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Remembrance Sunday 8 November
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All Saints?

I heard last month that there is such a thing as '6-month weariness'. September marked 6 months since our national lockdown and people are indeed very weary. Tempers are a little frayed, relationships are under increased pressure, medical conditions are exacerbated, and we are tempted to just fling our hands in the air and rebel against the regulations!

We are weary of mixed instructions from scientists who are trying to understand the Covid-19 virus and keep us safe. We are weakened by the loneliness. It is a troubling time for all. But, we are not the first people to feel like this; we can take comfort and hope that others have been here too, and they have come out the other side.

I am worn out, O Lord; have pity on me! Give me strength; I am completely exhausted and my whole being is deeply troubled. How long, O Lord, will you wait to help me? Psalm 6:2-3.

In this season of All Souls and All Saints, the Christian calendar draws our attention back to the lives of those gone before. We can look at the lives of people who have walked this earth and lived through similar trials, and we can look for the hope they had and follow in their example. It is possible to have hope in the midst of trouble, and hope can get us through.

My mind and my body may grow weak, but God is my strength; he is all I ever need. Psalm 73:26

I heard the following words in a primary school recently;

*Plant four rows of Peas; peace with each other.
Plant four rows of Squash; squash unkindness.
Plant four rows of Lettuce; let us be patient.
Plant four rows of Turnips; turn up to lend a hand.
Plant four rows of Thyme; time for each other.*

A lovely illustration of planting a vegetable garden that points to things we can each do to make the world a better place, and I love a good pun! If we look more closely at the suggestions in the poem, and try to live by them, we will end up planting hope and a good example in this difficult world. Even in our weariness, we can sow hope.

SARA-JANE STEVENS
Priest-in-Charge, Sullington and Thakeham with Warminghurs

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

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

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 November – Trinity Methodist Church will lead
Tuesday, 1 December – Church of England will lead
One in faith and love and praise

PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

Unfortunately due to the ongoing restrictions the Government has imposed as a consequence of the Covid-19 pandemic, Christmas Day lunch will not be going ahead this year. We will continue to plan hosting a lunch next year.

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What's happening at

St Mary's Thakeham



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

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Safeguarding Officer

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PASTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR

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

BINGO VIA ZOOM

Twelve months ago, who would have connected the two words Bingo and Zoom.

We are now living in unprecedented times when we are all having to adapt our way of life to comply with government restrictions due to Covid 19.

This adjustment has led to St Mary's Church, Thakeham, holding a Bingo via Zoom evening, with all profits going to St Mary's Church building fund. This entertaining evening was organised by Liz and David Whitehead, and was a fun evening for many. David was the Bingo Caller, having spent time learning the 'Bingo language', and did an excellent job, so well done David. The whole evening worked extremely well. Bingo cards were delivered in person to anyone who wanted to join in the fun. The evening was such a success it will be repeated on Wednesday 9 December when a Christmas Bumper Bingo evening will be held again via zoom, and everyone is welcome to come and join in the fun. £10 per ticket for 6 games.



For further information please contact:
stmarysthakehamtreasurer@gmail.com or
wynniled06@gmail.com or phone 743025.

HARVEST DRIVE-IN!

Harvest Festival service was with an appropriate twist at Thakeham; a socially distanced drive-in service amid the very fields, hedgerows and crops we celebrate and give thanks for. What better setting and a mini tractor with a trailer full of goodies for Family Support Work.

Carol Peacock



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

It was with regret the organisers of the Macmillan Coffee Morning planned for 25 September at Hurston Street Farm, had to cancel this event due to Covid-19 restrictions.

If anyone who was hoping to attend the coffee morning would like to make a donation to this worthy charity, please use the link: www.donation.macmillan.org.uk



Thakeham Knit and Stitch Group



With changing Government restrictions, it has been difficult to plan a start date for the Knit and Stitch Group, but it is hoped we can start meeting again in the near future in Thakeham Village Hall. Anyone wishing to have further information about the group please contact Wynn Lednor on 743025.

"Loving God and
Loving our Neighbour"

What's happening at St Mary's Sullington



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THAKEHAM AND SULLINGTON:

Times of Church services can be found on page 18. Alternatively you can visit the Church website for further details.

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Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in us

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

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Our Remembrance Sunday service will take place on **8 November at 10.30am** in Church followed by 11am at the war memorial. Please contact Gail Kittle, Churchwarden (phone number above) to reserve a place.

FLOWER FESTIVAL 2021

We are delighted to announce
that the Flower Festival at
Sullington Church will take place
3-5 September -2021

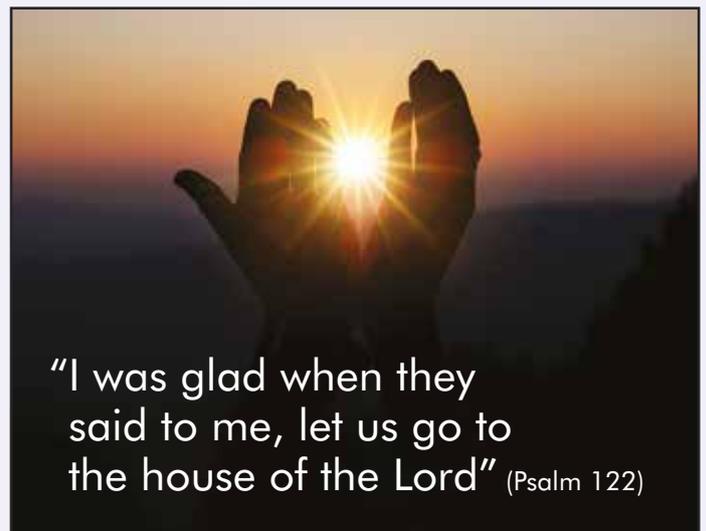
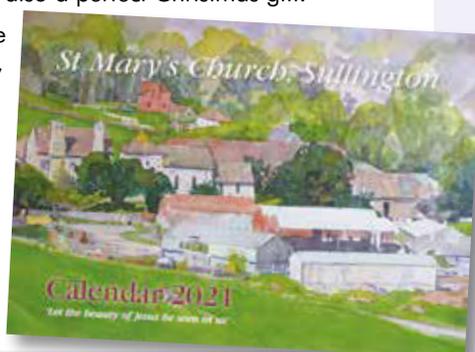
STMARY'S CHURCH, SULLINGTON 2021 CALENDAR

We have produced a calendar in aid of St Mary's Church, Sullington, showing beautiful photographs of the Church.

A4 size (opening to A3), it is useful for jotting down appointments and special occasions, also a perfect Christmas gift.

£10 each. Can be delivered locally free, otherwise with a post and packaging charge.

Please contact Jane Williams on 742956 to order and for further postal details.



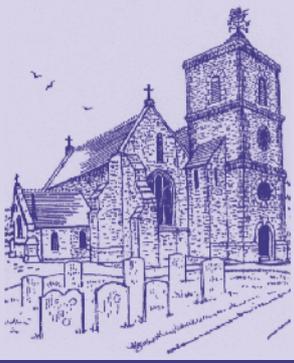
"I was glad when they
said to me, let us go to
the house of the Lord" (Psalm 122)

It was with much joy and excitement that 26 people gathered in the Tithe Barn at Sullington Farm at 3pm on Sunday 16 August. It was our first face-to-face service in the parish since lockdown. The Thakeham congregation also met for the first time that day, at 10.30am in their Churchyard, but the afternoon's torrential rain drove us to find shelter. We sat comfortably in the atmospheric surroundings of that ancient barn and shared a rather emotional communion together. Then on 20 September we shared communion at last in the Church building. Joy!

Going forward, there will be a communion service at 10.30am on the 3rd Sunday of the month at Sullington Church until at least the end of January. There is very limited seating in our lovely old Church. To avoid the awkward situation of being turned away, please contact our Church Warden, Gail Kittle, so we can save you a seat.

Those who love the Prayer Book will be pleased to know that there will be an 8am BCP communion on the 3rd Sunday too. We look forward to seeing you all again.

Rev'd Sara-Jane Stevens



What's happening at St Mary's Storrington

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

Verger: Michael Taylor (742218)

Sacristy Team

Stella Hastings & John Taylor (745477)

Captain of Bellringers

John Taylor (745477)

Parish Visiting Scheme

Sonia Fox (745703)

Recorder

Rob and Alison Wall (743713)

Electoral Roll Officer

Val Rice (918958)

Director of Music

Stephen Bloxham

Assistant Organists

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

Readers and Sidesmen

Vera Blake (743974)

Church Flowers

Anna Forster (745392)

Child Protection Officer

Jackie Lee (743661)

Bible Reading Fellowship

VACANT

Bible Society

Jean Hunt (01798 813681)

Christian Aid Co-ordinator

Anna Forster (745392)

The Rector, Revd Canon Kathryn Windslow, will take Friday as her day off. **The Rectory Office is now open on Thursdays 10am – 12noon.** Viv Stuart (Parish Secretary) can be contacted at other times on 745913.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Church Services see page 18.

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

Altar Servers: Revd Jacquie Peal (743083)

Bellringers: Fridays, 7.45pm - 9.30pm.

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

Church & Churchyard Maintenance: Ray Hunt (01798 813681)

Mothers' Union: Jean Hunt (01798 813681)

Bible Study / Home Groups:

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

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

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

SPACE: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 2pm – 4pm at the Old School. Contact Sonia Fox (745703)

STORRINGTON REGISTERS

Interment of ashes only:

3 Oct Malcolm John Biggs (75 years)

FACE COVERINGS/MASKS IN CHURCH

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

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES

Due to the current Covid-19 situation the Church of England Children's Society collecting boxes will not be collected and emptied during this year. All box-holders will be informed when the boxes are able to be emptied again. *Pat and Alun Jenkins (744927)*

PARISH VISITING TEAM...

The St Mary's Parish Visiting Team contact is Sonia Fox (745703). Please contact Sonia if you would like to arrange for someone on the team to either speak to you or visit you.

ZOOM SERVICES at St Mary's, Storrington – see page 18.

ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS

All Saints' Day celebrates the countless people whose lives have been loving and fruitful, but who are not on the official list of saints. The calendar date of this festival is 1 November. **All Souls** (officially 2 November) is a day to remember with thanksgiving our own departed loved ones. At Storrington, we will not be able to have our usual **Service of Light, Hope & Remembrance** this year but we will display in Church a board with all the names entered in our Book of Remembrance and of those whose funerals have taken place over the last three years. The board will be in Church and can be seen on Thursdays, 29 October, and 5 November, when the Church is open for private prayer between 9am and 12.30pm, and on Sunday, 1 November, when services are held at 8am and 10am.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 8 November 2020

The principal Service of Remembrance will take place at St Mary's Church, Storrington, on **Sunday, 8 November**, starting at **2.55pm** with the wreath-laying at the War Memorial outside the south door. It will be a much smaller and shorter service this year but civic leaders and leaders of uniformed groups are invited to attend with their standard bearer. Medals to be worn.

CHURCH DIARIES 2021

A useful Church pocket diary for 2021 will be available this month. A quantity of these will be available in the Church when it is open on Thursday mornings for private prayer and on Sunday mornings for the 8am and 10am services. The diaries will also be available from Storrington Rectory Office on Thursday mornings. Please make a suitable donation in the Church Donation box. Our thanks to all who advertise in the Church diary and in this magazine.

CHILDREN'S GIFT SERVICE

During the Parish Communion Service on Sunday, 6 December, at 10am, everyone is invited to bring gifts for needy children which will be distributed, through the Salvation Army, in the Worthing, Littlehampton and Petworth areas. A simple, durable and inexpensive toy or book would be much appreciated. Please wrap gifts using ribbon or string rather than sellotape. A label stating contents and suitable age-range would help the Salvation Army staff to give the presents to appropriate children. Gifts may also be delivered to Storrington Rectory Office on Thursday mornings up to 3 December.

ON YER' BIKE, VICAR!

Revd Sara-Jane Stevens exchanges pews for views!

I have always loved cycling. In my previous parish, carrying out my parish duties, I averaged 40 miles each week. It gave me the opportunity to chill between appointments so when the idea came to me to ride the length of the South Downs Way to raise funds for our building work, I was keen to do it.



Why did you do it?

I suppose my first thought was to encourage others to see that anyone can fund-raise. I wanted to demonstrate my commitment to the building project and show some leadership. It also enabled me to take part in the *South Downs Awakening Prayer walk*.

How challenging was it?

It was extremely challenging! Being unfit and overweight made it physically very hard for me. There was also the mental challenge of being by myself, although occasionally I met a few people along the way who were very friendly. They were curious to find out why I was challenging myself in this way and I was able to talk about the fundraising and what it was for, and for my prayer pilgrimage.

The route from Winchester to Eastbourne is very beautiful. The terrain changes from flint to sand, some tarmacked roads and then clay and chalk which makes it very challenging technically. I was helped by knowing that Bob, my husband, had completed the ride seven times and he had talked about the many changes 'under wheel' and the difficulties this creates for the cyclist. I now know what that means.



Did you ever feel you would give up?

Yes. On Day 1, right at the start, as I begin to struggle up Old Winchester Hill, I heard myself say, 'you are too unfit to do this, what are you doing?' but I was determined to complete the ride. On Day 3, the route was steep and I was wet and cold and tired. It

was raining so hard that the rain was hurting my face. I could have given up then, too, but I was only two miles from the end of the section, I just had to finish it. Throughout the ride, I was praying for the South Downs, the farms and villages, the people, the churches. I had come so far, why would I miss this bit.

What was your favourite part of the route?

On Day 4, I rode the shortest stretch from Devil's Dyke to Southease. I rode it very slowly because I felt very drawn to prayer and praise. The weather was beautiful, a complete contrast to Day 3 when it had rained heavily and endlessly, and I could see open views and endless vistas. It was a perfect cycling experience.

Throughout the ride, I chose to ride in silence. I wanted to hear the sounds of the South Downs: the wind, the rain, the birds, the clamour of noisy, friendly cows obstructing my passage through a gate somewhere north of Seaford, the puffing of other cyclists.

I had time to think and to pray about my vision for Thakeham and Sullington, especially at this time when Covid is dominating our daily lives and the Thakeham family has left the Church building and moved into the new Village Hall. I long for people to be strong



in their own spiritual growth through prayer, bible study, discussions and worship. How will Thakeham cope with 'no building'? I see clearly the opportunity to meet in the centre of the village, in a public place, as a God given opportunity to attract others to who we are and what we are doing, a kind of incidental mission and personal evangelism. Ultimately, I want it to lead to spiritual growth in the Thakeham congregation and to church growth. I hope people will be strong.

Once back in our much loved, newly refurbished, more functional building, I want to see a larger, more inclusive congregation that live out their Christianity in their daily lives and exhibit this to others so that their faith is practical. I also want to continue to use our new skills with Zoom and other technology to ensure that services remain accessible on-line in some format – to be 'church differently', sometimes meeting together in real time and sometimes virtually. I would love to enable people to take church to others.



Back to the cycling once again. What did you learn about that?

I learned such a lot. Next time, I will manage the cycling very differently, I will prepare thoroughly by cycling regularly in the weeks before the event. I will research the route better. I kept up the same pace throughout the ride but there were places where I could have taken things much more easily. And I would love to share my next long ride with a companion. Offers anyone?

Revd Sara-Jane Stevens is Priest-in-Charge, St Mary's, Sullington and St Mary's, Thakeham with Warminghurst. Her sponsored bike ride has raised £4676 to date. Please consult the Church website if you would like to make a donation, details on page 4.

Sara-Jane was interviewed by Allison Goodfellow, churchwarden.

Church@4pm
at St Mary's Church, Storrington

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

THAKEHAM CHURCH UPDATE

Building for the People to the Glory of God September/October 2020



We've started!

On 21 September, contractors Valley Builders began work to renovate, restore and refresh our Church building. In future months' editions, we'll introduce you to the team and tell you more about how we're getting on.

For now, our Church building, accessible car park and pedestrian access from the North side along with parts of the churchyard are closed to facilitate safe working; however, appointments for access can be arranged. To ensure the safety of contractors and visitors, site boundaries within the churchyard may change from time to time as work progresses.

If you need to visit church yard areas within the building site during working hours, please contact our Site Manager, Symon Trigg, on 07736 550841 between the hours of 7.30am and 4pm. If you would like to visit outside of these hours please telephone Cliff, our project leader, on 07765 530370 to arrange an appointment.



On Saturday 5 September our vicar, Sara-Jane Stevens, completed the final leg of her sponsored bicycle ride of the South Downs Way when she arrived in Eastbourne. The sun shone and the occasion was marked with some bubbly as well as a much needed and deserved cup of tea. Sara-Jane exceeded her target of £5,000 and at the time of writing donations are still being received.



Fundraising for the project continues and we are so grateful for any donation large or small. Please see our website or contact us by email or telephone if you would like to contribute.

For full report see page 9.

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THANKING GOD FOR THE PAST AS WE LOOK TO THE FUTURE

November is an emotional month. It begins with All Saints Day when we thank God for all the Saints who have gone before us; the Roman Catholic Church recognises more than 10,000 Christians who have been considered worthy of the Saint (with a capital 's') title after their death. The next day is All Souls, traditionally called the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed or the Day of the Dead. Many Christian denominations mark this with a day of prayer and remembrance for the souls of those who have died; for example, some churches invite bereaved families and friends of those whose funerals were held in the church during the previous year. During such a service candles are lit for every person as their names are read out. It can be a very moving, meaningful and emotional occasion for many people.

A few days later, on Armistice Day, the nation comes together to remember and give thanks to God for all those who sacrificed their lives while serving the country in the armed forces. Armistice Day was first observed at 11am on 11 November 1919 throughout the British Commonwealth to commemorate the armistice agreement that ended the First World War a year earlier. This happened at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month of 1918. The first official Armistice Day commemoration was held in the grounds of Buckingham Palace and this was followed by a peace parade for which the Cenotaph memorial was created in Whitehall and today is at the centre of the nation's commemorations.

During the Second World War, most of the Commonwealth of Nations agreed to change the name from Armistice to Remembrance and so include those who died during that war. In more recent times, servicemen and women killed and injured in other conflicts since the Second World War have also been included, and services are held at parish churches and local memorials on the closest Sunday to Armistice Day.

The Royal British Legion, which cares for ex-servicemen and women injured while serving the country, and for the families of those who have died, plays a leading role in many of the services which often attract the largest congregations of the year. However, this year, for the first time since 1919, these services will probably not be taking place in the usual ways because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

As November starts with a series of acts of remembrance to thank God for all those who have gone before us, it concludes with the excitement of Advent Sunday when Christians begin looking forward to celebrating the coming into the world of Christ. Advent Sunday marks the start of a new liturgical year for the Christian Church, a year that we hope and pray will enable the world to come to terms with Covid-19 and enable us all not only to rebuild our local communities, but make our churches stronger and more relevant to the new world we will be serving.

Come and join our SPACE

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

1st and 3rd

POSTPONED FOR THE TIME BEING

Very welcome (men and women, any age or ability).
Please bring along something you can already do, or have a go at something different.

There will be no refreshments but everyone is welcome to bring their own. Face coverings needed and social distancing guidelines followed.

For more information contact: Sonia Fox (745703)

PRAYER PRACTICE

First of all a word of warning: if you see Kathryn in the street or Waitrose, you may want to walk in the opposite direction in case your conversation ends with Kathryn saying, "Would you write a piece for the 3 Heralds?" It was such a conversation that resulted in this. Kathryn and I were standing outside the post office talking about the need for prayer in general and particularly now. I told her about my own efforts in prayer. As we parted Kathryn asked her question and I rashly said "OK".



The title has two meanings; it is my habit to try to pray consciously at least once each day, usually between getting up and having breakfast. Sometimes I find prayer easy and sometimes difficult, so I need to practice to get better at it.

I have a pattern; first I set an alarm on my mobile phone. This is not because I want to limit the time I spend in prayer, but because I'm inclined to think I've 'finished' much too early. I keep praying at least until the alarm goes.

Because I find prayer doesn't always come easily to me and my thoughts can go all over the place, I tend to use something to help me focus. At the moment I'm using a book called *A Poem for Every Autumn Day*. There are two poems chosen for each day from 1 September until 30 November with a little narrative about them. Some are secular poems, but many are prayers, including the *Lord's Prayer*. They're drawn from over the centuries and cultures. Each one provides me with a subject on which to focus my prayers; today it was homelessness. I have used other books and pamphlets, and favourites include *Our Duty and Our Joy* by Robert Llewelyn and *Advices and Queries* published by the Quakers. I've also used books by Janet Morley and Sarah Arthur for Advent and Lent.

I always start my actual praying with the Prayer of Preparation, "Almighty God, to Whom all hearts are open, etc." then I try to pray around the subject chosen from my reading and other matters or people of concern. Sometimes for a while I just repeat words like "Lord have mercy" or "Thanks be to God". I try not to worry when my thoughts wander; I try to bring myself back to prayer based on repetition and then come back into focus. I like the framework of intercessions in church, so sometimes I use that; the challenge is remembering to say "thank you" instead of just a series of "please God do this or that". Finally, I always finish my prayers with the *Lord's Prayer*.

I would love to hear about other people's practice of prayer and learn other ways so that in time I may find praying comes as naturally to me as breathing.

Christine Tuson

WEST CHILTINGTON AND STORRINGTON MOTHERS' UNION

Mothers' UNION Christian care for families

Having met in September for a Eucharist Service, we were hoping to resume Branch Meetings as from October. Unfortunately the Rule of 6 has made that impossible and it seems unlikely we will be able to gather together until sometime next year.

This does not mean MU is in hibernation. Back in March, Scilla Page from Walberton Branch spoke about their Moses Basket Project. Their Branch provides a Moses Basket complete with brand new mattress, baby clothes, and toiletries for mum, to be given to a first-time mum who is struggling to provide for her baby. This inspired some of our members to contribute, and one generous member provided the money for a mattress whilst others have knitted or collected new or good-as-new baby clothes. Two members were able to deliver these items to Scilla who very kindly provided coffee and biscuits in her garden on a gloriously sunny morning, all socially distanced of course.

Diocesan President, Karen Hill, has a vision she has called "Shine a Light." Members have been asked to make stars that can be hung on hedges, gates etc during Advent, and left there for children to collect on their way home from school, shining the light of Christ into the darkness. The stars can be knitted, crocheted, painted, or cut-out, and will carry a message from MU. If you should come across any in your area you are more than welcome to claim them, they are freely given.

Jean Hunt



TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH

Members of Trinity Methodist Church met recently to begin to consider how, in the words of the minister, Revd Dr Frank Okai-Sam, "we might move on in a world that would never be the same again".

An immediate proposal was to arrange a Harvest Display outside the Church (see photograph) on the following Sunday, so that passing walkers would see that our Church life continues.

Other actions agreed included:

- Improving the memorial garden in time for a service outdoors on 1 November at which members of the Trinity community who have died in recent months, not as a result of Covid 19, and for whom we have been unable to hold memorial services, could be remembered; this service to be open to all in the local community.
- Asking walkers on Sullington Warren to take photos and share them on our Facebook page
- Establishing a prayer tree in the Church grounds
- Erecting an outside display board to allow premises users to explain what they do and make prayer requests
- Establishing a 5-year mission planning team

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EXTRACTS FROM CANON PALMER'S DIARY – NOVEMBER 1898

Tue 1: Frosty morning. 48 degrees. By curious mistake went early to Pulborough to go to the Conference, a day too soon! A grand morning however. Many folk here this afternoon to practise the Lobgesang. Papers uneasy about the war. 'Ben' in police custody. Enlarge the borders of the carnation bed.

Wed 2: Dull and windy, too wet and stormy. 55 degrees. Day at the conference at Chichester; lively about Czar and Peace; also about Bishops, to whom scant curtesy. Lunched with Blaker, home in a gale, by 6pm.

Thu 3: Dull and rainy in morning and then clearing. 50 degrees. Did not try Chichester, too wet. Called for the first time at the Farm; a very talkative 'Aunt' Houle, Mrs H pretty and refined. Papers uneasy about France and Russia. Cleaned out the greenhouse.

Fri 4: Fine and bright. 50 degrees. With Cicely to Threales and fixed for our first evening service on Tuesday. At practising this evening arranged for an evening class on Monday.

Sat 5: Fine and bright again. 49 degrees. Much clearing up after storms. Last evening Lord Kitchener given Freedom of London and a sword, and Lord Salisbury declared the Fashoda business ended. Called on Cunliffe in bed and visited along Washington Road.

Sun 6: Trinity XXII. Fine bright. 48 degrees. Have had two really good congregations and a baptism of a Ledbitter at 3 o'clock service and 10 to Holy Communion. Sermon old on Death by Adam and Life of Christ. Very poorly all day after a rough night.

Mon 7: Fine, dull. 50 degrees. Put in some Rhododendrons by the main gate. Had our first evening class of boys (4) May and Cicely instructors, in the old laundry room.

Tue 8: Fine, mild. 50 degrees. Board of Guardians and a long committee after this foolish new Vaccination Act, which will cost us very much more than the old preceding. A number of fold to tea. Clara and I to my first meeting at Threales, Mrs Pinks very hearty. Took Noah. Girls dined at Sandgate.

Wed 9: Very mild, fine and warm. 50 degrees. School 29 out of 30. Suffer morning from bilious, and dizziness etc. Girls to Pulborough to sing, boys in the evening with half hour bible study. Proverbs. Calf born.

Thu 10: Dull, foggy, mild. 50 degrees. Drove May and Cicely to Pulborough, they to Town, Benges and Blackheath. Went to Chichester and lunched with the Marshals to see about the Churchyard question.

Fri 11: Much as yesterday. 53 degrees. Drove Clara to Amberley vicarage with Tumbings to enquire after Mrs S.

Sat 12: As yesterday. 55 degrees. Put in tulips under Library window. Too little done today. A queer letter from Hal at Cambridge about his teeth! At last Austin sends certificate of Amberley.

Sun 13: Trinity XXIII. Very fine and brilliant. 46 degrees. A wonderful day! Fair congregations. Sermons (notes) on Hebrews VI. 6.7 'Fruitfulness' and 'Increase' Through and in CHRIST John III 30. Remained up to see if possible, meteoric shower – so the papers tell us – about this time.

Mon 14: Very fine and bright. 49 degrees. School 29 out of 30 called register. Lunched with the Bramwells, driving Marten, who was a little out of sorts: met Cicely on her return from the Jelfs at Pulborough. Driven back to Wiggentholt by Mrs Zwahlen! Home and then to a charity concert at Storrington, very good.

Tue 15: Dull, mild, still. 53 degrees. School 20 out of 30. Parkinson lunched; discussed the magazine and took a stroll. Then Mant pays in first portion of the tithe.

Wed 16: Much as yesterday. 53 degrees. Paid visit in the parish, a first to Mrs 'Jem' Charman. Clara and Cicely went to Highden to a musical tea. Nightclass of 6.

Thu 17: As yesterday. 50 degrees. School 30 out of 30. Put in anenomes in centre root bed and Gladiola's under the dining room window. Teaed at Fryern, and on to Threales with Cicely to a well-attended lecture at Pink's.

Fri 18: Bright and brisk. 45 degrees. Put in some Gladioli, which perhaps rather early but meant to keep them well littered over. Young Montgomery spends morning, apparently a pleasant young lad of 20.

Sat 19: Dull, still and chill. 47 degrees. Into Brighton taking Parkinson. Extortionized of 2 guineas by Mr John Gibbons, to whom I must give a wide berth in future. Brought May's box and then May home from Benges and Town.

Sun 20: Trinity XXIV. Fine and dull. 47 degrees. Early Holy Communion, only 4. Both morning and evening well attended; sermons from notes on 'Fruits' (Collect), and the peace to be found in the Presence of Jesus Christ in 'This Place'.

21 to 26: at Benges Grange with the exception on Tuesday, Board of Guardians and District Council; little interest. Then to Cobden, when find much apathy is in matters religious. With the exception of Tuesday, everyday very dull and wet. On Tuesday Minnie married! Returned on Saturday. Floods much out at Pulborough.

Sun 27: ADVENT. Generally fine. 43 degrees. Fair congregations considering the weather which was threatening. Preached (Notes) on Isaiah 1 generally and on 'Cease to do evil, learnt to do well'

Mon 28: Very dark, rainy and cold, some sleet. 37 degrees. School 23 out of 30. Lighted up at 4 this afternoon. Nothing much done outside.

Tue 29: Cold but fine. 35 degrees. A winter's day. Sam weeding out Church walk and shrubbery. Paid parish visits with Clara. Received payment for my investments in the North Staffordshire, transport.

Wed 30: Fine, Mild. 46 degrees. Rain in evening. School 28 out of 30. Drove Clara to Findon calling on Wyatts Cissberry, Allen's and Williams. Evening school of 6.



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HOW ST ANDREW BECAME PATRON SAINT OF SCOTLAND

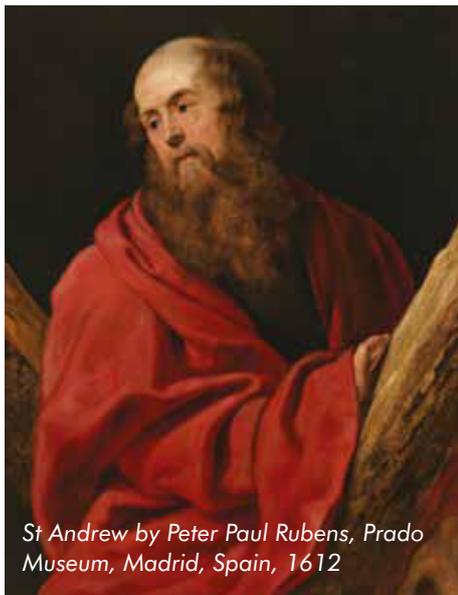
St Andrew's Day is 30 November. The patronage of the saint whose name means 'manly' also covers fishmongers, gout, singers, sore throats, spinsters, maidens, old maids and women wishing to become mothers. But just who was Saint Andrew and how did he become the patron saint of Scotland?

Saint Andrew, who is believed to have later preached around the shores of the Black Sea, was an agile and hardy Galilean fisherman whose name means 'Strong' and who also had good social skills. He brought the first foreigners to meet Jesus and shamed a large crowd of people into sharing their food with the people beside them. Today we might describe him as the Patron Saint of Social Networking!

Having St Andrew as Scotland's patron saint gave the country several advantages: because he was the brother of St Peter, founder of the Church, the Scots were able to appeal to the Pope in 1320 (The Declaration of Arbroath) for protection against the attempts of English kings to conquer the Scots. Traditionally, Scots also claimed they were descended from the Scythians who lived on the shores of the Black Sea in what is now Romania and Bulgaria and were converted by St Andrew.

In the fascinating legend of The Voyage of St Rule from Greece to Scotland we can see the complicated spread of devotion to St Andrew - from Constantinople in modern Turkey, to St Andrews in Fife. St Rule (*Regulus* in Latin) and the six nuns and monks who took the long sea-journey with him, stands for the missionaries and monasteries who worked long and hard to bring the Good News to Britain. They lived in communities organised by a monastic Rule - hence the name St Rule or *Regulus*.

As Scotland slowly became a nation it needed a national symbol to rally round and motivate the country. St Andrew was an inspired choice and the early Picts and Scots modelled themselves on St Andrew and on one of his strong



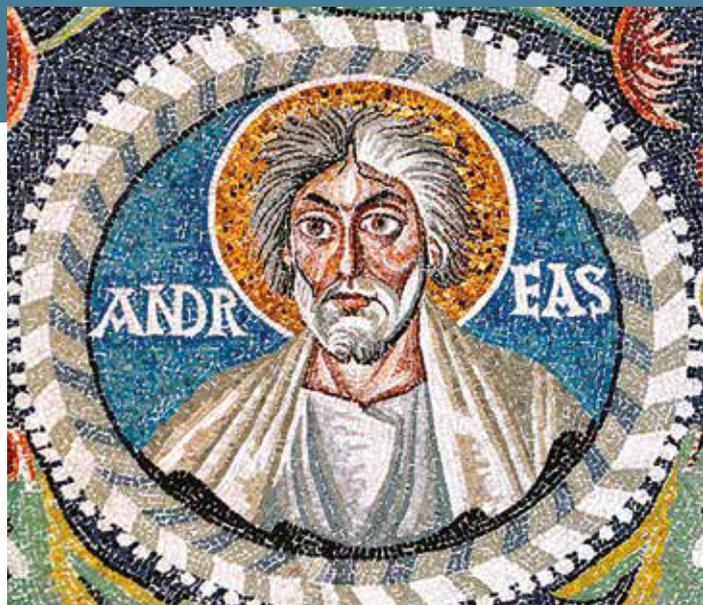
St Andrew by Peter Paul Rubens, Prado Museum, Madrid, Spain, 1612

supporters, the Roman Emperor Constantine the Great, whose statue you can see today in York, where he visited his father, a Roman General then trying to force the Picts to go back north.

Although a pagan who worshipped the Roman sun god Sol, Constantine later became a Christian and went on to make Christianity the official religion of the Roman Empire.

It all began near Rome in 312 AD when, on the night of a make-or-break battle against a rival emperor, he saw the symbol 'XP' (Greek for the first two letters of 'Christ') in the dazzling light of the setting sun and then had a dream in which he was promised victory. Constantine ordered his troops to hold the Christian cross at the front of the army, and won.

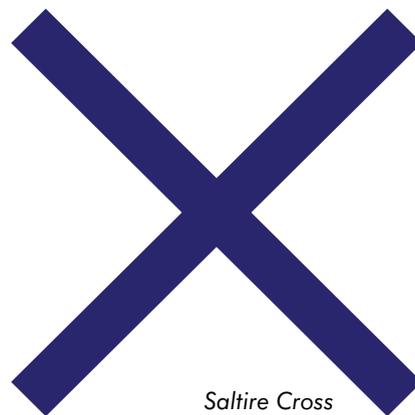
In a similar way, around 500 years later, King Angus of the Picts, facing a larger army of Saxons at Athelstaneford in what is now East Lothian in Scotland, was overwhelmed by a blinding light the



St Andrew mosaic, Basilica of San Vitale, Emilia-Romagna, Italy, 6th century

night before the battle and, during the night, had a dream. The message he was given was that he would see a Cross in the sky and would conquer his enemies in its name. The following morning King Angus looked into the rising sun and saw the Saltire Cross in its blinding light. This filled him and his men with great confidence and they were victorious. From that time St Andrew and his Saltire Cross were adopted as the national symbols for an emerging Scotland.

The Saltire Cross became the heraldic arms that every Scot is entitled to fly and wear. However, its colour was not white at first but silver (Argent), as in heraldry white stands for silver. The first time the colour of the Saltire is mentioned is in the Acts of Parliament of King Robert II in July 1385 where every Scottish soldier was ordered to wear a white Saltire. If the uniform was white, then the Saltire was to be stitched onto a black background.



Saltire Cross

Both William Wallace and King Robert the Bruce appealed to St Andrew to guide them in times of national emergency. The Saltire was flown on Scottish ships and used as the logo of Scottish banks, on Scottish coins and seals and displayed at the funerals of Scottish kings and queens - that of King James VI for example and of his mother, Mary Queen of Scots. At the Union of the Crowns in 1603, London was treated to the spectacle of St Andrew and St George on horseback, shaking hands in friendship. When King George IV visited Edinburgh in 1822 he was presented with a Saltire Cross made of pearls on velvet, within a circle of gold.

There is also a wider dimension. St Andrew and his relics at St Mary's Metropolitan Cathedral, Edinburgh, provides Scots with a special link to Amalfi in Italy and Patras in Greece, where two Cathedrals named after the saint also hold his relics. The many St Andrew Societies worldwide, set up originally as self-help organisations for Scots who had fallen on hard times, form a network of Scots who are all united under the Saltire Cross of St Andrew. They give Scotland a European and worldwide dimension.

"DADDY, WHY DO LEAVES TURN RED?"

My 5 year-old daughter asked me why the leaves turn red before they die and drop off the trees. At first, my reaction was to gloss over the science, and simply present it as a fact of life, that it is a natural cycle of deciduous trees, and nothing more. But in thinking about how to respond, I realised that there was more to the process than that.

The reds and yellows in autumn leaves are not something that only arrives in the changing of the seasons. The colours are present all year round, as vitamins in the leaves. It is only in autumn, as the trees begin to hibernate and draw back their green chlorophyll-infused sap, that these colours become more visible to us.



The reds and oranges we see in the leaves are stored sugars, excess glucose from after photosynthesis has slowed. When those leaves fall to the ground around their roots, the leaves break down and release that extra nutrition into the soil, to keep them fed through their hibernation. For some trees, with the reddest leaves, it can indicate poor soil quality, as the tree struggles to produce as much glucose as it can to sustain it through till spring.

In some ways, getting towards the end of autumn can feel like tying up loose ends, a conclusion of the events of the year. We can often overlook the significance of the season in the busyness of preparation for the next. For most of our trees, this time is their annual swan-song. Not a time to accept the inevitability of the leaves falling, but to take note of, and cherish, their final efforts to nourish themselves.

Matt Harder

Bluebell Bushcraft, Director, Forest School Association



On Wednesday 16 September, 30 members of Sullington Windmills WI Zoomed together. We are all getting used to, and enjoying Zoom meetings. It seems that once members have given it a go they like it, and we hope while this shutdown prevails, more members will join in. On this occasion, as we were all in our own homes, and un-muted, we were able to join together and sing a rousing rendition of *Jerusalem*.

Erika our President reported on the 100th birthday celebrations for Pam Spinks, who was with us Zooming away. Having enjoyed singing *Jerusalem*, we then all joined together to sing *Happy Birthday* to Pam, which we were unable to do when 30 of us met in the open in gale force winds, to celebrate her birthday.

Erika reported that our Secretary, Sara Harden, was now recovering well from her illness, but would not be continuing as Secretary. Erika thanked her on our behalf for all the really valuable work she had done over a long period, and was pleased to report that Sara Lockerbie had volunteered to take over as Secretary.

Erika then introduced Pam Harper and Bentley, her trainee pup, from Hearing Dogs for Deaf People, which is a UK charity which trains dogs to alert deaf people to important and life-saving sounds they would otherwise miss, sounds that many people take for granted like the doorbell, alarm clock and even danger signals like the fire alarm. Being aware of these, thanks to a hearing dog, it makes a real difference to deaf people's lives, especially loneliness.

Pam's beautiful Labrador puppy Bentley, who arrived for training when he was seven and a half weeks old, was very eager indeed to appear on Zoom! He is now seven months old and is Pam's 10th puppy that she and her husband have trained. Although she always finds it emotional when she hands over the trained dog to a deaf person, she understands that deafness can be a very isolating disability and that the trained hearing dog can give a deaf person a newfound sense of independence and confidence now they have a loyal companion and a true friend by their side. When a hearing dog retires at about the age of 11, their deaf partner is able to reapply for a new dog, and a lot of them keep their former hearing dogs as pets!

Sullington Windmill WI meetings usually take place on the third Wednesday of the month (2nd Wednesday in December), in Sullington Parish Hall but due to the virus that is not possible at the moment, so we are for the time being meeting up together on Zoom.

Our next Zoom meeting is on **Wednesday 18 November** which will be our annual Meeting, followed by a Scavenger Hunt! If you feel you would like to pay us a Zoom visit, you can be assured of a warm welcome.

For further information please contact Erika Brichta, President, on 742039.

Patricia Beard

Storrington Macular Group
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Enquiries - Philippa on 743182
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STORRINGTON CONSERVATION SOCIETY

Once again we have been able to enjoy the autumn colours and the fruits of the season. Did you pick the plentiful blackberries? This year there has been an abundance of acorns, to the benefit of the winter larders of squirrels and jays. Some of the acorns they bury are forgotten, hence the spread of oak trees. It is a pity that not all unintended consequences are so beneficial. It is good to know that more and more we are becoming aware of the possible consequences of human activity, and are working to reduce harm to the world in which we live. The planting of trees, conservation of biodiversity and the transfer to green energy are all steps in the right direction. More of the same is urgently needed if the next generations are to be able to enjoy the seasons as we have done. It is mainly the rising generation, with the notable inclusion of those like Sir David Attenborough, who are expressing most concern. They are the ones who will have to live with the consequences of our actions. What legacy are they going to receive from us?

The regular Saturday morning work party met on 3 October at Hurston Warren to clear invasive species from this important SSSI for the benefit of endangered native wildlife. Our AGM and talk arranged for 31 October had to be postponed in the light of the pandemic. It is hoped it will take place in the New Year. For the next work party on **7 November at 10am**, we meet again in Fryern Dell. Social distancing and other precautions will be observed. All welcome; bring suitable clothes and refreshments.

For information about 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

YOUR LIBRARY SERVICES

Storrington Library is now open for limited browsing and computer use. Opening hours are subject to change.

Monday – 2pm – 5:30pm
Tuesday – 2pm – 5:30pm
Wednesday – 2pm – 5:30pm
Thursday – 9:30am – 1pm
Friday – 9:30am – 1pm
Saturday – 10am – 1pm



If you are unable to get to the library, you can order books on line or by phone to get books delivered for you.

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CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL FRIENDS

Supporting our Cathedral

The Friends' constitution states that its primary objective is "to assist and support the Dean and Chapter in maintaining and improving facilities and services, and to develop and promote the Cathedral's mission."

The most tangible and visible way in which the Friends do this is through its project funding and recent activities in this regard have been considerable. Specifically, the projects that the Friends have funded over the last year are many and varied and represent a monetary value well in excess of £200,000.

Included in this are:

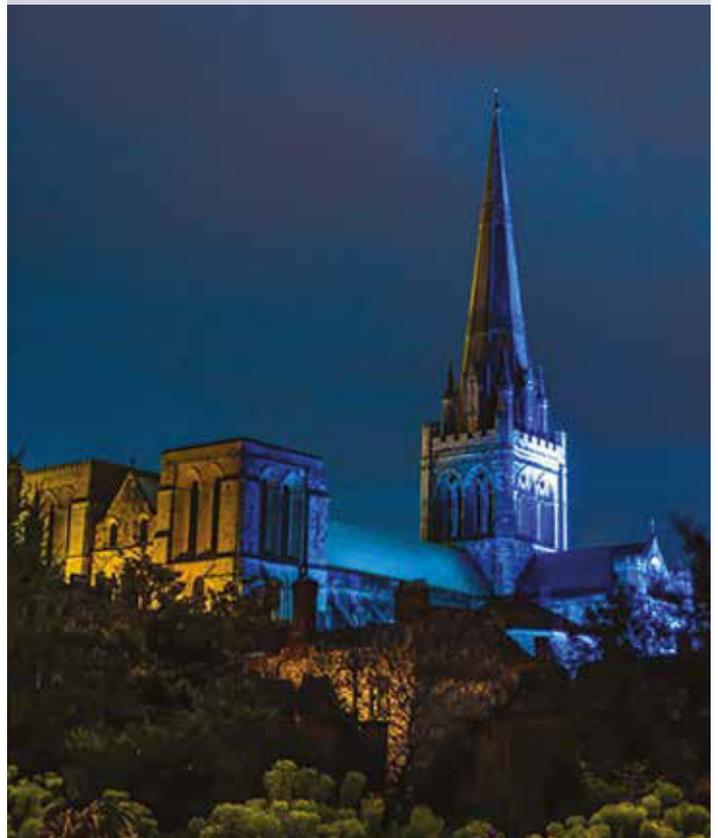
- Sponsorship of last year's highly successful Southern Cathedrals' Festival
- Refurbishment of the Vicar's Hall Kitchen
- Nave seating frontals
- New cassocks for the Vergers
- Weekday chasubles
- New altar linen cloth
- Chorister scholarship
- The majority of the costs for the new Cathedral database project

The Friends take pride in the grants that have been made to the Dean and Chapter in the last year, none of which would have been possible without the support of the members of the Friends.

For further information about what the Friends do and how to join, please visit the Cathedral website:

www.chichestercathedral.org.uk and select 'Getting involved'.

The Friends are a registered charity. Membership costs £15 per year and £25 for a couple.



CHURCH SERVICES AT A GLANCE

DATE	FESTIVAL OR SUNDAY	STORRINGTON St Mary's	THAKEHAM St Mary's	SULLINGTON St Mary's
1 November	ALL SAINTS' DAY 4 th before Advent	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion 10am Parish Communion Service on Zoom		10.30am Joint Family Service on Zoom 3pm Evensong on YouTube (YouTube channel link: www.youtube.com/channel/UCGzvwRThZUMpnUYRzTt1gA/)
8 November	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 3 rd before Advent	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion 10am Parish Communion Service on Zoom 2.55pm Service of Remembrance (see p.6)	10.55am Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial at St Mary's, Thakeham, Churchyard	8am Joint Parishes Reflective Communion on Zoom 10.30am Reflective Communion including Act of Remembrance (also on Zoom)
15 November	2 nd before Advent	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion 10am Parish Communion Service on Zoom		10.30am Sunday Worship at Thakeham Village Hall (also on Zoom)
22 November	SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT <i>Christ the King</i>	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion 10am Parish Communion Service on Zoom		8am Reflective Communion at St Mary's, Sullington (also on Zoom) 10.30am Sunday Worship at St Mary's, Sullington (also on Zoom)
29 November	ADVENT SUNDAY	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion 10am Parish Communion Service on Zoom		10.30am Sunday Worship on Zoom
6 December	Advent 1	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion & Children's Gift Service 10am Parish Communion Service on Zoom		10.30am Joint Family Service on Zoom 3pm Evensong on YouTube (YouTube channel link: www.youtube.com/channel/UCGzvwRThZUMpnUYRzTt1gA/)

OTHER CHURCH DETAILS

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Our Lady of England, Monastery Lane

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

Daily Mass: Monday – Friday 9am.

For other midweek services, confessions etc., please contact

Parish Priest: Fr Charles Howell

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

Tel: 740338

STORRINGTON CHAPEL

North Street

Sunday Services 10.30am and 6.30pm

Enquiries to Storrington Chapel Evangelical Church,

North Street, Storrington RH20 4DH

Email: contacts@storringtonchapel.org.uk

LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH, STORRINGTON

(Formerly The Community Church Storrington)

Steining Grammar School – Rock Road Campus

Family Worship – Sundays 10am

Enquiries to Katherine Edwards

Life Community Church Office,

PO Box 1020, Storrington RH20 3UY

Tel: 07450 176315 Email: admin@lccstor.org

www.lccstor.org

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH

Thakeham Road

Sunday Service 10.30am

Minister: Revd Dr Frank Okai-Sam

Tel: 01273 597122

(Church Office: 01903 746390 / 01273 596374)

Email: trinitychurchstorrington@outlook.com

www.trinitymethodiststorrington.uk

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

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

Sullington & Thakeham with Warminghurst parishes

Wednesdays – Midweek Communion at 12 noon on our

YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGzvwRThZUMpnUYRzTt1gA/>

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ZOOM SERVICES AT ST MARY'S, STORRINGTON

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

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

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

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

WHAT'S ON

NOVEMBER	
Sun 1	ALL SAINTS' DAY 4th before Advent
Tue 3	
10am	Inter-Church Prayers – RC Church – p3
Sun 8	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 3rd before Advent
Thu 5	
7.30pm	Storrington Camera Club – Zoom Meeting – p14
Sat 7	
10am	Storrington Conservation Society – Working Party – p17
Sun 15	2nd before Advent
Wed 18	
7.30pm	Sullington Windmills WI – Zoom meeting – p16
Sun 22	CHRIST THE KING Sunday next before Advent
Thu 19	
7.30pm	Storrington Camera Club – Zoom Meeting – p14
Sun 29	ADVENT SUNDAY

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

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

WEEKLY EVENTS

Wed	9.30am	Registrar of Births and Deaths – Storrington Library – pre-booking only – 01243 642122
Fri	9.45am	Storrington Community Market – Village Hall
Storrington Library Opening Hours – Tel. 839050		
For more details and to see current opening hours please see page 23.		



SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB

POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

contact Storrington Rectory Office for further information on 742888

STORRINGTON POP-IN LUNCH CLUB

CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

For further information contact Pat Webb on 893145



SAINTS AND SPECIAL DAYS

NOVEMBER	
Sun 1	ALL SAINTS' DAY
Mon 2	All Souls' Day (Commemoration of the Faithful Departed)
Tues 3	Richard Hooker, 1600 , Anglican priest and theologian <i>Martin of Porres, 1639</i> , renowned for work with the poor
Fri 6	<i>Leonard, 6th century</i> <i>William Temple, 1944</i> , Archbishop of York and Canterbury
Sat 7	Willibrord of York, 739 , Apostle of the Benelux countries
Mon 9	<i>Margery Kempe, c.1440</i> , wrote first autobiography about her pilgrimages
Tues 10	Leo the Great, 461 , secured unity of Western church under papal supremacy
Wed 11	Martin of Tours, c.397 , Christian saint – famous story of cutting his cloak
Fri 13	Charles Simeon, 1836 , founder of Church Missionary Society
Sat 14	Samuel Seabury, 1796 , first bishop of Episcopal Church in USA
Mon 16	<i>Margaret, Queen of Scotland, 1093</i> , saint, recognised for her work with charity and religious reform <i>Edmund Rich of Abingdon, 1240</i> , Archbishop of Canterbury, university colleges named after him
Tues 17	Hugh of Lincoln, 1200 , Bishop, patron saint of sick children and swans
Wed 18	Elizabeth of Hungary, 1231 , devoted her short life to poor and sick
Thu 19	Hilda, 680 , important in conversion of England to Christianity <i>Mechtild, 1280</i>
Wed 20	Edmunde, 870 <i>Priscilla Lydia Sellon, 1876</i> , founded Society of the Most Holy Trinity
Sun 22	<i>Cecilia, c.230</i> , patron saint of music
Mon 23	<i>Clement, Bishop of Rome, c.100</i> , considered first Apostolic Father of the Church
Tue 25	<i>Catherine of Alexandria, 1748</i> , martyr, the firework, Catherine Wheel, is named after her
Mon 30	ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE, Patron of Scotland

ALL SAINTS' DAY

All Saints' Day, also known as All Hallows' Day or Halloween, is the day after All Hallows' Eve (Hallowe'en). It is a feast day celebrated on 1 November.

It is an opportunity to remember all saints and martyrs, known and unknown, throughout Christian history. As part of this day of obligation, believers are required to attend church and try not to do any servile work.

Remembering saints and martyrs and dedicating a specific day to them each year has been a Christian tradition since the 4th century AD, but it wasn't until 609AD that Pope Boniface IV decided to remember all martyrs. Originally, 13 May was designated as the Feast of All Holy Martyrs. Later, in 837AD, Pope Gregory IV extended the festival to remember all the saints, changed its name to Feast of All Saints and changed the date to 1 November.



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SELLING STORRINGTON – PART 2

Here's part 2 following last month's article

Lot 19 A VERY NEAT **Freehold Detached Cottage** called "**OLDFIELD HOUSE**" constructed of stone, with tiled roof, occupying a delightful situation facing the main road from Storrington to West Chilington, about 1 mile from Storrington Town and only 4½ miles from Pulborough Station. It contains Porch Entrance, 2 Sitting Rooms, Scullery fitted with cooking range, copper and white enamel sink with pump. Pantry, 3 Bedrooms and small lean-to Greenhouse. Large Fuel-house with CAPITAL GARDEN, a **Capital Brick and Tiled 2-small Stable and Trap House** and an enclosure of Meadowland adjoining containing altogether 2 acres. It is at present occupied by the Vendor's Farm Bailiff and VACANT POSSESSION can be obtained on completion. Tithe (estimated) 7s.3d., Land Tax 3s.4d., GROWING TIMBER £35.15s.0d. It was purchased by Mr Horton Ledger of Brighton.

Lot 20 An **Ancient Brick and Tiled Cottage** and **An Enclosure of Arable Land** with TWO SMALL ORNAMENTAL PLANTATIONS adjoining, forming together a most attractive FREEHOLD SMALL HOLDING about 5 acres, 1 rod, 32 perch in extent. It is delightfully situate on high ground sloping South, with distant views of the South Downs and abuts on the main road leading from Storrington to Pulborough, and only about 4½ miles from the latter Town and Station. The Cottage contains four Rooms, has a Garden attached with a good well of water therein. Tithe (estimated) £1.14s.6d., Land Tax 2s.6d., Growing Timber £131.0s.16d. It was bought by Miss D J H Stevenson from London who also purchased ...

Lot 21 An **Enclosure of Freehold Meadowland** containing about 3 acres, 2 rods, 17 perch, conveniently situate adjoining the main road and lying between Lots 19 and 20. Now in hand and VACANT POSSESSION will be given on completion. Tithe (estimated) £1.6s.3d., GROWING TIMBER £16.10s.0d.

Lot 22 An **Enclosure of Fertile Arable Land** of FREEHOLD TENURE 2 acres, 3 rods, 19 perch. Situate in the Parish of Storrington, abutting on the main road leading from Storrington to Pulborough, immediately opposite Roundabout Farm. This Lot is now in hand and will be sold with VACANT POSSESSION on completion. Tithe (estimated) £1.0s.1d., GROWING TIMBER £3.4s.0d. Bought by Mr J W Salway of Hurston, Pulborough.

Lot 23 A PAIR OF **Superior Freehold Cottages** constructed of stone with slate roofs. Most conveniently situate, only about 1¼ miles from Storrington, abutting on the main road leading to Pulborough, opposite "Roundabout Farm" (Lot 4). Each Cottage contains a Living Room, Scullery, Pantry and Two Bedrooms, with lean-to Fuel-house with Garden ground attached and a good well of water with pump. They are now occupied by Estate Workmen and VACANT POSSESSION can be obtained on completion. Sold to Mr Leslie Jupp of Oldfield, Storrington.

Lot 24 A Small **Freehold Parcel of Woodland** of about 1 rod, 35 perch. Surrounded by roads, situate close to "Roundabout Farm" in the Parish of Storrington, and abutting the main road to Pulborough. Now in hand. VACANT POSSESSION will be given. Tithe FREE. GROWING TIMBER £27.17s.0d. Sold to Mrs Ada Box of Angmering.

Lot 25 A VERY **Valuable Freehold Property** called "**Bine Farm**" with a Water Corn Mill adjoining, occupying a most convenient and desirable situation immediately adjacent to the Town of Storrington with very extensive frontages to Mill Lane, and the main road leading to West Chilington and Pulborough. It contains altogether an area of about 28 acres, 2 rods, 17 perch and possesses considerable POSSIBILITIES for PROFITABLE DEVELOPMENT. It comprises **A Brick and Slated Cottage** containing about six rooms with Large Fuel-house and Fowl-house adjoining. An **Extensive Set of Agricultural Premises** comprising a stone boarded and galvanised Barn, Two



Loose Boxes, Open Shed, Cart Shed, Piggery, Cart Stable, Calf Pen, Open Shed, Cow-house, Wagon and Cart Lodge, Van and Implement Sheds, Cow-house for Eight, Forage Store and Four Piggeries. THE WATER CORN MILL is a large brick and tiled Building of Three Floors, having a large iron overshot water wheel, at present driving six pairs of stones, with a detached Granary, Fowl house, Shed and Piggery. In the Enclosure ... facing North Street is a Lean-to, Cart Shed. Together with ... enclosures of Fertile Arable and Pasture Lane. Now let with other lands (Lots 26, 29, 32 & 33) to Messrs Thomas Gatley & Son on a Yearly Michaelmas Tenancy at a total Rent of £130 p.a. of which £74 shall be apportioned to this Lot. Tithe (estimated) £9.8s.7d., Land Tax 7s.11d., GROWING TIMBER £75.13s.0d. Bought by Mr Thomas Gatley of Storrington.



Lot 26 A VERY VALUABLE **Enclosure of Pasture Land** about 3 acres, 1 rod, 0 perch. Situate adjoining the Town of Storrington and surrounded on three sides by good parish roads. It occupies a high position overlooking the Town with very extensive views of the South Downs, thus forming A UNIQUE BUILDING SITE. Now let with other land etc to Messrs Thomas Gatley & Son on a Yearly Michaelmas Tenancy at a total rent of £130., the amount apportioned to this Lot being £6 pa, Land Tax 3s.9d., Tithe (estimated) 1d. Sold to Mr W Wicker of Storrington.

Lot 27 TWO ENCLOSURES OF **SUPERIOR FREEHOLD Accommodation Meadowland** about 4 acres, 1 rod, 23 perch in extent. Having a frontage of 250 feet to North Street, Storrington. Let to Mr Jesse Johnson on a Yearly Tenancy at a rent of £12 pa [Harness-maker and saddler with a shop at the corner of High Street/School Hill]. Tithe (estimated) £1.8s.0d., GROWING TIMBER £36.3s.0d. Not sold.

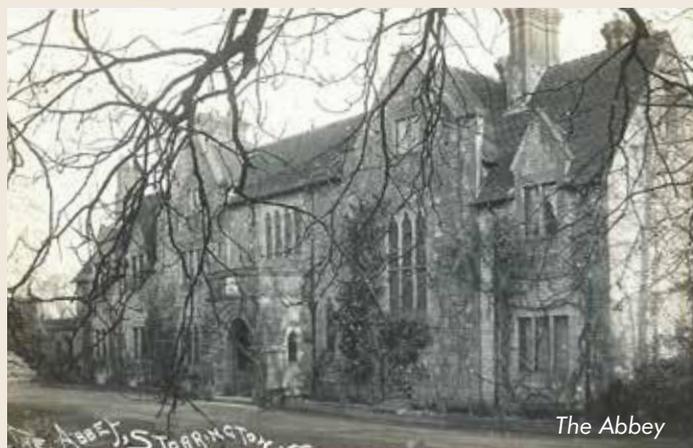
Lot 28 AN EXCEEDINGLY **Attractive Private Residence** called "**HOLLY LODGE**". Most conveniently situate abutting on West

Street on the outskirts of the Town of Storrington, and containing altogether an area of about 2 acres. It comprises an old-fashioned House screened from the road by a belt of trees and shrubs, and having small



Holly Bank

Porch, Smoking Room 16' x 10'3", Dining Room 15' x 13', Drawing Room with bay 19'9" x 11'6", Morning Room 19'3" x 15' with studio light and French windows leading to Garden, Kitchen, Scullery, Servants' Hall, Butler's Pantry, Lamp or Brushing Room, Underground Cellars, Six Bed Rooms, Bath Room fitted with porcelain roll-top bath, W.C., Linen Room, Airing Cupboard, Servants' W.C. The Outhouses consist of Coal Store, Larder, W.C. and a Loose Box. THE PLEASURE GARDENS have been most artistically laid out and consist of a Tennis Lawn with ORNAMENTAL SUMMER-HOUSE and a succession of three small Gardens enclosed by Yew hedges, and a capital Vegetable Garden. It is now let to Mrs Sinclair for a term expiring 25 December 1922, at the inadequate rent of £110 p.a. Land Tax £1.1s.6d, Tithe 7s.5d. [Mrs Sinclair was the relict of the Pulborough incumbent].



The Abbey

the Park Land attached to "The Abbey". It comprises a capital stone and slated Dwelling House or Farm Residence, situate at the corner of Church Street and School Lane with a small Garden attached and containing Entrance Hall with tiled floor, Sitting Room, Kitchen, Scullery, Pantry, Dairy, Store Room, Six Bed Rooms, W.C. and Bath. **A Small Set of Agricultural Buildings** consisting of a Cart Shed, a stone and slated Barn with Cow-houses for Twelve, a brick and tiled Cart Horse Stable, Piggery, Cattle Shed, Loose Box and Fowl-house together with the numerous enclosures of VERY FERTILE GRASS AND ARABLE LAND containing altogether 42 acres, 1 rod, 18 perch. This lot was sold to Col. H V Ravenscroft of "The Abbey", Storrington. The 13 enclosures include house and garden and occupation road, a pasture in the occupation of T Gatley & Son and a Tennis Lawn in the occupation of Col. Walsh which was let to him for £3 p.a. the pasture enclosure is rented by Mr T Gatley & Son for £20 p.a. Mr H W Secomb paid the apportioned rent of £63 p.a. for his tenancy of "Horsecroft Farm". The tithe (estimated) £13.5s.11d., Land Tax £1.14s.7d. GROWING TIMBER £221.12s.0d.



Barn and Baker's shop, West Street

Lot 29 Will comprise **The Private Freehold House** and **Baker's Premises** in **West Street, Storrington**, with portion of the Garden in the rear thereof. The Private House is a neat stone and tiled structure containing Small Porch, 2 Front Rooms, Underground Cellar, Larder, Kitchen, Four Bed Rooms, detached brick and tile Washhouse and Dairy with outside W.C. The Baker's premises adjoining consist of a Baker's Shop, a 4-stall Stable with Hay Loft and Granary over, covered Cartway, Bakehouse, Coach-house and Loft, Loose Box, Wood-house and Tool Shed. Now let with other lands to Messrs Thomas Gatley & Son on a yearly Michaelmas Tenancy of £130 p.a., the amount apportioned to this Lot shall be £25 p.a. Tithe (estimated) 8d. Purchased by Miss Elsie Mary Gatley, Storrington.

Lot 30 A VERY VALUABLE **Enclosure of Freehold Land** about 1 acre, 2 rods, 31 perch. Now used as a Market Garden and Fruit Orchard with a Greenhouse standing thereon, most conveniently situate adjoining the Gas Works and having an entrance to High Street, Storrington. It is now let to Messrs Michel Brothers on lease expiring Lady Day 1928 at a rent of £11.5s.0d. p.a, Tithe 15s.7d. The whole of the temporary buildings stand on this Lot which are not enumerated ... belong to the lessees and are not included in the sale. Sold to Mr JT Wickens. [Mr Wickens had a gentlemen's tailoring shop, now The White Shop].

Lot 31 A VERY **Valuable Freehold Dairy** or ACCOMMODATION HOLDING called "**Horse Croft Farm**" most advantageously situate adjacent to the Town of Storrington, immediately adjoining

Lot 32 A PARCEL OF VERY **Valuable Freehold Meadowland** containing about 6 acres, 0 rod, 32 perch, being a portion of enclosure No. 277 on the Ordnance Survey Map and forming an exceptionally attractive and well-timbered site for the erection of a private Residence. There is an ornamental clump of Old Scotch Firs. It also has a Southern aspect and a full view of the South Downs in the distance. Now let on a Michaelmas Tenancy with other lands to Messrs Thos. Gatley & Son at a total rent of £130 p.a. of which £15 p.a. is apportioned to this Lot. Tithe (estimated) £2.2s.0d. GROWING TIMBER £99.14s.0d. Sold to Mr F F B Stacey, Dial Post House, West Grinstead.

Lot 33 A PARCEL OF VERY **Valuable Freehold Meadowland** most conveniently situate adjoining Lot 32 with frontage to the main Worthing Road immediately opposite "Bine Cottage" at Storrington containing about 4 acres, 0 rod, 21 perch. Now let with other lands to Messrs Thos Gatley & Son on a yearly Michaelmas Tenancy at a total rent of £130 p.a. of which £10 p.a. shall be apportioned to this Lot. Outgoings, Tithe (estimated) £1.9s.3d. GROWING TIMBER £38.5s.0d. The purchaser of this Lot shall enter into a covenant (to run with the land) not to erect thereon more than one Private Dwelling House of the pre-war value of £1,000, the site, plans and elevations thereof to be first approved by the Vendor. Sold to Miss R E A Stacey, Dial Post House, West Grinstead.

Lot 34 A **Freehold Dwelling House** (STONE BUILT AND TILED) with **COTTAGE AND PREMISES** adjoining. Most conveniently situate by the roadside on the outskirts of Storrington. The Dwelling House contains Two Front Rooms, small Kitchen, Cellar, Four Bed Rooms, a detached Wash-house, Coal-house, with small Garden and Well of good water. The Cottage adjoining contains about six Rooms. The Outbuildings consist of a Stone and Tiled Workshop and Open Shed, together with a Strip of Land containing about 2 rods, 16 perch. Part of the Cottage is let to Miss Vincent at a rent of £10 p.a. The remainder consisting of one room is let to Miss Rochette

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at £2.10s.0d. p.a. The Dwelling House, Premises and Land are let to Mr Bridger Woolgar on a yearly tenancy, terminable by three months' notice, at a rent of £21 p.a. making a total gross rent on this Lot £33.10s.0d. p.a. Land Tax 14s.3d., Growing timber £15.3s.0d. All buildings of this Lot £33.10s.0d. p.a. Land Tax 14s.3d.

Note: All Buildings standing on this Lot which are not enumerated in the Particulars belong to the Tenants and are not included in the Sale. Lot 343 sold to Mr Bridger Woolgar [*the cartwright at the corner of Chantry Lane*].



Church Street, Mount Lodge (later Manor House Hotel)

Lot 35 A CAPITAL **Freehold Private Residence** called "**THE MANOR HOUSE**". Most conveniently situated facing Church Street, Storrington. It is a substantial red brick and stone structure with tiled roof and contains – On the LOWER GROUND FLOOR or HALF-BASEMENT: Servants' Hall, Kitchen, Scullery, Wine Cellar, Coal Cellar, Larder with outside Vaults. On the GROUND FLOOR: Entrance Hall with door leading to Garden, Dining Room 19'6" x 15', Smoking Room 15' x 11.8", Drawing Room 26' x 15', Pantry fitted with lead-lined sink with hot and cold water, silver cupboard. On the FIRST FLOOR: Three Good Bed Rooms, Dressing Room, Airing Cupboard, Capital Bath Room fitted with white enamel bath and enamel wash basin, Linen cupboard and W.C. On the SECOND FLOOR: Three Good Bed Rooms, Box Room, Dressing Room and Housemaid's Sink on Half-landing. Gas is laid on throughout the house. A timber and corrugated iron Ball Room or Play Room 29'6" x 24'6" with W,C, and Lavatory adjoining has been added and connected to the house by a Passageway. A Capital Kitchen Garden with a Tool House and Potting Shed, Front Lawn, Small Flower Garden and Tennis Lawn. It is now let to Col. C H Walsh at a rent of £65 p.a. The tenancy is terminable by six months' notice ending on any Quarter Day. Tithe (apportionment) 4s.0d., Land Tax £1.10s.3d. Sold to Mr F F B Stacey, Dial Post House, West Grinstead.

Lot 36 THREE **FREEHOLD Brick, stone and tiled cottages** with small Garden attached. Situate facing Church Street, Storrington, and adjoining Lot 35 now Let to Mrs Johnstone, John Daughtry and Col. Walsh. Quarterly Tenants at Rents aggregating £32 p.a. The landlord pays the outgoings except in respect of the Cottage let to Col. Walsh. Land Tax 12s.6d. Sold to Mr F Terry, Storrington.



Church Street

Lot 37 THREE VERY VALUABLE ENCLOSURES OF **Accommodation Pasture Land** FREEHOLD TENURE – Most conveniently situate adjoining the road leading from Storrington Town to the "South Downs" and adjoining "The Abbey" Park Land, containing altogether 8 acres, 1 rood, 3 perch ... Let with other Lands forming part of Lot 31 to Mr W H Secomb on a Yearly Tenancy at £75 of which £12 is apportioned to this Lot. Tithe (estimated) £ 2 . 1 1 s . 0 d . GROWING TIMBER £45.7s.0d. Sold to Col H V Ravenscroft, The Abbey, Storrington, who also purchased the next two Lots.



Abbey Farm

Lot 38 A VERY VALUABLE ENCLOSURE OF **FREEHOLD Accommodation Meadowland** WITH TENNIS GROUND. Most advantageously situate adjoining Church Street and School Lane at Storrington, and lying immediately opposite "The Abbey", containing altogether about 8 acres, 0 rods, 32 perch. Now let to Mrs Fuller on a Yearly Christmas Tenancy at a rent of £24 p.a. Tithe (estimated) £3.2s.2d. GROWING TIMBER £40.4s.0d.



Smuggler's Hut 1912

Lot 39 A **FREEHOLD MODERN Detached Cottage Residence** called "**SMUGGLER'S CROFT**". Situate abutting on Church Street, immediately opposite "The Abbey" at Storrington with a small Garden and draw-well. It was built about 16 years ago and is largely a replica of a former old dwelling and contains 2 good Sitting Rooms, Kitchen, Scullery, Pantry, Coal Store, W.C., and 2 Bed Rooms. Now let on a repairing lease for a term expiring 25 December 1925 at a rent of £20 p.a.

A large map with the various Lots delicately coloured accompanied the 'illustrated particulars', my copy having the hand-written owner's name, "The Rev. A F Faithfull, The Rectory, Storrington" on the cover. The same hand has annotated throughout, calculations of the tithes and commutations of some of them. The Tithe was the tenth part of the main produce of land paid to the local church and could be commuted to a rent-charge under the Tithe Commutation Act 1836 and was troublesome for the incumbent to collect. In 1925 the Tithe Act was extinguished and replaced by Queen Anne's Bounty.

So much for the sale of the Fryern Estate outlying lands and properties.

Joan Ham (Village Historian)



A very warm hello from myself, Penny Strachan, owner of Safe Hands Funeral Services, the new funeral directors in West Street Storrington, in what was the old South Downs Bikes workshop. I and my partner Adam Johnson, formerly manager at HD Tribes Goring for 18 years, have completely refurbished the premises with lots of hard work, many late nights and weekends in the cold winter months from September 2019 to January 2020, when all work was finally completed and we opened the doors.



The old workshop has been transformed into a warm, inviting and modern premise, which includes a fully equipped mortuary and we even have a room for services to be held in our Forge Chapel where we can, ordinarily, accommodate 20 attendees. Though during Covid and working to guidelines this has been reduced to 10, it has proved to be invaluable during the first peak of the pandemic. We are the only funeral directors to incorporate Zoom, which allows many more attendees to join in with the service, not just watch it. We had one funeral where a further 38 people attended remotely, and one where the lady's granddaughter in Australia was able to read a touching tribute. At the end of each service we allow families some private time to chat with those on Zoom, which, from the feedback received, has made everyone feel included and really part of it. Services here at Forge Chapel, are not working to any time constraints so no one is ever rushed. We have a music system and TV screen to display a slideshow of favourite photographs, which we set to your chosen music adding a personal tribute. We'll take care of everything for you, including printed order of service sheets, obituaries, floral tributes and donations.

As well as services in our Chapel, we are able to arrange traditional burial services, services at crematoriums, and natural burials at sites, such as Clayton Woods. We can even arrange for the funeral service to take place in woodlands, such as Two Woods in Pulborough, in a field, barn or your back garden and follow on to the crematorium afterwards. The funeral service can be held anywhere and it can be traditional or modern and as personal as you wish.

I recently had the great honour of being entrusted to make the funeral arrangements for the late Cynthia Waters, who's funeral service took place on Friday 3 July. I found out Cindy's favourite colour was yellow, so I had all staff wear yellow ties and I even added yellow ribbon around my hat, to add a personal touch. At this time, funeral numbers were, and still are, restricted to a maximum of 30 people attending. I had received a telephone call from one of Cindy's friends to ask if, as they couldn't attend the service, would they be able to line the crematorium driveway to show their respect and say their goodbyes, as the hearse drove past. I suggested that instead of everyone driving to the crematorium, why not line the high street of the Village instead. What a wonderful tribute it turned out to be, I hadn't expected such numbers of people to be standing lined along the pavements as I walked the hearse down from outside Safe Hands; it was quite overwhelming when everyone began to clap. That day I realised the true sense of community spirit that Storrington has to offer and knew I had chosen the right location to open. We have been warmly welcomed and love being part of the Village. We have looked after a number of local families and it is our intention to look after many more.

We are available 24 hours a day 7 days a week, whenever you need us, offering a personal and affordable service. Please feel free to pop in and meet us, after all it's better to know us and not need us, than to need us and not know us.

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STORRINGTON WAVES SAD FAREWELL TO LIFETIME RESIDENT PHILLIP MITCHELL – MOWER MAN

Despite the pouring rain, people lined up in West Street, Storrington, to clap a sad farewell to Phillip Mitchell, lifetime resident and local business man. Phillip loved Storrington with a passion and hated to leave the Village, his normal practice was to only leave for a very good reason, three times a year: Horsham for

Christmas shopping, one week to holiday in Norfolk and a trip to the Duxford Air Show. He was a determined, gentle character with a passionate interest in a wide variety of hobbies and will be sorely missed by many people for many reasons.

Phillip was born in Shoreham but lived in Newtown Road where he grew up with his three brothers, Brian, Bill and Jim, near to the Parham Estate. His childhood involved all the usual childhood games of that time and he loved to be outside, enjoying the countryside. He attended primary school in the Old School, opposite St Mary's Church and often talked about walking across the Dinner field to the Village Hall for dinner. He progressed to Steyning Grammar School where he was known for disappearing during the middle section of a cross country run and magically reappearing at the end. Not a dedicated student, Phillip would not have expected to spend his life continually learning new things.

The family tradition was to work at Parham where his father worked in the logging shed. Interested in a different future and machinery, Phillip moved to work at the garden machinery and chain saw shop in the Forge, West Street. He quickly learned he had an aptitude for fixing mowers and it became his life long career, opening his own business initially in Cootham Garage, then Spring Head Farm and then expanding into Charity Farm Barn, (Bread Farm).



He met Tricia, the love of his life in the Crown at Cootham and then they married in St Mary's Church, Storrington, in 1985. They had a big family wedding with the reception in the Village Hall, since for Phillip it had to be in Storrington. There was a tour of the village with a bottle of champagne after the church service and lengthy celebrations through the afternoon into the evening. Sadly, he lost his Mum soon after the wedding and then his youngest

brother Brian died in 1991 and both were deeply missed.

Tricia and Phillip initially lived at Hareswith Cottage in West Chiltington but Phillip only ever wanted to be in Storrington and they were able to buy a two up-two down cottage in the Amberley Road. Phillip wanted to give Tricia a big and beautiful home, but unable to buy one, he set about creating one. After an initial small-scale extension to learn some building skills, Phillip expanded his interest into not just DIY but full blown, building work. He took the side and front of the house out, extended the roof and gave Storrington a landmark of the house with the scaffold for 20 years. A lifetime work of love and joy, Phillip taught himself every building skill he needed and created an amazing home. No builder could ever have done better, every brick and tile laid to perfection with love. Many a person enjoyed a chat on a summer's evening or Sunday morning with Phillip on his scaffold and he would make time to help people with whatever they asked him to do. His house project of love is almost finished with just the drive and a patio to be finished off.

Phillip continued and expanded his business during the winter, into firewood and Christmas trees to increase income. There will be many families who held a tradition of visiting Phillip to choose their annual

tree. His brother Jim often helped him with deliveries and Phillip was frequently amused that people thought Jim was his younger brother.

Phillip learnt to grow vegetables as a child and spent many happy hours tending his allotment behind the house. Incensed by the move to build houses on the allotments, he was one of a group formed to save them. He became Chairman, leading and winning the fight to keep the allotments. He will be sorely missed at leading wine-fuelled meetings on winter evenings to make plans and decisions for the next season.



A countryman through and through, Phillip was a committed member of the local shooting syndicate and he and Tricia raised a family of dogs, Polo, Nancy and Brock, and of great comfort now to Tricia are Oliver, Merlin and Hetty, all black and white springer spaniels. They were working dogs but also beloved pets and many people know Tricia from her daily walks with them. Phillip would always have

to do everything properly so he took the dogs to Paul and Marion Emery to learn how to train a gun dog. This started a new passion for dog training and he joined their dog display team, surprising to many; Phillip spent hours working on display routines and finding the right music to play. The routines were inspired by Phillip's love of spiffires so he designed routines where handlers and dogs moved forward in an arrow shape before veering away in moves mirroring an airborne display of aeroplanes.

Nancy was Phillip's special dog of a lifetime and after some initial work with Oliver she became his principal display team partner and together with Tricia as the backup person in the caravan, Phillip surprised everyone by travelling to perform in displays. Sadly, Nancy died at only five years old through a tumour which started in her leg.

After the Barn was sold in 2005, Phillip, who had become known as the 'Mower Man', moved to Cottons Yard, Water Lane, where he ran his business selling and determinedly fixed old mowers and chain saws when other people would have condemned them. His stock of old mowers provided much amusement to all of his customers but they were delighted when he found the spare part for their machine amongst his stock! He had an encyclopaedic knowledge of every machine and part and he didn't see this was unusual.

He was diagnosed with Myeloid Leukaemia in January 2020. Despite his illness, he insisted on completing all the mower and chain saw repairs that he could, not wanting to let his customers down, working throughout the Covid lockdown. He suffered some chemotherapy treatments and hated the stays in hospital. He came home expecting to be there for some time but sadly suffered an acute collapse and passed away very shortly afterwards.

His family were pleased he could return to the Forge in West Street to rest there peacefully before his funeral services. The Covid crisis led his devoted wife to arrange two ceremonies for him. The first an amazing outdoor service with most dressed in shooting attire, a spiffire fly past and a six gun-shot salute. The second was a private service at Worthing Crematorium. He has left a huge hole and will be missed by far more people than he would have ever imagined. As so many have said "He was just such a lovely man."

Donations to St Barnabas can be made in his name either directly or via Safe Hands Funeral Services at the Forge in West Street, Storrington.

Gerri Rowe on behalf of Tricia Mitchell

MAKE A CHRISTMAS BOTTLE BAG

Hello again from us here at Stitch, and we hope you are all keeping well. Autumn is upon us already and so our thoughts go to festive gifts and wrappings.

With us all trying to reduce the amount of packaging we throw away each year, how about making some re-usable gift bags? The ones we have made here are for bottles, but you can adapt it easily to make a variety of different sized bags.

We have lots of festive fabric in stock, along with hessian which is always a favourite for the rustic looking bags. Pop in and see our selection along with lots of trimmings to choose from.



Christmas wine bottle gift bag

You will need....

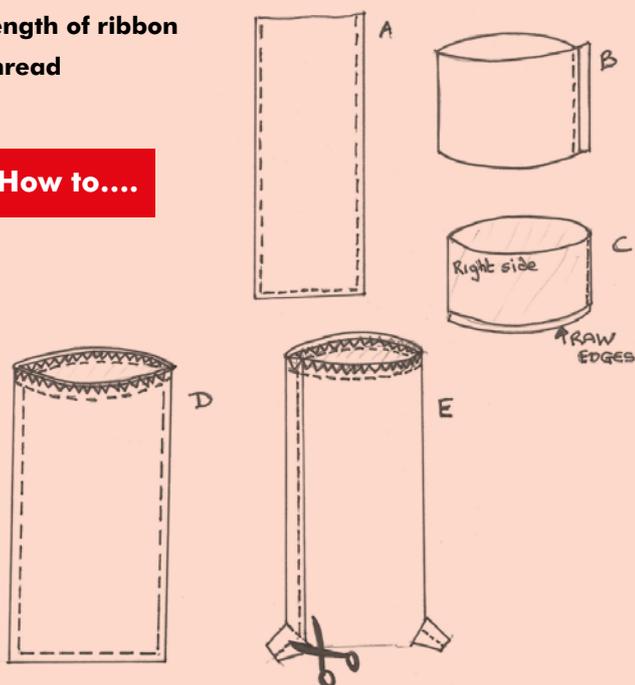
2 pieces of fabric 18cm x 40cm

1 border strip 36cm x 16cm

Length of ribbon

Thread

How to....



Place the two pieces of main fabric right sides together and sew along three sides leaving one of the short edges open (fig A)

Fold the fabric for the border in half with the short sides together and stitch it together (fig B). Press the seam open. Fold the border in half making it double with the right side of the fabric on the outside and press. (fig C)

Place the border inside the bag with the raw edges matching up. Stitch the border to the bag, you can zig zag the raw edges for a neater finish. (Fig D)

Match the side and bottom seams together. Sew across each bottom corner about 4cm from the tip and then trim the corner outside the seam. (Fig E)

Turn the bag right side out, place bottle in and tie the ribbon close to the top of the bag.

Make lots more bags of different sizes for your gifts!!

Jan and Sue

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Oh no, November!



I'm writing this in October when the autumn colours are starting to explode and there seems to be so much to do in the garden. When I turn my mind to November, I suddenly feel uninspired and ready to head for the sofa, although sadly, *Gardener's World* will be off the air by then; who's going to remind us of the *Jobs for the Weekend*?



What do you do in the garden in November? Since deciding to be more insect-friendly, I've stopped tidying up the garden and now leave the stems to stand over winter. I do have some

tulip bulbs, although in our sheltered part of the South East, I'll probably wait until December when we've had some really cold weather to reduce the risk of tulip fire. If I had any, this would be a good month to plant bare rooted plants and I expect there'll be a few last leaves to add to the pile but what else is going to get me into the garden?

One idea I've had, is to pick up the camera more and try to take some daily photos. The Golden Hours for photography are the hour after sunrise and the hour before sunset when the sun is low and the light is warm. In November, those are pretty sociable hours for getting outside and should also be a good month for photographing the effects of frost, mist and dew on seed heads and spiders' webs.



The other thing that might get me into the garden in November is a scented plant that starts flowering this time of year. Maybe *Viburnum x bodnantense*? One thing I won't be doing is turning the compost heap or lighting a bonfire. Our hedgehogs need more protection than ever this winter and the slow worms and toads are likely to be bedding down too, so one last task will be putting up "Do Not Disturb" signs on the leaf piles and compost bins.



Cheryl Brown

MAKING A WILL



Making a will is an important undertaking. Without a will, a deceased's estate may not be distributed as he or she would have wished and can lead to acrimony within the family.

Many people put off making a will because they fear it will involve complicated legal issues and high fees. This is not necessarily the case. Independent research shows the 52% of UK adults don't have a will, and over a fifth believe they don't have enough assets to make it worthwhile. It means that over 32 million now run the risk of dying intestate and having their estate distributed solely according to intestacy law, which may not reflect their wishes. This is a particular problem for those with step families, or who live together unmarried, lesbian or gay partners not in a civil partnership, close friends or carers.

Sussex Wills CIC is a Not for Profit Community Interest Company. They provide free and reduced cost wills, free legacy planning advice and competitive related services to help you take care of the ones you love.

Radford Chancellor of Sussex Wills CIC explained his 'not for profit' community interest company offers will writing services, trusts, funeral plans, Power of Attorney and probate at an affordable cost, and 70% of the profit is reinvested into community interests and activities. A free service is also available for local residents who are on a low income or terminally ill.



Chancellor also talked about the importance of robust Legacy Planning, and Asset Protection Trusts. Trusts are ideal for any one with assets over £100,000, and a 'must' for people with assets over £325,000, or who own a business. A trust is a legal arrangement for managing assets. There are different types of trusts and they are taxed differently, and Sussex Wills offers an exclusive range of trusts to suit every situation.

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Whether it is a simple will or a trust to protect children or vulnerable beneficiaries, advice can be found at Sussex Wills CIC based in Arundel. 0800 887 0475 or see www.sussexwills.org.

THAKEHAM PARISH COUNCIL

NHS COVID-19 App

We are encouraging residents to download the new NHS COVID-19 App to help prevent the spread of coronavirus. The app allows you to report symptoms, order a coronavirus test, and check into venues by simply scanning a QR code. You can download it from the App Store or Google Play. It is still vitally important that to protect yourself and others, when you leave home you must:

- wash hands – keep washing your hands regularly
- cover face – wear a face covering over your nose and mouth in enclosed spaces
- make space – stay at least a metre away from people not in your household

If you are feeling unwell, get a test and do not leave home for at least 10 days.

Stride & Ride in Thakeham

The Parish Council has now produced this set of 16 of suggested walks in our area, offering options of varying length to suit all tastes and fitness levels. By visiting www.thakehamparish.co.uk and clicking on the "Ride and Stride" feature, you can link through to these maps to guide yourself with a smartphone, or download PDF versions to print, including full directions and descriptions of points of interest *en route*. We have also produced an attractive A5 booklet of these routes; copies are available via Thakeham Village Hall, Meadow Stores and the White Lion PH.

More Bridleway Improvements

Works are in train to upgrade the surface of the north-south bridleway that connects the south end of Threals Lane with Northlands Lane, to 'all weather' standard. For central Thakeham residents, this will improve the poor existing choices of safe walking /cycling route to and from Storrington.

Thakeham Village Hall

The Village Hall is now open under strict government regulations. Measures are in place, including a one-way system, hand sanitisers and limits on the number of people in the building at any one time. Not all the regular activities have been able to return and they currently cannot take any bookings for parties. You can find more information on their website: www.thakehamvillagehall.co.uk.

Picnic Benches

The weather may be turning for the worse, but we're pleased to let residents know that the ageing picnic tables at the High Bar Lane playground are being replaced. The new recycled plastic tables will look good and should last decades.

Starting School 2021

The application process for children due to start school in September 2021 opened on Monday 5 October. You can apply online! Visit www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions

It's simple, convenient and timesaving. If your application is received after the deadline of Friday 15 January 2021 your chance of securing a place at one of your preference schools could be seriously affected.

Halloween Fireworks

Unfortunately, the ongoing Covid situation has derailed this year's plans for the Halloween firework display. The organisers, Thakeham Community Events, will keep looking at the options for safe events in 2021; you can 'like' their Facebook page so not to miss out on future events.

HALCYON DAYS CAFÉ

We are Sue and Keith and we'd like to introduce you to us and our new venture, Halcyon Days Café, in Storrington High Street. The idea for a café originally started some two and a half years ago when we started offering traditional afternoon teas at our Hotel.

Sue's background in the hotel and catering industry and Keith's new found love of baking meant we could offer all home-made fare to our guests. We found people enjoyed what we were doing and also that we enjoyed doing it, but perhaps the biggest surprise to us was that Keith became quite good at baking and Sue's creative sandwich fillings and ideas received many accolades and testimonials. As a result, Keith said he wanted to open a market stall selling cakes, but Sue, quite rightly, stopped him, on the grounds that she would be the one getting up early to set it up!

Keith then said he'd open a cake shop instead and Sue said he could only do it if she could have a Tea Room.

This banter continued until one day, whilst driving through Storrington, we saw a For Sale sign on a High Street shop. Within days we had an offer accepted and suddenly our light-hearted fancy was a reality and there was much work to be done!

There followed a frustratingly long period while all the legal stuff was settled but finally, we got the keys! We had hoped to open in the summer, but it was now October. The wettest winter for years then slowed down the work of refurbishing and modifying, coupled with the lack of available tradesmen which forced us to do most of the work ourselves.

Just as we were seeing the light at the end of the tunnel, we realised that it was a train coming straight at us!

Covid 19 hit like a thunderbolt and caused our plans to be completely changed to the new circumstances, and the Government closed down all establishments such as ours. This then gave us time to really finish the project and completely personalise the interior to match our own 'Halcyon Days'.

We always planned to use this name and have often been asked why, so here is a brief explanation:

Halcyon Days are those days in the past when it was especially happy or successful, a calm and peaceful period. It originates from Greek Mythology and comes from the Greek word for the Kingfisher bird, and legend has it that the gods always ensured calm weather for the two weeks around the Winter Solstice, so the Kingfishers could nest on the sea and hatch their eggs in a calm period.

We like to think that our guests will have a calm and pleasant experience in our café, and enjoy some traditional fare that their mums and grans used to bake for them. We like to offer simple food,



prepared well, and we use a number of traditional recipes, some of which we put our own slant on. We also believe people are more discerning today about the coffee they drink, so we spent a lot of time making sure we chose what we considered to be a good blend to use as our house blend, and this has been reflected by many of our customers in the positive feedback we receive for it.

We open for breakfast every day and as well as serving a traditional English, we also offer a variety of alternatives. Our lunchtime offerings are many and varied, but keeping to our mantra of good food prepared and served with love and empathy. We treat everyone as we would like to be treated ourselves, and never forget that good food and good friendly service are both essential to all people. Lunches include homemade pizza, paninis, homemade soups and quiches, baked potatoes as well as lighter bites, like bagels, toast or even waffles. All our homemade cakes and bakes are available all day, and include shortbread, millionaire's shortbread, Bakewell slice, very indulgent chocolate brownies, coffee and walnut cake, lemon drizzle, coffee cake, chocolate cake, as well as homemade fudge in various flavours. These are often joined by 'guest appearances' of one-off specials Keith conjures up in the kitchen. And of course, tradition would not be served if we didn't offer the best ice cream we could find, from frozen yoghurts, fruity sorbets through to Italian Gelato served either in waffle cones or tubs, or even with a warm waffle.

None of this would be possible without the fantastic team we have been lucky enough to assemble, all of whom are looking forward to welcoming and serving you with a warm smile.

We are open from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday and 9.30pm to 4pm Sunday. We have adequate seating inside for over 40 people and up to 12 in the garden, all in a comfortable spacious environment.

What people say most when they first visit us is "We never knew it was so big inside"!

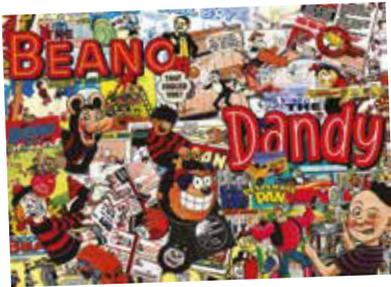
Come in and see us sometime for breakfast, lunch, coffee, or even just a chat, and relive your version of those "Halcyon Days"!



AN INCIDENT FROM CHILDHOOD

One Thursday last November I had a bit of a dilemma. I had arranged my usual two-monthly haircut at Scallywags in Worthing for 11am. Then I had an unexpected phone call from my dentist who was based in Worthing and wanting me to come in later the same day for a four o'clock appointment.

After the haircut what could an out-of-season seaside town offer to help fill a four hour gap stretching in front of me? After a brief pub lunch, I decided to visit Badger Books in Gratwicke Road; this bookshop is always worth a visit when in Worthing, having an enormous collection of second-hand books. However, what caught my eye this time was a magnificent display of second-hand comics from the 1940s and 50s protected by plastic covers. *The Wizard*, *Adventure*, *The Hornet*, *Triumph*, *Radio Fun*, along with *The Beano* and *The Dandy*, were all represented. Also, further joy, my own favourite from the period, *The Rover*.

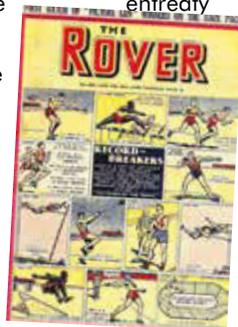


On the way home on the bus, my mind turned back to the late 1940s when, as a 10-year-old, I used to go with my mates to Saturday morning pictures at the Ambassador Cinema located immediately opposite Hounslow West station, which was then the end of the Piccadilly tube line.

It was a ten-minute walk to the Ambassador. We aimed to arrive a good twenty minutes before the programme started so as to secure front seats in the balcony, which jutted out over the stalls. We brought with us a plentiful supply of ammunition to hurl into the stalls below; seats usually chosen by girls, most of the hooligans being upstairs on the balcony. As the barrage of apple cores, oxo cubes, screwed up empty (yet very sticky) lemonade powder bags rained down on the stalls, so the cacophony of noise, screams and insults reached fever pitch and did not cease when two men arrived on the stage signalling that the second phase of the entertainment was about to begin.

Of course, the audience were only interested in the forthcoming film programme but we and the rest of the audience knew the two recent arrivals on stage had a different preliminary agenda in view: their aim was to try and appeal to and develop a better nature than we had ever shown any capacity for, let alone any interest in. Some hopes! The noise level went up even higher; threats were then made from the stage that the film performance would be cancelled. This, of course, was ignored by the audience; past experience had shown that such threats had never been carried out. The base line being, and the deal struck, was that if we sang some uplifting sort of patriotic song the words of which would be projected on to the screen, then the programme would, after all, go ahead. With a total lack of enthusiasm, enough kids pandered to the entertainment for the film programme to be shown.

After that was all over we got out quickly, the balcony having fewer seats than the stalls. Our target was now the nearest paper shop, Foxes, to pick up the latest edition of our favourite comic, in my case *The Rover*. Inside would be the story of the latest triumph of Alf Tupper, known as the Tough of the Track, who trained for middle-distance races on fish and chips. Also, the latest episode involving former England footballer, Nick Smith, now player/manager of Kingsbury Rovers, a third division team destined to get promotion, and as well to win the FA Cup. And would the explanation for this extraordinary achievement be the nearness of the Club ground to a recently erected atomic power station?



Read on!

Sam Ward

CRICKET IN STORRINGTON



Adapting to Covid Change

The Club's Annual General Meeting, normally held after the end of the playing season, has been postponed until early 2021. In the meantime, the Club's officers have agreed to continue in post, and the customary annual accounts are being prepared. This year's annual Dinner, unfortunately, will not be taking place either, another 'victim' of C19.

During September we have said farewell to one of the Club's long-standing and committed members, Malcolm Flitt, who has moved away from Sussex to embark upon a complete change of life-style in Wales. Malcolm came to the Club in the mid 1980's and, as well as being a player, he quickly started up the Club's first junior section, the running of which he was involved in over many years. Malcolm served on the Club's management committee, and was the fixtures secretary for a while. Latterly, Malcolm played a big part in the fundraising for the new outdoor net installed last year. He also represented the Club by serving on one of the Sussex Cricket League's committees, and his work as a steward at the County ground in Hove proved invaluable. His contributions to the Club will be greatly missed, and so we wish Malcolm and his wife Liz every success in their new life's adventure.

On the junior side of the Club, we have plans to continue monthly All Stars sessions over the winter, likely to be Sunday mornings in the Thakeham Village Hall. Winter nets for the Cygnets have yet to be firmed up, but are likely to be monthly at the Arundel Castle Cricket Club indoor school. The uncertain future of the Leisure Centre, next door to our clubhouse, has caused us to seek alternative venues for winter nets. We are also having to keep up to date with ECB announcements about guidance and rules relating to Covid. Updates on junior membership can be found on the Club's website and WhatsApp; otherwise, please contact Colts Manager Martin Fisher on 07812 257263 for anything to do with junior cricket.

We hope all our readers are continuing to stay safe and well.

Chris Winter

STORRINGTON COMMUNITY MARKET

Unfortunately, it has been decided not to reopen the market until Easter 2021

A difficult decision but one that had to be made to keep everyone safe

We know many used this market not only to buy local produce and goods, but also as a means of socialising
We thank you for your understanding and look forward to seeing everyone again in 2021

Stay safe and take care



There can be a wide variety of reasons why people take photographs. For some it may have been a professional career, for others the reasons can range from capturing family and friends, holidays, local views, a historic house or garden visit or capturing wildlife or pets. Many of these do not always require travel too far from home and often those places closer tend to be overlooked. It can be all too easy to pass by or ignore what we have on our doorstep and it may be only when out with visitors that you come across and see some of these places.

For a newer member of the Club, Chris Small, this was definitely the case. Chris developed an interest in photography from an early age, encouraged by his father. This led to a professional career in photography. Developing his photography style and techniques led to Chris becoming an Associate of the Royal Photographic Society (ARPS) in 2003. Although black and white photography is his favourite medium, he would like to develop a more artistic style. Through joining the Club, Chris feels this has helped by being able to learn and pick up ideas and techniques from other Club members, along with the hints and tips sessions and listening to guest speaker talks.

Having recently relocated to West Sussex, he decided to move away from carrying his heavy pro camera equipment and be more innovative using a more compact camera plus mobile phone. Earlier this year he started a personal project, the focus being to capture images of the area he now lives. We may look at and know an image location, or it might be a case of 'I recognise that place' but just don't remember where it is. Projects like this provide a reminder of what is around us and the fact you do not need to go too far to see or capture images that may look quite different over the changing seasons. Good luck with your ongoing project Chris!

The Club also held our much delayed 'Best of Year' competition to complete the 2019/20 season. As with all our meetings this was held on-line and thanks go to Anne Nagle who managed the new 'safe process' to get the prints to the judge for him to view. The impact and look of a physical print can be quite different to a computer image.

Our judge for the evening, Paul O'Toole, ended up with two images for the Print category selection: 'Always Alert' by Kevin Harwood and 'Frosty Bramber Tree' by Martin Tomes. The latter Paul selected as 'Print of the Year'. Moving on to 'Projected Image of the Year' he short-listed three images: "Orangutan by David Seddon, 'Jackal Patiently Waiting' by Anne Nagle and 'Dewpond on Misty Morning' by Dean Sephton.

He selected 'Dewpond on Misty Morning', an image taken by Dean at Ditchling which Paul felt stood out and was a landscape scene caught at the perfect time.

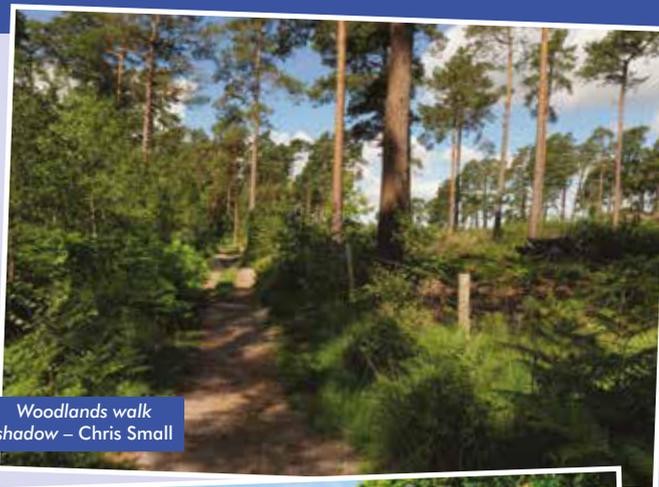


Dewpond on Misty Morning
- Dean Sephton

The results of this final competition reinforced the earlier comments regarding Chris Small's personal project capturing local views. This year both our winning Print and Projected Images proved that you do not have to travel far to find top scoring images. Congratulations and well done to both Martin and Dean.

Kevin Harwood

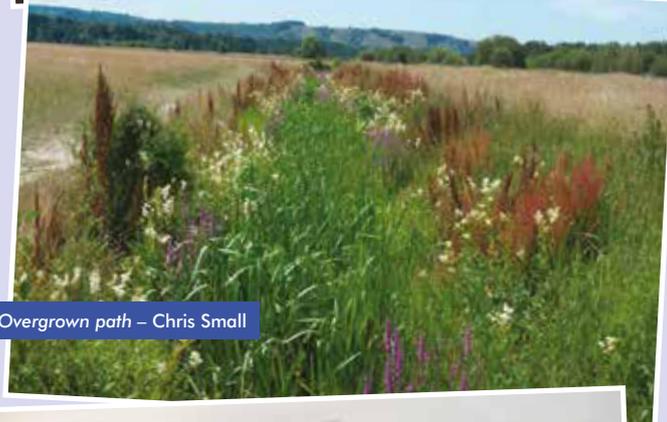
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Woodlands walk
shadow - Chris Small



Garden Vista - Chris Small



Overgrown path - Chris Small



Frosty Bramber Tree
- Martin Tomes



Chris Small

AUNTY VAL'S ABILITY CENTRE CHARITY SEEKS VOLUNTEERS



Storrington based charity, Auntie Val's Ability Centre, is looking for volunteers. Auntie Val's provides work experience, workplace social integration, confidence and training for those with disabilities and long-term health issues. To help achieve this, the Charity makes artisan jams, marmalades, chutneys and preserves sold to five-star hotels, award winning bed and breakfasts, catering companies and through specialist food and farm shops.

In today's difficult times, the Charity wants to help as many people as possible with disabilities and long-term health issues to gain skills and experience for future employment opportunities. To enable this, the Charity is expanding its premises at its location in the Chantry Lane Trading Estate to provide a safer environment and will also be adding formal accredited training.

Would you like to get more involved with a local charity or gain experience through volunteering to add to your CV? Have you recently retired and are looking for somewhere to put your skills and experience to help others? There are many areas we would welcome your involvement. In the short-term, general help is needed with decorating and fitting out to get our new facilities up and running. Going forward, we are also looking for volunteers to help with IT, Website Support, Marketing, Training, PR, Health & Safety, Sales, Fundraising plus a Part Time Delivery Driver.

We would welcome any assistance you could offer even if it is only a few hours a month. Please contact Andy Challis on 746748 or through the website www.auntieval.com.

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Note from the editor....



Whilst the media may be filled with the depressing news of increase in Coronavirus cases and lockdown measures, there are also some wonderful stories of the amazing achievements to raise money for charities by many individuals who are facing physical and mental difficulties themselves. Then there are those who have given so much time and effort to help those in need, in so many different ways.

However, there are many who help others in small ways, and that should be every one of us. Just doing some shopping for a neighbour who can't get out, putting the bins out for someone less able, or even just a knock on the door to say hello to someone on their own can make a huge difference.

Many of the stories in the Bible tells of how Jesus helped individuals, and we should take inspiration from this. If you can't climb a mountain in a deep-sea diving suit or run a marathon, there is still something you can do, even if just for one person. So think of your neighbourhood, someone who lives near to you, that maybe could do with a little help and reach out to them. A tiny gesture on your part can make a world of difference. Think about if you were in their shoes and needed just that little bit of help.

Go and spread some love, and it will make you enriched as well.

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