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'God is...

God is in Jesus...

Therefore, there is hope.

'The 3 Line Creed' – Bishop David Jenkins

I hope and pray you're still 'seeing' with Easter eyes - even if the Easter eggs are all gone...

Quite a few years ago now, I was a *curate in training* at Sherborne Abbey. Being 'Dorset's Cathedral' we often had the great and good come and preach. As the sermon was being preached, my training Incumbent

– the equally great and good Canon Eric Woods (who once said of his present crop of curates 'they all seem to come from Marks and Spencers these days' – ow!), would more often than not, adopt a particularly louche slouch in his stall and, across the gaping chancel floor of that great abbey church, mouth the words to me... 'so what?!'

If I learnt anything from my Sherborne days, it was to be always ready to hold my faith and the *religious activity* often purporting to be my priestly ministry - or that of the wider church, to the acid test of 'so what?!'.

In this Diocesan Year of Faith, as we are invited to examine our faith in the light of the historic but still contemporary *Nicene Creed*, 'so what' is still a very good question to ask. I was particularly struck by this when twenty or so of us at St Mary's, Storrington, followed the Lent course 'I Believe'. Many of us expected a fairly rigorous trip down doctrinal lane but instead we were invited to reflect on how the heart of the Christian faith, summarised by the Creed, was illustrated in the lives of others who were truly great and good. Yet these figures did much more than simply illustrate or inspire. They *incarnated* the teaching of the Creed. Like Jesus, they made the things of God and God's kingdom in Christ *real*.

When faith gets *real* there's no need to ask 'so what'. It's clear to see and feel in transformed lives transforming lives...

Our Lent group also asked the 'so what' question in how having 'faith cred' isn't just about feeling personally secure in our faith or putting it into action. We questioned how our 'faith cred' is there to enable us to risk ourselves in reaching out to others with the good news of the fullness of life God gives us in Jesus. That inevitably led to the more challenging question: 'Do we have faith in ourselves?'. As Christians we have a faith to share The Faith....

On **Wednesday 21st May, Bishop Ruth will visit St Mary's, Storrington**, to confirm the faith of those who have asked that same question. Please pray for all those being prepared for confirmation from across our Deanery and for Bishop Ruth.

And yes, there's still time to ask that question of yourself or of others in and around your local Christian community and accept the invitation to have your faith affirmed and confirmed.

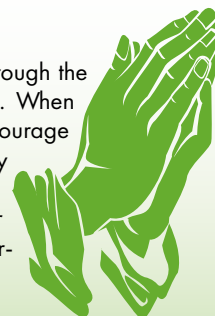
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PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN AID WEEK, 11 – 17 MAY

Lord, you are faithful to your promises. Through the Spirit you bless us with abounding hope. When power seeks to silence justice, give us the courage to raise our voice. When an end to poverty seems far off, renew our faith in your kingdom come on earth. When our neighbour reaches out, inspire us to respond with overflowing love. In Jesus' name

Amen.



Christians in Storrington

Monthly Inter-Church Prayer Meetings

Everyone welcome

NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE AND TIME

Do join us in Storrington Priory Library, School Lane, Storrington 9.15am to 9.45am on the first Tuesday of each month

Tuesday, 6 May – Chemin Neuf Community will lead

Tuesday, 3 June – Church of England will lead

One in faith and love and praise

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1 Peter 3:8

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Please contact Arabella at the Parish Office to make arrangements for Baptisms, Weddings and Banns of Marriage.

Parish Office open Tuesday and Wednesday from 9.30am to 5pm.

Our Christian worship doesn't have to be confined to church buildings, nor to defined modes and styles. Language and music continue to evolve and generations of Christians have expressed their faith in many different ways. We are immensely privileged to have such a rich history of worship through the ages and such great opportunities to express our worship freely in our day.

Our informal Worship Café event at the Thakeham Village Hall, a first but maybe not a last, was a great opportunity to explore the story of worship and to express ours, so we looked first at what the Bible says about it, focusing particularly on the Bible's 'song book', the Psalms, learning about the lives of various hymn and song writers and singing many wonderful songs, both old and new. Verses from the Bible and prayers and reflections were shared as part of this.

Ample quantities of cake and scones ensured our physical bodies were nourished, too. Very many thanks to all who came and particularly to those who contributed to this special time.

Elke Whitehead
St Mary's Church, Thakeham

Thakeham Knit and Stitch Group

Tuesday 20 May 2pm - 4pm

Thakeham Church Room

Buffet Lunch will be served ~ Everyone Welcome

If you don't knit or stitch you are welcome
to come along for company

Further information from Wynn Lednor on 743025

Dates for your Diary

17 May - **Garden Sale** - 10am to 12.30pm -
Thakeham Village Hall.

21 Jun - **Caribbean Evening** - 7pm - Thakeham
Village Hall. This is going to be a great, fun evening of food and
dance. Get your tickets from Barry now.

26 Sep - **MacMillan Coffee Morning** - Church Rooms

5 Oct - **Harvest Lunch** - Thakeham Village Hall

18 Oct - **Murder Mystery & Dinner** - 7pm - Thakeham Village Hall

4 Nov - **Bridge Day** - 10am to 2.30pm - Thakeham Village Hall

8 Nov - **Christmas Fayre** - 11.30am to 2pm - Thakeham Village Hall

14 Dec - **Christmas Lunch** - 12.30pm to 3pm - Thakeham Village Hall

3 to 4 July 2026 - **Thakeham Flower Festival and Open Gardens**

Please try not to take your holiday then, as we'll need your help!

Full information for all the listed events will be available on the
Thakeham page and in future editions of *3 Heralds*



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26 September

Our Annual Quiz night

More dates and details to follow!



St Mary's Sullington

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REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Church Services see page 18.

Holy Communion (BCP) and Café in the Church:

2nd Wednesday at 10am HC; 10.30am Café in the Church
4th and 5th Wednesdays at 2pm HC; 2.30pm Café in the Church

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

Altar Servers: Michael Taylor (742218)

Bellringers: Fridays, 7.45pm – 9.30pm.

Church & Churchyard Maintenance: John Butler (745091)

Mothers' Union: Jeannie Bell (07875 220426)

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

SPACE: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 2pm – 4pm at the Old School. Contact Barbara (741236)

STORRINGTON REGISTERS

Baptisms – we welcome into the Lord's family ...

23 March Lyla-Peaches Pamela Ellen Hobden (daughter of Sarah and Matthew)

6 April Emily Jane Lee (daughter of Penelope and Nicholas)

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

25 March Alison Jane Hammond (72 years)

Interment of ashes only:

22 March Douglas Brooks (82 years)

29 March Leslie John Furlonger (77 years)

VESTRY MEETING AND APCM – 25 MAY

The Vestry Meeting for the election of Churchwardens and Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place in Church after the Parish Communion Service at **11.45am on Sunday 25 May**.

At this meeting we shall be electing members of the Parochial Church Council. We are looking for new members of the PCC. The PCC is a registered charity and PCC members automatically become Trustees of the Charity and would need to complete a 'fit and proper person' form. To join the PCC you must be (a) over 16 and (b) on the Church Electoral Roll. If you are interested, please talk to Christine Tuson (Churchwarden) or any of the current PCC members to find out what is involved.

ROGATION SUNDAY – SUNDAY 25 MAY

It is all too easy to take our daily food for granted, forgetting that every bit of it is the result of the work of farmers and growers. On Rogation Sunday we ask for a blessing on the land, and on those who work to produce our food.

ASCENSION DAY – THURSDAY 29 MAY

Ascension Day celebrates the completion of Christ's earthly ministry. There will be an Ascension Day Eucharist Service at 7pm at St Mary's, Storrington.

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Wonderful news was announced on Sunday 6 April in Sullington and Thakeham Churches! The Revd Joel Alan Willmer, currently Curate at Guildford, Christ Church in the Diocese of Guildford, will be joining Sullington and Thakeham with Warminghurst as Priest-in-Charge shortly.

Joel sent this short message to the congregation:

"Hi. We're Joel, Taryn, Ophelia (4) and Eliseo (2)! We're thrilled to be joining your church family in Sullington & Thakeham. I've been serving my curacy in Guildford, but grew up not too far from Chichester, and for many years have felt a heart to minister to the people of Sussex. We're so excited to partner with you in helping our oft neglected villages to hear the good news of the Gospel. Prior to ordination I had a number of different roles which included everything from farm work, to student ministry, to being a missionary in West Africa.

"Taryn loves being a mum, and also works for a Christian relief and development charity. Being South African Italian, she's passionate about all things to do with the Springbok rugby team, pasta and the outdoors."

We look forward to welcoming Joel and his family sometime this summer.



SPRING CLEANING AT ST MARY'S, STORRINGTON

Our grateful thanks to everyone who came along on Saturday 5 April to help give a spring clean of the building interior at St Mary's, Storrington. We cleared many of the cobwebs in the rafters, dusted the windowsills, plus cleaning and polishing of the pews. A happy band of spring cleaners here!

St Mary's Church, Storrington

Café in the Church

2nd and 4th Wednesdays

Wednesday 14 May
10am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30 Café in the Church

Wednesday 28 May
2pm Holy Communion (BCP)
2.30pm Café in the Church



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Heavenly Father we honour You.

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When Your ways will prevail everywhere as they do in heaven.

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And also to forgive our failings

And help us to forgive others as well.

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Anyone interested can contact Robert Gamble at robertgambler@gmail.com or 07958 232874.

80TH ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL SERVICE AT WESTMINSTER ABBEY

By kind permission of The Dean & Chapter of Westminster, people are invited to attend A Service of Thanksgiving and Reflection to mark the 80th Anniversary of Christian Aid. The service will be on Thursday 12 June starting at 12 noon; the congregation are expected to arrive and be seated by 11.30am.



This service offers an opportunity to reflect on the incredible journey taken together; working closely with global partners, standing with communities in crisis. In these 80 years, we've witnessed the unstoppable power of hope in action. Through moments of prayer and music, there will be reflection on the profound impact of collective efforts, honouring the unwavering spirit that continues to fuel the work of Christian Aid.

Register and join to be part of this special moment. As part of security measures at the Abbey, you will be expected to produce photo ID on the day. More details can be found on the Christian Aid website: <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/events/80th-anniversary-service-invite>

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AURELIA'S STORY...

Aurelia and her family belong to the Indigenous Q'eqchi' community of the Alta Verapaz region, Guatemala, Central America. The climate crisis and industrial plantations have changed Q'eqchi' land dramatically. Gruelling heatwaves, savage storms and unpredictable seasons are ravaging farms. Industrial agriculture is taking over the last of the region's natural resources to feed the world's richest countries. Many of the vital crops that Aurelia depends on are withering and dying before her eyes.

Aurelia recently discovered the work of Christian Aid's partner organisation, Congcoop, and put herself forward to attend the specialist agricultural training on offer, along with 22 members of nearby communities. With funding from Christian Aid, Congcoop supports communities to return to indigenous farming practices and adopt agro-ecological approaches that conserve their land, culture and livelihood. Agro-ecology, put simply, is farming in a sustainable way that works with, not against, nature. It's the application of ecological principles in farming – a blend of ancient and modern wisdom.

Thanks to Aurelia's ever-growing knowledge base, she's now cultivating cacao, sugarcane, cinnamon, corn and pineapples. It's steady progress that holds promise. Aurelia's resolute hope has also inspired her to develop and lead other activities in her community, including producing chocolate, establishing a farmers' market, and fighting for women's rights.

This year there will be Christian Aid envelopes at the back of St Mary's Church, Storrington for individual donations.

You can also donate online for Christian Aid Week – give.christianaid.org.uk.

Storrington Macular Society Support Group

27 MAY

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1.30pm – 3pm**

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WEST CHILTINGTON AND STORRINGTON MOTHERS' UNION

Our meeting on 6 April was at West Chiltington with our usual service and

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

hymns, where Chrystalle played piano for us. Our speaker was Jane Lyons from FSW, a charity which MU works closely with, for the welfare of families needing support in difficult times. Jane is West Sussex Community engagement officer and volunteer coordinator. She supports the existing deanery committee with fundraising and awareness raising activities. Jane spoke enthusiastically about her work and the success stories and feedback from families, telling us that this work could not be done without all the volunteers who help with play



Jane Lyons

groups, after school clubs and the various activities set up each year for families.



Duchess of Edinburgh

MU has families and communities at heart. We were delighted to learn the Duchess of Edinburgh has become our new patron. This follows a long tradition of royal patronage since 1876 when MU was founded. The Duchess is committed to helping strengthen communities and families and deal with issues that affect them. We wish her well.

Dates for your diary:

1 May

Chrystalle Kersley will tell us about her life as a vicar's wife

10 May

Spring Gathering at St John the Evangelist Church, Brighton 10am to 3.30pm. All welcome

5 June

Our Summer outing – to be announced

Sonia Fox

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Messiness or mossiness

My husband and I have been together a long time and like many long-term relationships it has a few little cracks and fault lines. For example, football; I shall only say Caraboa Cup, 2:1 on our wedding anniversary, and try not to look smug! Music is another; his genre of choice is country and western; I am sure all country and western songs are called "I'm so lonesome I could die." [see footnote]. However, neither have obvious environmental connections. A third matter of discussion, even dispute, is moss; or more specifically moss on our roof. As you can see in the picture we have quite a lot of moss on our house roof. From time to time, about once a year, we have to get up ladders and clear the gutters, and also sweep up whatever falls onto the ground. This doesn't bother me at all, and meanwhile my husband gazes longingly at pristine roofs, not just newly built houses, but also where a commercial company has come along and cleaned the roof. Inevitably he'll say, "Shouldn't we get our roof cleaned?" A few years ago, I asked a local roofer who had come to fix a couple of slipped tiles; his view was that if your tiles are sound moss does no harm and there's no need to remove it. This was of course the answer I wanted. So, are there advantages to having moss on the roof?

Well, first moss is a keystone genus, which means it punches above its weight as a habitat in supporting biodiversity, especially invertebrates. It's mainly micro-organisms like nematodes, mites and springtails that live in and on moss. Viewed close through a microscope, these might not look attractive, but they're vital parts of the ecosystem and food chain that ultimately keeps us fed. Moss on roofs absorbs rainwater, so in heavy downpours it slows the flow of water and stops your gutters getting overwhelmed. It provides easily accessible nesting material for birds, and a ready-made feast. It can also give your house a bit of insulation.



Consider also that there's no such thing as gentle removal. Most companies offering moss removal use lots of water and harsh chemicals. On balance, I want to keep the moss.

Water soluble – not!

Every news bulletin has some eco story; this morning wasn't any different. And news stories about pollution of our rivers and seas aren't new either, but this one took me by surprise. You probably heard it too. Studies by the Brunel University, Imperial College and the University of Portsmouth found over 100 chemicals in the water of two south coast harbours. The concentrations were particularly high when water companies had been discharging untreated sewage into the harbours. Now, none of this is new. What startled me was that the chemicals included prescription drugs, as well as illegal drugs. I can understand someone flushing their illegal drugs down the loo, but all local pharmacists will take back unused and out of date over-the-counter and prescription drugs. All you have to do is take them in and hand them over. Another surprise was that researchers identified high concentrations of the insecticides used for flea and tick treatment on dogs and cats, which are really harmful to sea life. I'm not sure whether people are tipping unused products down the sink, or the products are washing off the animals.

Little joys

I'm writing this on a Monday, and I have my "start of the week" routines. Some of these are mundane, like clean the dishwasher, change the towels etc, but one task I particularly enjoy is winding my clocks. I have

three that need winding, and two of them are about 100 years old. None keep fully accurate time, but that doesn't trouble me. They don't need batteries or power; if they're looked after they should last another 100 years. This started me thinking about the old tools or gadgets that I use



regularly. I have some of my mother's kitchen utensils, but the gadget that always makes me smile is my father's funny little wooden guillotine for cutting paper neatly. It was made in England and has a patent number. He must have had it at work

because it has his name on it. It is cunningly made as you can see in the pictures. What are your little eco joys?

Finally by the time you read this, there'll only be days until the White Stork and Nature Revival Festival at Chanctonbury Leisure Centre on 5 May. Please come and visit our stall there.

Note: For those that wonder, Newcastle United beat Liverpool 2:1, winning the Caraboa cup on 16 March 2025, and "I'm So Lonesome I Could Cry" was sung by Hank Williams.

Christine Tuson, ctuson@lioneone.net



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THAKEHAM GARDENERS' CLUB

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At the meeting on **12 May** our speaker will be Ryan Greaves speaking about *Sussex Bats & How to make our gardens more attractive for them*. The May competition is 'A jam jar of herbs'

Club meetings are held monthly usually on the second Monday at 7.30pm in Thakeham Village Hall and visitors are warmly welcome. For further details please contact Chairperson Gil on 01798 812748.

Sandra Jenkins



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Trophy for Boys U13 Side and Basil Davis Remembered

Congratulations to our U13 boys who won the play-off for the West Area Indoor League Trophy by the comfortable margin of 49 runs. The side had been unbeaten in this competition but still had to play runners-up Worthing for the actual Trophy – see photo of presentation. In the ten-over match, our side batted first and scored 126 for the loss of two wickets, three of our batters retiring not out. Thomas made 44 and Massimo and Archie both contributed 21, with 27 runs being hit off the last over. Worthing's reply fell well short at 77 for three wickets thanks to the containing bowling of Finlay, Rowan, and Massimo who achieved a double wicket maiden.



Our two Sussex Pathway boys, Thomas and Massimo, have completed their winter training at Hove with Sussex coaches that included sessions for Thomas with the County's pro wicket keeper. Additional weekly fitness sessions were also undertaken at the Amex arena Brighton. Both boys now have to wait to find out if they are selected for county matches during the summer, one of which will be at Lord's. Our two Pathway girls, Emily and Lea, have also finished their indoor training with extra sessions having been made available to them and other state school pupils. As with the boys, outdoor Pathway training continues for them during the summer.

Our own outdoor training for the juniors (boys and girls) starts on Friday 25th April at 6pm. DiscoverAbility sessions for disabled persons will be taking place at the same time whilst training for women will be on Mondays and Thursdays from 6pm. Enquiries from newcomers should be directed to Martin Fisher on 07594 240122 or martin_fisher@hotmail.co.uk.

Our newly formed women's softball side had another victory during March - against the Southwick & Shoreham Sheilas. New kit has been ordered for the girls' and women's sides.

1st XI have a friendly against Halstead CC from Kent on 3 May: first League match against Ifield on 10 May.

With ever more teams being fielded the Club has a growing need for more scorers, umpires and coaches so we would like to hear from anyone who would like to get involved in any of these crucial support roles. Enquiries again should be directed to Martin Fisher.

A President's Day Match and fund raising is being planned for the Spring Bank Holiday on Monday May 26th for which further details are to be publicised. Our current fund raising target for the much needed pavilion re-development, is just over £100k after taking in to account pledges and the Club's contribution amounting to £140k so far. A recent quiz raised nearly £500.

Some of our older readers who have followed Storrington cricket over the years might remember Basil Davis who was once described as a marathon bowler with a metronomic action during his twenty playing years and before he emigrated to Australia in 1973. "Bas", as he was popularly known, passed away peacefully in Perth in March after an innings of 90 years. His stats as a "quickie" who would often bowl twenty over spells and always up the slope from the car park end must be unsurpassed in the Club's long history. Records show that Bas bowled 9,624 overs, including 2,527 maidens, for 1,836 wickets. He took more than 100 wickets in a season on at least a dozen occasions with 149 wickets in 1961 being his biggest haul. He took five or more wickets in an innings on 135 occasions and his best performance was 9 for 48 against Cuckfield in 1959. It's estimated that his bowling run-ups amounted to 850 miles in the course of twenty years! Bas continued playing in Australia for a number of years before taking up umpiring. In a letter to the Club from Australia in September 1973 he commented that the training regime in Australia was much more exerting than the devil-may-care attitude at Storrington! His wife Jane survives him in a residential care home. Bas is remembered by several past and current members of the Club, for example Keith Miller who was a contemporary player, Geoff Carter who both scored and played in matches that Bas played in, and Colin Harrison who was 14 years old when he played his first game for the senior side in 1967 and had a last wicket partnership with Bas that yielded more runs than any of the earlier nine wickets!

Chris Winter



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Directed by Storrington-based Ralph Wigg, this play is set at the beginning of the last century. Emma, after her disappearance several years ago, finds her memory is damaged; there is much she does not recognize or understand. Why does she appear familiar with certain Russian phrases; why has she such a horror of a harmless silver bell, of a portrait on the wall, of knives? Is she, in fact, Emma Cranwell? Behind these questions looms a menacing mystery which finally erupts into a disturbing and intriguing denouement.

The cast of six consists of Stella Russell as Emma, John Pounder, Lisa Falkner, Robert Ingram, Holly Fulbrook and Ian Stuart: some familiar and fresh faces to our Society.



The author, Brian Clemens, was a renowned screenwriter and film and television producer. He worked on the TV series *The Avengers* and created *The New Avengers* and *The Professionals*. He also wrote the 1970s' TV series *Thriller*.

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11 May	Fourth of Easter	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion 6pm Special Service for VE Day	10.30am Morning Prayer	10.30am Holy Communion
18 May	Fifth of Easter	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion with Prayers for Healing	8.30am Celtic Communion	10.30am Benefice Holy Communion
25 May	Sixth of Easter ROGATION SUNDAY	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion	10.30am Holy Communion	10.30am Morning Prayer
29 May (Thursday)	ASCENSION DAY	7pm Ascension Day Eucharist		
1 June	Seventh of Easter Sunday after Ascension	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Family Communion 6pm Evensong	10.30am Joint Thakeham/ Sullington Church for All Service	8.30am BCP Communion 6pm Evensong

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Sat 3	
10am	Storrington Conservation Society – Working Party – p22
Sun 4 Third of Easter	
Mon 5	
10.30am	White Stork & Nature Revival Festival
6.30pm	White Stork & Nature Revival Festival Concert – p9
Tue 6	
9.15am	Inter-Church Prayers – Storrington Priory Library – p3
1.15pm	The Arts Society West Sussex – Talk – p21
2pm	SPACE – Arts & Craft Club – p 15
7.30pm	Storrington Museum – Talk – p26
Wed 7	
9.50am	The Arts Society South Downs – Talk – p23
Sat 10	
10am	MU Spring Gathering – p15
11am	Pop-up Preloved Clothing Sale – p5
2pm	Visiting Bell Ringers – St Mary's, Storrington
Sun 11 Fourth of Easter	
CHRISTIAN AID WEEK	
11am	Pop-up Preloved Clothing Sale – p5
12 noon	Storrington Duck Race
1pm	Sunday Lunch Club – p18
Mon 12	
11am	Library Community Café
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7pm	Storrington Slimmers – p23
7.30pm	Thakeham Gardeners' Club – Meeting – p15
Tue 13	
10am	'Journey' Autism and SEN meeting – p26
Wed 14	
10am	Holy Communion followed by Café in the Church – p9
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Sat 17	
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Sun 18 Fifth of Easter	
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Mon 19	
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7pm	Storrington Slimmers – p23
Tue 20	
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2pm	SPACE – Arts & Craft Club – p 15
7pm	West Chiltington Floral Club – Meeting – p17

Wed 21	
	Association of Sussex Artists Exhibition (to 8 June) – p23
7.30pm	Sullington Windmills WI – Meeting
7.30pm	Deanery Confirmation Service – St Mary's, Storrington
Sun 25 Sixth of Easter	
ROGATION SUNDAY	
Tue 27	
1.30pm	Storrington Macular Society Group – p13
Wed 28	
10.30am	Trinity Sunshine Choir – p10
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2.30pm	Storrington Flower Club – Meeting – p26
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7pm	Ascension Day Eucharist – St Mary's, Storrington – p6
Sat 31	
10am	Storrington Museum Exhibition – p21

Details of all church activities on pages 4,5,6, 9 and 18.

Please note – all these fixtures are subject to change, so please check with the relevant organisations.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL DAYS

MAY	
1 PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES	
2	Athanasius, 373 – bishop of Alexandria and renowned theologian
4 English Saints and Martyrs of the Reformation Era	
7	Julian of Norwich, c.1417 – Christian mystic; her work, <i>Revelations of Divine Love</i> , is first book in English language known to have been written by a woman
9 ASCENSION DAY	
11	Gregory Dix, 1952 – English monk; his work influenced reform of Anglican
13 ST MATTHIAS, APOSTLE	
15	Caroline Chisholm, 1877 – English humanitarian, involved with female immigrant welfare in Australia
18	Dunstan, 988 – much loved saint; patron saint of goldsmiths (hallmark year date runs from 19 May after him); charities and churches named after him
19	Alcuin of York, 804 – considered among the most important architects of the Carolingian Renaissance
21	Helena, 330
23	John and Charles Wesley, 1791 and 1788 – credited with the foundation of the evangelical movement of Methodism
25 The Venerable Bede, 735	
	Aldhelm, 709
26	Augustine of Canterbury, 605 – the first Archbishop of Canterbury in 597 and a founder of the English Church John Calvin, 1564; Philip Neri, 1595
28	Lanfranc, 1089
30 DAY OF THANKSGIVING FOR HOLY COMMUNION (CORPUS CHRISTI)	
	Josephine Butler, 1906 – feminist and social reformer, particularly welfare for prostitutes Joan of Arc, 1431; Apolo Kivebulaya, 1933
31 VISIT OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY TO ELIZABETH	

STORRINGTON & SULLINGTON - REFLECTIONS OF THE PAST

REVD HENRY PALMER AT SULLINGTON – PART 35

Continuing the 4 week Continental Tour [1865]

Aug 29 Tues and 30

Heavy thunderstorms about, vivid lightning – fine otherwise. Must throw two days into one. Left Martigny early on Tues by train for Sion: thence by a slow diligence to Brieg, which we did not reach till 6.30 passing down the valley of the Rhone, wide and marshy until you arrive at Brieg which forms the head of a cul-de-sac. We dined here (Angleterre – avoid the other shop) and awaited the diligence for the Simplon and Baveno. Brieg wild and picturesque: a good view of the valley of the Church. Got away at 8.40pm having secured the coupé of a capital and began the ascent with 5 horses, an occasional struggle to trot for 10 or 20 seconds was all that broke the walk up till 1.30. The lightning occasionally lit up the road and showed us its grandeur, and our lights showed us clearly enough the caverns and tunnels and galleries thro' which we passed – after passing the summit at 1.30 and the hospice of S. Bernard monks we went down at a fair trot to Simplon where we changed, getting out to stretch our legs. The air cut us through with its rawness, and we soon got back again to the shelter of the diligence. It was unfortunately too dark to see the great beauty of the Gorge of Gondo, which we now passed in all its details, yet the peculiar nature of the light we had, afforded by our two excellent lamps and the vivid lightning occasionally gave us a peep of what seemed the very depths of the earth when compared with the precipices which frowned above us on both sides.

Accident at the Gorge of Gondo

We were about 1 hour from Simplon when I saw from my window what seemed to me like a small avalanche tumbled across our road, and almost immediately a huge piece of rock blocked the way of the fore wheels, and the driver brought his five horses at the standstill – we all got out – there was the diligence with its wheels on the edge of the road and resting in a crack formed by the breaking away of the solid curb that runs the whole length of the river side – a great rock, some 15 feet long and 5 high and broad lay across the path, and a large hole on the river side entirely cut us off from the passage thro'. Had we gone over the side we should have been capsized into a tumbling stream some 12 feet down perfectly sheer and been cracked and smashed against the rocky boulders that lie strewn about its bed: our intelligent horses saved us: they saw the danger and pulled themselves up before anything happened (so amiable, so kind).

We were but a few hundred yards from one of the local stations and soon our driver brought up a force of 6 men with planks and crowbars – and by forming a temporary bridge over the hole we got the diligence across safely, and so down to Isella where we turned out to be examined by the douaniers of Italy. Daybreak gave us all the rest of this splendid road, and by 6 we were breakfasting at Domo d'Ossola and rejoicing in the softness of the Italian air after the perils of the night and the fog and cold of the mountain.

Domo D'Ossola – Sesto Calende – Milan

Then on by very straight roads and amid a fertile country to Baveno on the Lago Maggiore. Never was water so beautifully coloured, nor land so bright and lively as this – overall the velvety haze of heat and when after dejeuner we rowed, gondola fashion, to the Borromean Islands the picture was more softly beautiful than any I have seen. We were not permitted to land, as the thunderstorm which had nearly washed us into the Gorge of Gondo had cut all the Count's gardens to pieces and they were not fit to be seen at all. The deep blue green colour of the water of the lake is supremely beautiful and as we passed under the Isola Bella the Count Borromeo appeared at the window, an old dignified man, the descendant of a noble race. A new hotel is being built on the lake at Barento, and is likely to become a great favourite – the landlord of the Belle Vue, who is its proprietor, will deserve custom.

Left by boat for Sesto Calende at 3 and reached it at 6 – being stopped half an hour at Arona – the railway took us from here to Milan, for Galerato by 8.30 and so we finished our long course! The evening entrance into Milan was overpowering, the finest station I have ever seen, the noblest gates and streets and the whole place alive with light, and people on horse and foot. We put up at a fine hotel called the Hotel de Ville.

Aug 31

Showery but generally fine. Our day at Milan has been well occupied with the cathedral, the Leonardo da Vinci, the Arena, the Arch of Peace, the church of Saint Ambrose and the English garden with the Italian band. The cathedral is grand, yet paltry – the Leonardo in better preservation than we expected to find it and well repays a visit, the Arena very curious as a specimen of a modern Amphitheatre à la Romani, the church of S. Ambrose a very mine of interest, and the band enchanting. Altogether, the day at M. has been a very great success and leaves a good impression.

September 1, Friday Fine, hot.

Milan – Verona

Left Milano at 7.45am and after a very pleasant railway journey of 103 miles arrived at Verona at 1.30 – 1 hour of this time was spent at the Austrian frontier station, Peschiera. Here we changed trains and were examined – passports and baggage – here also we were all quietly entrapped together, and smoked for 15 min with chloride of lime – for fear of bringing cholera into the dominions of H.M. Francis Joseph II. The scene was most ludicrous when the fumes began to take effect as everybody began to spit and sputter and put their handkerchiefs up to their noses in self-defence, the whole thing was worthy of the pencil of Leeds, who would have done it ample justice.

The lake of Garda, beautifully blue, is passed near this station, and we were fortunate in getting it in superb loveliness. With F.G.V. as a guide we have seen much, perhaps nearly all worth seeing in Verona. Being well up in 'Ruskin' and Murray the churches were properly investigated – i.e. the three S. Zanon, S. Anastasia and the Duomo – all interesting for their architecture, and early Lombard work, especially the first – Z, was bishop and is patron saint of Verona. The church is a basilica of noble type with exquisite bronze doors, huge lavers of porphyry, gigantic holy water basins, fine wood roof painted, the whole seemed much like Wilton.

In the evening we went to the Jardino Giusto [Giardino Giusti] on the other side of the Adige – private gardens which command a fine view of the city – which we caught just at sunset, and so met with a painting purple, green and pink which I shall never forget.

The Coliseum most interesting - the Austrian soldiers crowd the place – they meet you at every turn, every second house a barrack – one can well understand the feelings with which a people like the Milanese hated the very sight of such an armed occupation, and put their officers in Coventry by way of revenge.

The tombs of the Scalioni (Scaligeri) are most beautiful pieces of Gothic architecture, and the ironwork which surrounds them most elegant and artistic – these Scalieri reigned in Verona 1257-1405. Mastino was the first – Alberto the second, both excellent rulers.

Joan Ham (Village Historian)

TURNER'S VISION AT PETWORTH

21 June – 16 November

For the first time in 20 years, a specially curated selection of JMW Turner's artistic studies of the Petworth landscape will be exhibited in the very place that inspired him. These rarely seen works give a fascinating insight into Turner's methods, and celebrate an extraordinary landscape seen through the eyes of Britain's most renowned artist, to mark the 250th anniversary of his birth.

£10 per adult, £5 per child, under 5s go free. No pre-booking required. Normal admission to Petworth House also applies.



Storrington and District Museum Storrington Then and Now



An exhibition by Storrington Museum of Storrington with photographs from 1860s to early 20th Century based on Miss F.M. Greenfield's book "More About Old Storrington" with the same view today taken by the Storrington Camera Club.

Saturday 31 May 10:00—4pm

Raising funds for the Storrington Museum
light refreshments available



STORRINGTON AND DISTRICT MUSEUM
The Old School, School Lane, Storrington RH20 4LL
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<https://justgiving.com/storringtonmuseum>

Storrington Museum is producing a book to be entitled *Storrington Then & Now*, a photographic record of parts of Storrington. The late Florence Greenfield (1900-2002) wrote a couple of books on Storrington, one was *More about Old Storrington* and was published in April 1977. It contains a number of photos of Storrington with the earliest being 1860s and others very early 20th century. Members of the Storrington Camera Club have taken photographs as far as possible from the same spot (traffic is far heavier than in 1906!) to show how Storrington looks today.

The aim is to put today's equivalent next to the originals the Museum has, and some updated words on how the village has changed. Members of the Museum who have lived here a long time have written an updated information panel.

Entrance is free, but donations for the Museum welcome.



**STORRINGTON
DRAMATIC SOCIETY**

We hope you are enjoying the encouraging breaks in the weather and making the most off the odd bursts of sunshine.

Just to let you know, SDS is still functioning and pleased to announce that *Storrington's Got Talent* will be happening on 24 May at Sullington Parish Hall, starting at 7pm. This will be a *pot pourri* of songs, comic sketches and brief "I say, I say, I say"s performed by members of the Society.

Tickets, costing £5, may be purchased only on line at *Storrington Dramatic Society*.

Please join us for what should be a highly entertaining evening. Who knows – you might get the urge to join us!

David Chinn



THE ARTS
SOCIETY
WEST SUSSEX

Tuesday 6 May

We are pleased to welcome Ian Swankie back to talk on
Paul Cézanne – the Painters' Painter

One of the most influential painters and considered to be the father of modern art, Paul Cézanne produced a vast body of work. We'll look at his life, his amazing still life paintings and depictions of his beloved Provence.

Tuesday 3 June

Join us for a talk by Georgina Bexon on
**The Australian Impressionists
– A New Art for a New Country**

In the late 1800s, artists from Britain arriving in the New Country sought a way to describe the exotic and alien landscape using new skills used by the French impressionists. They were deeply influenced by the remarkable light and space of Australia.

Talks held at 2pm in Fittleworth Village Hall RH20 1JB

Doors open 1.15. Coffee & tea afterwards

Non-members welcome – £8

Contact Jackie Buckler on 01903411086
or email westsussex@theartsociety.org
www.theartsocietywestsussex.org

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An opportunity to hear from the experts about local
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**Sullington Manor Farm, Sullington Lane
West Sussex, RH20 4AE**
www.sullingtonmanorfarm.co.uk/events

ACTIVITIES AT THE VILLAGE HUB

Run by Life Community Church, Storrington
7 The Square, Storrington

TUESDAY

In Stitches – 1.30pm to 3pm

A fun, social group for people who like to stitch. Bring your own knitting, embroidery or another project. We can teach you if you'd like to learn!



THURSDAY

Baby Club – 10am to 12pm (term time only)

Join our supportive community group and connect with others. Older siblings welcome!



Monthly High Tea – last Thursday – 2.30pm to 4pm

Meet new friends, enjoy homemade delicacies for £3 per person. Book tickets in advance from The Village Hub.



Thursdays Together – For over 65's, every Thursday except last of the month – 2.30pm to 4pm

Join us for tea, games, and company. Bring a friend and join in!



FRIDAY

Ukraine Drop-in – Open from 10am to 12 noon

We're here to help you with a range of services, including form filling and general help and information, with access to authorities to assist with housing etc. We also offer English language classes.



SATURDAY

Repair Café – every third Saturday of the month from 10am to 12pm

Looking to repair your broken or damaged items? The Repair Cafe is here to help, so bring in any items needing mending, from clothes to appliances and more.



CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUPS ON FRIDAYS

Chanctonbury Leisure Centre

Sparks Toddler Group – 10am – 11.30am

Come and connect with other parents and guardians at our baby and toddler group for the local community. Each week there are toys, bouncy castles, crafts, a bible story, a song and some refreshments (for children and adults). Entry is £3 per child and £2 for each additional child, and if it is your first time it is free! There is no need to book in advance.



Fireworks Kids Club – 6pm – 7.15pm

For KS2 children from year three to five. A safe place outside of school where children can come to have fun, learn about the Bible, develop life skills and meet their friends. Each week there are games around a different theme.



Wildfires Youth Group – 7.30pm – 9pm

For children from year 6 upwards. A fun, relaxed time for young people to hang out, bring friends, and join in with games and activities.



Groups meet term time only. Run by Life Community Church.

STORRINGTON CONSERVATION SOCIETY

In a world where truth doesn't seem important and hopeful fantasies are preferred to reality, it would be normal for prime protected rainforest to be chopped down to make way for a four lane highway. Crazy! Yet this is actually happening in Brazil. It's not for the usual profiteering land-grab, but worse: to provide easy access to COP30. The supposed purpose of which is to agree ways to save the climate from disastrous change. Words fail.

Just one breath-taking example of how seriously the problem is taken. We laugh at the idiot sawing off the branch on which he is sitting but we will not find it so funny when climate reality fully exposes our hopeful fantasies, and we've had plenty of wake-up calls, such as floods and droughts, most recently the wildfire in South Korea.

A group of Brazilian leaders' paper *A Call to Action towards COP30* has been presented to their Minister on climate change, which reads: "Our territories are being destroyed. We witness the destruction of the Amazon, other ecosystems and the people, caused by large scale agriculture, mining and fossil fuel extraction." It will be interesting to see if these facts have any effect.

If previous meetings are anything to go by, in October COP30 will be swamped by oil and gas producers, solemn promises to reduce greenhouse gases will be made, which will be routinely broken. Short term interests will trump long term essential needs. We can only hope the outcome will be more positive this time. It is up to us to make our voices heard through our MPs.

A good group of us met at Chanctonbury Leisure Centre car park on 5 April for the annual spring clean, clearing litter from popular local paths and byways. The usual collection of rubbish, including a bedhead, was sorted so recyclables were saved. Our next work party is at **10am on 3 May** meeting at the library car park, to prepare for the annual Duck Race by clearing the banks and stream of obstructions. Wearing wellies is advised, but other equipment is provided. All invited to come and help, and taking part will increase your enjoyment of the event.

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

Stuart Kersley



All members and visitors are most welcome to attend a talk on:

Wednesday 7 May

ELISABETH-LOUISE VIGÉE LE BRUN: TRAILBLAZER

Speaker: Lois Oliver

Elisabeth-Louise Vigée displayed exceptional early talent, and on 31 May 1783 became one of just four women elected to France's prestigious Académie Royale de Peinture et de Sculpture. Vigée Le Brun was Queen Marie-Antoinette's favourite portraitist, creating royal portraits that were astonishing in their informality. Following the outbreak of the French Revolution in 1789, that relationship became a liability. Vigée Le Brun fled France.

Dr Lois Oliver is Professor in History of Art at the University of Notre Dame in London. She has worked for many of the UK's leading arts institutions and has appeared on BBC Radio and TV.



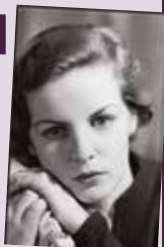
Wednesday 4 June

DEBO – MITFORD, CAVENDISH, DEVONSHIRE DUCHESS, HOUSEWIFE 1920-2014

Speaker: Simon Seligman

Deborah Devonshire, the youngest of the Mitford sisters and wife of the 11th Duke of Devonshire was hefted by marriage to one of Europe's greatest treasure houses, Chatsworth. With responsibility for Lismore Castle and Bolton Abbey no wonder her passport stated her profession as 'housewife'. Along the way, she became a best-selling author and sell-out speaker, champion of the countryside, trustee and patron of numerous charities, businesses and good causes. She met Hitler and Churchill, was a trusted confidant of the Prince of Wales, and played her part as the steady heart of the Mitford sisters' melodrama.

Simon Seligman worked with the Duchess for 19 years starting with a humble summer job and ending as Head of Communications. He studied art and architectural history at Warwick University.



Talks are in Fittleworth Village Hall, RH20 1JB

Doors open 09.50 am for coffee.

Please be seated by 10.30 am for 10.45 am start.

Members free and non-members £8. (No booking required.)

Further details on: www.theartsocietysouthdowns.org.uk

Or contact: Jane Allison on Tel 01798 813314



Stay tuned for more details on specific dates and activities as we prepare to welcome guests back for another memorable season!

May – October

Cookery & Tasting Demos

Chef and food writer Valentina Harris is joining forces with Bake-Off finalist Miranda Gore Browne in The Old Kitchen, where they will be holding a series of cookery demonstrations, hands on classes, and tasting sessions with local food and wine producers.

21 May – 8 June

Association of Sussex Artists Exhibition

Members of the Association of Sussex Artists will gather on Wednesday 21st May 2025 for 12 days to exhibit their creations and provides a unique opportunity for art enthusiasts to witness first-hand the diverse talents within the local artistic community.

15 June

Sussex Day

We welcome stall holders selling local crafts and produce from across the county to celebrate all things Sussex.

18 June – 6 July

Horsham School of Botanical Artists Exhibition

We welcome back the HSBA to Parham to exhibit their fine botanical work. The Horsham School of Botanical Artists will be staging a three-week exhibition of drawings and paintings to view in the Seed Room.

6 July

The Plant Fairs Roadshow

Some of the South East's best specialist's nurseries will be selling a wide range of locally grown and unusual plants. The nurseries provide a whole spectrum of plants including cottage-garden favourites, shade-loving plants, alpines, trees and shrubs, succulents and more. www.plantfairsroadshow.co.uk

12 July – 13 July

Sussex Steam Rally

The Sussex Steam Rally is back on the East Plains for a variety of exhibits from steam traction engines to vintage vehicles. Tickets available at www.sussexsteamrally.co.uk

3 August 2025

Jaguar Day

These beautiful classic and contemporary cars will be displayed near the entrance to the House and Gardens, for the enjoyment of those visiting on the day.

13 August – 17 August

Afternoon Tea Week

During this exclusive week, guests can book their spots to enjoy a carefully curated selection of fine teas paired with an assortment of sandwiches, scones with clotted cream and jam, and exquisite pastries. The Big Kitchen's unique ambiance enhances the experience, making it not just a meal but a memorable outing.

<https://www.parhaminsussex.co.uk/events/>

STORRINGTON SLIMMERS

MONDAY EVENINGS
from 7pm to 8pm

St Mary's Church, Storrington

The group is led on a 'friendship and support' basis and group members share knowledge and tips for successful weight loss. Anyone who would like some support in their weight loss journey is welcome to just come along on a Monday evening.



SULLINGTON BROWNIES

ARE SKILFUL, BRAVE AND BOLD



Sullington Brownies started off the year with games and introductions as new joiners arrived or moved up from Rainbows.



In our second week we learnt about what Brownies is about. A couple of sewing machines were set up and we guided the Brownies through sewing a 'promise purse'. They heard the Brownie story of how the two children didn't tidy up and the mum wished she had brownies to help her. The children went and found the wise owl in the woods who told them to look into the pond to find out who the brownies were who would tidy up? They looked into the water and saw their reflection. We wonder how many previous Brownies remember that story? Lastly they talked about the best things they like about Brownies and Brownie values.



We've celebrated Chinese New Year trying Chinese writing, creating paper fortune cookies, making and wrapping spring rolls, plus making a sweet and sour sauce to dip them in. The food was very tasty and they now know how to re-create it at home.

In February half term we had a unit Brownie holiday. A stay at Blackland Farm Activity Centre (previously owned by Girlguiding). Enjoying all the adventurous activities such as zip wire, archery, abseiling, gladiator challenge and climbing. We also looked after our accommodation by hoovering, sweeping, cleaning and washing up!



During the second half of term we dressed up for World Book day and completed some activities such as making origami book marks and creating book characters.

We had a reptile visit where everyone overcame fears to stroke or hold snakes, geckos, a tarantula and other reptiles and finished our term with some Cadbury's Creme Egg Easter egg decorating, turning our Creme Eggs into rabbits, chicks and sheep, and had a duck hunt (plastic ducks) in the hall grounds!

Next term is already very busy with VE Day party celebrations which the Brownies have organised and joining an all sections day (Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers event) with units from across the region LASER (London and South East Region). We also must celebrate and award all of the badges earned this past term.



WEATHER WATCH

The rain taps were well and truly turned off across the 3 *Heralds* area during March with just 4.5mm of rainfall in my gauge. The normal is around 60mm. It was the driest March since 1961. After an often gloomy winter, the clouds parted to reveal the sun in large amounts and by day the temperature was above par. However, there were many clear nights, and this led to quite a chill by dawn. I recorded 13 air frosts and as many as 20 grass frosts. They seared some of the camellia blooms in my garden.



There were quite large diurnal (24 hr) variations in temperature, and it was a case on quite a few days of winter at dawn and spring like conditions during the afternoon. The vernal or spring equinox where there is equal day and night and cited by some as the first day of spring varies around the 21st and this year it was on the 20th. It was a gloriously sunny day, and the temperature peaked at just over 18°C during the afternoon. But over the month as a whole the mean temperature worked out at just under a degree above the average.



At the end of February, the ground was saturated and there was standing water in some local fields and gardens. By the end of March an old weather saying was very apt. It tells us that, "A peck of March dust is worth a King's ransom in gold". It was especially appropriate to farmers, horticulturalists and gardeners as some dry weather in March was needed to work the land for spring sowing and summer and autumn



crops, particularly in days before modern mechanization. This March had 24 days with no measurable rain and proved quite a contrast with the recent March of 2023 when quantifiable rain fell on 25 days amounting to 149mm. Regarding a lack of rain, the driest March across Sussex was 1929 when virtually no precipitation fell.

As expected from such a dry month, there were no storms and on half the days there was little or no wind. On only one day was a little sleet observed and that was after dark on the 14th. Thunder was absent but there were a couple of days when hailstones fell but they were quite small and did not amount to much. There were three days with fog at the observing time of 09.00hrs GMT and on the 5th it persisted until noon, but the afternoon was then sunny.

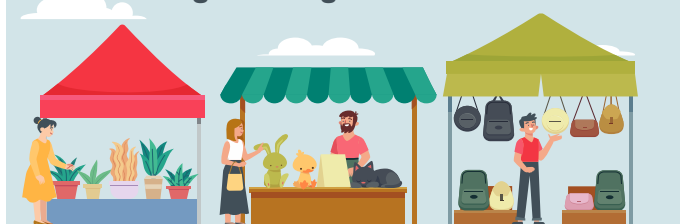
March 2025 came in like a lamb and went out in similar fashion with quiet sunny weather. Will the dry spring-like weather continue in April or will the weather pendulum swing in the reverse direction? April can be a very fickle month. Read next month's *Weather Watch* to read what happened.

Ian Currie

*Weatherman, Speaker, Broadcaster,
Editor of Weather Eye magazine and Fellow of the Royal Met Soc.*

STORRINGTON COMMUNITY MARKET

Storrington Village Hall, West Street



EVERY FRIDAY 9.30 – 11.30am

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Homemade Cakes, Quiches and Biscuits
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Elaine's Glass Art and Jewellery • Rich's woodcraft gifts
Sussex Green Living recycling collection point
Cafe – tea, coffee and biscuits

STORRINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDENS



This month we thought we would talk about one of our projects, the Community Garden. We recently liaised with the Woodland Trust, and they kindly donated 200 tree saplings for us to plant at the corner of Hormare Recreation Ground. In about 10 years' time this will create a nice, wooded area of hazel, rowan, crab-apple, wild cherry, elder and oak trees. This is Phase 1 of the project, and Phase 2 will be to work on creating the actual garden area.

Our thanks go to the Woodland Trust for the trees, to everyone who helped to plant them, including Councillor Bill Aitkenhead, and to Chanctonbury Leisure Centre who provided some funding that enabled us to buy some other essentials.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 3, 17 & 31 May

Dungeons and Dragons at Sullington Parish Hall. For times and to book a place, please contact us

Monday 5 May, 10.30am to 4.30pm

White Stork & Nature Revival Festival at Chanctonbury Leisure Centre

Sunday 11 May, 12pm to 4pm (times tbc)

Duck Race at riverside walk and library car park:

Monday 12 May, 11am to 12.30pm

Community Café at the library

Tuesday 13 May, 10am to 11am

'Journey' Autism and SEN meeting at the library

Thursday 15 May 10.30am to 12.30pm

Cuppa and a Chat at Chanctonbury Leisure Centre

We hope to see you at one of these events.

Chris Poore: 07795 046743

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Monthly
Talk

Dogs Trained for Domestic Tasks

by Bonnie Tse

**Tuesday 6th May
7.30pm**

**Storrington &
District
Museum,
The Old School,
School Lane,
Storrington,
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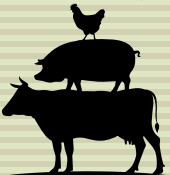


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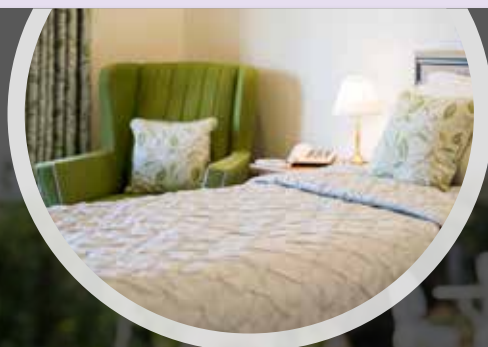
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