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Remembrance Sunday 10 November



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**St Mary
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SULLINGTON AND THAKEHAM WITH WARMINGHURST

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All telephone numbers are 01903 unless otherwise stated.



'From here to eternity...' I thought it had quite a catchy ring. But the final decision was 'Death Matters'.

That was the title eventually given to a morning event a couple of weeks ago held in the Old School in Storrington. The event was put on by the Storrington and Sullington Community Partnership, and St Mary's Storrington was invited to take part.

Death Matters. Did you go to the event? If you did, what did you expect and what did you find? If you didn't go, why not? To those of us involved in the planning, it seemed a very appropriate and timely event to be involved in. We live in an ageing community in an ageing country. If we can help people to think about their future plans, both for their later life and their final end, then that is good.

But most of us would rather avoid such a morbid subject. We would much rather put our heads in the sand, or whistle in the dark, and hope it doesn't happen to us, or at least anytime soon. One thing you learn quickly as a priest, however, is that death is no respecter of age groups. I have taken funerals of young children, teenagers, adults in their prime and numerous senior citizens. Death happens. Part of my job as a priest is to help people to prepare for their death, whenever it happens.

It took me until I was 50 years old to get round to writing a will, but I am glad I have now done it. I knew in my head what I wanted to leave family, friends and good causes, but now it is on paper and ready should the need arise. I can always amend it if circumstances change. What I haven't yet done is write up my 'Letter of wishes', setting out who I would like to have my vast collection of theological books and crime novels. More to the point, I haven't written up what kind of funeral I would like, with my favourite hymns and readings. I don't think my family would send me off to the natural burial site, but it is best to be sure! And in my ministry I have been sad to find some regular church members being given a crematorium funeral led by an unconnected person because the family were not churchgoers and the deceased had not specified the kind of funeral they would like.

Death; it is an uncomfortable subject, but it is not one we should avoid as Christians. For us, death is the gateway to eternal life, to life lived at one with God, whom we have only glimpsed and experienced fleetingly in our earthly life. The process of dying is a bit scary, but death shouldn't be. At our death, God welcomes us with open arms and heart, and we enter into God's presence and find ourselves surrounded by our loved ones who have gone before us in the eternal now of God's love. So start planning!

Yours in Christ,

KATHRYN WINDSLOW
Rector of Storrington

PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

O Christ, you are a bright flame before me.
You are a guiding star above me.
You are the light and love
I see in others' eyes.
Keep me, O Christ,
in a love that is tender.
Keep me, O Christ,
in a love that is true.
Keep me, O Christ,
in a love that is strong,
tonight, tomorrow and always.



Each Day & Each Night
Celtic prayers from Iona
J Philip Newell

FOR ALL CAT OWNERS



A German Shepherd, a Doberman and cat had all died and had gone to Heaven. All three are faced with God, who wants to know what they believed in.

The German Shepherd says, "I believe in discipline, training and loyalty to my master." God says, "Good, sit down at my right hand side."

Then God asks the Doberman what he believes in. The Doberman says, "I believe in the love and care and protection of my master." "Ah," says God, "you may sit at my left hand side."

Then God looks at the cat and says, "And what do you believe in?" The cat answers, "I believe you are sitting in my chair".



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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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Bob Timms (01798 813807)
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PASTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THAKEHAM: Please contact Revd Sara-Jane Stevens on 01798 813121 to make arrangements for Baptisms, Weddings and Banns of Marriage. She can be contacted at Thakeham Rectory throughout the week. Her day off is Friday.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

A veritable feast was shared at Thakeham Village Hall on Sunday 6 October straight after the Harvest Festival service. Friends from both parishes enjoyed home-cooked food and a wildflower-themed cryptic table quiz to get the brain cells flexed in time for Harold's impossible Festive quiz in December.

Thanks to Wynn and her kitchen team for their sterling work, and of course not forgetting Barry for the wine!



CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Thakeham Village Hall

Saturday 30 November

11am – 2.30pm

Come and enjoy the delicious food, sweet and savoury, available on the day

This popular Christmas event will include:

Christmas goodies

Bumper Christmas raffle

Children's tombola

Plus much more!

Everyone welcome to join us in this first taste of Christmas

ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS RAFA CHAPEL SUSSEXDOWN

Communion with the residents
Thursday, 28 November at 11.30am

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

Knit and Stitch Tea on Tuesday



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

Thakeham Church Rooms
19 November between 2pm and 4pm

All welcome. Enquiries to Wynn Lednor - 743025



Church in the Pub

1st Monday of the month

The White Lion Pub, Thakeham from 8.30pm

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

Just a chance to meet, drink and talk

So why not come along and just enjoy

The Wild Fortune Quiet Garden



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

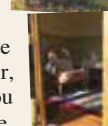
The Wild Fortune Quiet Garden will be open through the autumn on the following dates:

13 November • 11 December

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

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

Tessa & Mark Holland. Email: wildfortune@btinternet.com.
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"Loving God and
Loving our Neighbour"

What's happening at St Mary's Sullington



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Churchwardens

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Organist

Beryl Hardie (892349)

Church Flowers

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Safeguarding Officer

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Sandgate Lodge,
Washington Road,
Sullington RH20 4AF

Lifts to Church

Anne Owen (743973)

Church Fabric Officer

Douglas Parkes (743106)

PASTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR SULLINGTON: Please contact Revd Sara-Jane Stevens on 01798 813121 to make arrangements for Baptisms, Weddings and Banns of Marriage. She can be contacted at Thakeham Rectory throughout the week. Her day off is Friday. Times of Church services can be found on page 18. Alternatively you can visit the Church website for further details.

Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in us

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

CHRISTMAS FLORAL WORKSHOP

Sullington Manor Old Workshop

Saturday 14 December

10am – 1pm

£25 per person



Christmas table decoration to include your own choice candles (battery operated are fine)

Please bring either one candle 2-3" wide, 6-8" tall or three dinner candles 6-8" tall, and scissors.

Foliage, flowers and baubles included in the price.

Also our demonstrators, Brenda and Jean, will show us how to make the most of a bunch of flowers from the supermarket.

In aid of St Mary's Church, Sullington

Contact Jean Hoadley on 01798 812658

SULLINGTON & THAKEHAM

4th Thursday of the month

@ Thakeham Village Hall

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

Children ... bring your adults to our Church!

Crafts, games, singing, stories and new friends.



CHRISTMAS FAYRE



Sullington Parish Hall

Saturday 23rd November 2019
12.30pm - 3.00pm

In aid of St Mary's Church, Sullington

- Crafts & Stalls • Raffles • Refreshments •
- Face Painting • Tombola • Christmas Carols •
- Children's Activities • Balloon Man • Cake Stall •
- Christmas Wreaths • Last-Minute Gifts •
- Father Christmas •



Admission Free

(Children under 14 to be accompanied by an adult)

Tea with the Vicar

7 November 3pm till 5pm

at Greenacres, Southlands Lane
West Chiltington. All welcome.





What's happening at St Mary's Storrington

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

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

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Stella Hastings & John Taylor (745477)

Captain of Bellringers

John Taylor (745477)

Pastoral Scheme

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Recorder

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Readers and Sidesmen

Vera Blake (743974)

Electoral Roll Officer

Val Rice (918958)

Director of Music

Stephen Bloxham

Assistant Organists

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Peter Lewis, Keith Smithers
Simon Whitchurch

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Jackie Lee (743661)

Church Flowers

Anna Forster (745392)

Child Protection Officer

Jackie Lee (743661)

Bible Reading Fellowship

Amanda Hislop (743700)

Bible Society

Jean Hunt (01798 813681)

Christian Aid Co-ordinator

Anna Forster (745392)

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Church Services see page 18.

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

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

Altar Servers: Revd Jaquie Peal (743083)

Bellringers: Fridays, 7.45pm - 9.30pm.

Handbells: Wednesdays, 9.30am. Kathleen Osgood (01403 780928)

Church Cleaning: Jeannie Watten (742542)

Church & Churchyard Maintenance: Ray Hunt (01798 813681)

Mothers' Union: Jean Hunt (01798 813681)

Bible Study / Home Groups: Orchard Gardens Home Group, every **Wednesday until 27 November, 10.30 – 11.45am** looking at Revelation. We are a friendly group and new members are very welcome to join us. For further information contact Robin Lenharth on 743962.

Sunday Lunch Club (ecumenical): Second Sunday in the month. 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 shall celebrate All Saints' Day and observe All Souls' Day on **Sunday 3 November**, with our **Service of Light, Hope and Remembrance** at 6pm at which the names in the Book of Remembrance will be displayed in Church together with other names which have been requested.

Remembrance Sunday

All are invited to take part in the Service of Remembrance at Storrington Parish Church on **Sunday 10 November** at 2.55pm, assembling, if fine, for the laying of wreaths at the War Memorial on the south side of the Church. This is an inter-church service arranged in conjunction with the Royal British Legion. Civic leaders, local councillors and uniformed organizations are invited to be present, with banners if appropriate. Medals to be worn. Youth organizations will be invited to take part in a parade beforehand arriving at the War Memorial for 2.55pm; this will not take place if wet and in this event all assemble in Church. Tea will be available afterwards. This service replaces 6pm Evensong.

Storrington Deanery Synod

The next meeting of the Deanery Synod takes place on **Thursday 14 November**, at Steyning Church, at 7pm for 7.30pm. The subject is Finance and Budgets and all parish treasurers are specifically invited to attend.

Children's Gift Service

During the Family Service on **Sunday 1 December** at 10am, our children and young people are 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.

STORRINGTON REGISTERS

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

4 Oct Norah Bessie (Sally) Gill (86 years)

St Mary's Christmas Grand Prize Draw

Our Christmas Grand Prize Draw will take place at St Mary's Church, Storrington, on **Saturday 14 December**, at the Christmas Coffee Morning. Many prizes, including £100 cash! We are raising money to support St Mary's Church Community. Tickets are on sale now at £1 each (books of 5 available) and can be purchased from Storrington Rectory Office, Churchwardens and at Church events. Any donations of draw prizes or cash donations towards the £100 cash prize would be very welcome.

Church Diaries 2020

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

BATTLE OF BRITAIN SERVICE AT ST MARY'S, STORRINGTON ON 15 SEPTEMBER

RAFA Representative, Steve Davies, delivers the Exhortation at the grave of Storrington's Battle of Britain pilot, Flt Lt Raymond Davis DFC.



CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS

We invite extra singers who would like to join Storrington Church Choir for the Carol Service and other Christmas services to come to the Christmas section of the choir practices on Fridays at 7pm, starting on 8 November; regular Choir please arrive at 6.40pm to practice for the forthcoming Sunday.

ST MARY'S CHURCH, SULLINGTON FUND RAISING LUNCH

On 15 September Harold and Cecily Linfield held a fundraising lunch in their beautiful garden in support of St Mary's Church, Sullington.

We were so lucky with the blue skies, bright sunshine and delicious lunch which, combined with the good company, made this event a great success. Many thanks to our hosts for their hospitality and support.



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 5 November – Church of England will lead

Tuesday, 3 December – Community Church will lead

One in faith and love and praise

CONGRATULATIONS TO KATHRYN

The Bishop of Chichester, Dr Martin Warner, has appointed six new Honorary Canons of Chichester Cathedral, one of which is our Rector, Kathryn. The announcement means the Revd Kathryn Windslow will be able to use the title Canon and she is allocated a stall in the choir at the Cathedral Church. Dr Warner said the announcement was "in recognition of the contribution that they make to the apostolic life of the diocese."

The Revd Kathryn Windslow is to take the Stall of the Prebendary of Seaford. It is an affirmation of her contribution to the wider life of the Diocese, especially as Rural Dean. It is also a way of affirming the importance and the quality of her ministry in Storrington.

Kathryn's installation, together with two others, will take place at the Cathedral in the context of Evensong on **Sunday 1 December** at 3.30pm.

St Mary's, Storrington, Church congregation are contributing towards the cost of Kathryn's Canon's robe. Thank you very much for the donations already made to help with this cost. Any further donations may be given to Viv Stuart at Storrington Rectory Office on Tuesday or Thursday mornings.

St Mary's Church Church Street Storrington

Wednesday 20 November
10am to 11.30am

And every 3rd Wednesday of the month

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

St Mary's Church Storrington

CONCERTS

The Concert and Music Committee has been busy recently, and we have dates for your diaries:

2020 dates

Saturday 4 January at 7.30pm – Taylor Maid

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

Saturday 25 April at 7.30pm – Happy Days Big Band

Sunday 31 May at 3.00pm – Tea and Songs

Church@4pm

17 November at St Mary's Church, Storrington

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



This popular community event is held biennially in the historic Warminghurst Church. The unique space is transformed with beautiful Christmas trees which are sponsored and decorated by local schools, businesses and groups, for festival visitors to enjoy.

Additional attractions to the event include:

- Refreshments
- Christmas gift stalls
- Candlelit carol service
- Music performances
- Cakes and produce
- Raffle



**WARMINGHURST
CHURCH RH20 3AW**

6TH – 8TH DECEMBER 2019

10AM – 4PM

For more info: Email: info.fowc@gmail.com
Phone: 01903 891312



CELEBRATING HARVEST FESTIVAL AT ST MARY'S, STORRINGTON



PowerPoint talk by Revd Rupert Toovey

at St Mary's Church, Storrington

Sussex and the Downs

The Church and Art across the Centuries

Wednesday 13 November 3pm

Light refreshments

Donations in aid of St Mary's, Storrington

MONEY FOR NOTHING!

Yes, you can raise money for your Church without it costing you a penny!



Just sign up on line to easyfundraising.org.uk then nominate your chosen cause.

Whenever you shop on line you can go through this site and choose where you want to shop, be it Amazon, Tesco, Waitrose, BT and many others. An automatic donation is then made to your chosen cause. You can also choose a reminder option so whatever site you shop on line, if they are signed up to the scheme a donation will be made.

It is totally safe and you will not receive unwanted calls or emails

For more information contact Amanda Hislop 743700 or 3Heralds@gmail.com



CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

Christmas is the season of goodwill.

In 2015, a group of volunteers set out to provide a happy, memorable day for members of the community who would otherwise be alone over the festive season.

Christmas Day lunch, now in its 5th year, will again be held at the Old School, School Lane, Storrington on Christmas Day starting at 1pm. Christmas Day Lunch aims to provide a traditional Christmas lunch spent in company with lots of fun, friendship, music and hopefully a visit from Santa to complete the day.

Transport by either the Community minibus or car can be arranged.

If you wish to attend or know of someone who might benefit from company on Christmas day please contact David or Jacque Richardson on 744178 in order to book a place.

Come and join our SPACE

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

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

Everyone will be very welcome (men and women, any age or ability).

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

For more information contact: Storrington Rectory Office (742888)



CONCERTS AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, STORRINGTON

Organists at Play

If you weren't able to come along in September to hear our two talented organists share their tastes in music with us, you missed a real treat. In a very varied programme that ranged from English folk song, grand opera, several radio and TV signature and film tunes and rock music, Ian and Stephen demonstrated the breadth of their abilities and the scope of our Church organ.



The first part was broadly classical. Ian's choices included *The Lost Chord* and a piece familiar to many Steve Race fans as his radio signature tune but actually called *Dick's Maggot*. My personal favourite from Ian was a delightful movement called *An English Intermezzo* in which I could definitely hear church bells chiming. The composer? None other than Ian himself. Before the interval Stephen treated us to the *Grand March* from *Aida* and ever popular *Nimrod* from Elgar's *Enigma Variations*.

After the interval the mood was much lighter. Ian's fingers positively flew over the keys, and perhaps his feet were dancing too, through a number of dainty pieces like the theme for *Housewife's Choice*. Then to finish, Stephen took us to the cinema to see *The Deer Hunter* and *The Sound of Music*. But Stephen's highlight was an absolutely amazing rendition of Queen's *Bohemian Rhapsody*. Our Church has rarely rocked so much.

In addition to the music, we enjoyed copious cups of tea and tasty cakes. What more could we want?

PROUD CROWD, INCLUDING SOME FROM THE PCC, ENTERTAINED BY THE BBC

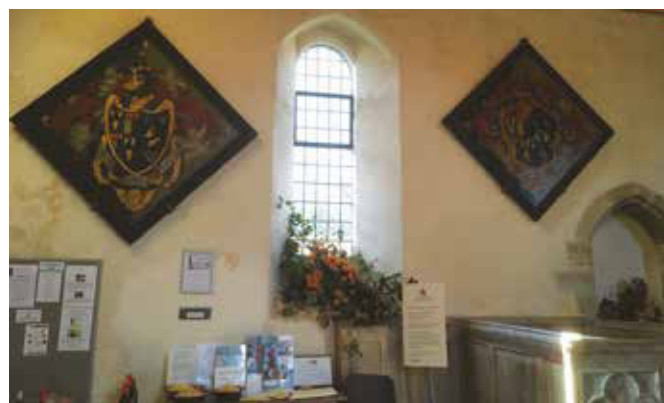
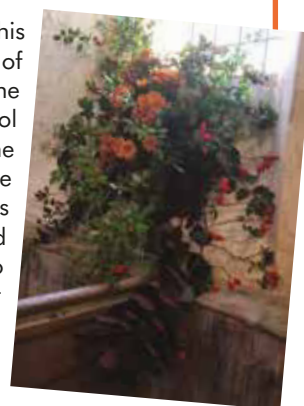


At 7.30pm on Saturday 14 September, 40 or so British stalwarts gathered in St Mary's Church, Thakeham, to celebrate The Last Night of the Proms. The Church was beautifully decorated with flags, twinkling lights and a floral arrangement of red, white and blue flowers. Bowls of crisps and other nibbles were placed in the pews, and song sheets, including a Royal Quiz, distributed. We knew that a delicious light supper awaited us in the interval. The audience was electric with anticipation. What fun was to be had! It was a truly home-grown affair in the best of British tradition.

During the first half, talented friends from Thakeham, Storrington and Sullington stepped up to entertain us with an eclectic repertoire of songs and music choosing their accompaniment from either the piano, the organ and even an electric guitar. The audience joined enthusiastically with songs like *There'll be bluebirds over the White Cliffs of Dover* and *There'll always be an England!* Supper followed and the quiz marked before we settled to watch TLNOTP on the big screen. Some thoughtful folk surrounded themselves with cushions and rugs but each one of us waved Union Jacks eagerly to assist the conductor. It was a great evening.

HARVEST FESTIVAL AT WARMINGHURST CHURCH

Always a special occasion and this year was no exception. The Friends of Warminghurst are most grateful to the choir from Windlesham House School who sang beautifully, and also to the Revd Sara-Jane Stevens who led the service so well, even handing out acorns for the congregation to take home and plant. Our special thanks also go to David Eales, who farms the land at Warminghurst and Washington, and who gave us a fascinating outline on the farming year and what harvest means in the 21st Century. Seeds of information you could say! The evening rounded off with refreshments generously provided by the school, and a healthy collection was taken for the Churches Conservation Trust, who works to make sure these historic buildings stand for the next generation.



TAYLOR MAID ST MARY'S CHURCH CHURCH ST STORRINGTON

VINTAGE SWING
POPULAR JAZZ
LIVELY FIDDLE TUNES
LATIN & MUSIC TO
MAKE YOU SMILE!



SATURDAY • 7.30PM
4th JAN 2020

TICKETS £12 (TO INCLUDE A GLASS OF WINE/SOFT DRINK & NIBBLES)

FROM: FOWLERS 01903 745844

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BOTH IN HIGH STREET • STORRINGTON

ORGANISED BY ST MARY'S CHURCH STORRINGTON CONCERT COMMITTEE



SULLINGTON 122 YEARS AGO

EXTRACTS FROM CANON PALMER'S DIARY – NOVEMBER 1897

Mon 1: Fine bright: very summery. 46 degrees. School 25/29. Bought 2 second bikes £15. Got on well this morning with my lesson. Gardened, taking up bed under library window. Mowed tennis lawn. Worked my paper on Vagrancy.

Tue 2 – 5: To Eastbourne – Conference – stopped at 1 Marine Gardens with GA and Jane. Saw George and Ann Marten. Called on Napier on my way home. He in bed with gout. Read paper on Vagrancy.

Sat 6: Dull, hazy, chill fine. 44 degrees. To Workhouse early to see about the new master's furniture. First Church fire. Had the College magazine *The Marlbourian* with JST's memoirs. Spent half an hour with Faithfull, weak but convalescent.

Sun 7: Trinity XXI. Fine less hazy cold. 46 degrees. Two good congregations (13 to Holy Communion). Preached on Philemon, morning lesson: in evening on Patience, grounds of expectation of Christs coming. The Cartwrights to tea singing good.

Mon 8: Foggy and wet, mild. 55 degrees. To Pulborough Rectory where sat on Pickering's resignation, assigned him 1/3 which will come to £120 or £30. Dined at Sandgate with Harriet, Mrs Green and Mr Newton.

Tue 9: Very warm and damp. 53 degrees. Board of Guardians small attendance: Mr Parrish's increase refused. George Carew-Gibson attended first ambulance and Clara at Storrington.

Wed 10: Fresher. 43 degrees. Fine and bright. School 27/29. A tea here to say Vale to Jelfs who lunched. Had my first Cobden service with May on Prayer. Magnificent night.

Thu 11: Very thick fog. Mild. 46 degrees. School 27/29. Cleaned off the laurel walk west border, soil very dry. Heartley called on cycle. Cicely and I to Threales, first service there, thinly attended. Wrote a notice of G.A.C. for the new Vicar of Amberley.

Fri 12: Dull but fine. 55 degrees. Into Worthing with May and Cicely, then on to Brighton Voluntary School Anniversary. Return by the 3.55pm out and home over stony ways.

Sat 13: Fine, dull. 54 degrees. Digging and cleaning flower borders. Bicycled a little on the Highway!

Sun 14: Trinity XXII. Very fine and mild, like April. Two good congregations sermons on the Collect. The Character of the Member of the Household of the Church, Phil. 1 v8-9 and the Prophecies of David in suspended fulfilment, our attitude. Began Blunt's Co-incidences again with the girls.

Mon 15: Afternoon rainy and colder. 40 degrees. Sent two young cows to Auction at Pulborough. Gardened a little and took a bicycle lesson from May after inspecting Mrs Faithfull's chrysanthemums.

Tue 16: Fine dull easterly. 50 degrees. School 25/29. Put in some wall fruit trees from Cheales and blackcurrants. May goes to stay with the Amphletts. Sell two young cows for £21.

Wed 17: Rather drifts from the South West. 54 degrees. Girls to Pulborough for their singing. Remaining at Byne Lodge. I on foot to Wiston Rectory, saw Isabel Whaley but not the patient. Carting out in lower meadow.

Thu 18: Fine and dry. 50 degrees. School 27/29. Making two new semi-circular flower beds in place of the borders.

Fri 19: Foggy early then fine. 45 degrees. Into Worthing and Brighton: lunched at 13 Norfolk Square and had a long talk with WGS, now Arch-Bishop: took up WBC on my way home: the girls to Findon and Worthing.

Sat 20: Fine. 51 degrees. Swept a good part of the West lawn, walked with WBC and Clara to Muntham after the Guild things. Manser pays me a visit on a personal matter. Ed Marjesson came over: he leaves for East Africa next week.

Sun 21: Last Sunday in Trinity. Fine and mild. 44 degrees. Evening congregation attended by 10: I did not need even a light overcoat. Had two good gatherings: preached on Hebrews X 24. The root principal of Church worship: and on Psalm CVI Moses' failing, impulsive temper and rebellion against the Holy Spirit.

Mon 22: Foggy, dull. 43 degrees. Put, I believe, a bill and cheque for £20 into the pillar box here amongst letters. Took a short walk with WBC. Carting out into lower field.

Tue 23: Foggy, dark. 43 degrees. Board of Guardians, then as I learnt that the funeral of James Sandham was today at 2.30pm drove there taking George C Gibson. A simple quiet ceremony in a veil of natural grief. WBC left. Clara and the girls to the school entertainment at Washington.

Wed 24: Much as yesterday. 44 degrees. School 24/29. Gardened, turfing and sweeping leaves. To Cobden in evening, only 8. Clara and girls to a Newton's concert.

Thu 25: Finer 40 degrees. Not a good post: Hal surrenders his job and George Carew-Gibson asks for a loan! Failed in finding our notary at home. George C Gibson's will. May and I to Roundabouts, saw our Clerk on the matter of Hardham arches.

Fri 26: Sharp, white frost. 44 degrees. To Chichester County Council nothing much done: Hardham arches referred to a committee. Drove Zouche home. Lunched with settler Picks allowance and affidavited GAC's will.

Sat 27: Dull to rain. 55 degrees. Alice and Florrie Hussey called: their father does not rally so quickly as usual.

Sun 28: Advent I. Very dark afternoon and rough night. Gale in evening. 44 degrees. Preached a first sermon on Hebrews IX 23 – 28. Christ as High Priest in His entry and return. In afternoon on the Advent Collect. This Life a Dream compared to the Reality of the next.

Mon 29: Frosty, wind high. 37 degrees. A grand vivifying day. Walked to Workhouse, then to Rock and paid Goatcher. Fernery and pond cleaned by the gate.

Tue 30: Rough with some scudding rain. 44 degrees. Sam and West at the front gate bank taking up the old 'dendrums' and cleaning. The girls go into Worthing about dresses. Last Sunday evening gale with a tremendous tide on Monday morning, made much mischief in the Channel.

Storrington Macular Group

in partnership with

Pulborough Sight Problems Group



Fourth Tuesday of every month 2pm – 4pm
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Family, friends and carers welcome.
Contact Philippa on 743182

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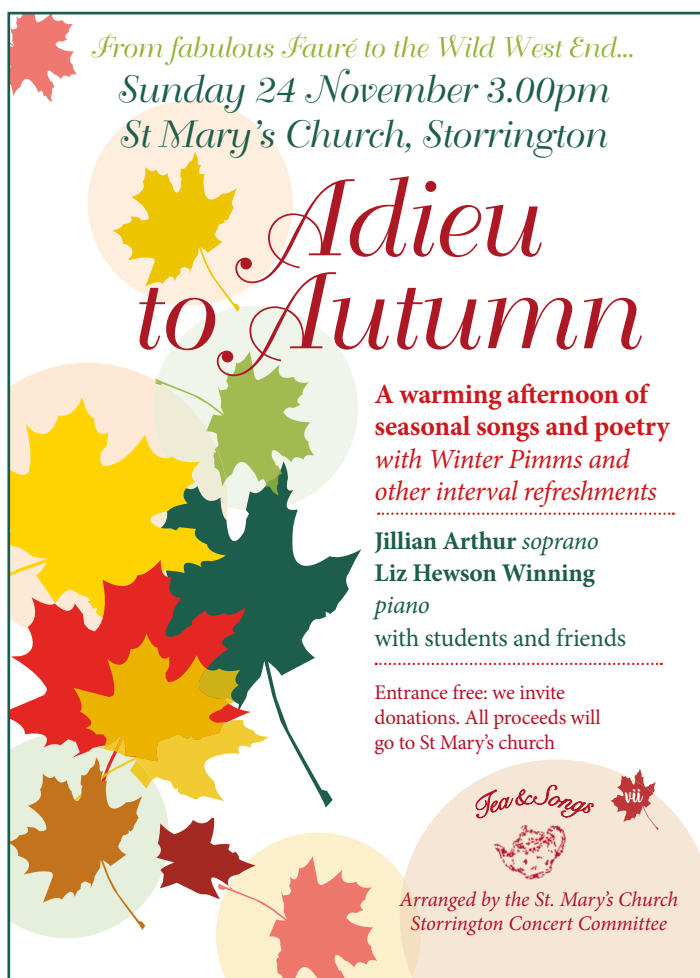
Don't want to be on your own this Christmas? Then join us for lunch.

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Book your place by 14th December
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From fabulous Fauré to the Wild West End...
Sunday 24 November 3.00pm
St Mary's Church, Storrington

Adieu to Autumn

A warming afternoon of
seasonal songs and poetry
with Winter Pimms and
other interval refreshments

Jillian Arthur soprano
Liz Hewson Winning
piano
with students and friends

Entrance free: we invite
donations. All proceeds will
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Jealous Songs

Arranged by the St. Mary's Church
Storrington Concert Committee

THAKEHAM PARISH NEWS

At a well-attended public meeting on Monday 23 September, the Neighbourhood Planning Committee agreed to submit a strong objection to Abingworth Homes' latest proposals to increase house numbers in the final phase 3 of the Abingworth Meadows development. The Parish Council has counter-proposed that the number of houses in Phase 3 should be limited to 35, including 12 affordable units, along with a list of other amendments and community benefits sought. The Parish Council is not the planning authority, the PC's objection and counter proposal will be considered by Horsham District Council along with submissions made by other parties. We will keep residents updated regarding further developments.

West Sussex County Council Highways have now clarified their plans to improve safety at the two Thakeham Road roundabouts (Water Lane and Rock Road). Although the PC had not expected that the proposal for Water Lane would involve full traffic light control, Highways think that latest technology 'smart' traffic light controls can strike a good balance between pedestrian safety and vehicle flow. We understand that Highways are continuing to consult with the adjacent schools and residents on the specifics of the scheme and will continue monitoring.

Detailed plans for the rework on Monaghan's front of site access to discourage HGVs approaching via the narrow B2139 from the north have been approved by both Horsham District Council and Highways, and we are pressing the company to start construction. We'll update residents when we know more.

We need to work out how best to spend the limited money we have available for community transport. Look out for the transport survey in our next Bulletin, and please give us your input: there will be paper and online response options - see our website for a link. The response deadline is Friday 22nd November.

Don't forget the new bin located in Thakeham Village Hall for recyclable items that can't go in with your normal household recycling. You can drop off items Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9.30 – 11.30 or by using the code provided on the front door when the Hall is open and in use.

Recently, the Thakeham Parish Council website has undergone maintenance and had a makeover! As part of our ongoing efforts to improve communication with residents, we have launched our new e-news subscription. At the end of each month we'll send an email with all the news and updates from the past month you might have missed. Go to our website and subscribe if you'd like to receive these emails. We've also added a new page with job vacancies within the Parish; if you're an employer and would like to list a vacancy please email the Assistant Clerk.

Date for the diary!

All the gin lovers out there will be excited to learn our community event in Thakeham Village Hall on **Wednesday 20 November** is an evening of local gin tasting run by Storrington's Village Deli. Tasting starts at 7.30pm. Tickets must be booked in advance- see our website for details. www.thakehamparish.co.uk

COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING

Thakeham Village Hall

10am to 11.30am

1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month

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

info@thakehamvillagehall.co.uk

Tel 01798 815467



STORRINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL



Recently, children from Storrington Primary School took part in STARS football tournaments. First, children from Year 3 and 4 took part in their first football tournament. The children played extremely well, worked hard as a team and were runners up. All the children and adults were impressed with how well they played, and my player of the tournament was Bea Harrington; she played superbly as a centre back, having great composure throughout all the games she played in.

The following day was the Year 5 and 6 tournament. The boys who took part did a fantastic job, winning all the games they played. The first game they won 6-0, second game they won 9-0 and the final game won 7-1, proving to be a difficult team to play against and winning the tournament overall. My player of the tournament was Harrison Tucker, showing he was a fantastic right winger and an overall great team player.

I am enjoying being the PE lead at Storrington, and thoroughly relishing the challenge ahead, taking part in all the tournaments and upcoming events. There are lots of exciting things ahead over the next year for children at Storrington Primary School and I'm sure they will be as excited as we are.

James Martin, PE co-ordinator



THE ARTS SOCIETY STORRINGTON

The November lecture is on **Wednesday 6 November** from 2.30pm to 3.30pm at West Chiltington Village Hall.

A lecture by Richard Whincop - Nicholas Poussin: Rebel Philosopher. The work of Nicholas Poussin became the cornerstone of the French classical tradition. This lecture will look at the ways in which Poussin was in fact highly original, with early works that were dramatic and highly idiosyncratic. It will look at some of the ideas underlying his work, examining how it compares with that of his contemporaries, and how his mature works reflect a new and coherent philosophy of art. It will consider the fact that Poussin was a thoughtful, private person who resisted attempts by the French court to lure him into the art establishment, and how his work would one day influence radical, anti-establishment artists such as Cézanne and Picasso.

The December lecture is on **Wednesday 4 December** from 2.30pm to 3.30pm at West Chiltington Village Hall.

A lecture by Sarah Lenton: Thinking Big – The Ups and Downs of the London Coliseum, London's largest Theatre.

The London Coliseum is now the home of English National Opera. It was the theatre that hosted *Les Ballet Russes*, *Annie Get Your Gun*, *Music Hall* and *Cinerama*. Everything about the London Coliseum is enormous: the stage, the auditorium, the number of its ghosts, the size of its problems. Sarah has been working there since 1979 and seen practically everything. She knows how many tons of sand they can tip on that stage, why there is a knife hanging from the flies and how they got away with Don Giovanni inadvertently bursting into flames. Sarah even knew some of the ghosts, while they were still alive!

For further information please contact the Membership Secretary, Caroline Long on 744797 or by email: caroline.fflong@gmail.com.

STORRINGTON & DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION

FRENCH FILM NIGHT

FRIDAY 22 NOVEMBER 7.30PM

AT TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH HALL
(off Thakeham Road, Storrington)

8 WOMEN

One morning at an isolated mansion in the snowy countryside of 1950s France, a family is gathered for the holiday season. But there will be no celebration at all because their beloved patriarch has been murdered! The killer can only be one of the eight women closest to the man of the house. Each has a motive. Each has a secret. One of them is guilty. Which one is it?

Members £4; Non-members £4.50



**For further details please contact
Dee Smithson on 744024 to book your place**

STORRINGTON FLOWER CLUB

OPEN EVENING WITH

GILL MCGREGOR
NATIONAL DEMONSTRATOR

"GLITZ AND GLITTER"

FRIDAY 1 NOVEMBER

7.30pm - DOORS OPEN 6.30pm

SULLINGTON PARISH HALL

RH20 3PP

TICKETS £15

CONTACT 01903 892837

CHURCH SERVICES AT A GLANCE

DATE	FESTIVAL OR SUNDAY	STORRINGTON St Mary's	THAKEHAM St Mary's	SULLINGTON St Mary's
3 November	All Saints' Sunday 4 th before Advent	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Family Communion 6pm Service of Light, Hope and Remembrance	10.30am Joint Family Service (with Sullington)	8am Celtic Communion 6pm A Service to Remember – bring a candle to light for the loved ones you have lost
10 November	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 3 rd before Advent	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion + Footsteps 2.55pm Service of Remembrance – see p.6	9.30am Remembrance Day Service	8am Holy Communion 11.30am Remembrance Day Service
17 November	2nd before Advent	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion with Prayers for Healing + Footsteps 4pm Church@4	8am Celtic Communion	10.30am Joint Family Communion (with Thakeham)
24 November	SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT <i>Christ the King</i>	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion + Footsteps 6pm Evensong	9.30am Family Communion	11.30am Family Communion
1 December	ADVENT SUNDAY	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Family Communion: Children's Gift Service 3pm Installation of the Revd Kathryn Windsor as Canon at Chichester Cathedral	10.30am Joint all-age Christingle Service (with Sullington)	8am Holy Communion 6pm Advent Reflection

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

OTHER CHURCH DETAILS

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Our Lady of England, Monastery Lane

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

Daily Mass: Monday – Friday 9am.

For other midweek services, confessions etc., please contact

Parish Priest: Fr Charles Howell

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

Tel: 740338

STORRINGTON CHAPEL

North Street

Sunday Services 10.30am and 6.30pm

Enquiries to Storrington Chapel Evangelical Church,

North Street, Storrington RH20 4DH

Email: contacts@storringtonchapel.org.uk

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Steyning Grammar School – Rock Road Campus

Family Worship – Sundays 10am

Enquiries to Mrs Val Augustine

Community Church Office, PO Box 1020, Storrington RH20 3UY

Tel: 01798 817596

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH

Thakeham Road

Sunday Service 10.30am

Minister: Revd Dr Frank Okai-Sam

Tel: 01273 597122

(Church Office: 01903 746390 / 01273 596374)

www.trinitymethodiststorrington.uk

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WEEKLY EVENTS

Wed 9.30am Registrar of Births and Deaths – Storrington Library – pre-booking only – 01243 642122

Fri 9.45am Storrington Community Market – Village Hall

Storrington Library Opening Hours – Tel. 839050

Monday to Friday 9.30am – 5.30pm

Saturday 10am – 4pm

The Churches of Storrington invite you to

SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB

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

1pm on Second Sunday each month (except August)

at the Old School, School Lane, Storrington

Tickets (£4.00) are available from

Louisa Austin, Church Street, Storrington



STORRINGTON POP-IN LUNCH CLUB

Storrington Village Hall

First Thursday of each month

(except January and August)

COFFEE served from 10.30am

LUNCH available: £3.00 12 noon – 1pm

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

ALL ARE WELCOME. Come and meet old friends

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

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



WHAT'S ON

November	
Fri 1	
7.30pm	Storrington Flower Club – Open Evening – p16
Sat 2	
10am	Storrington Conservation Society – Working Party – p32
Sun 3 All Saints' Sunday / 4th before Advent	
6pm	Service of Light, Hope and Remembrance – St Mary's, Storrington
Mon 4	
7.30pm	Storrington Museum – Talk – p22
8.30pm	Church in the Pub – Thakeham – p4
Tue 5	
10am	Community Coffee Morning – p15
10am	Inter-Church prayers – RC Church (side-chapel) – p9
2pm	SPACE – Arts and Craft Group – p10
Wed 6	
10am	St Barnabas Outreach – Library Car Park – p33
2.30pm	Arts Society Storrington – Lecture – p16
Thu 7	
10.30am	Pop-In Lunch Club – p18
2pm	MU – Meeting – p17
3pm	Tea with the Vicar – p5
7.30pm	Storrington Camera Club – Meeting – p17
Sat 9	
9.30am	Sandgate Conservation Society – Working Party – p31
Sun 10 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY / 3rd before Advent	
1pm	Sunday Lunch Club – p18
2.55pm	Civic Service of Remembrance – St Mary's, Storrington – p6
Mon 11	
7.30pm	Thakeham Gardeners' Club – Meeting – p31
Wed 13	
10am	Wild Fortune Quiet Garden – p4
3pm	PowerPoint talk by Revd Rupert Toovey – p10
7.30pm	Rotary Film Night – Yesterday – p27
Thu 14	
7pm	(for 7.30pm) Storrington Deanery Synod at Steyning – p6
Fri 15	
7.30pm	Storrington Horticultural Society – Meeting – p24
Sun 17 2nd before Advent	
4pm	Church@4pm – St Mary's, Storrington – p9
Tue 19	
10am	Community Coffee Morning – p15
2pm	Knit & Stitch Tea – p4
2pm	SPACE – Arts and Craft Group – p10
Wed 20	
10am	Cafe in the Church – St Mary's, Storrington – p9
7.30pm	Sullington Windmills WI – Meeting – p24
Thu 21	
7.30pm	Storrington Camera Club – Meeting – p17
Fri 22	
7.30pm	Storrington and District Twinning – French Film Night – p16
Sat 23	
10am	Sandgate Conservation Society – Working Party – p31
10am	Storrington Museum – Pro-Am Art Show p22
12.30pm	Christmas Fayre – Sullington Parish Hall – p5

Sun 24 SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT	
Christ the King	
10am	Storrington Museum – Pro-Am Art Show p22
3pm	Concert – St Mary's, Storrington – <i>Adieu to Autumn</i> – p15
Tue 26	
2pm	Storrington Macular Group – p14
7.30pm	Mary How Trust Film Night – <i>Late Night</i> – p32
Wed 27	
2pm	Storrington Flower Club – Meeting – p34
7.30pm	Sandgate Conservation Society – Meeting – p31
Thu 28	
11.30am	Communion at Sussexdown – p4
4pm	Messy Church – Thakeham – p5
Sat 30	
11am	Christmas Fayre – Thakeham – p4

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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL DAYS

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

STORRINGTON & SULLINGTON – REFLECTIONS OF THE PAST

REFLECTIONS 108 – PART 2

By mediaeval times, life was settled and gradually houses were built around the Church and main street running E-W. Trade was established with neighbouring villages, there were markets in Horsham and East Grinstead, and in 1399 the Lord of the Manor, the Earl of Norfolk, granted a market charter for two markets a year, on 13 May, mainly for cattle, and 11 November for cattle and pedlary, with no doubt farm produce and various amusements. The Fitzalan Surveys state that Richard Earl of Arundel had 63 manors in Sussex including Storgheton and Sullyngeton belonging to his honour of Arundel. The Fitzalan Earls of Arundel held the Honour for 12 generations from the mid-13th century to Tudor times, when Henry Fitzalan died in 1580 without an heir. His grandson Philip Howard inherited the Honour.

In Storgheton the value was made up of Rents, £12.10s.0d.

160a arable @ 6d	£4..0s..0d.
10a meadow	£3..0s..0d.
200a pasture	£3..6s..8d.
The Courts	10s.0d.
Some woodland	10s.0d.

The total valor was £21. 6s. 0d.

Stock consisted of two farm horses, eighteen oxen, 21 cows and 700 wethers. By now, after the depredations of the Black Death, sheep were a valuable commodity taking fewer people to look after them than agriculture. Storgheton also included one knight's fee; this was enough land to support a knight and his family, a feudal tenure that obliged the holder to supply military assistance to the Crown but was often commuted to money.

The appearance of the Village by now would have been less agriculture, vast flocks of sheep, trade in the village centre and some substantial houses and woodland.

The Survey gives an interesting list of manor tenants starting with suitors to the hundred courts. Storegheton was represented by Roger Byne, Robert Moundfeld, Henry Perat and John Frie. Among the interesting list of tenants and their manor property and rents were John Tregoz, Edward Wynter, Roger Byne, who all owed 1 pound of pepper at the manor court for their tenancies; this was a very common rent, paid by many tenants. John Estebrouk had five acres for which he paid half-a-pound of pepper, a ferlingate for 2s and 1 acre for 1d. Alice Bakere, John Bowere each had 'a cot' and Agatha Lirpus a cot and two acres.

There were 81 named tenants, 16 cottages, 2 crofts and Hamoatte Park had 3 named lands, 'a certain clearing in the wood' and grazing in the same wood, William Helliere who had a garden and John Atte Hulle had 1 acre for which he paid 'a naile of cloves'.



Matilda Belot's two acres cost her just a rose at the manor court. One house in Church Street could have well been a type of Wealden house described by JR Armstrong, and some houses in Storrington still have,

or had, features suggesting early history, although the march of time has hidden or destroyed them within living memory. There were two in particular whose upper storeys had interior walls plastered with cow-dung, still detectable centuries later when the modern plaster had to be broken into; cow-dung still smells like cow-dung however ancient! Oak timbers and small Tudor bricks were also present in one building, sadly gutted out for 'modernization'.

Returning to the Downs, the scallop-shell scars in the hillside are relics of chalk quarrying and lime-burning. Lime was used in agriculture and the making of lime putty needed when building with flint still visible in some local buildings and walls. When Kenton's were doing some work along Greyfriars Lane necessitating the digging of a deep trench at the side of the lane, the layers of road-making were clearly visible as the photograph shows: a line chalk, then above that flint and finally the modern tarmac.

Further down the lane at the site of the Gerston Business Park, a brickyard was opened by Mr Terry at the turn of the 20th century. His raw materials were within easy carting distance, clay lime, sand and chalk. An old aerial



photograph shows the little circular building where a wheel was driven round and round to 'puddle' the clay, probably by a donkey. The pond seen near it was where the clay was dug out at the gault clay level; the lane was once known as Clay Lane and the eastern side fields as Clay Pits Meads, before Mr Haines built a large house under the hill which he called 'Greyfriars'; there is no religious connection with the name. Another beautiful, large house, inspired by the style of Edward Lutyens, was built lower down by Mr George Trotter in 1911, and these can be seen from the top of the Downs.



The meeting of the upper chalk and gault clay levels about 300' a.s.l. is where water, meeting the impervious clay, emerges as springs and streams, and Storrington's first piped water came from this level. A photo taken in 1910 in a collapsed limekiln shows boring by Messrs Duke and Ockenden, which

established an artesian well. This supplied 75,000 gallons daily and the new pumping station can just be seen in a subsequent photo.

[The story of the Storrington Water Works has been told in a previous edition of 3 *Heralds* and in *Storrington in Living Memory*].

By the late 16th century and with its thriving markets, inns were built to serve the needs of travellers, the oldest photo of High Street showing the market room of The White Horse reached by an outside staircase, all of which later collapsed into the street and was rebuilt with the staircase inside the inn; the Half Moon; the Anchor;



the Swan and Dawes in West Street, which changed its name in the early 18th century to The King's Arms, are also very early inns. They all had stabling for horses and in later years 'flys' could be ordered from the White Horse, and coaches and the first buses stopped there. Before the building of the Village Hall in 1894 and later, meetings, social events and news were accommodated at the White Horse.



The Village centre was developing; the photo shows one of the first 'emporia', Bottings, where you could buy everything you might want from groceries to hardware, clothing, paraffin and anything needed for daily life, in the High Street close to the White Horse. In the 18th century, the first Greenfields opened at Eastbrook, later to move to a large shop on the corner of Church Street and West Street, expanding into the Square in later years. They supplied everything 'from cradle to grave'. The Village was prosperous and growing.

Behind the High Street on Byne Common, a water-mill used the power of the little river Stor to grind corn, and in later years right up to WWII it was still at work grinding animal feed. Beyond Manley's Hill and on the Thakeham Road bordering Byne Common, sandpits were opening to access the greensand used in building. Turnpikes were established in the early 19th century, eventually being hardened by flints spread on the dust and mud of the old thoroughfares and ground into the surface by the heavy iron-tyred wheels of carts and waggon.

Beyond the fishpond on the West Common, houses were being built on the 'useless for agriculture' rough land that had previously just had a windmill on its higher point. After WWI, the first council houses were built at Cootham, and post-WWII Meadowside and Spierbridge and then Ravenscroft. Other estates gradually took up fields and meadows and now, covering the old Church Meadow, we have concrete, roads and expensive houses being built cheek by jowl and taking away the last green space in the Village. A new Roman Catholic Church was added to the Priory in School Lane so that two churches are visible from the Downs.

The woodland mentioned in the Fitzalan Survey to the north of the Village has long gone and the estate Timberlands is the only reminder of the sawmills and wood yard started by Mr Bourne and active from 1915-1969.

Our Village, like the hills, is layer upon layer of the ages since it emerged from the ice. What will it look like in another 100 or 1,000 years, or will it still be Storrington?

Joan Ham (Village Historian)



ASHINGTON CE SCHOOL FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA

Friday 8 November

Gates open at 5.30pm

Fireworks at 7pm

Tickets available from school
or Ashington Pharmacy

In advance – £3 each or £10 family of 4

On the night – £3.50 each or £12 family of 4

Age 2 and under free

**Fireworks by Aurora,
BBQ, Amusements, Raffle, Stalls etc.**



NEIGHBOURHOOD
WARDENS



Your Storrington & Sullington Parish Neighbourhood Wardens



Chris Poore
07795 046743



Steve Christian
07789 943201

What we can do to assist the community:

- Provide a reassuring, uniformed patrolling presence.
- Provide an efficient eyes and ears service aimed at reducing fear of crime and improving the quality of life.
- Deal with environmental crime issues, notably dog fouling and littering, and help to preserve the environment.
- Reduce incidents of criminal damage and anti-social behaviour by taking enforcement action where necessary, including issuing Fixed Penalty Notices, or referring to the police.
- Support the community by encouraging the establishment of activities for young people.
- Support vulnerable members of the community by preventing isolation.
- Offer advice on crime prevention and fire safety in the home.
- Work in partnership with other agencies to help benefit the community.
- Act as professional witnesses.

What we don't do:

- We are not a replacement for the police.
- We are not an emergency service or response team. Crime and anti-social behaviour should be reported to the police directly.
- As we do not work 24/7 there will be times when neither warden is on duty.
- When dealing with the elderly and vulnerable, we are not there to provide a care service but we are able to signpost to the relevant agencies.
- We are not parking wardens and cannot issue parking tickets.

If you wish to speak to us in confidence, please give us a call.

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or email Storrington-SullingtonWardens@horsham.gov.uk



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STORRINGTON & DISTRICT MUSEUM

The current exhibition is about buses, especially those belonging to the Southdown Bus Company, which was formed in 1915 and ran throughout East and West Sussex and into Hampshire until 1969. This company was not the first, by any means, to run services in Sussex however. Long before any sort of motor engine was developed, carriers' carts and stage coaches took mail, goods and people from place to place. All stage coach companies throughout England had to be registered by their operators with their local authorities.

Inventors experimented with forms of power other than horses, and the first to gain wide use was steam, in 1833, the fuel being paraffin. Despite being very cheap to run, they lost ground to horses because of expensive tolls on turnpikes and because of severe speed limits. However, by 1880 buses ran between Worthing and Brighton with a regular timetable.

In 1904, Walter Flexman French formed The Sussex Motor Carriage Company in Worthing. He began the service between Worthing and Pulborough via Storrington and that was No. 1. This route still has that number, but now it is run by Stagecoach. In 1915 the Southdown Bus Company bought out Mr French's company, and many others over the years, until it became part of the National Bus Company in 1969, and finally part of Stagecoach in 1989.

The photographs in the exhibition give a vivid insight into bus transport. Imagine climbing an actual ladder to get on the bus to go on an excursion, or sitting in the open on a rainy day on a raked charabanc, or being reminded that if you went upstairs on an open-topped bus that you did so at your own risk because of overhanging trees. One photo I like very much on first glance shows three buses, but really it is two buses and a set of 'lids'! The photos also show the development of the bodywork of the buses from horse drawn carriages that had an engine placed on the front instead of a horse, the whole structure gradually becoming one vehicle.

Another development clearly seen from the display of model buses is what happened when conductors were dispensed with. The entrance, which was originally at the back so that the conductor could watch the stairs and sell tickets, moved to the front, and the stairs to just behind the driver, so that he could control things and sell tickets.

We are very grateful to Amberley Museum and Heritage Centre, which has very kindly lent us some of their artefacts, to Horsham Museum, to Keith Ogg for articles from his collection, and to Frank Waters who put together three interesting books of photos and history of the Southdown Bus Company.

The temporary exhibition will end on 14 December, and it will be the last for the time being. For some time now the curatorial team has felt that the permanent display should be altered and refreshed, but time, the enemy, has prevented this. Now we feel it must be done. Our monthly programme of talks will continue as usual, and to help keep the Museum in the public eye and to maintain our membership, we also propose to have Open Days at the Museum when visitors will be able to enjoy refreshments and meet volunteers and Museum stewards to learn more about how we operate and, hopefully, recruit more Stewards to help keep the Museum open to the public. These events would also provide an opportunity to show the albums of photographs taken by Cindy and Frank Waters on their fund-raising trip along the A272 last year, which raised the question "How well do you know your Sussex?". They discovered so many fascinating facts on their journey, and wonderful names of places: Nan Tuckers Lane, Frog Hole Lane, Ringlers Cross. How do you pronounce Isfield, or Iping? One place that has also interested me is Half Way Bridge – where are other ends?

Please keep an eye on our notice boards or our website for information on our future activities. We do not intend to sit still!!

The next talk on **Monday 4 November**, will be given by Neil Hunt. It is entitled *On the Bottom* and Neil will come with some of his

diving equipment. If his previous talk about being a Toastmaster is anything to go by, it promises to be a very enjoyable evening.

The talk on 2 December will be *Story Telling*. It will be given by Carmen Kew, who will also come with costumes.

Both talks are at The Old School, beginning at 7.30pm and entry is £5, £4 to Museum Society members. This reduction in the cost of a talk for members may not seem much, but to be a member costs only £8 a year individually or £12 for a family, and for that you also receive three times a year a very interesting magazine, *Times Past*, which is full of local historical interest.

The Museum is run by volunteers and by being a member you support our efforts to preserve the history of Storrington and its surrounding villages. You would be surprised how many people contact the Museum to discover more about their houses or families, or past events, or to look at our old maps. The curators spend time researching answers, which in turn enhance the Museum's own knowledge, and if we don't know the answers we can often suggest where more information might be found. So new members are urgently needed to help keep all this going.

On **Saturday and Sunday 23 and 24 November**, the 10th Annual Art Show and Sale will be held at The Old School. This event showcases the work of local artists and is well worth a visit. Entrance is free and home-made refreshments will be available between 10am and 4pm on both days. You might find a painting of a view you have always loved, or a beautifully painted floral arrangement that would look so good in your sitting room, and at very reasonable prices. So do come and see.

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PRO-AM ART SHOW and SALE

**Saturday 23 and
Sunday 24 November
10 am to 4pm each day**



STORRINGTON MUSEUM

The Old School, School Lane, Storrington RH20 4LL

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Our new season has started with a demonstration of how our members enjoy being able to capture their passions through the lens of their camera.

It was great to have both existing and new members willing to share their interests and passions. The different subjects covered Abstract, Aviation, Egypt, Flowers, Street Photography, Wildlife and Black & White. In addition, Sarah Beard presented a panel of ten images that she successfully submitted in achieving her LRPS from the Royal Photographic Society.



West Dean Pink Flower
– Kristina Byng

Being a small, friendly Club, members are not afraid to ask others for help and advice. Members presenting had a choice of which images they wished to show. Some selected their images to not only highlight their interests but also to get advice from other members on how they might be improved. This included

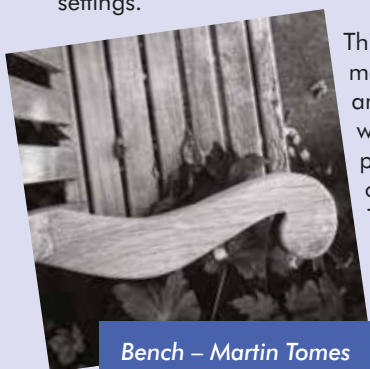
our new member, Kristina Byng, who showed some flower images that she had been taking. All credit to Kristina for standing presenting on her first night.

As the presenters talked about their images, it was interesting to see the different interests and photographic styles. Having a narrative always adds another dimension and brings images to life, along with details of where the images were taken plus details of camera settings.



Tawney owl – Derek Grieve

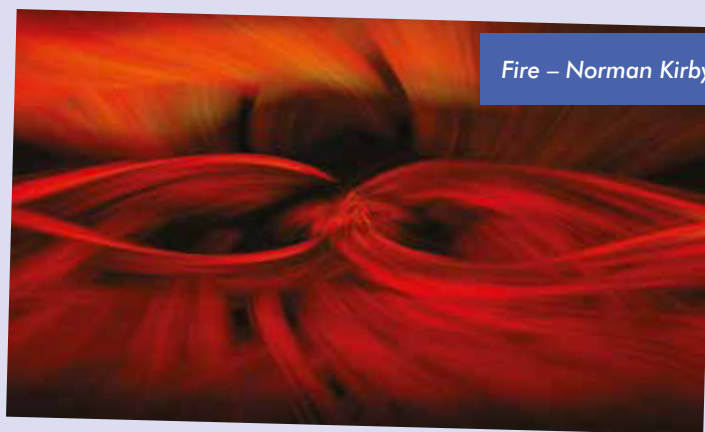
This sharing theme continued at our next meeting with guest speakers Ian Brash and Pat Couder. Their presentation was a collection of images taken as part of personal monthly challenges on set themes, and only shot indoors. They started showing their 'before and after' images explaining how they did it' and making it interactive, as each theme required a vote from our members on whose image we felt had met the challenge.



Bench – Martin Tomes



Shoreham Bridge
– Sarah Beard



Fire – Norman Kirby

When taking an image, for some, just looking at what they see and capturing the subject or view, is the focus. In Pat and Ian's case their challenge was trying to find something that would meet the set subject. It certainly brought out their creative sides, each trying to think about and look for a subject, especially as it had to be captured indoors. One of Pat's which stood out was 'Vegetables from the fridge'. Her creativity in using a bag of lettuce, cucumber, beans, mange tout, broccoli and peas was very clever, and we could see it as a food magazine image.



Fridge Vegetables and Vegetable Pattern (below)
– Pat Couder



The evening gave everyone an insight as to what can be achieved when given a set subject for what seems to be a difficult challenge if you become creative. Thinking this was something that doesn't apply or influence other types of photography in fact could. The principles used could be applied by looking at what is being photographed, and are their other aspects or elements that could be captured which would enhance the image.

More challenges and opportunities to come as we hear from further guest speakers and member evenings.

Kevin Harwood



Avro Triplane
– Nigel Cherry

The President, Erika, opened the October meeting by welcoming all members, including four guests, and explained that to mark our WI's 50th birthday, a new library of books about Inspiring Women would be made available to members next month. Erika then reported on recent visits made by some of the members to Bramber Beeches and to Chawton House, the home of Jane Austen's brother. Other recent social events included a skittles night and the West Sussex Federation quiz day, to which Sullington Windmills sent two teams. Erika reported that our August meeting had raised £80 in aid of the Associated Countrywomen of the World (ACWW) and was delighted to announce that photos by two of our members, Pat Beard and Sorrel Richards, had been selected for inclusion in the 2020 West Sussex Federation Calendar.

Following the usual business reports, Erika introduced the speaker for the evening, Hazel Reeves, an award-winning sculptor, based in Sussex. Hazel's talk, 'Casting Emmeline', took members on a journey that started in 2016 with a vote for the woman that the people of Manchester wanted to honour and ended with the unveiling of a statue of Emmeline Pankhurst in the centre of the city, the first new statue of a woman there for over a century. Known to the members of our WI as the inspiring leader of the Suffragettes, but more affectionately by locals in Manchester as "Our Emmeline", Emmeline Pankhurst was a perfect fit for Hazel with her background in promoting women's rights and gender equality.

Hazel structured her talk around the questions members had about her work and the commission which ranged from "Do you need to be good at drawing to be a good sculptor?" to "Which commission do you wish you could have won?" Members gained some fascinating insights into the process of creating the statue from winning the commission, which Hazel entitled "Rise Up, Women!" to creating the armature, the metal structure that carries the weight of the clay. Hazel explained that to get a convincing figure, she always starts by sculpting the body and then adds clothes on top. To ensure Emmeline's clothes looked authentic, Hazel drew on expert advice about the period details and her model had to pose for hours at a time in a corset and several layers of clothing during a heatwave. Hazel talked us through the role of the foundry in turning Emmeline from clay, to wax and finally to bronze before showing footage of the celebrations during the unveiling in December last year. We then showed off our own sculpting skills, through the medium of Play-Doh, with Hazel judging our efforts.

We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at Sullington Parish Hall at 7.30pm. Our November meeting, the Annual meeting, sees us vote in the President for the next year and on **30 November** members will take part in an Advent Wreath making workshop. New members and visitors are always most welcome. Should you require further information please contact Erika Brichta on 742039 or visit our website at www.sullingtonwindmills.org.

Cheryl Brown

STORRINGTON FLOWER CLUB

Wednesday 27 November at 2pm

Sullington Parish Hall

Demonstrator: *Lucinder Knapman*

Theme: *Home for Christmas*

Competition: *A Christmas Carol*



STORRINGTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



Observatory at Herstmonceux

The month started with a visit to Herstmonceux Castle which was very enjoyable. The Castle dates from 1066 but as we see it today it is largely a result of it being rebuilt in 1441 using bricks taken from local clay by builders from Flanders, and although further restoration work has been undertaken over time it remains the oldest brick building of any note still standing in the country, and was the largest private home in the country in the 15th century.

With a very varied history, it became home to the world famous Royal Greenwich Observatory in 1957. It remained so until 1988 when, due to light pollution from the town of Eastbourne, the observatory was relocated to Cambridge. Several of the telescopes however remain at Herstmonceux and form an interesting interactive exhibition for visitors to the Castle.

In more recent times, the Castle was purchased by Alfred Bader in 1992, a Canadian business man with significant ties to Queens University Canada and is now the Bader International Study Centre, the overseas campus of



Herstmonceux Castle

Queens University Canada. The Queen's International Study Centre was opened in 1994 which is a facility primarily for undergraduate students studying arts, science or commerce through the Canadian Study Abroad Program.

Our speaker at this month's meeting was Colin Moat from Pineview Plants who gave a very interesting illustrated talk entitled '50 Greys of shade' giving a very comprehensive guide to plants which thrive in shaded areas of the garden. Pineview Plants is run by Colin and Cindy Moat, the nursery based in Wrotham, Kent, offering a wide range of perennial plants ranging from rare, new or unusual to easy, interesting and reliable. The extensive selection also includes an outstanding range of shade loving perennials and ferns which are one of the nurseries passions and were the primary feature of Colin's talk to us. Three main types were highlighted, bulbs/corns and roots, ground cover plants and stars with long interest. A copy of this is available on our web site.

Each one of these was presented and discussed in detail with the help of illustrative slides giving further information and a list plants in each category was available for the members.

A very interesting insight in what to plant in one of the most difficult areas of the garden.

The evening ended with light refreshments and a raffle

We will hold our AGM at the next meeting on **15 November**, with a talk from Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance.

Web Site: storringtonhorti.org.uk

Michael Webber

WEATHER WATCH

A mast year and an ex-hurricane but just an ordinary month – September 2019

September bucked the trend set by many of the months so far this year by having a very wet last week or so. Overall the 3 Herald's area was wetter than most other places across the Southeast. For instance, it was much drier south of the Downs along the coast where around 60mm to 70mm of rain fell. I recorded 122mm of rain for the month, around 80% above par. Yet on the 20th I enjoyed a lovely walk around Petworth Park under a cloudless sky and the ground was bone dry. It was one of five consecutive sunny days and we were looking like we would be a September that 'dries up the wells'. Instead, it started to rain often quite heavily and it ended up a September that 'breaks down the bridges' with 100mm more rain having fallen from the 21st.

View from Petworth Park



The temperature was about par with no real extremes. It reached 25°C on the 15th but it has been as high as 30°C back in 2006 and sunshine too was nothing exceptional. The most outstanding event occurred courtesy of ex Hurricane Humberto which had at one stage sustained winds of 125 mph near Bermuda. It still had enough vim and vigour after crossing the cooler waters of the North Atlantic to give Storrington 33.8mm of rain on the 23rd, which is about half the month's average total. Put another way, 66,844 litres of water fell on my garden in just one day.

Towards the end of the month parts of my garden were carpeted by a layer of acorns. This is called a mast year when trees such as the oak and beech have a bumper crop. I have found no truth in the adage that if the oak tree bears much



Oak mast

mast it bodes a long and hard winter. There is a contrary saying which tells us that when beech nuts are plentiful expect a mild winter. This one is just as unreliable. In fact the mast is thought to be stimulated by the weather of the previous year, and last year featured a very memorable spell of dry and sunny conditions during June and July with the average temperature matching the infamous hot summer of 1976. Storrington had 39 successive rainless days.

Ian Currie, Weatherman and editor of Weather Eye magazine

HELLO

RESIDENTS OF STORRINGTON, SULLINGTON AND THAKEHAM

My name is Nicky Fuller and, for those of you I haven't met, I am the Rural Outreach Development Worker for Age UK Horsham District (AUKHD).

As Rural Outreach, it is my job to go round the whole of the Horsham District to spread the word about the support and services that AUKHD can offer the older members of our communities. Not only this, but for 21 hours a week, I happily get involved as a helper when clubs need an extra pair of hands; I send regular information to the clubs I support about things I think might benefit their members; I set up new groups, such as Reading Friends groups and coffee mornings/afternoons, and I look at initiatives to do with issues such as transport and health to try and support older people. The bottom line is that I am here to help older people in any way I can.

In addition, one of the things I regularly talk to people about are the benefits of volunteering. A lot of people volunteer because they want to give back to the communities that they live in. However, if you are a volunteer, I am sure that you will agree when I say that volunteering can be more beneficial to the person giving it than receiving it.

Volunteering can:

- help you gain confidence by giving you the chance to try something new.
- have a really positive affect on people, communities and society in general.
- help you meet lots of different people and make new friends.
- help you learn new skills and gain experience.
- be great fun.

Age UK Horsham District is always looking for volunteers to help us support the work we do. We are currently looking for a volunteer to help with cooking the lunch for our members on a Tuesday and Friday at our Club for those living with dementia in Storrington. If that could be you then we would particularly like to hear from you.

If you would like to get in touch my email address is NickyF@ageukhorshamdistrict.org.uk, mobile number is 07399 205899 or you can leave a message for me at AUKHD's Lavinia House Office in Horsham on 01403 260560 and I will return your call.

I look forward to hearing from some of you soon.

*Nicky Fuller, Rural Outreach Development Worker
Age UK Horsham District*

STORRINGTON COMMUNITY MARKET

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

Cakes, biscuits, pies and savouries, jams and marmalades, local honey, eggs, knitted hats, jewellery and crafts, books and magazines, DoTerra Essential Oils, local fruit and veg, plants, mushrooms, The Village Deli, Boutique 35 fashion and Forever Aloe health products. Tea, coffee and biscuits in our cafe.



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



SANDGATE CONSERVATION SOCIETY

The volunteer group working in Sandgate Park has really been making a difference with the removal of birch and pine trees that have fallen to the force of the high winds that prevailed during September.

Anyone can join these groups that also work on Sullington Warren and occasionally up on Warren Hill; as you may observe from the photo, you are never too young to get involved.

The Society work parties will be in action on Sullington Warren on **Saturday 9 November** from 9.30am till 12 midday and in Sandgate Park on **Saturday 23 November** from 10am till 12 midday, so if you feel like a bit of gentle exercise at your own pace, then you will be more than welcome.

This month's presentation will be held at Sullington Parish Hall on **Wednesday 27 November** commencing at 7.30pm. Andrew Gale, who is a well-known and respected woodsman in the area, will give a presentation on Care & Management of Ancient Trees; not to be missed!

Admission to these events is £2 for members and £4 for non-members and includes coffee/tea and a cake.

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

Brian Burns



THAKEHAM GARDENERS' CLUB

Alan Sargent, who started his working career as a member of the police force, was our speaker at the September meeting. After leaving the force, he became what could be modestly termed a gardener and the subject of his talk was 'Confessions of a Gardener'.

His anecdotes included tales of a naked Lord and the plant and design ideas of a tasteless Sheik! Google Alan Sargent and you will get a long list of accomplishments and achievements, including the design, or at least the major involvement with, 61 RHS gardens; in one year alone he designed and built one garden whilst building two others. Alan is now a consultant and contractor and he founded the Association of Professional Landscapers. He was head gardener at Goodwood Estates for a number of years and one of his interests is topics involving historic gardens, such as at Eton College. He has also been responsible for refurbishing several London squares. He lectures at Kew, teaches garden management, judges, is a garden expert witness, author of several books and of course still finds time to talk to small Clubs like ours.

At the meeting on **11 November** we welcome Lesley Chamberlain whose talk is 'Grow your own Canaries'. Subscriptions for the coming year are due at this meeting.

Meetings take place at 7.30pm on the second Monday in the month in the new Thakeham Village Hall. We welcome new members and guests; come along to the Hall on Club night or ring our Secretary June Jordan on 741772 for further details.

Sandra Jenkins

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Contact Storrington Library

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Phone: 01903 839050

Email: storrington.library@westsussex.gov.uk

The Member's Evening in September was to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the formation of WCDS. The evening, which was attended by nearly 90 members, opened with an introduction by Janet Methley of a hilarious performance of *Dinner for One* by Laurie Wylie, a sketch made famous by Freddie Frinton. Julian Hoad as the butler James, becoming more and more inebriated as the dining progressed, was ably supported by Angela Sloan's Miss Sophie. The performance was followed by a magnificent supper organised by Christine Pearson and her helpers. A short video and photographs of the evening are available on our web site www.wcds.co.uk. We also announced the winner of our original one act playwriting competition, Chairman's Challenge', which this year was won by Ralph Wigg with an entry entitled *Jimmy*. The depth of playwriting talent in the Society can be measured by the fact that this year four plays were entered.



Rehearsals are well underway for our next production, *The Three Days of Christmas* by Edwin Preece, which will open on 21 November and will play for three nights. Tickets, £10 each, are available from our usual box offices Nisa Stores and The Post Office, West Chiltington and The Card Shop, Storrington. You can also book via our web site www.wcds.co.uk so why not visit and watch the video at the same time. We will be set building on Sunday 10 November so why not come along and give a hand; lunch will be provided for willing helpers, so please contact Geoffrey Steward by e-mail: chairman@wcds.co.uk.

We keep our web site up to date through the efforts of our Webmaster, Rob Pearson, and there (www.wcds.co.uk) you will find the link to our on-line box office in addition to lots of information about the Society and its activities. If you would like to find out more, why not come down to a rehearsal on Monday's and Thursday's at 7.30pm in West Chiltington Village Hall or contact our membership secretary Christine Pearson, membership@wcds.co.uk.

Geoffrey Steward, Chairman

CALLING ALL GENTS

Don't sit at home alone!

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

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



STORRINGTON CONSERVATION SOCIETY

Fairly recently it has been suggested that every schoolchild should have the opportunity to spend a night under the stars, the idea being to enable youngsters to connect or reconnect with the natural world. A worthy aim, considering how important it is for all of us to value and care for our fragile environment. Will resources be made available? Not least for Safeguarding. And of course in making sure the experience is inspiring. The weather will have a great deal of influence! As well as becoming aware of the immediate surroundings, being under the stars implies being able to appreciate the heavens at night. Even with good weather, air and light pollution will cause problems. When was the last time the Milky Way could be clearly seen in Storrington, even with a cloudless sky? Such problems are reminders of the impact our modern lifestyles have on the planet. A recent article in *Sussex Local*, researched and written by students, again draws attention to pollution caused by traffic in Storrington. A local condition, of which we are too well aware, symptomatic of the global. It is not only the younger generation who need to connect with nature if serious climatic problems are to be averted.




The work party on 5 October met at Fryern Dell to clear the massive sweet chestnut tree which sadly has fallen across the River Stor. This tree has provided enjoyment for generations of children as they played on the rope swing which was attached to it. It was good to be joined by new volunteers.

Our next work party will again be at Fryern Dell on **2 November** starting at 10am. If you wish to learn more about the work, come and see! No obligation, though you may be inspired to join us!

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

Stuart Kersley

 **THE MARY HOW TRUST FILM SOCIETY**
Screenings take place at 7.30pm on the fourth Tuesday of every month at West Chiltington Village Hall

LATE NIGHT (U)

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Tuesday 26 November

New loyalty card - watch 6 films and get your 7th free! Collect your loyalty card at your next visit.

Tickets: £6 including membership, available on the door and from the following:

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STORRINGTON DRAMATIC SOCIETY

It's panto time!

Aladdin



4 – 7 December
including matinee on Saturday
Sullington Parish Hall

Tickets priced £10 (£5 for children) are available from Fowlers Estate Agents, members of the cast or online www.storringtondramatics.co.uk.

Rehearsals have already begun under the direction of Natalie Atherton and the cast, consisting of local young talent and more seasoned actors, have responded well to her enthusiastic approach.

SDS has always presented a high-quality pantomime and this year should be no exception. Come and enjoy this Whole New World with Friends like Me. See for yourselves what talent Storrington has in its midst. Most of all come, participate, enjoy, lose yourselves in a fictional wonder world.

CRICKET IN STORRINGTON



New outdoor net a reality - at last!

After a final approval from Horsham District Council in September, we were able to give the go-ahead to Exclusive Leisure for the installation of a double bay, fully enclosed, all-weather outdoor practice net, the Club's largest project for many a year, with work started on 1 October. Chairman Steve Watkins has expressed the Club's gratitude for the many generous donations and also for the members' own fundraising efforts that have finally made the project a reality. He announced that the Club plans to have a formal opening ceremony before the start of the 2020 season.

The end of season social evening this year was in the form of a hog roast which was a great success, with over 80 attending on a lovely late September evening at the cricket pavilion. A very enjoyable and relaxing atmosphere saw young and not so young mixing in an informal setting. The only formal part of the evening was the presentation of the Club Person of the Season award to James Harrington for his range of ideas and activities that have resulted in significant fundraising, improvements to communication tools, and modernisation of the Club's infrastructure. Well done James.



Our Cygnets provided the season's final day of cricket on a warm and sunny September Sunday morning when the Club hosted an Under-9's Festival. Six local teams and over 50 young cricketers competed in the 8-a-side tournament, with Storrington fielding an Under-9's team as well as an All Stars team for 5-8 year olds. The Festival was a first experience of competitive cricket for our All Stars squad, formed only last year.

The event was played in great spirit, with enjoyment and development being the main objectives. There were terrific batting, bowling and fielding displays from talented young cricketers, with fantastic encouragement and support from coaches, parents and grandparents. The Findon juniors played West Chiltington in the first place play-off, and finished as overall winners after remaining unbeaten throughout the day.

Storrington Cricket Club's junior section, aka the Cygnets, is growing and is always very happy to welcome new players from 5 to 15 years old. For more information about the section please visit the Club's website www.storringtoncricket.club.

Chris Winter

ARUN VALLEY U3A

Wednesday 20th November 10.30 – 12.00

TREASURES FROM YOUR HOME

with Rupert Toovey

Rupert Toovey, a senior director of the Washington-based auctioneers of Fine Art, Antiques and Collectables, Toovey's, will host a "Treasures from your Home" event

Pulborough Village Hall,

Swan View, Pulborough, RH20 2BF.

Cost: £3 (members £2) to include tea and biscuits



Each person is invited to bring an object for discussion and valuation.

These objects form the basis of the talk.

An Arun Valley U3A Open meeting open to non-members.

U3A is for retired people providing groups to pursue interests in common locally during the daytime in members' homes or local venues. Basic yearly membership giving access to all groups is only £10 to cover newsletters and administration.

Some groups have a small extra charge to cover hall costs.

Current Arun Valley U3A Interest Groups:

Art Appreciation, Ballet and Dance Appreciation, 3 Book Circles, Coffee and Conversation, Cribbage, Croquet, Dog Walking, Film Circle, Flowers and Gardens, 3 French Conversation groups, History and Discussion, Local History, Luncheon Group, Music Appreciation, Opera Appreciation, Natural History, Poetry, Table Tennis, Science and Technology, 2 Spanish Conversation groups, 2 Walking Groups.

Further information about U3A: info@arunvalleyu3a.org.uk

Website: 'www.arunvalleyu3a.org.uk', Phone: - 01798865528

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St Barnabas House
Hospice Outreach Project

Our staffed HOP vehicle converts into a cosy drop-in centre providing information and support related to end of life care.

The next visits to Storrington will be in the library car park.

Wednesday 6 November – 10am to 2pm

For more information about the project please visit our website or email HospiceOutreachProject@stbh.org.uk or call 706357.

STORRINGTON FLOWER CLUB



This month we were treated to a delightful afternoon when Michelle King gave her demonstration entitled Tutti Frutti. Each arrangement contained fruit or a vegetable from around the world. We started with Granny Smith apples from Australia, which included pink gerbera and was complemented by assortment of foliage.

From there we moved to England with the conference pear with a beautiful arrangement of white spider chrysanthemums and carnations. Fatsia leaves, ferns and teasles gave depth and colour to the display.



To Sicily next with lemons, yellow calla lily predominating this design, complimented by variegated orange and yellow roses with variegated ivy leaves. A vase containing dried lemons almost made the mouth water.

On to Seville with all shades of orange gerbera, complimenting the oranges from that region. The addition of white carnations made for a fabulously bright and colourful arrangement.

Of course you couldn't miss out grapes from the fruit bowl so on to Rome, with a very elegant display of white spider chrysanthemums and carnations with eucalyptus leaves and assorted soft green foliage.

Our last port of call was Mexico, the home of orange bell peppers, with variegated phormium leaves, yellow chrysanthemum and orange roses all brought together with the inclusion of the large leaves of the Swiss cheese plant.

Throughout the afternoon Michelle gave us many tips and ideas, and also was very complimentary about our members' exhibits on the competition table.

The next and last meeting of the year is **27 November** with Lucinda Knapman and is entitled *Home for Christmas* and the competition will be *A Christmas Carol*.

Guests are very welcome to join us; you don't need to be a flower arranger to enjoy an afternoon of entertaining chat and company.

Helen Jenkins

Note from the editor....



It is ironic Kathryn talked about planning for death in her article on page 3.

A very good friend of mine for 24 years, called 'E', passed away suddenly in October. Her only immediate family, three sons, live in Canada. The sons decided they wanted no funeral of any kind, not even a non-religious service; her body was just taken to the crematorium with no ceremony.

I, and others who knew her well, found this really heart-breaking as we all wished to pay our respects at her final journey. But 'E' hadn't put down her wishes – her passing had been totally unexpected. However, we can all say our own prayers, mourn in our own way, and give thanks for the friendship and love we shared.

Therefore, I can only reiterate Kathryn's message for forward planning, albeit to some a little morbid and difficult to face, but it is an inevitable fact of life.

So I am just now thinking about some of the music I want at my funeral, which would probably include one of my favourites tracks: *Stairway to Heaven* by Led Zeppelin!

May God's blessings be upon you for a long and healthy life.

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