Family Communion
29 March	Lent 5 Passiontide	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion 6pm Evensong	8am Celtic Communion	10.30am Joint Family Communion (with Thakeham)
5 April	PALM SUNDAY	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Family Communion 6pm Evensong	10.30am Joint Family Service (with Sullington)	8am Celtic Communion

Midweek Holy Communion Service at St Mary's Church, Storrington, on Thursdays 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

MARCH	
Sun 1 LENT 1	
Mon 2	
7pm	Ecumenical Lent Course – p6
7.30pm	Storrington Museum – AGM and Talk – p24
8.30pm	Church in the Pub – Thakeham – p4
Tue 3	
10am	Community Coffee Morning – Thakeham – p17
10am	Inter-Church prayers – RC Church (side-chapel) – p3
12noon	Gents' Meeting Club – p32
12.30pm	Arts Society of West Sussex – Meeting – p28
2pm	SPACE – Arts and Crafts Club – p10
7.30pm	Sullington Windmills WI – Meeting – p28
Wed 4	
10am	St Barnabas Outreach – Library Car Park – p24
12noon	Reflection followed by Lent Lunch – Thakeham – p9
Thu 5	
10.30am	Pop-In Lunch Club – p18
12noon	West Chiltington & Storrington MU – Lent Lunch and Meeting – p13
7.30pm	Storrington Camera Club – Meeting – p13
Fri 6	
2pm	World Day of Prayer – p10
Sat 7	
10am	Storrington Conservation Society – Working Party – p28
9.30am	Sandgate Conservation Society – Working Party – p31
Sun 8 LENT 2	
1pm	Sunday Lunch Club – p18
Mon 9	
7pm	Ecumenical Lent Course – p6
7.30pm	Thakeham Gardeners' Club – Meeting – p16
Tue 10	
12noon	Gents' Meeting Club – p32
Wed 11	
10am	Wild Fortune Quiet Garden – p9
12noon	Reflection followed by Lent Lunch – Thakeham – p9
7.30pm	Rotary Film Night – <i>Fisherman's Friends</i> – p31
Sat 14	
7.30pm	Sandgate Singers Concert – Arundel Cathedral – p17
Sun 15 LENT 3	
4pm	Church@4pm – St Mary's, Storrington – p6
Mon 16	
7pm	Ecumenical Lent Course – p6
Tue 17	
10am	Community Coffee Morning – Thakeham – p17
12noon	Gents' Meeting Club – p32
2pm	Knit and Stitch Tea – Thakeham – p4
2pm	SPACE – Arts and Crafts Club – p10
Wed 18	
10am	<i>Chemin Neuf</i> – Quiet Day – p15
10am	Cafe in the Church – St Mary's, Storrington – p6
12noon	Reflection followed by Lent Lunch – Thakeham – p9
Thu 19	
7.30pm	Storrington Camera Club – Meeting – p13
Fri 20	
7.30pm	Storrington Horticultural Society – Meeting – p21

Sat 21	
10am	Sandgate Conservation Society – Working Party – p31
7.30pm	Storrington Museum – Quiz Night – p 22
Sun 22 LENT 4 Mothering Sunday	
Mon 23	
7pm	Ecumenical Lent Course – p6
Tue 24	
12noon	Gents' Meeting Club – p32
2pm	Macular Society – Meeting – p16
7.30pm	Mary How Trust Film Society – <i>Judy</i> – p15
Wed 25	
2pm	Storrington Flower Club – Meeting – p23
7.30pm	Sandgate Conservation Society – Talk – p31
Thu 26	
9.45	<i>Chemin Neuf</i> – Priory Day – p16
11.30	Holy Communion – Sussexdown Chapel – p5
4pm	Messy Church – Thakeham – p4
Sun 29 LENT 5 Passiontide	
Mon 30	
7pm	Ecumenical Lent Course – p6

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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL DAYS

MARCH

Sun 1	David, Patron of Wales, c.601
Mon 2	St Chad, 672 - Bishop of York, introduced Christianity to Mercia
Sat 7	Perpetua, Felicity and their Companions, 203 , Christian martyrs
Sun 8	Edward King, 1910 , Bishop of Lincoln <i>Felix of Burgundy, 647</i> , credited as the man who introduced Christianity to the kingdom of East Anglia. <i>Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy, 1929</i> , priest and poet, nicknamed 'Woodbine Willie' during World War I for giving Woodbine cigarettes along with spiritual aid to injured and dying soldiers
Tue 17	Patrick, Patron of Ireland, c.460
Wed 18	Cyril of Jerusalem, 386 , bishop, confessor and doctor of early church
Fri 20	JOSEPH OF NAZARETH Cuthbert, 687 , monk, bishop and hermit, considered Patron Saint of Northern England
Sat 21	Thomas Cranmer, 1556 , leader of the English Reformation and Archbishop of Canterbury
Tues 24	Walter Hilton of Thurgarton, 1396 , English Augustinian mystic <i>Paul Couturier, 1953</i> , French priest, instrumental in establishment of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. <i>Oscar Romero, 1980</i> , Archbishop of San Salvador, assassinated
Wed 25	ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Thu 26	Harriet Monsell, 1883 , Nun, founded the Community of St. John Baptist
Tue 31	John Donne, 1631 , poet, Dean of St Paul's Cathedral in London, and MP

STORRINGTON & SULLINGTON – REFLECTIONS OF THE PAST

GREAT EVENTS IN STORRINGTON – PART 1

Let us begin this account of notable events at Cootham. Prior to WWI, two splendid RAF aeroplanes came to Parham airfield on show to the public; the prominent one in the photo is an Avro 504A, one of just 50 built at East Cowes on the Isle of Wight by Saunders Ltd.

It has its engine running, the plane being held down by local men. It is thought that this display was part of a recruiting drive, or simply 'showing the flag', but it was certainly a spectacular event in the early days of flying. [I am grateful to John D Land for the identification and comments].



An event in December 1991 was the centenary of Lloyd's Bank, Storrington Branch. The first bank in the village was the Capital & Counties Bank in West Street, opened in the 1890s in the cottage seen just behind the gas lamp standard and children, with a Banksia rose growing up the wall.

Mr White, the manager from Steyning, came over and opened it twice a week to attend to the bank's business. In 1918 Capital & Counties amalgamated with Lloyd's and soon after this a new building for the bank was erected on a site in High Street where two old cottages of a row of three had been demolished.



[The third, seen in the photo with a new 'wild west frontage' still stands, and behind this frontage the cottage is thought to be over 400 years old, very much altered inside and out now].

The new bank was built of flint with a steep pitched roof, but was in its turn, demolished in 1927 and the present one-storey building erected with a flat roof. This was because the remaining old cottage had a side window overlooking it, claiming the right of "ancient lights".

As banking business grew, more space was needed and so a flat-roofed extension was added behind in the 1960s. The celebration of a century of Lloyd's Storrington Branch was marked by the bank staff all carrying on normal business in costume; the bank was decorated with bunting and balloons.



An evening reception was held in the Bank on 19 December 1991, with wine and refreshments and a cake specially made by one of the bank staff, backed by a display of photographs.



Who, among the guests and staff attending that celebration, could have predicted that in another 28 years Lloyd's Bank would be gone from the village entirely?



Major royal events have always been celebrated in Storrington with enthusiasm. A memory of the Golden Jubilee of Queen Victoria was described by Canon Palmer in a letter to his mother:

"Dearest mother.

The day passed off with great credit to those who had the conduct of the arrangements here ... We got the hay barn prettily decorated with festoons of evergreens, Rhododendrons and ferns and pictures and flags made by the children waved from all corners. At twelve I had a Church quite full and there we had the N.A., the short authorised service ... I gave a little extemporar [sic] address on the text "Dei Gratia" (on all coins) from the lectern. The whole was over in three-quarters of an hour and then they came down to the barn and the feast lasted from 1.15 to 3.15, cold except the pudding. G (George Gibson, Sandgate) gave the mutton and put up the tables and C (Charles Pickersgill-Cunliffe, Sullington Manor Farm) the pudding and a small pig (whole) and beer, and I the beef and paid for the cooking. The boys (H P's pupils) gave a glass of wine all round, pipes and tobacco. After dinner I gave "The Queen" and made them all respond in a shout with three hearty cheers which were lustily given. After that "Rule Britannia" and other patriotic songs were sung, then lawn cricket and other games, 'the young contending while the old surveyed'. By 5 o'clock your tea was made ready in the copper – buns marked with V.R. to which about 100 sat down of all ages. About 70 dined ... After this there were presents and medals for the children sent by Chattie (Mrs King, Fryern) and the whole party came onto the lawn and very pretty it looked. Gradually they drifted away, some down to join the sports in Storrington. After a scratch supper we all went up on the Downs and saw the bonfires and fireworks which were very beautiful. No less than 46 were counted ... we got home by 12 and today did not breakfast until nine ...".

That, of course, was not the last celebration for Queen Victoria. There was the Diamond Jubilee ten years later. In Storrington the day [1897] started with an hour's bell-ringing and the Union Jack flying from the Church tower. In Dixon's field below the churchyard where the village band played [NOT ever known as the Glebe field], the Revd George Faithfull allowed a large tent to be erected, a dinner for 400 was laid out to feed the guests with 680lbs of beef, potatoes, plum puddings and "... what was a considerable amount of beer, etc, followed by races, tug-of-war, games and greasy pole and the ladies arranged tea, bread-and-butter and cake. The Burgess Hill band played for dancing until 9pm when "a small quantity of beer was served".

The usual three cheers were given and Mrs King presented medals to the children. This rare Jubilee was marked by the installation in The Square of a beautiful gas lamp. The blacksmiths, Bridger Woolgar, Sam Huffer and Bert Medhurst, 'fired the anvil' at the top of School Hill in celebration after which the site was known as 'Spion Kop'. 'Firing the Anvil' was said to be a very old tradition achieved by pouring gunpowder in the hole at the end of the anvil,



STORRINGTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

ramming in chalk with a fuse and (hopefully when everyone had retired to a safe distance) lighting the fuse. The Jubilee expenses and donations were published by G Mant. The dinner for 400 came to £47. 0. 6d and teas for 850 came to £12. 1. 0d; 10s was paid to the bell-ringers and to the police, the tent hire was £8 and the Band £6. The total bill came to £107. 4s. 1d including 'Wagstaff's stable burnt'.

Greenfields, for the 1902 celebrations, supplied 50 lettuces, 1¼ cwt of potatoes and 4 gallons of pickles, and hired crockery, cutlery and glasses of which 41 tumblers, 3 plates, a jug and ewer got broken, for which 9/6d was charged.

The Silver Jubilee of King George V and Queen Mary in 1935 was most spectacular, headlined in the Press as "Storrington's Greatest Day in History" with a carnival procession nearly a mile long and a big torchlight procession. The May weather was wonderful. The usual bells and church service began the day with many in the congregation already wearing their fancy dress. A field in Nightingale Lane was the marshalling point for the procession with a photographer stationed in a bedroom at The Anchor to record the view of cars, trade vehicles, fire engine with crew, waggons, cycles, prams, pedestrians and riders processing down School Hill on their way to the recreation ground, the band leading and playing and onlookers singing. Sports and tea followed the King's Speech, relayed by Ron Vine, proprietor of the wireless shop in High Street. Afterwards a comic football match was played before a torchlit procession made its way up to Kithurst Hill where a huge bonfire had been built by Mr Mant and the Fire Brigade, one of the chain of bonfires stretching for miles on high points along the Downs. Mr D Rapley organized a Silver Jubilee Ball in the Girl Guide Hut which lasted from 10.30pm to 2.30am.



Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's coronation in 1953 was the occasion of more parades and celebrations, all the more welcome after the darkness, austerity and shortages of WWII.



I described in the February issue of 3 *Heralds* our personal experience of that event.

Storrington was decked out with bunting, flags and lights. Ron Vine was disturbed in the early hours by some village merry-makers shouting outside

his shop. "Ron! Ron!" Dragging himself out of bed, he went to the window and was greeted with "You haven't got your Coronation lights switched on!" History does not record his response. As I mentioned in the previous 3 *Heralds*, most people did not have a TV at the time, so Ron Vine had installed a set in the hall for the elderly to enjoy the pioneering Outside Broadcast by the BBC.

I was told that the splendid ship 'HMS Coronation' in the parade seen in the photo was built by Don Rapley.



Joan Ham
(Village Historian)

A large audience of members and guests heard the amazing story of the re-wilding project being carried out at Knepp Castle given by Penny Green, the resident ecologist.

The project at the 3400 hectare Knepp Castle estate began in 2001 and is an attempt to renew the ecosystem after decades of intensive farming. It is possibly unique in England and the results have been spectacular.

Estate animals now live out in the open all year round and get all their food from the natural habitat, including Tamworth pigs, red deer, Old English Long Horn cattle, and Exmoore ponies which have been introduced for the wilding project.

Formerly common plants, as well as rare ones, have returned, together with insects, bats and other organisms.

Habitats such as wetland and scrubland are gradually rebuilding themselves as fertilizers and pesticides are removed. The increase in the variety and number of birds has been particularly amazing, even nightingales and turtle doves have returned, whereas numbers of these have generally in the UK reached very low levels.

This increase in wildlife extends in diversity; for example there are now all five types of British owl at Knepp Castle and nightingale territories have increased from 9 to 31. The types of birds of prey have also increased, from the better known buzzards and hawks to now include Peregrine falcons, to name but a few.

Add to this the dramatic growth in insects, with butterflies being a good example, with increasing colonies of Purple Emperor butterflies; these large butterflies are very aggressive and have been seen chasing birds away from breeding sites, with 87 males being counted at a single time. The less attractive increase in the number of beetles now being found in cattle dung, due to the removal of fertilizers, illustrates the success of the re-wilding at Knepp Castle.

To enjoy this and experience it first-hand, a number of safaris, camping and courses are now available, as well as walks through the estate on suggested routes and public footpaths; all that is asked is that you are not tempted down private tracks, as areas have to be kept quiet for wildlife, and that you respect free-roaming animals and never try to feed them.

The meeting ended with light refreshments and a raffle, and at our next meeting on **20 March** John Williams CBE will talk on Cookcroft Gardens in aid of St Wilfred's Hospice.

Website: storringtonhorti.org.uk

Michael Webber

STORRINGTON COMMUNITY MARKET

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

For your fresh local produce: Fruit, Veg, Merryhill mushrooms, Plants, Eggs, Scott's Free Range meat, Homemade cakes, biscuits and pies, Homemade marmalade, jam and chutney, Auntie Val's Jams. PLUS Jewellery, Crafts, Katie's Forever Living Aloe Vera products, Boutique 35 fashion - Carol is back!, Sussex Green Living recycling point, Cafe - tea, coffee and biscuits

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



1ST STORRINGTON RAINBOWS AND 2ND STORRINGTON BROWNIES

For the first meeting of the New Year we invite the girls to bring in toys, games or crafts that they have received as a Christmas present.



They enjoy showing and talking about what they've had, and they can then spend the evening playing and sharing with their Rainbow friends. We supplied

dressing up materials and a tea set to add to the fun.

This term the Rainbows are working towards their Agility badge where they will have fun with an obstacle course, and learn about football from a visiting instructor.

We are pleased to report that our Rainbow and Brownie units have been given a joint donation of £500 by the Rotary Club, from monies raised at the 2019 Storington Day. We are planning to use the donation towards a coach trip to Marwell Zoo when the weather is warmer.

Brownies will also have the opportunity in the summer to take part in a Pack Holiday.

Joan Parkes



Girl guiding, the UK's leading charity for girls and young women, offers a hugely varied programme of events, activities and adventures for girls aged between 5 and 25.

THE FRIENDS AND MUSIC IN THE CATHEDRAL

Among the many glories of Chichester Cathedral is its wonderful musical tradition which is enjoyed by worshippers and visitors alike throughout the Christian year. Chichester Cathedral Friends are proud supporters of this aspect of the life of our Cathedral, helping to fund a whole range of musical activities.

2019 in particular was a very special year for both the Friends and the Cathedral. The Friends celebrated their 80th birthday and the Cathedral hosted the Southern Cathedrals' Festival. This festival alternates between Salisbury, Winchester and Chichester Cathedrals and 2019 was Chichester's year. The Friends were delighted to sponsor this highly successful festival of choral concerts which culminated in a much acclaimed performance of JS Bach's *St John Passion*. This special anniversary year ended with The Friends sponsoring an inspiring performance of *The Messiah* performed by vocal ensemble NMH and conducted by Master of Choristers, Charles Harrison.



To mark the hundredth anniversary of the end of the First World War in 2018, the Cathedral choir produced a CD of appropriate sacred music entitled *Lest We Forget* and again the Friends were the proud sponsors of this.

Over its 80 year history, the Friends have sponsored many aspects of the musical life of the Cathedral, ranging from concerts and special services and the funding of musical instruments, new sound systems and cassocks and surplices for the choir. The Friends are also proud to be sponsors of a choral scholarship, covering a significant portion of the costs of a chorister over a five year period.

Chichester Cathedral Friends is a charity formed to support the mission and ministry of the Cathedral. The musical life of the Cathedral is central to this and The Friends will actively and enthusiastically continue to support the choir and all the musical activities of our Cathedral.

Membership costs £15 per year and £25 for a couple.

For more information visit:

**<https://www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/get-involved/chichester-cathedral-friends>
or email friends@chichestercathedral.org.uk.**

TRAVELLING TRENDS FASHION SHOW

A fun and fabulous fundraising event!

Wednesday 25th March

Ashington CE School
Doors open at 7pm for 7.30pm start
Only £5 per ticket
High Street Clothes – All prices slashed

BARGAINS GALORE!



Come and enjoy an evening of fun and fashion hosted by Travelling Trends. A great opportunity to see, try on and buy this season's fashions (sizes 8-20) at greatly reduced prices AND raise lots of money for our school! All purchases to be made on the night using cash, cheque or credit/debit card.

Please contact
faces@bncoded.com
to arrange purchasing
your tickets.



**Saturday, 21 March – 7.30pm
at The Old School, School Lane**

QUIZ NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM

**£10 (to include home made supper)
Make up table of 4
or join a table on the night.**

To reserve a place phone Eunice Allen 746569
or Patricia Wilks 743437



On a beautiful early spring day, members met at the Roundabout Hotel for a convivial lunch.

Our speakers, Sam Kirk and her assistant Ingrid, were eager to tell us about the Ferring Country Centre, which is a charity for adults with learning disabilities, usually acquired from birth to 18 years of age, which they will remain with for life. They learn skills to help overcome their problems. The Centre in Rife Way, Ferring, was established in 1986 by three friends who were inspired to offer meaningful training and work experience for such adults. The aim is to create positive futures for the 'customers' and enable them to play a valuable role in society. Since the start, the Centre has changed significantly and continues to be developed with the needs of the 'customers' being uppermost. As a charity, community support, strong volunteer work force, local supporters and funders are all important.

There is a Day Service which runs Monday to Friday from 9am to 4pm, providing a Riding Therapy Unit, Horticulture, Catering and Farm placements. Both Social Worker and private referrals are accepted on three support levels; 1:1, 1:3 and 1:7. The Riding Therapy unit offers the opportunity for day service customers to be based in a stable yard environment working with, and learning about, horse care and management, tacking-up, leading horses and riding.

The Horticultural Unit operates its very own garden centre day service. 'Customers' grow stock from seedlings and established plants and sell them to the general public. A tub and hanging basket replanting service is offered in addition. The Horticulture team complete the gardening on site and also offer gardening services in the local area, including the Church.

The Catering unit works to develop both cooking and 'customer' service skills. It offers a home-cooked meal each day for day service 'customers' whilst the café offers light lunches, delicious snacks and afternoon tea to the general public. Meal planning, hygiene and budgeting is taught along the way. The café holds a 5-Star hygiene rating. A brand new café is currently being built, including a soft play area.

Dales Farm was set up in 2009, with 'customers' learning animal husbandry with animals such as donkeys (Dolly and Jimmy), alpacas (Gordon, Gin and Tonic), a sheep (Ellie) and an Old Gloucester pig (Willow). A duck pond was set up in 2018, plus a rabbit hutch. Barns were opened with solid floors to accommodate wheelchairs.

The Café, Farm and Garden Centre are open to the general public, Monday to Saturday from 9am to 4pm, Sunday and Bank Holidays 10am to 4pm. There are 59 paid staff and 90 volunteers. For, further information www.ferringcountrycentre.org.

Both Sam and Ingrid showed tremendous enthusiasm about their work at Ferring Country Centre and there were several questions from members. They were thanked by Pauline Turier.

President Sue Povey closed the meeting with the usual toasts, with the next meeting in March being the AGM.

Wendy Cliffe

STORRINGTON ON SHOW

Community Partnership Volunteering Fair

After consistently good feedback and results from the second Volunteering Fair in 2018, Storrington Community Partnership has decided to hold a third Storrington on Show to support the voluntary groups in and around Storrington in 2020. They will be returning to the Chanctonbury Leisure Centre, Spierbridge Road, in the Studio Hall, on Saturday 16 May.

Entry to the event, which will again be free, will be from 10am to 1.30pm and, as well as the wealth of groups and services present, the Centre Manager and his team will be on hand should you want to explore the leisure opportunities at the centre.



The organisers anticipate as many as 30 voluntary organisations being there, ranging from some that are well known, such as the Community Bus and the Help Scheme, to others new to the area seeking support in the field of Climate Change.

'Extinction Rebellion Arun Valley' was set up at the end of October 2019. Its purpose is to raise awareness and a sense of urgency about the climate and ecological emergency in the area, offering to bring positive threads of change and action to local people throughout the Arun Valley.



It expects to support and unite all those concerned in their quest to combat climate breakdown. Its main priority for the coming year is targeting COP26 (the United Nations climate change summit) in Glasgow in Nov 2020. It aims to recruit 100

volunteers from the Storrington area to support this cause. Not content to abide by town boundaries, its enthusiasts are seeking similar numbers for surrounding towns and villages!

Other more local projects this year are traffic control and air pollution, a very real Storrington problem! They will be explaining to visitors at the show that by working with local organisations, they seek to change our current linear economy into a circular one. This means each waste product is not discarded, but instead, forms the raw material in the production of another useable product. They are looking for people who want to make a difference on climate change be it educationally, administratively, financially, in fund-raising, marketing, or creative roles like musical, artistic, etc. You can contact XR Arun Valley at XRarunvalley@protonmail.com or ring Viv on 741446.

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

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

STORRINGTON FLOWER CLUB

Wednesday 25 March at 2pm

Sullington Parish Hall

Demonstrator: Nina Tucknott

Theme: Colour Me Beautiful

Competition: Blowing in The Wind





STORRINGTON & DISTRICT MUSEUM

The talk at The Old School on Monday 6 January was given by Gordon Stephenson about Southdown Buses. Mr Stephenson began by saying he was no relation of a famous G Stephenson, but that he was basing his talk on a memoir written by another G Stephenson, his own father, together with many photo's his family had collected of Southdown buses in interesting locations all around our area. The elder Mr Stephenson had been employed by Southdown Buses from 1934 until 1971, with a gap for the war years between 1940 and 1945.

In October 1904, the first motor bus service in this area was begun by the Sussex Motor Road Car Company. The route ran from Worthing via Storrington to Pulborough, to link up with the railway trains. The name of this was soon changed to the Worthing Motor Omnibus Company, and more routes were added, to Brighton and Preston for example. Then it became Worthing Motor Services, and then, in 1915, Southdown Bus Services, going on to be a highly respected carrier, being punctual and making good connections with the other routes and with the trains.

One of the first buses used was a Clarkson steam bus. The water was heated by a paraffin boiler to produce the steam. Unfortunately, Sussex water was too hard and it clogged up and so it was sold to a bus company in Wales, where it ran for many years because the water there is much softer.

All through its existence, Southdown Buses took over many smaller firms, such as one at Barns Green, where the carrier gave up when his two horses died. The area covered expanded and organising it all became complicated. Each bus crew worked from its own garage and did not overlap with another garage's area, but many people's journeys did, resulting in complicated fares to be worked out by the conductor, who needed to know the cost of all the stages on all the routes and also return fares, children's fares and fares for parcels; not quite as bad as a London taxi driver's Knowledge perhaps, but similar.

In 1920, the difficulties of such a large organisation could be seen in another way at Petworth, where crews had to waste three-quarters of an hour on each run, to keep to the schedule. The bus stop at Washington was always important because it was a junction for several routes: to Horsham, Worthing, Brighton and Pulborough and Midhurst. It had a shelter which may have been for the travellers, but was very handy for the Inspector who often seemed to be there!

In 1934, Mr Stephenson senior took the conductor's test, having learned all the stages and all the fares, and began work for five shillings a day. In 1935, he worked from the Pulborough 'garage', which had no actual premises; the two buses were parked in the open overnight, one near the Swan and one at the station. After they both froze up, a garage was provided. (We saw here a good picture of Swan Corner as it used to be. Pulborough seems to have changed so much. It was quite nostalgic.)

In 1938 when war was expected, but then postponed, a red bus was bought which was like a dust cart. It had a tiller instead of a steering wheel, and an epicyclic gear box, which seems to show that things were still a bit experimental.

During the war many buses were requisitioned by the army for transporting soldiers both in England and in France. We saw pictures of some strange 'conversions'. One especially was boarded all over with planks and camouflage. It was used to take soldiers to the front. There were still buses for civilians, like the single decker that ran to Petersfield, which was used for milk churns, people, and parcels. It was easy to forget the parcels and some of them rode back and forth several times. It was harder to forget the conductor, but this did happen and a passing motorcyclist was once stopped and asked if he would kindly find the missing man and bring him to the bus.

We saw pictures of all sorts of buses: a 78 to Handcross, a 19 to Brighton, an 80 at Steyning, a 2 at Worthing pier, and a 69 at

Littlehampton, all different makes and styles. There was another 69 at Swan Corner, Pulborough, caught up in floods that were waist deep and so strong they broke a shop window!

In 1940, Mr Stephenson was called up, away till 1945. During the war bus drivers and conductors had to cope with crowded buses as few people had cars and there was petrol rationing. Driving at night was not easy without headlights. Spare parts for old buses were hard to find and many did break down, like the much hated 'Queen Marys' which were very unreliable. One of these broke down and returned to the garage on its starter motor. Queen Marys were also disliked because they had their doors in the middle; either the conductor got in the way or the driver, if he was doing both jobs, got a bad back from twisting too much. The best buses were 'Guys'.

In 1945 Mr Stephenson Senior went to work at Bognor, which rapidly became part of the South Coast tour area. Bognor had a huge bus station, where Morrisons is now, to accommodate all the excursion buses.

In the 1960s when many of the railway branch lines were closed, bus services thrived, but gradually the car superseded them and services were curtailed. Mr Stephenson was made redundant and Southdown Buses were taken over by Stagecoach, a sad day for many, but it did give Mr Stephenson the time to write his interesting memoir!

There are some new 'old things' for visitors to the Museum to see. Some would interest anybody who has worked in an office, and some are loosely connected to light: lamps and cameras for example, and others are from a chemist's shop.

The next talk will follow the AGM which is at 7.30pm on **Monday 2 March**, at The Old School, when John Hobson will enlighten us about 'Shackleton's Whisky'. On 6 April at 7.30pm, Dr Robert Hutchinson will talk about Henry VIII. Entry is £5 (£4 to Museum Society Members) to include coffee and biscuits.

On Friday 10 April, from 10am to 12noon, we will be holding another of our Coffee Mornings, when anyone interested in becoming a Museum Steward is welcome to come along for coffee and cakes to meet other stewards and find out what is involved.

The April talk is in the afternoon at 2pm on Friday 17 April, when Crawford Butler will describe 'Ghostly Experiences at the Tower'.

Finally, a Quiz Evening is planned for **Saturday 21 March** at 7.30pm at The Old School. Tickets £10 to include home-made supper. Make up table of 4 or join a table on the night. To reserve a place phone Eunice Allen 746569 or Patricia Wilks 743437.

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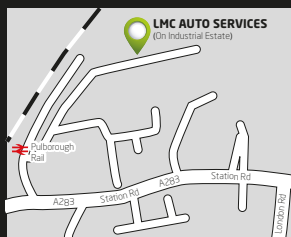
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Washing fires prompt safety warning

Firefighters are reminding householders of some simple safety steps when using electrical appliances such as tumble dryers and washing machines. It follows two incidents in two days.

In the first incident firefighters were called after a pile of folded washing caught fire after being tumble-dried over the weekend. A crew from Bognor Regis Fire Station was mobilised at 01.56am to reports of a fire in a home on Lion Road in Pagham. Upon arrival, firefighters found the property was heavily smoked logged, but thanks to a working smoke alarm, the three occupants had been alerted and had been able to escape from the property.

The fire started after the home owner had washed and tumble-dried some towels earlier on in the evening. These were then stacked and put in a hessian type bag in the hallway. But in the early hours of the morning, the towels, which had self-heated, began to smoke and caught fire. Crews removed the towels to fresh air and extinguished them.

In the second incident at 4.10pm, firefighters were called to a washing machine fire in a first floor flat in Imperial Mews. Two appliances from Crawley and a Surrey Fire & Rescue Service crew from Salfords were mobilised. On arrival, firefighters wearing two sets of breathing apparatus extinguished the fire using a hose reel and a CO2 extinguisher.



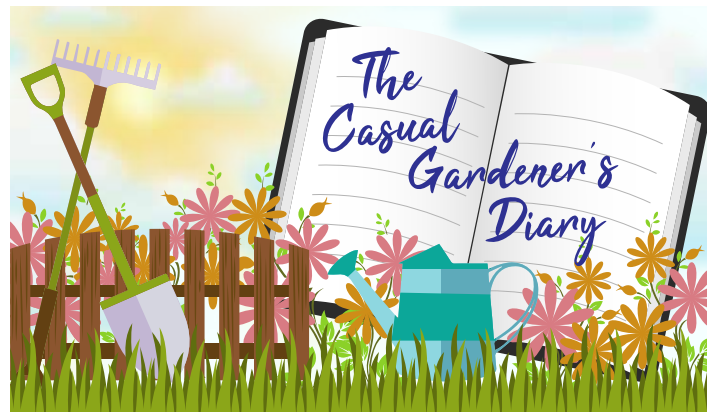
The fire damaged washing machine was removed from the property. Nobody was injured during the incident, but the property sustained smoke damage which meant the resident needed alternative accommodation for the night.

Simon Foster, West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service's Performance Risk and Improvement Team Group Manager said: "At this time of year, people are using their tumble dryers far more than at other times of the year. When taking clothes out of the tumble dryer, make sure you wait for laundry to cool down before putting it away. Oil residue and oxygenating chemicals from stain removing detergents can create a chemical reaction causing items like tea towels to self-heat, smoulder and could catch fire. Once clothes have cooled down, make sure you store them in a well-ventilated area."

The fire service is reminding people of the following safety tips when using electrical appliances:

- Look out for product recall notices.
- Register your appliance - appliances up to 12 years old can be registered on the Register My Appliance website.
- Don't run appliances such as tumble dryers, washing machines or dishwashers overnight or when you are out.
- Always read the manufacturer's instructions.
- Have your appliance serviced by a qualified engineer.
- Do not put rags or materials into a tumble dryer if they have been used to soak up flammable liquids.

You can find out more about home fire safety by visiting the West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service website: www.westsussex.gov.uk/fire-emergencies-and-crime/west-sussex-fire-and-rescue-service/home-fire-safety/electrical-and-heating-appliance-safety-advice.



Houseplants are cool, again

Why did it take me so long to get interested in houseplants? I had a couple of scrawny cacti and a yellowing spider plant when I was younger, but couldn't see what the fuss was all about.



Houseplants have had a huge resurgence in popularity (did you see Wisley's Giant Houseplant Takeover?). This may be because:



They're easier to look after than a pet. Most houseplants will forgive some neglect. People often worry that they'll forget to water houseplants, but the quickest way to kill one is to leave it sitting in a saucer of water. If you get used to knowing

how heavy a pot of damp compost is, you can tell if your plants need watering by lifting them up. If they feel surprising light, water them, if not, leave them a bit longer.

They make us feel better. Quite apart from their lush foliage being soothing to look at and a real joy for people who don't have a garden, some houseplants help purify the air and plant labels are starting to mention this. However, if you have children or pets in the home, be aware that some popular plants can be poisonous or irritating, such as Poinsettias.

We can play with them. Combine them in different ways, put them in unusual containers or in unexpected places and then change our minds and move them all around again. Unlike outdoor plants, houseplants won't sulk if you decide to relocate them several times a year. In fact, moving them around can help you find the place in your house where they are best suited.

If you're new to houseplants, here are my top three, all great air-purifiers:

Peace Lily – inexpensive, easy-to-care for, if you don't drown it; the classic office plant. Just snip off the dead

blossoms and wipe the dust off the leaves now and then to keep it looking good.



Mother-in-law's Tongue – an oldie but a goody. A desert plant, so less is more when it comes to watering.

Boston Fern – great for a bright spot in the bathroom as it loves the moist air and is happy out of direct sunlight.



Cheryl Brown

STORRINGTON CONSERVATION SOCIETY

In 1961 Leslie Bricusse and Anthony Newley wrote a popular musical called *Stop the world – I want to get off*. The title had been inspired by the spray paint work of a graffiti artist. It said something many felt at the time. No doubt today many feel the same.



The urge to pull the blankets over our heads and hope problems will go away is very strong. Not likely. The news tells us things we prefer not to hear. Currently, the coronavirus is dominating the headlines. Despite great efforts to contain the disease, it is travelling around the world, a reminder of the global interconnectedness we live with. The spread of the virus is just an example of its consequences, the chief of which is climate change. We are all involved, both as contributors and current or potential victims. Just as each drop of rain adds to the flood, so each of us adds to the greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. We can all do something to minimise our contribution. Change of travel arrangements, food, use of energy, clothes are just some items to consider. In the 17th century, John Donne famously wrote "No man is an island, entire of itself; every man is...a part of the main...I am involved". That doesn't change.

The work party members on 1 February in Fryern Dell were gladdened by the sight of snowdrops as clearance of invasive vegetation continued. The coffee break also brought cheer and a chance to chat. We next meet on **7 March**, the first time at Hurston Warren SSSI, an important local site. For details, see our website.

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



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SULLINGTON WINDMILLS

On Wednesday 15 January, members of Sullington Windmills WI gathered for their first meeting of 2020, and our President opened business by telling us about all the many events planned for the year ahead.

Erika introduced Peter James our speaker for the night, whose most interesting talk was about the reconstruction of Ockley Windmill. Ockley, or rather Elmer's, Windmill was originally built in 1803 and graced the Village scene for almost 150 years until its sad demise in 1944, when only the brick base remained.



Ockley Windmill c1870 showing the old granary next to the mill and Elmer's Farm in the foreground

This served for many years as a store. For a considerable time, it stood derelict with the remains of the store roof, a sad relic of a once fine mill.

Peter James, an engineer and architect, had a lifelong interest in the countryside and all things historical which drove him towards this interesting project with the thought that the restoration of the windmill would complement the already restored Elmer's Farm, and together with the existing pond would once again complete the scene.

Peter James took on the task of rebuilding the windmill on the original brick base, located south east of the Village. Externally he planned the mill to appear almost as if nothing had changed and not betray its new guise as a dwelling house. He tracked down detailed engineering drawings done in 1944, and was able to fill any gaps using his own knowledge of mills built up over many years. Amazingly, the original detailed bill for the erection on 1803 survived and stated the mill was painted olive green. Peter reproduced this, after research to establish the likely shade. In order to ensure likeness to the original mill, he planned that both the mill tower and granary would be clad in weatherboarding, and clay peg tiles used on the granary roof.

He then met with the owner, personally visited 150 houses with his drawings, and received 100 support letters for planning permission for his project to be granted. It took a year to reach an agreement, and work finally started on 2 January 2006, with volunteers coming to help. Initially it took nine months to restore the base with the old bricks.

Work was finally completed in July 2010. What still looked like a windmill was in fact a 3-bedroomed house. Pictures, plans and drawings can be seen on www.ockleywindmill.co.uk. What an achievement!



After tea, drawing of the raffle, and taking a vote on the Resolutions listed for this year, it was time to say goodnight, and the meeting was closed.

Sullington Windmill WI meetings take place on the third Wednesday of the month (2nd Wednesday in December), in Sullington Parish Hall. Our next meeting on **3 March** at 7.30pm, we have Malcolm Wells MBE (Gulf War veteran) with a talk entitled 'So Far, So Good'. If you feel you would like to pay us a visit, or become a member, you can be assured of a warm welcome. For further information please contact Erika Brichta, President on 742039 or erikabrichta@hotmail.co.uk or Sara Harden, Secretary, on 741350 or s.harden@hotmail.co.uk.

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Into March, with longer daylight hours and the start of spring, so hopefully we will be seeing more blue skies and warmer temperatures - yes, bring it on!

Really good progress has been made on both Sullington Warren and in Sandgate Park by clearing certain areas to allow light to reach the lower platforms of flora.

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

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

The work-parties will be in action this month on Sullington Warren on **Saturday 7 March** from 9.30am to 12 midday and in Sandgate Park on **Saturday 21 March** from 10am to 12 midday

The next presentation at Sullington Parish Hall will be held on **Wednesday 25 March** at 7.30pm when John Oliver of the RSBP will give a talk entitled 'Habitat Management' of their Pulborough property, covering conservation and the flooding management of the site.

To learn more about 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



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STORRINGTON RESIDENT AWARDED MBE



David Burns

"Sometimes it's the people no one imagines anything of who do the things no one can imagine." (Alan Turing)

Storrington resident and published author, David Burns, was awarded an MBE in the New Year's honours list for 'Services to Children and Young People with autism'.



David has been assisting families and young people touched by autism for over ten years and has a keen interest in helping those who face school exclusion or are not receiving the support their needs require.

It's interesting to note that though it took 410 days to build the Empire

State building, it can take two years for a child to receive an autism diagnosis. That makes it hard for families trying to access support and schools providing help.

David lectures at the University of Winchester on special education needs and autism and is a member of several advisory panels in West Sussex and Hampshire. He's always been a quiet individual with a keen sense of justice and an eye for detail which has enabled him to become knowledgeable in areas of equality and education law. He's certainly someone to have on your side.

He continues to work hard towards bringing families, schools and councils together to achieve good outcomes for young people in the County, and continues to lobby the Government for improvements to the experiences of young people with special education needs or disabilities.

SANDGATE SINGERS

Our spring concert is taking place in Arundel Cathedral on Saturday 14 March at 7.30pm. Sandgate Singers will be performing Haydn's *Creation* along with The Sussex Sinfonia, directed by Peter Allwood. The Cathedral will be beautifully lit by atmospheric lighting effects and nearly 100 choir members. The soloists are Neil Jenkins, tenor, Peter Edge, baritone, and Lizzy Humphries, soprano, along with our own alto, Sandra Janman.

We will be making a collection and holding a raffle for the charity 'Love Your Hospital' at this event. Tickets priced at £20 are available online at www.sandgatesingers.com or at The Card Shop, Storrington. They are also available by calling 741984.

Our AGM took place on Monday 18 November, after a short rehearsal. The current Officers all agreed to stand for re-election and were voted in to stand for another year.

We held a Race Night on Saturday 18 January at Sullington Parish Hall, which included a fish and chip supper. This year we had a bar and raffle and profits of £220 go towards staging our March concert at Arundel Cathedral. Our Treasurer had a good night, winning quite a number of the races!

Come along to our Summer Concert on Saturday 4 July at Ashington Community Centre at 3pm. This year we are singing a medley of well-known Broadway songs entitled '100 years of Broadway'. Tea and homemade cakes will be served on what we hope will be a sunny summer afternoon.

If you are interested in joining Sandgate Singers, please contact our Chairman, John Fisher, on 741256 or visit our website. We meet on a Monday evening at Sullington Parish Hall from 7.15pm. Come along and try us out, and you will be sure of a warm welcome!

www.sandgatesingers.com or find us on Facebook.



Sheila Ferrier

WEATHER WATCH

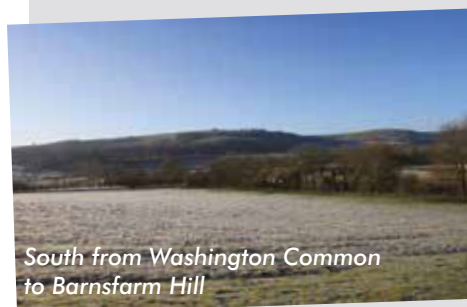
Winter was on hold in January 2020

January continued the unsettled theme that began during the autumn, though it was not as wet as December. I measured 83mm and overall this was not far off par for the month but it was enough to maintain the generally saturated nature of our fields, parks and gardens.



Dry days were at a premium but there was one very notable short, settled spell towards the end of the third week when the air pressure reached record breaking levels. I recorded 1049mb in Storrington but some places reached 1050millibars, 31 inches, and this was higher than anything previously recorded for any month in southern England. Quite a few household barometers virtually went off the scale. The additional force was equivalent to an extra column of atmosphere some 340 metres or 1,100 feet tall. And the high pressure gave us a few sunny days but clear frosty nights.

Overall, it was a very mild month. Nationally it was the 6th warmest in over 130 years. In fact, Storrington's average temperature was just over 7°C and this is actually slightly warmer than the long term average value for Bordeaux in south west France, some 400 miles further south than us.



South from Washington Common to Barnsfarm Hill

There was not a flake of snow and frosts were few in number and quite slight. There were a couple of hail showers but they did not amount to much. Although not a particularly windy month, on the 14th a deepening

area of low- pressure crossed England and there were some severe gale force gusts of wind, one of which brought down a tree blocking Rock Road for a time at Heath Common.

Soil temperatures were unusually high by the month's end and I saw some daffodils in flower on Washington Common and camellias were just starting to bloom in my garden. It's been ten years now since we have experienced a really cold January.

Ian Currie, Weatherman and editor of Weather Eye magazine

ROTARY CLUB OF STORRINGTON & PULBOROUGH



Thank you for the Music

Ladies that Boogie entertain elderly residents at Rotary Club of Storrington & Pulborough District community concert

Over 60 local elderly residents from Storrington, Pulborough and Ashington enjoyed a lively 'Songs from the Movies' concert organised by the Storrington & Pulborough District Rotary Club and performed by 28 singers from the West Chiltington based 'Ladies that Boogie' pop choir and guests.

Listening to a collection of well-known songs, including *The Lion King*, *Rocketman*, *Mamma Mia*, *Oliver* and many more, the audience joined in enthusiastically during an afternoon where they also enjoyed tea and home-made cakes prepared by Rotarians and a free raffle in the interval.

Rotary organiser, Ray Miles, said, "We were delighted that so many people came along and enjoyed themselves this afternoon and we are very grateful to Amanda Russell and her singers for providing such a fantastic atmosphere".

For further information contact Ray Miles janray01@btinternet.com or call 745140 or 07468 530497.



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).



Architecture:
Hiorne's
Tower – Liz
Barber



Throughout the year we have a monthly photo challenge using the Flickr photo website. Each month members are allowed to enter a maximum of three images that are based on the theme for the month. For 2019 our themes were: January – Winter; February – Still Life; March – Landscape with a structure; April – Woodland; May – Bird on a stick, post etc; June – Leading lines; July - High contrast; August – Action; September – Black and white; October – Flower in a non-traditional format; November – Architecture; and finally December – Triptych.

To make things a little more challenging, the images to be submitted for the topic set that month have to be taken during that month. These rules mean all members have an equal chance of having a winning image selected for the month. With no other rules or criteria, members are free to take images using their interpretation of the topic. As the images are posted onto Flickr, all members have an opportunity to see and comment on the entries. This shows how other members have approached and interpreted the topic through their submitted images.

At the end of each month the images are reviewed by a panel of three members who then select the winning image along with the runner-up. Thanks to Norman Kirby, who manages the Flickr challenge and sets the topics for each year, there is a wide variety to test those who wish to take part.

For 2019 the chosen winning monthly images certainly reflected the diversity and freedom to interpret the topics. Sarah Beard started off the year with her winning image 'Frosty Cobweb'. Janet Brown's 'Sheep's Skull Bottle and Candle (after Picasso)' Still Life was very creative. 'Landscape with a Structure' was won by Norman Kirby with an image of Hahnaker Windmill, with Andy Jones winning April with a black and white image titled 'Woodland 2' for the Woodland topic. Norman had further success with 'Bird on a stick, post etc' with his 'Thrush on ground with snail'. June's 'Leading Lines' topic was Janet Brown's second win with her perspective image set part under and part above a swimming pool showing the lane lines.

As we moved into the second half of the year, Norman came out triumphant again with his very different image 'Hemerocallis' more commonly known as Daylily. The 'Action' topic image from Kevin Harwood was of a racing yacht 'Setting sails after the Turn'. September brought us a contrast black and white image of 'The Dunes' from Ray Foxlee. Liz Barber had a successful end to the year winning both Oct and Nov subjects of 'Flower in a non-traditional format and Architecture' with a GladioliQuad turned into four called 'GladioliQuad' and a local view from Arundel of 'Hiorne's Tower'. To end the year, 'Triptych', required three images all set side by side. The images could have a theme or reflect a process. Creativity was certainly in abundance this month as they included showing the stages of making a cake, three images of an egret in the rushes and Christmas charity fund raising. The winning triptych was titled 'The Ancients' from Dean Sephton. Taken in the yew forest at Kingley Vale, these three images showed the gnarled trunks and limbs of these majestic trees.

Well done to all the winners of 2019, and Challenge 2020 is now underway with a new set of topics for everyone to get inspired.

Kevin Harwood



Action: Setting sails after
the turn – Kevin Harwood



Black and White: The
Dunes – Ray Foxlees



Leading Lines: Leading to
the Deep End – Janet Brown



High contrast:
Hemerocallis –
Norman Kirby



**Flower in a non-traditional
format:** GladioliQuad – Liz Barber



**Landscape with a
structure:** Mill on the
Hill – Norman Kirby



Winter: Frosty
Cobweb
– Sarah Beard



Triptych: The Ancients
– Dean Sephton



Woodland: Woodland 2
– Andy Jones



ROTARY CLUB OF STORRINGTON & PULBOROUGH

Christmas tree re-cycling scheme raises funds for local charity

This Christmas, the Rotary Club of Storrington & Pulborough District once again provided a valuable service to the Community and at the same time, helped to 'green' our area.

Christmas Trees were collected from residents after twelfth night then recycled at an Ashington farm to provide material for use on the farm, all for a minimum donation of £5 per tree. The scheme was publicised by labelling trees in garden centres and handing out leaflets during Rotary's Christmas collection.



Collecting the trees in the Storrington, Pulborough and Ashington areas went smoothly, thanks to huge assistance provided by Chanctonbury Lions Club and Christie and Len Earl. A total of 269 trees were collected, raising approximately £1,500, all of which is being donated to three charities: Chestnut Tree House Children's Hospice, St Barnabas House and Turning Tides.

All the trees have now been chipped with the residue ready for use around the farm. The chipping operation was undertaken by Rob Dakin of Findon Valley Tree Care who donated his fee to the charity.

Rotary's project coordinator, Ray Miles, said, "We are really pleased with how the project went and, given the very positive comments by many residents, we anticipate an even larger number of trees next year. For a small donation, residents can avoid all the inconvenience and mess of transporting trees to the tip or burning them, knowing they will have 'green' end use and very worthwhile charities will benefit in the process."

Storrington & Pulborough District Rotary Club is grateful to all its partners in this venture, including Chanctonbury Lions, Findon Valley Tree Care, and to the participating Christmas Tree retailers: Squires - Washington; Tates - Old Barn Nursery; Big Plant Centre - Ashington and British Garden Centres - Pulborough, and particularly to all the local residents who supported the project.

For further information contact Ray Miles on 745140 or 07468 530497.

Note from the editor....



March, to me, marks the turning point from the cold and dreariness of winter into better weather. It marks the emergence of life in the garden with the spring bulbs coming to life and the first new buds on the trees – a promise of new life to come.

At this time of Lent, we reflect on the period when Jesus was in the desert and lived a very meagre existence, of sacrifice and fasting. Nowadays, we observe Lent in different ways, not always just 'giving up' something, but sometimes 'doing' something to help others – sacrificing our time and efforts for the good of others.

If you haven't decided on a Lent promise as yet, then perhaps you could just look at your neighbours and how you could help. Often knowing a friend is there if needed can make a world of difference.

And my all time top tip is SMILE! It costs nothing, and you would be surprised how good it can make others feel, and you.

So, as new life is bursting through, so let a new life in you emerge, as we joyously look forward to Easter next month.

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