

March 2017

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SPRING INTO LIFE



St Mary's Church **SULLINGTON**



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Holy Sepulchre **WARMINGHURST**
(Churches Conservation Trust)

THE PARISH CHURCHES OF

**St Mary
STORRINGTON**



**St Mary
SULLINGTON**



**St Mary
THAKEHAM**

IN THE DIOCESE OF CHICHESTER

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SULLINGTON AND THAKEHAM WITH WARMINGHURST

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Information about study and prayer groups, and requests for baptisms, weddings and home communions, for Storrington from the Revd Kathryn Windslow and for Sullington and Thakeham from the Revd Derek Spencer.

All telephone numbers are 01903 unless otherwise stated.



Lent this year comes at the end of what has seemed like quite a long winter. There have been plenty of dull grey days and this lack of sunshine can be taxing on our spiritual and psychological health, and we may not feel motivated to enter this holy season. But Lent can be forty days of opportunity for growth and renewal, a time to focus on God.

Winter can often seem disheartening, so that I often pray for an early spring to enjoy one of my favourite flowers, tulips, before Lent begins. It was a family tradition during Lent to practice a "tulip fast" and not display fresh flowers in the house to contrast with the Easter season when we would have a fresh bouquet in the living room. When I get to enjoy early blooming tulips before I begin Lent, I feel that summer and a lightness of heart is right around the corner. Even when the winter lasts a little longer or Lent arrives earlier in the year and I don't get to enjoy the early blooms, I can still feel the winter begin to recede because the "tulip fast" reminds me of what is important in my life. The tulips are beautiful and missed during Lent, and that absence reminds me to appreciate the presence of God's love, which isn't affected by the coming and going of the seasons. I am reminded to use Lent as an opportunity to grow in my relationship with God.

Our relationship with God affects every other relationship in our lives. How we treat others can demonstrate our level of focus on, and love for, God. Our relationships with others can give us an understanding of God's love that we might not experience otherwise.

For some, the Lenten season can become filled with overly scrupulous goals. We don't need to change everything about our relationship with God in forty days! Focusing on prayer and fasting to such an extent that you forget the purpose of the act can become a roadblock to your spiritual goals.

Finding a balanced way of strengthening your relationship with God is important.

What one prayer would you like to add, renew, or deepen this Lent? What one fasting practice would you like to engage in for the forty days of Lent? What practice of reading the Bible would you like to renew or engage in? Your relationship with God can deepen greatly with a stronger spiritual focus on one change, rather than several changes which contain no spiritual depth.

Lent is a time to work on personal spiritual growth, but it is also a time to ensure that your spiritual growth is bearing fruit. Some people fall into the trap of thinking, "I don't need to get involved because

someone else will do it," but this kind of thinking takes away our opportunity to grow in relationships with others. Love and charity stabilise our relationship with God and manifest God's love on earth in ways that bring the hope of Christ to the hopeless. What one way can you reach out to others this Lent? Even the simplest acts of love and charity will strengthen our worldly and heavenly relationships and reflect Christ's love.

The more deeply you can live your Lenten commitments, the more quickly your winter doldrums will lift to expose a renewal and strengthening of spirit, love, and relationships. With a focus on a deepened relationship with God and a deepened relationship with others, the Easter season ushers in our hearts a beauty that is reflected in the spring around us.

Every year at the end of Lent, I go on a quest for the last tulips of the season. The arrival of these beautiful flowers reminds me that what is truly beautiful is the God who provided them. Whatever you choose to do this Lent to strengthen your relationship with God, I hope, and pray, that you find it fortifying and renewing.

CHRISTINE SPENCER
Assistant Curate of St Mary's Church, Storrington

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL FREE LUNCH TIME CONCERTS

MARCH

- Tuesday 7** Nick Shipman (*clarinet*) and Stefan Hofkes (*piano*)
- Tuesday 14** Fujita Trio (*violin, cello and piano*)
- Tuesday 21** Neil Crossland (*piano*)

Free entry. All are welcome
For full details of programmes see
www.chichestercathedral.org.uk



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What's happening at

St Mary's Thakeham

Thakeham and Sullington share this verse for the year. We're a joint benefice which means we also share our priest - although our styles are different.

Revd Derek Spencer www.thakehamchurch.com

Churchwardens:

David Peacock (745595)
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PCC Secretary:

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Child Protection Officer:

Karen Arkle (744844)
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Electoral Roll Officer:

David Peacock (745595)
5 Dean Way, Storrington RH20 4QN

Organist:

Beryl Hardie (892349)

Church Bookings:

Wynn Lednor (743025)
4 Crescent Rise, Storrington RH20 3NB

Bellringers: Tower Captain

Roger Watts (01798 813775)

Gift Aid Officer:

Bob Timms (01798 813807)
Cootes, The Street, Thakeham RH20 3EP

PASTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR SULLINGTON & THAKEHAM: Please contact the Revd Derek Spencer on 01798 813121 to make arrangements for Baptisms, Weddings and Banns of Marriage. He can be contacted at Thakeham Rectory throughout the week. His day off is Saturday.

LIVES AT ST MARY'S, THAKEHAM

This month we hear from **Bob Timms, Deputy Warden.**

Top 3 for the 3 Heralds

Top outing in 2016 – World Series Rugby 7's at Twickenham

Top book read in recent days – $E=mc^2$ by Cox and Forshaw

Top film – Carol (Kate Blanchett)

About Me

I have lived here for 24 years, half as a week-ender. I moved from London to be near family and enjoy the countryside. When we moved to Thakeham in 1993, we lived in Barn Cottage, opposite the Rectory. Graham Jeffrey, a previous Rector, came calling and I started attending the only Church in the Village! Having never been confirmed, I joined Graham's confirmation class and Bishop Lindsay confirmed me at St Peter's, Slinfold, shortly afterwards. That would have been enough to seal Graham's place in my journey with Christ, but I was also constantly moved by his open-hearted generosity to all in the community, whatever their faith or belief. But he also had health issues and retired to Edburton.

My favourite service

Morning Prayer. The tradition of the Canticles and an Old Testament reading! And Praise to the Holiest in the Height is my favourite hymn; I'm a big fan of Newman.

Important influences in my life

As a student at City University for five years, and President of its Students' Union, I became very much involved with the City of London and got to know two Lord Mayors, many liverymen and the Dean of St Paul's, Martin Sullivan. At one of many social events, I met Eric Saywell and was fascinated by his calling from a career in insurance to the service of our Lord; he was also great fun! After I moved away to begin a job in the suburbs, Eric was diagnosed with cancer and moved to Cornwall to spend his last days at a retreat. I only discovered this on returning to the City to work in 1970, so we never met again, but his example and witness stayed with me, even though my Christian background had been non-conformist.

Finally, in one sentence, what is it about my journey of faith that keeps me walking the path?

The Christian example set by so many of my fellow worshippers in so many different ways.

Thakeham & Sullington Church Youth Groups

MILESTONES is a youth group for those in school years 6,7 & 8. It meets at Thakeham Rectory every other Friday between 6.15pm and 7.30pm. (Contact Ruth on 01798 813121)

T&IF is a group for those in year 9 upwards. It meets every other Friday at 7pm - 9pm at the Church Rooms in The Street, Thakeham (Contact Matt & Pippa Harder 01798 817522)

TGIF events in March

- 03 Revenge is sweet (bibles)
- 17 Café evening & bell-ringing (bibles)
- 24 Ignite evening



For further details, please contact Matt and Pippa Harder on 01798 817522.

Harold's Christmas Quiz 2016

in aid of Family Support Work

Results:

1. Stuart and Chrystalle Kersley (87)
2. Charles and Felicity Hadley (81)
"Blessed they are with inspiration!!"
Closely followed by....
3. Peter and Sandy Clark (79)
4. Andrew and Sheila Boulton (73)
5. Keith and Liz MacGregor (71)



Congratulations to the 2016 winners and thank you to all for taking part. We have made over £400 for Family Support Work. Everybody's support was greatly appreciated.

Harold Linfield

For details of Ecumenical Lent Groups, please see page 9

LENT LUNCHES 2017

Thakeham, Sullington & Storrington Churches

Lent lunches start on **Ash Wednesday 1 March**, at Thakeham Village Hall at 12.45pm. There will only be three lunches this year and the following two dates will be 15 March and 29 March. The lunch is homemade soup and bread roll and cheese followed by coffee and tea and will cost £3.



Please note there will **NOT** be a midday Iona Service at Sullington Church on Wednesdays during Lent as originally planned.

Knit and Stitch Tea on Tuesday

Thakeham Church Rooms 21 March between 2pm and 4pm
All welcome. Enquiries to Wynn Lednor - 743025

'Forget about what's happened; don't keep going over old history. Be alert, be present, watch for the new thing I am going to do. It is happening already – you can see it now! I will make a road through the wilderness.' Isaiah 43: 18-19

What's happening at

St Mary's Sullington



Revd Derek Spencer www.st-marys-sullington.org info@st-marys-sullington.org

Churchwardens:

Heather Cotton (742587)
Thwaite House,
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Douglas Parkes (743106)
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Ann Salinger (01798 813481)

PCC Secretary:

Gail Kittle (745754)

Freewill Offering & Gift Aid Officer:

David Baxter (744346)

Electoral Roll:

Chris Cotton (742587)
Thwaite House, Heather Way,
Storrington RH20 4DD

Organist:

Beryl Hardie (892349)

Church Flowers:

Altar Rota Muriel Astley (01798 812706)
Special Occasions Jo Graves (742586)

Child Protection Officer:

Margaret Slinn (746769)

Lifts to Church:

Anne Owen (743973)

Church Fabric Officer:

Douglas Parkes (743106)

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Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in us

Message on behalf of the Rector, Derek Spencer

Whilst Derek continues to recover from his recent illness, all enquiries should be directed to the Churchwardens at Thakeham and Sullington Churches, please; phone numbers at top of Church pages. If possible, visit the websites regularly to check for any unexpected service changes.

Ruth thanks everyone for their cards, messages, emails and other support. She has asked us all to continue to pray for Derek and the family. Many thanks

Churchwardens

The Wild Fortune Quiet Garden



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

Rooted in the Christian contemplative tradition of prayer and hospitality, the vision of the Wild Fortune Quiet Garden is to provide space for stillness and quiet prayer in accompanied silence in the surroundings of our home and garden and the adjoining woods of Sandgate Park.

We are open monthly on a Wednesday from 10am -12.30pm

8 March

Spaces are limited to 8 and booking is essential

To reserve a space, please contact:

Tessa & Mark Holland Tel: 741904

Email: wildfortune@btinternet.com

Blog: www.wildfortuneblog.blogspot.co.uk

Affiliated to the Quiet Garden Trust. Details of other Quiet Gardens in West Sussex and worldwide are available on the Trust's website. www.quietgarden.org

Lectio Divina: becoming one with the Word

A time of listening to and reflecting together on the Word of God

The Wild Fortune Prayer Loft

Saturday 4 March 8.30am to 10am

Please let us know if you wish to come
No expertise necessary; it is a very gentle guided process.

Further details: Tessa & Mark Holland
Wild Fortune, Sandgate Lane, Storrington. Tel: 741904

Email: wildfortune@btinternet.com
Blog: www.wildfortuneblog.blogspot.co.uk

Easter Lily Remembrance



For a donation of £5 would you like an Easter Lily to be arranged in Church in memory of a loved one?

A list of the names will be displayed in Church and the names read out in the morning service on Easter Sunday.

Anyone wishing to buy a lily please contact Muriel on 01798 812706 or Jo on 742586.

Afternoon tea



Tea will be at Sullington Manor Farm, the home of Gail and Grahame Kittle, on 30 March, 3-5pm as usual.

No booking necessary, but please let us know for catering numbers!



See page 4 for details of Lent Lunches

Please note there will be no Iona Communion Services on Wednesdays in Lent.

For details of Ecumenical Lent Groups, please see page 9

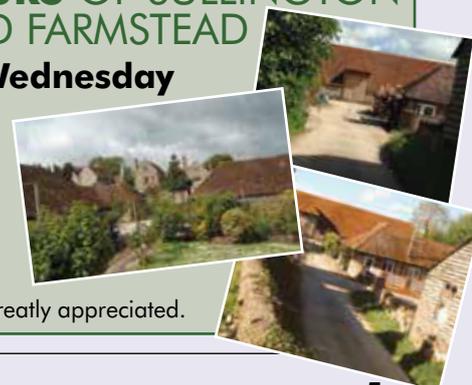
GUIDED TOURS OF SULLINGTON CHURCH AND FARMSTEAD

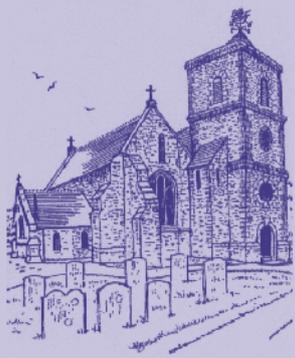
At 2pm every Wednesday

Guided tour of the ancient farmstead and Church at Sullington.

Meet by the Rector's parking space.

No charge but donations to ongoing repair work greatly appreciated.





What's happening at St Mary's Storrington

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PCC Secretary:

Val Rice (911179)
Little Tregullas, Bracken Close RH20 3HT

Parish Secretary:

Vivien Stuart (742888; home 745913)
Rectory Office, Rectory Road RH20 4EF

Verger: Michael Taylor (742218)

Sacristy Team:

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

Captain of Bellringers:

John Taylor (745477)

Pastoral Scheme:

Sylvia Hyams (745878)

Recorder:

Rob and Alison Wall (743713)
51 Crowhurst Crescent
RH20 4QU

Readers and Sidesmen:

Vera Blake (743974)

Electoral Roll Officer:

Michael Taylor (742218)

Director of Music:

George Jones (850019)

Assistant Organists:

John Henville
Chrystalle Kersley
Peter Lewis
James Phillips
Simon Whitchurch
Beryl Hardie
Keith Smithers

Footsteps (Sunday School):
Jackie Lee (743661)

Church Flowers:

Jean Minter (741668)

Child Protection Officer:

Jackie Lee (743661)

Bible Reading Fellowship:

Amanda Hislop (743700)

Bible Society:

Jean Hunt (01798 813681)

Christian Aid co-ordinator:

Sue Kibblewhite (745325)

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Church Services see page 16.

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

Choir: Fridays, 6.40pm - 7.45pm. Adults or children interested in joining the choir please contact the Director of Music or clergy.

Altar Servers: Bridget Vickerstaff (743346)

Bellringers: Fridays, 7.45pm - 9.30pm.

Handbells: Mondays, 10am. 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: Tuesdays, 10am Sylvia (745878).
Tuesdays, 7pm Chrystalle (744269). Thursdays, 10am Alison (743713)

Sunday Lunch Club (ecumenical): Second Sunday in the month. See page 16.

ASH WEDNESDAY – 1 March

The main service to mark the start of Lent will take place on this day at 7.30pm – Sung Eucharist with imposition of ashes. There will be a Prayer Book Holy Communion (said) with Ash Wednesday readings on Thursday 2 March at 10.30am.

DEANERY SERVICE AT STORRINGTON CHURCH – Sunday 2 April

The 10am service at St Mary's Church, Storrington, will be for the whole of the Storrington Deanery churches and all are welcome. The Storrington Deanery has several churches in vacancy at present and many of our clergy and retired clergy have been doing an amazing job covering services in all the parishes during the last few months and we want to say "thank you" to them.

STORRINGTON DEANERY QUIET DAY FOR THE YEAR OF THE BIBLE

Monday, 3 April 2017 10am - 4pm

A time in Lent with Ignatian prayer run by members of Chemin Neuf Community at Storrington Priory RH20 4LN.

Light lunch provided.

(Please tell us if you are vegetarian or have special diet).

For more details or to register please email the Storrington Deanery Secretary on vivienstuart44@googlemail.com

STORRINGTON REGISTERS

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

22 Jan Daniel Eldergill (21 years)

22 Jan Chloe Anne Richardson (20 years)

31 Jan Robert Desmond Brewster (86 years)

Christians in Storrington

Monthly Inter-Church Prayer Meetings
Everyone welcome

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

Tuesday 7 March – Our Lady of England RC Church will lead

Tuesday 4 April – Trinity Methodist Church will lead

One in faith and love and praise

For details of Ecumenical Lent Groups, please see page 9

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



Come and learn to play handbells – we practise in Storrington Church on Monday mornings at 10am.

New players are very welcome.

Kathleen Osgood (01403 780928)



See page 4 for details of Lent Lunches

ECUMENICAL LENT GROUPS FROM 1 MARCH

Hear the Word of the Lord

Listening to God through the Bible

You are invited to join an ecumenical Lent Group this Lent. The course is designed to help us know the Bible better and use it with more confidence. See grid for details of where and when, etc.. Please find more information regarding signing up for the course at the back of St Mary's Church, Storrington.

Our prayer is that we learn to listen more attentively to Jesus - and so, together, deepen our discipleship of him and our unity with each other.

Charles Hadley, Co-ordinator

Day	Leader	Host	Address
Mon 2pm	S & S Ward	Chemin Neuf	The Priory, School Lane
Tues 10am 12.30 7.30pm 7.30pm	To be decided F Hadley Chemin Neuf Community Church	S Hyams K Johnston L & R Hardy G Boocock	9 Hormare Crescent 7 Timberlea Close 23 Orchard Gardens 29 Hillside Road
Wed 8pm	Community Church	N Edwards / Sue Smith	Oakside, W. Chiltoningon Rd, Pulborough
Thurs 10am 7.30pm 7.30pm	M O'Shea R Martin D Hopwood	R & A Wall T Lane D Hopwood	51 Crowhurst Crescent 4 Faithfull Crescent Barges End, 20 Amberley Road

Last session is at The Priory at 4pm on 9 April - all together

MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER ST MARY'S CHURCH, STORRINGTON

Sometimes I sit, and sometimes I sit and think.

The other day, I was sitting and thinking. Really, it was dreaming. I was dreaming about the Magic Porridge Pot.

I looked out the copy of the Ladybird Books' version of the story we told to our children as a bedtime story.

I hope most people know it. It's all about a cooking pot that when told to "Cook little pot, cook", cooked very good porridge.

At the end of January, I told the PCC that I anticipated that this year it is probably going to cost something like £130,000 to keep our Church going as we have over the past few years. The largest single cost that we must pay is just under £64,000 which is what we pay to the Diocese as our contribution to insurance of the Church building, clergy salaries, pensions and training, and various other matters. The remaining £66,000 is the cost of such items as administration, maintaining the Church, Church services and the Church yard.

I also told the PCC that I expect regular giving (collections, the money given under "Gloucester Scheme", and Planned Giving) and other donations to produce approximately £82,650. Our investments, all being well, should bring in around ££7,800, and other income brings the total up to about £109,000. That is around £21,000 less than what I expect we will have to pay out.

I think that was why I was dreaming, probably like most Church Treasurers, about a magic porridge pot!

Andrew Hammock

ST MARY'S, STORRINGTON NEW HOUSE GROUPS

For seekers, questioners and people going deeper in faith Bible study, discussion and prayer. Different groups, studying different subjects

They are held every week as follows:

TUESDAYS 10AM TO 12NOON

Subject: *Heaven*

contact Sylvia Hyams on 745878

TUESDAYS 7PM TO 9PM

Subject: *St John's Gospel*

contact Chrystalle Kersley on 744269

THURSDAYS 10AM TO 12 NOON

Subject: *Contemporary Dilemmas*

contact Alison Wall on 743713



Groups are open to all – why not call one of the organisers, see what's happening and go along. All are casual and friendly meetings, just sharing in God's word and love. Tea, coffee and biscuits thrown in!

St Mary's Church Storrington Concert Committee
presents

BRIGHTON WELSH MALE VOICE CHOIR



St Mary's Church, Church Street, Storrington

Saturday 4 March at 7.30 pm

Tickets: £10 (to include glass of wine/soft drink and nibbles)
from Fowlers (745844) or King & Chasemore (745761)

St Mary's Church Storrington CONCERT COMMITTEE

are pleased to announce that the following Concerts have been arranged for 2017 – all to be held at St Mary's Church, Storrington

4 March Brighton Male Voice Choir

26 April Lancing College Music Students

18 June Summer Concert

Please make a note of the dates in your diaries!

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A RURAL DEAN

As someone who has only been a Rural Dean since the summer, it feels a little early to be writing about the life and work of a Rural Dean. However, my time as RD has been a bit of a baptism of fire. Our Deanery of Storrington has eight benefices and between July and October five of those benefices became vacant. As far as I know, it was nothing to do with me; three priests moved to new jobs and two priests retired. So there has been a steep learning curve for me and for all the churchwardens involved.

Almost all of my 30 years of ministry have been spent in multi-church benefices until I moved to my current job in Storrington, looking forward to a single-church benefice. Now I am technically in charge as a 'sequesterator' working with the churchwardens to cover vacancies in 10 open churches and two closed churches, as well as being incumbent of my own! Sorting out the rota for services has been somewhat challenging, to say the least. In covering the services and occasional offices of baptisms and funerals, I have been blessed with the goodwill of a number of retired priests who have given unstintingly of their time and expertise. That just leaves supporting the churchwardens in dealing with whatever pops up in PCC or Church : tracking down registers and paperwork, wedding returns, gravestone applications, wedding enquiries, baptism enquiries, pastoral issues, and all the rest! I am also there to support parishes where clergy are unexpectedly absent, for example through ill health.

I was appointed to the post of RD by Bishop Martin for a period of five years, as is usual. In our Diocese of Chichester there are 21 deaneries, each with a Rural Dean. Rural Deans keep in regular contact with their Archdeacon and Suffragan Bishop so that the Senior Staff are aware of what is going on in the parishes and the parishes know what is going on in the diocese. The Archdeacon sends an emailed monthly update on the parishes in the deanery and the Bishop holds a quarterly 'Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Sub-Committee, West' (DMPC for short) for West Sussex, looking at such things as deanery and parish reviews, deanery re-organisations and the joining of parishes or, rarely, closing of churches.

As Rural Dean I am asked by the Bishop to lead the clergy of the deanery in mutual support through 'Chapter' meetings, study and retreat days for clergy, and social events for the clergy and their partners. I also chair the Deanery Synod, which is part of the governance of the Diocese and the Church of England. Every third year, at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, the church members elect representatives to the deanery synod. The main functions of the deanery synod are to discuss and reflect on matters of the Church of England as they affect the deanery, and generally 'to promote in the deanery the whole mission of the church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical' (Recommended Orders and Model Rules for Deanery Synods, available from Church House). Deanery synod acts as a forum for the airing of parish views on any common problems, the communication of diocesan synod decisions, the consideration of relevant business and the referral to diocesan synod of matters of concern. Synod meets two or three times a year to pray and worship together and to encourage the development of shared initiatives on ministry and mission plus co-operation between parishes over projects and to share good practice.

The Diocese's 'Year of the Bible' has given our deanery a good opportunity at a difficult time to come together for worship, prayer and reflection, and bible study. We have decided that our next deanery synod will be our Deanery Roadshow on the Bible, with a speaker focussing on one of the books from the Old Testament and putting it in context, followed by another speaker doing the same for a book from the New Testament. The parishes of the deanery are

then invited to come together again for a Sunday service, replacing all others in the deanery that day, and once again focussing on the Bible. Finally, we are holding a Deanery Quiet Day on 'Ignatian Spirituality and the Bible' at Storrington Priory, led by members of the *Chemin Neuf* community. Our multiplicity of vacancies has been a challenge, but it has also proved to be an opportunity to do new things. We are certainly living in interesting times.

Revd Kathryn Windslow, Rural Dean of Storrington

PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

O God who brought me
from the rest of last night
to the new light of this day,
bring me in the new light
of this day
to the guiding light
of the eternal.
Lead me, O God,
on the journey of justice.
Guide me, O God,
on the pathways of peace.
Renew me, O God,
by the wellsprings of grace,
today, tonight and for ever.



Celtic Prayer from Iona ... J Philip Newell

Women's World Day of Prayer

Inter-Church Service for the Storrington Area

Friday 3 March 11am

Our Lady of England RC Church
Monastery Lane, Storrington

Theme:
Am I being unfair to you?
Service prepared by the Christian
women of the Philippines
All are invited

Please note change of time from 2pm to 11am.
The service will be followed by lunch very
kindly prepared by ladies from The Philippines

HALL FOR HIRE!

Church Hall, Thakeham (known as The Church Rooms)

A warm, attractive space suitable for family gatherings, children's parties, meetings, classes

A well equipped kitchen with refrigerator and freezer

Toilet facilities

Large car park adjacent to the building with level access

Reasonable charges

WEEKDAY
SESSIONS
MORNING OR
AFTERNOON £7.50
EVENING £10

WEEKEND
SESSIONS
MORNING OR
AFTERNOON £10
EVENING £15

Interested? Contact Wynn Lednor on 743025

IN MEMORIAM

SUZANNE (SUE) ELIZABETH MOLE

1946 TO 2017

Sue Mole died in her husband Simon's arms, her family having been with her earlier in the day, on 1 January 2017 at St Barnabas hospice in Worthing, after living life to the full in spite of the past four years' knowledge of her terminal cancer.



Having lost the use of her kidneys in 1991, experiencing dialysis and ultimately a kidney transplant, Sue had learnt how to value each day and help others with health or other issues.

Sue and Simon moved to Storrington from Oxted in 1971, shortly after which she gave birth first of all to Stephen and then two years later Sarah. Sue then proceeded to help at the Guide Hut playgroup for the best part of two decades, so that she became widely known among three generations of people – the children, their parents and often the children's grandparents!

Sue was also a volunteer car driver over many years for the Help Scheme.

Sue and Simon were active members of the Catholic parish community in Storrington but also were very committed to inter-church ecumenical activities going back to the Community Church, inspired religious concerts held in the village halls and leisure centre, plus services held in the various churches and house-group meetings. Sue was also an active member of the Methodist based (later ecumenical) meditation group; she helped to institute Prayer Group meetings, helped write the liturgy for special services and was a trained spiritual guide/counsellor, which often involved meeting with people from all walks of life who were visiting St Cuthman's Retreat Centre at Coolham.

Although not an extravert, Sue was good company and had a very sharp wit. She was very grateful for her wide circle of friends who were immensely supportive of her creative activities, including large scale church banners, but especially for their friendship and moral support in the last years of her life.

Sue was a great and loving family person and up until the end of her life was always very close to Simon, Stephen and Sarah, and their spouses, plus her two grandchildren, Zach and Leo, in whom she delighted.

Sue's funeral took place on 18 January 2017; sung Requiem Mass was followed by burial at Our Lady of England Priory Church, with the service conducted by Father Charles to a packed congregation with standing room only!

Simon Mole

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Tuesday 4 April
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Sing the hits from Abba, Queen, Beatles etc. and all the Shows.

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diann.clarke@outlook.com or call 893156

ST MARY'S, THAKEHAM BELLRINGERS

Thakeham Bell ringers practice on a Wednesday night at St Mary's Church, Thakeham from 7.30pm to 9pm.

We have six bells in the tower and as an added interest we have just acquired a set of 10 hand bells.

If anyone would like more information about bell ringing, we would welcome you to our tower on practice night. Roger will take you up to the bell chamber to see the bells, and if you wish you can have a try at ringing.

The hand bells are also on display on practice night, and you can try these.

Bell ringing is excellent for your health; it's good for the heart, stretches the back, and opens the lungs, all without any physical effort. No strength is required so suitable for all ages.

We would love to see you and show you what we do so please do come along.

For more information telephone Roger Watts on 01798 813775 or Christine Hounslow on 01798 815993.

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INNER HEALING RETREAT

18-22 April

The Priory, School Lane, Storrington

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In the Footsteps of St Ignatius
Practising Ignatian Prayer

Wednesday 29 March – Choose Life

Wednesday 10 May – Find God in All Things

10am – 4pm, at Storrington Priory RH20 4LN
Light lunch provided

Come to just one, two or all three days

For more details or to register: ccn.storrington.desk@gmail.com

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7 days of guided retreat in silence to come to know Christ better
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Led by members of the Chemin Neuf Community

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www.chemin-neuf.org.uk

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

WILL A RETREAT AT SULLINGTON SUIT YOU?

In a busy world that is rarely 'off', the sense of peace and beautiful countryside surrounding this ancient hamlet is really rewarding. Sullington is an ancient medieval settlement, tucked quietly into the north side of the South Downs with a tranquil sense of place, peace and beauty. The lovely Saxon building of St Mary's, Sullington, is a C of E parish church but everyone is welcome to enjoy this picturesque setting, of any denomination or none. The yew tree, dated as over 1300 years old, is a tangible link to a distant age. It conveys a sense of the continuum of time and connections to the past and to the future, offering a source of strength now. Friendly hospitality and comfortable accommodation in the beautiful South Downs provides an excellent setting for companionable quiet (not silent) time to retreat, reflect and rest.

Sullington is for those who seek space and time apart. We offer the opportunity for you to lay aside the preoccupations of day-to-day living, so you may be inwardly still to think and feel. These are not silent retreats; we hope you will find quiet companionship with other retreatants and members of St Mary's. The pace of life in the 21st century means it can be hard to find *Silence in a busy world* or to *Give God a Chance*, which are the themes of the two retreats offered in May and September this year. If you are looking for breathing space in the hubbub of life we hope our retreats will help.

Retreats include accommodation in Byre Cottages at Sullington Manor Farm with entirely optional sessions, such as painting, walking and tai chi against the backdrop of the South Downs, spiritual thoughtfulness talks in the historic buildings and Iona communion in the Saxon Church. A minimum of 10 and a maximum of 20 retreatants are welcome.

Accommodation is offered in five single-storey cottages, converted from Victorian cart horse stabling. Full board: self-catering breakfast is provided in the cottages and delicious home cooked meals are provided communally in nearby barn. Tea and coffee facilities available in cottages throughout retreat. Tea and coffee will be served in the barn during the day.

1 Byre Cottages – One double bedroom with *en suite* bathroom. Open plan sitting, dining and kitchen area. Private patio.

2 and 3 Byre Cottages – One double bedroom and one twin room. Shared bathroom. Open plan sitting, dining and kitchen area. Private patios.

4 Byre Cottages – One double bedroom, one small bunk room. Twin room with *en suite* shower room. Shared bathroom. Open plan kitchen and sitting room. Separate dining room.

5 Byre Cottages – One small double bedroom and one twin room. Shared bathroom. Open plan sitting, dining and kitchen area. Private patio.

Each cottage has a kitchen for preparation of drinks and snacks. Retreatants are very welcome to bring and prepare ingredients for their own meals if they wish.

RETREAT COSTS

Basic cost including accommodation (3 nights), breakfast, talks, tea and coffee:

Cottages	MAY	MAY	MAY
	Per bed (twin room)	Per room (double room)	Per room (bunk room)
1	–	£288.75	–
2	£86.25	£172.50	–
3	£86.25	£172.50	–
4	£75.00	£140.00	£100.00
5	£89.06	£178.13	–

NB twin room in 4 Byre Cottages has *en suite* shower room.

To book, or for further details please contact: Gail Kittle, St Mary's Church and Sullington Manor Farm, Sullington Lane, Storrington, RH20 4AE
Tel: 01903 745754 • Email info@st-marys-sullington.org • Website www.st-marys-sullington.org
Please book by 31 March for May retreat and 14 August for the September retreat.

Meals:

Total cost of all meals for duration of retreat - £80 per person. There are kitchens in the cottages if you wish to bring and prepare your own food.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Tai chi:

Tai Chi is a journey in wisdom which calms and stills the mind. Tai Chi combines deep breathing and relaxation with slow and gentle movements. Originally developed as a martial art in 13th-century China, tai chi is today practised around the world as a health-promoting exercise. Tai Chi is suitable whatever your fitness level. Sessions will be tailored to suit those taking part. Our sessions are offered by Simon Robins of Tai Chi Wisdom (www.taichiwisdom.net) who has over 20 years' experience and is a fully qualified Senior Instructor with the Tai Chi Union of Great Britain.

Cost: £15 per person per session.

Painting:

Alison Cotton is a painter, watercolour tutor, and Inclusive Arts Practitioner. Her practice involves walking, responding to nature, and enabling those with less access to these things to be artists. Alison works with Brighton Oasis Project (women and children affected by substance misuse) and the Rocket Artists (artists with a learning disability).

You will have the opportunity to try watercolour painting as a way to be still and respond to a beautiful place. The session is suitable for those with no artistic experience, as well as those who have. We will combine gentle walking, painting outdoors and indoors, according to the weather and the wishes of those taking part.

We will provide the following painting equipment, which you can take home with you afterwards:

Two sable brushes, size 4 and 6; watercolour paper (4 sheets); beginners' watercolour paint set

Cost: £15 per person per session.

RETREAT DATES

Tuesday 9 to Friday 12 May

Wednesday 20 to Saturday 23 September

Timetable:

DAY 1

2pm Arrive any time after 2pm
4.30pm Tea
5pm Welcome and introduction
6pm Iona Communion
7pm Supper

DAY 2

Breakfast (cereals, fruit, bread, milk, teas and coffee) provided in cottages
10am **May 2017 – 'Silence in a busy world', introductory session led by Adam Ford**
September 2017 - 'Give God a Chance', introductory session led by Andrew Mayes
11.45am Tai Chi
1pm Lunch
2.30pm Painting/walk
6pm Iona Communion
7pm Supper

DAY 3

Breakfast (cereals, fruit, bread, milk, teas and coffee) provided in cottages
10am **May 2017 – 'Silence in a busy world', concluding session led by Adam Ford**
September 2017 – 'Give God a Chance', concluding session led by Andrew Mayes
11.45am Painting/walk
1pm Lunch
2.30pm Tai Chi
6pm Iona communion
7pm Supper

DAY 4

Breakfast (cereals, fruit, bread, milk, teas and coffee) provided in cottages
10am Depart

ST MARY'S CHURCH, THAKEHAM

AN ADDITION TO THE TOWER

In November 2016 we were pleased to acquire a set of 10 hand bells which are of historic interest.

They were owned by the late William Leslie Weller MBE, (Leslie) who died in 2015. He was born in the Sussex village of Itchingfield in April 1935 and his father was a tenant farmer of glebe land very close to the Church. This led to Leslie developing a love of the countryside and also, as he grew older, becoming involved in Church life.



Leslie Weller MBE

Les moved from the village school to study at Collyers Grammar School in Horsham. This had a big impact on him, further instilling the virtues that would stay with him through the rest of his life: Christianity, honesty and tradition, but above all, self-reliance. What you made of your life was down to you. Collyers also brought him in contact with Charlie Hone, who subsequently taught Les to ring at St Mary's Thakeham.

At that time, the Itchingfield band of ringers, which included Les's father, just rang call changes. Keen to do more, Leslie and other young members, which also included George Francis, ventured to different local towers. A very strong and enthusiastic band was built up at Itchingfield, when, at that time, there were very few other pursuits available in the village. The band rang some of the earliest peals of spliced Doubles, including one on hand bells.

From an early age it appeared that not only did Leslie develop a love of the countryside and country pursuits, but also an interest in antiques, which is where his working life led him. His studies to become a chartered surveyor led to a delay in him carrying out his National Service, but when he had completed this he found work at King and Chasemore in 1959.

By now he was well established as ringer not just in Sussex, but beyond. The late 1950s and early 1960s were the golden time for Leslie's ringing career. He was elected a member of the College Youths in 1955 and remained for several years. By then Leslie was ringing at Billingshurst and was one of those influential in the replacement of the ring of eight bells at that tower. He represented the Sussex County Association of Change Ringers from 1963 until 1973 and served as Treasurer from 1964 until 1969. This was about the time that ringing took more of a back seat in his life with a young family and pressure of work.

He moved from King and Chasemore to work for Sotheby's, first in London and then as Managing Director of their Sussex office. He became involved in the work of restoration at Chichester Cathedral, becoming the first chairman of its restoration fund. For all his work in this regard, he was awarded an MBE in the New Year's Honours List of 2014. This led to the formation of the Friends of St George's, a Society that has done much work on the fabric of the Church over the years. He served for many years as churchwarden at West Grinstead and was instrumental in making the Church a vibrant centre for the community.

A serious accident whilst horse riding about 20 years ago left Leslie requiring routine medical treatment and brought his ringing career to an end. Since his death in 2015, a trust has been set up in his name, The Leslie Weller Memorial Bursary, established to provide training for church organists, and his hand bells were offered up for sale with proceeds to go to his trust. We have been fortunate in



Set of 10 bells (Diatonic) with a tenor size 17 in the key of A

obtaining these for St Mary's Thakeham Bell ringers, in perpetuity. This was achievable by fund raising within our members, and a generous contribution from St Mary's. Our thanks go to the PPC for this. Leslie's family is very pleased that the hand bells will stay with the tower where he first learned to ring. It is hoped that these hand bells will encourage youngsters to take an interest in ringing, which could lead to ringing their big brothers, the Church bells. These hand bells were cast at the Whitechapel Bell foundry by Thomas Mears II, between 1825 and 1840, the tuning approximately 50 cents sharp of standard pitch (A=1450). They have been cast from the patterns bought by Thomas Mears when the Wells foundry of Aldbourne in Wiltshire was sold in 1825. The bells, with their distinctive double rings inside, have been tuned only externally, with the exception of the tenor. Although much improved since, the Wells patterns form the basis of today's modern 'Whitechapel' hand bell.

The set was bought by Leslie in derelict condition in 1959 and restored with new leatherwork and clappers by Frank Barnett of Leigh Sinton in Worcestershire. Following Leslie's death, they were cleaned, fitted with new clapper pegs and provided with a fitted case by George Francis in 2015.

Anyone interested in learning the ancient art of bell ringing can come to our practice night on a Wednesday evening at St Mary's Church, Thakeham from 7.30pm to 9pm on Wednesdays. The hand bells will also be on display.

For more details telephone Roger Watts on 01798 813775 or Christine Hounslow on 01798 815993.

Storrington & District Twinning Association

FRENCH FILM NIGHT

FRIDAY 24 MARCH 2017

at Trinity Methodist Church Hall

Thakeham Road, Storrington, starts at 7.30pm.

£3 Members, £3.50 non members

Orchestra Seats (French: *Fauteuils d'orchestre*)

is a French film released in 2006 directed by Danièle Thompson. Jessica has moved to Paris to start a new life, inspired by her grandmother who "always loved luxury". In Paris, she initially has trouble finding work, and spends one evening without shelter. She eventually gets a job waitressing in a small café, the Bar des Théâtres where she meets a number of people who are all dealing with various life crises or changes:



For further details please contact Dee Smithson on 744024 or call 745325 to book your place



SULLINGTON 122 YEARS AGO

EXTRACTS FROM CANON PALMER'S DIARY – MARCH 1895

Tue 5: Very cold with snow storms. 8 degrees of frost. Smitten with a sharp touch of lumbago. Obligated to lie about in painful little ease.

Wed 6: Milder. Rain at night. Under the influence of Clara. Spent my day in bed.

Thu 7: Damp and fine. Better, got up by 12 – very stiff.

Fri 8: Dull, wet and rain in the evening. Stayed at home, being yet stiff. Clara drove a whole carriage load to a music at Highden.

Sat 9: Dull, drear, damp and raw. Clara takes children to Portsmouth en route to Winchester. M Smith- Dorien leaves. Green spends the day in town. Davidson comes down, very deaf.

Sun 10: Lent II. Fine but cold. Had a fair morning congregation. So many of the folk are down with the epidemic. Preached on the text "Brethren, we are debtors etc." Rom. VIII 12 but had no service in the afternoon.

Mon 11: Fine and pleasant. Eclipse of the moon at 3.30am. Minnie and Davidson left, Clara driving them to Portsmouth. I took a first round of visiting.

Tue 12: Fine but cold. Attended a Rural District Council at Bourkes; thin, but all went well. Got King JP to sign my papers re County Council.

Wed 13: Fine, hazy. Walked with Clara to Threales. (Miles with influenza); Roundabouts (Gent convalescent and new people). Stringer works on my raspberries.

Thu 14: Fine. To Brighton. Chichester Diocesan Association taking the Youths. Called on the Smiths (out) and on the Hardwicks. Sow early beans and radish and lettuce.

Fri 15: Fine and dull. School only 19. Visited widow Leppard, very feeble, where all the party are 'down': and Mrs Miles rather better. Did not attend Council.

Sat 16: Very fine and mild. Lost Mrs Leppard this morning, a good specimen of a patient Christian-minded woman. Visited Jane Triggs and Andrewes.

Sun 17: Lent III. Very fine and spring-like. Had a fair morning communion in which an old sermon on Rom. XII 2. Thin afternoon on Joseph Genesis 40 a type of Saint in sympathy and redemption. Enquired after Hammond.

Mon 18: Very fine and sunny. A grand gardening day. Potatoes under south wall, Wyatt sowed parsnips, onions and carrots. Heartley called and lunched, seemed out of heart about his parish. Death of Conley G yesterday.

Tue 19: Dull and blowing up. Sowed Suttons 'Ringleader'. Board of Guardians plus District Council today. Selected two candidates for the Road surveyor.

Wed 20: Dull, mild some rain in evening. George writes that Edward left town yesterday for St Leonards. WBC off to Naples on Friday. Trained espaliers. Pruned old pear, planted asparagus. Swiping the meadow. I bury widow Leppard. Henry Hammond died yesterday.

Thu 21: Dull, close. School 25. Clearing and dressing strawberries. Henleys and the old man very ill. With Clara to Fryern where Charles and Mrs Henry King (nee Alice Pechell) .

Fri 22: Fine and warm. School 25. Visiting along the Washington Road where all are recovering from influenza. Trim ivy on the house. Edward writes from St Leonards a weekly account of himself. Godmans spend the afternoon with the boys.

Sat 23: Dull to fog. Rode to Apsley and teaed with George C Gibson and Freddy Gibson, the former convalescent.

Sun 24: Lent IV. A gale with heavy rain clearing in the afternoon. Only our home number in church this tempestuous morning. Gave an *extempore* sermon. In afternoon better. Baptised a child of the Skinners, another *extempore* on a text from Corinthians XIV 20 showing how 'childish' is wrong, 'childlike' is right.

Mon 25: Dull and chilly. Cut off tops of holly to north-west of the house. To High Tittens, young remnant declared incapable of doing any but light work: read to old Sopp and explained the Resurrection. Coal from Bolsover 51/2 tonnes.

Tue 26: Raw and rainy then finer. School 27. Had a special District Council meeting and after 2 hours sitting chose (but not unanimously) one Statham of Newport Pagnell as our Surveyor and elected a working committee of 7. In evening (at 6) a Parish Meeting at the school to choose overseers.

Wed 27: Rough and rainy. Little to be done. Rode to Roundabout: old Gent has been ill for a fortnight. A letter from Jervoise from The Colonial College, Hollesly Bay, near Woodbridge, Suffolk: wrote back to him.

Thu 28: Very wild with strong gale. To Littlehampton on Council business and to lunch with Whitehead, George with me, then he on to Bognor. Receive a second cheque of Barratt then (paid by me to Hammond) dishonoured.

Fri 29: Dirty, raw rainy. School 22. Took a service at Wiston House for Heartly gone to see his father. The poor epileptic James Knowles died in a ditch this morning close to his mother's cottage. Wrote to Cicely on her confirmation.

Sat 30: Fine and brisk but unsettled. Pruned pears at east wall. Peaches just showing. A meet at Sandgate but we didn't trouble them. The Boat Race we hear Oxford wins again. Rode and called on Cunliffe where the invalid Mrs Balloch and then to the Knights.

Sun 31: Lent V. Fine and dull. Fair morning to whom an address from Hebrews IX "Christ the High Priest". In afternoon but very few, took my subject of last Friday, afterwards visited Mrs Penfold and Jarman.

Trinity Methodist Church

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Saturday 25 March

7.30pm

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CHORISTER OPEN DAY AT CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

Saturday 4 March 2pm to 3.30pm

If you know a boy who loves to sing then why not encourage them to come along to the next Chorister Open Day at Chichester Cathedral. Families can see the choristers at work and hear them sing. Boys will also be given an opportunity to prepare a service with the choristers, and join them as guest singers. An informal event suitable for boys in years 2 and 3 and for parents of younger children who would like to hear more about life as a chorister.



**To book please contact Lesa Burchell
at the Prebendal School on 01243 520970.**

1ST STORRINGTON RAINBOWS AND 2ND STORRINGTON BROWNIES



Between both units we have seven pairs of sisters, and a further four girls have older sisters that have now moved on to Guides. These figures, together with the smiling faces, tell us

that we are doing the right thing, but it is lovely when a parent takes the trouble to write and thank us personally:

"I just wanted to say the girls loved the Chinese food experience at Brownies; they both came back and said they had the best time. I know Brownies is a full on commitment from you both and would just simply like to say thank you. The girls have experienced a variety of fun activities since joining Storrington Brownies. Thank you again."



The photos this month show our Chinese New Year evening, with Rainbows decorating Rooster pictures, and Brownies gathered around a festive dragon before tucking into a selection of traditional food.

Joan Parkes and Clare Worth

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Every Tuesday in term time from 7pm to 9pm

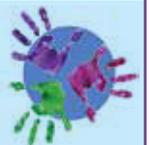


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Music Time

Bible Stories

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CHURCH SERVICES AT A GLANCE

DATE	FESTIVAL OR SUNDAY	STORRINGTON St Mary's	THAKEHAM St Mary's	SULLINGTON St Mary's
5 March	Lent 1	8.00 Holy Communion (said) 10.00 Family Communion 11.45 Baptism Service 6.00 Evensong marking <i>St David</i>	10.30 Joint All-age Family Communion with Baptism (with Sullington)	8.00 Iona Communion (with Thakeham)
12 March	Lent 2	8.00 Holy Communion (said) 10.00 Parish Communion + <i>Footsteps</i> 6.00 Evensong	9.30 Morning Prayer	8.00 Holy Communion (with Thakeham) 11.30 Morning Prayer
19 March	Lent 3	8.00 Holy Communion (said) 10.00 PC with Prayers for Healing + <i>Footsteps</i> 4.00 Church@4 6.00 E	8.00 Iona Communion (with Sullington)	10.30 Family Communion (with Thakeham)
26 March	Lent 4 Mothering Sunday	8.00 Holy Communion (said) 10.00 Mothering Sunday Family Service 6.00 E	9.30 Mothering Sunday Family Communion	8.00 Contemplative Eucharist (with Thakeham) 11.30 Mothering Sunday Family Communion
2 April	Lent 5	8.00 Holy Communion (said) 10.00 Deanery Service 11.45 Baptism Service 6.00 Evensong	10.00 Deanery Service at Storrington	8.00 Iona Communion (with Thakeham) 10.00 Deanery Service at Storrington

Midweek Holy Communion services on Thursdays: St Mary's Church, Storrington at 10.30am and Sussexdown at 11.30am

OTHER CHURCH DETAILS

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Our Lady of England, Monastery Lane

Mass – Saturday 6.00pm, Sunday 8.00am and 10.00am

Daily Mass: Monday – Friday 9.00am.

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, 6.30pm

Church Elder: Graham Thrussell

Tel: 01243 545737

COMMUNITY CHURCH

at Rydon Community College

Family Worship – Sundays 10.00am

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: Rev. Graham Locking

24 Ashurst Drive, Goring-by-Sea BN12 4SW

Tel: 245799 (Church Office: 746390)

WEEKLY EVENTS

Tues	10.00am	Coffee Morning – Storrington Chapel
Wed	9.30am	Registrar of Births and Deaths – Storrington Library – pre-booking only – 01243 642122
	2.00pm	Knit and Knatter Club – Hanover Walk
Fri	10.00am	Storrington Community Market – Village Hall

Storrington Library Opening Hours – Tel. 839050

Monday to Friday	9.30am – 5.30pm
Saturday	10.00am – 4.00pm

SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB

1pm on second Sunday in the month (except August)

at the Old School, School Lane, Storrington, for those who would like to join us for friendship and food.

Tickets (£4.00) are available from:

Louisa Austin, Church Street, Storrington



STORRINGTON POP-IN LUNCH CLUB

Storrington Village Hall –

First Thursday of each month

COFFEE served from 10.30am

LUNCH available: £3.00 12 noon – 1pm

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

ALL ARE WELCOME. Come and meet old friends and make new ones. No need to book – just turn up.

Co-ordinator: Pat Webb (893145)



WHAT'S ON

MARCH	
Wed 1	ASH WEDNESDAY
10am	St Barnabas Outreach – Library Car Park – p31
12.45 pm	Lent Lunch – Thakeham Village Hall – p4
2.30pm	SDFAS – Lecture – p24
7.30pm	Sung Eucharist – St Mary's, Storrington – p6
Thu 2	Ecumenical Lent Group –various times – p9
10.30am	Prayer Book Holy Communion – St Mary's, Storrington – p6
10.30am	Pop-In Lunch Club – p18
2pm	West Chiltington & Storrington MU – Meeting – p33
Fri 3	Women's World Day of Prayer Service – RC Church – p10
Sat 4	8.30am <i>Lectio Divina</i> – p5
10am	Storrington Conservation Society – Working Party – p32
2pm	Chorister Open Day – Chichester Cathedral – 17
7.30pm	Brighton Male Voice Choir Concert – St Mary's, Storrington –p9
Sun 5	LENT 1
10am	Great British Clean-up in Storrington – p21
Mon 6	Ecumenical Lent Group –various times – p9
7.30pm	Storrington Museum AGM & Talk – p24
Tue 7	Ecumenical Lent Group – various times – p9
10am	Inter-Church prayers – RC Church (side-chapel) – p6
Wed 8	10am Wild Fortune Quiet Garden – p5
7.30pm	Rotary Film Night – <i>Miss Saigon</i> – p33
Thu 9	Ecumenical Lent Group –various times – p9
7pm	Bingo – Mary How Trust – p22
Sat 11	9.30 Downland Ensemble – Open rehearsal – p21
3.00 pm	Visiting Bell Ringers – St Mary's, Storrington (ends 4.30pm)
Sun 12	LENT 2
1pm	Sunday Lunch Club – p18
Mon 13	Ecumenical Lent Group –various times – p9
7.30pm	Thakeham Gardeners' Club – Meeting – p33
Tue 14	Ecumenical Lent Group –various times – p9
Wed 15	12.45 pm Lent Lunch – Thakeham Village Hall – p4
7.30pm	Sullington Windmills WI – p31
Thu 16	Ecumenical Lent Group –various times – p9
2pm	Storrington Conservation Society – Working Party – p32
Fri 17	7.30pm Storrington Horticultural Society – Talk – p33
Sun 19	LENT 3
4pm	Church@4 at St Mary's, Storrington
Mon 20	Ecumenical Lent Group –various times – p9
Tue 21	Ecumenical Lent Group –various times – p9
2pm	Knit and Stitch Tea – Thakeham Church Rooms – p4
Wed 22	Ecumenical Lent Group –various times – p9
All day	Thakeham Neighbourhood Plan Review – p21
2pm	Storrington Flower Club – p33
7.30pm	Storrington Dramatic Society – <i>On Golden Pond</i> Performance – p28

Thu 23	Ecumenical Lent Group –various times – p9
7.30pm	Storrington Dramatic Society – <i>On Golden Pond</i> Performance – p28
Fri 24	7.30pm Storrington Dramatic Society – <i>On Golden Pond</i> Performance – p28
Sat 25	ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Clocks forward 1 hour!
7.30pm	Storrington Dramatic Society – <i>On Golden Pond</i> Performance – p28
7.30pm	Concert – Trinity Methodist Church – p16
7.30pm	Rotary Quiz Night – p21
7.30pm	Storrington Museum Quiz Night – p24
Sun 26	LENT 4 – Mothering Sunday
Mon 27	Ecumenical Lent Group –various times – p9
Tue 28	Ecumenical Lent Group –various times – p9
7.30pm	Mary How Trust Film Society – <i>A Street Cat Named Bob</i> – p27
Wed 29	10am Chemin Neuf – Quiet Day – p13
12.45 pm	Lent Lunch – Thakeham Village Hall – p4
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	Ecumenical Lent Group –various times – p9
3pm	Afternoon Tea – Sullington Manor Farm – p5

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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL DAYS

MARCH

Wed 1	David, Patron of Wales, c.601
Thurs 2	<i>St Chad</i> , 672 - Bishop of York, introduced Christianity to Mercia
Tues 7	Perpetua, Felicity and their Companions, 203 , Christian martyrs
Wed 8	Edward King, 1910 , Bishop of Lincoln <i>Felix of Burgundy, 647</i> , credited as the man who introduced Christianity to the kingdom of East Anglia. <i>Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy, 1929</i> , priest and poet, nicknamed 'Woodbine Willie' during World War I for giving Woodbine cigarettes along with spiritual aid to injured and dying soldiers
Fri 17	Patrick, Patron of Ireland, c.460
Sat 18	<i>Cyril of Jerusalem, 386</i> , bishop, confessor and doctor of early church
Mon 20	JOSEPH OF NAZARETH <i>Cuthbert, 687</i> , monk, bishop and hermit, considered Patron Saint of Northern England
Tues 21	Thomas Cranmer, 1556 , leader of the English Reformation and Archbishop of Canterbury
Fri 24	<i>Walter Hilton of Thurgarton, 1396</i> , English Augustinian mystic <i>Paul Couturier, 1953</i> , French priest, instrumental in establishment of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. <i>Oscar Romero, 1980</i> , Archbishop of San Salvador, assassinated
Sat 25	ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Sun26	<i>Harriet Monsell, 1883</i> , Nun, founded the Community of St. John Baptist
Fri 31	<i>John Donne, 1631</i> , poet, Dean of St Paul's Cathedral in London, and MP

STORRINGTON FIRST SCHOOL



Our first report from three of our Year 5 Storrington First School reporters Amelia, Abby and Malaika.

Storrington First School, as some of you may know, is going to have a new logo and a new name from September 2017 – Storrington Primary School. Our year 5 pupils have been asked to draw our new school logo and we were astounded by how many children entered the contest. They were all wonderful and everyone tried so hard, but there was only one winner. Big congratulations to the year 5 winner Violet

As school councillors, one of our responsibilities is to keep the school clean and to keep everyone happy and we love taking care of our school and the environment around it. We very much enjoy our job and also like having the little ones being councillors as well. Last year all of KS2 have chosen three year 5 students to be school councillors and councillor who are now the head of the council for the rest of the year. After that, a few weeks later everyone from year 1 to year 5 stayed in their class and vote on 1 person to be class councillor for the rest of the year as well.



PE makes a great addition to our school schedule as we enjoy being active during different sports such as gymnastics, netball, football and a range of other active sports. We also thoroughly enjoy art and love extending our creative imagination. Art – we think – is a great way to express our feelings in



colour and creativity! We are also play leaders and love playing with the little children and helping them enjoy playtime.

We, as journalists, take our job very seriously by giving in our work on time and interviewing the right people and not just our friends. We also don't rush with our work; we all try and make our work as neat as we can. In Storrington First School we do many educational lessons. Everyone in Storrington First School takes pride in our learning and



how we present things on our books, we all work together and have fun while working, as our teachers make learning educational and fun at the same time which everyone enjoys.

We'll bring you more news from Storrington, together with a sneak peek at Violet's winning design of our new logo next month.



50th Anniversary Worthing Scout and Guide Gang Show

GEE IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE 2017

Wed 12 to Sat 15 April

Pavilion Theatre Worthing
Tickets from £6 - 01903 206 206

www.worthinggangshow.org.uk

Family Activities@Chichester Cathedral

WEIRD AND Wonderful

Friday 21st April 10am to 3pm
(last entry 2.30pm)

Unusual and special! Join us to create your own monster mask or weird creature.

Find out about weird and wonderful things in the Cathedral by following a trail before collecting a prize on completion from the shop.

No need to book just drop in!

Why not take advantage of the Crislers cafe offer of Kids Meals for £1.50 when an accompanying adult buys a lunch item with a valid voucher?

£2.50 per child suitable for children aged 3-12, who must be accompanied by an adult

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

Come along and join in all the fun!

For further details contact Sue on 01243 812497 or email education@chichestercathedral.org.uk

Next Event: Friday 28th July 2017 Up, Up and Away! 10am – 3pm

National Trust

GREAT EASTER EGG HUNT

EASTER SATURDAY 15 APRIL
(For children up to 10 years of age)

11am until 12noon
The Green, Sullington Warren

Come and join in the family fun
mums and dads needed to help with the children

THAKEHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN COMES TO REFERENDUM

Our Neighbourhood Plan, which has been produced by a great deal of hard work by local volunteer residents, has now reached the stage where parish residents have the opportunity to vote on its adoption. Over the last three years we have consulted and taken on board the views of residents and businesses and have used those consultations to identify the Parish's strengths and problems.

After formal consultations and approval by an independent Examiner, the Plan will come to local referendum on **Wednesday 22 March** – polling will be at Thakeham Village Hall, 7am – 10pm. The aim of the referendum is to confirm residents' backing for the Plan. If over half of those voting support the Plan, it will become a legal planning document against which all new development applications will be judged; sites not identified for development in the Plan would be less likely to be approved. Eligible voters will receive information about this direct from Horsham District Council, who run the process. The full Plan can be found along with other relevant information on the websites of the Parish (thakehamparish.co.uk) and HDC, and are available in hard copy at the Thakeham Parish Office and Storrington Library.

Note the date for your diary and help us achieve a high turnout – your vote is important, please use it!



THE GREAT BRITISH CLEAN-UP IN STORRINGTON



Sunday 5 March Storrington In Bloom volunteers will be out and about in the village cleaning up the streets and open spaces as part of the Keep Britain Tidy Great British Spring Clean.

In past years, we have had great public support and are hoping for a good turnout again this year. If you have a couple of hours to spare please come and join us. No experience necessary!

We will meet at Place Villerest at 10am. Bags and litter pickers will be provided but please bring any tools (gloves, broom, rake etc) that might be useful. All ages welcome. Refreshments will be served at 12noon. We look forward to seeing you.



DOWNLAND ENSEMBLE

An orchestra for ALL comers!

A chance to (re)discover your musical talents



Downland Ensemble is an orchestra for those who would love to develop their musical talents with enthusiastic and like minded people.

No pressure, no stress...the music is designed for all levels of ability.

Experienced players are encouraged as well as others who are rediscovering their skills. All ages are welcome, but ability to read music is essential.

We are a sociable group and believe that making music together is good for the spirit. This is your opportunity to dust down your instrument and have a go!

Downland Ensemble is currently restricted to string and wind players, but brass players and percussionists are welcome to contact us if interested in being included in the future.

OPEN REHEARSAL:

SATURDAY 11 MARCH 9.30am - 11am

Meadows Hall at Pulborough Village Hall.

Bring your instrument and music stand, and have a go!

We intend to meet together twice monthly at 9.30am to 11am on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month beginning in April.

Peter Allwood is our Musical Director. He has had many years experience enthusing young and not so young people to enjoy making music and feel proud of their achievements.

**For more details contact
Ros: 01798 875804
email: downlandensemble@gmail.com**



Rotary
Club of Storrington & Pulborough District



Quiz Night!

Quizmaster: Andrew Lake of Laughing Donkey Entertainments

**Saturday 25th March 2017
7.30pm at Pulborough Village Hall**

Tickets £12.50 (includes fish & chip supper + dessert)

Available from: Mike Webster 01798 812764

leonierowan@btinternet.com

**Winners' Prizes, Raffle, "Fines" & Spot Prizes.
Licensed Bar.**

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

STORRINGTON & SULLINGTON – REFLECTIONS OF THE PAST

GREYFRIARS

A popular way up to the Downs for walkers and riders is, and always has been, by Greyfriars Lane, leaving the teeming village behind; passing the village church is like closing a door to allow the peace and quiet of Storrington's real countryside to enfold you.

Charles Mant, village vet for many years, recalled in his memoirs, "Greyfriars, the large house on the rising ground towards the Downs to the northeast of Houghton's Hole, did not exist when I was a child. It was built by a Mr Hainesworth (who also built *Chantry House*) about 1900 ... I have heard that this house was built on the site of an old monastery ... it is absolute piffle and not a word of truth in any of it. At the time that I can first remember it that would be in the early 90s [1890s] because we were so often taken up that way for a walk ... it was just fields and no sign of any ruins or such like things."



Newspaper article from 1902: "Costly Country Life: Edward James Hainesworth of Greyfriars, Storrington with no occupation, says in his statement of accounts, that in 1889 he inherited £22,000 under his father's will, and between 1889 and 1894 he speculated with £12,000 and made extensive purchases of antique furniture. He spent £10,000 in rebuilding *The Chantry*, Storrington, and began in 1899 to build *Greyfriars* at a cost of £6,000. A first meeting of creditors was held last week. The debtor does not admit that he is insolvent, and attributes his present position to inability to realise his assets. No proposal was submitted. A resolution for bankruptcy was passed and a trustee appointed. Liabilities are estimated at £13,600 and the value of the assets is not ascertained."



Mr Hainsworth left the district and the house was sold to Mr James Erskine MP [later knighted]. He was a director of the *Sussex Motor Road Car Company* founded in 1904 to serve cross-country routes not covered by the railway: it ran from Worthing via Storrington to Pulborough and made two return trips a day, carrying sixteen inside passengers with luggage and parcels on the roof. Two more passengers could be accommodated beside the driver, not very comfortably as this compartment only had a front window. The first buses were steam-driven, but the hard, chalky water in the area furred up the paraffin-heated boilers. These buses were replaced by a Milnes Daimler petrol-engined bus and by 1905 the fleet consisted of five new buses. Passengers could travel from Pulborough to Worthing for 1s.9d [less than 10p]. This was the birth of our No. 1 bus service, which, with the wartime amalgamation of the *Sussex Motor Road Car Co.* and rival companies in 1915, became *Southdown Motor Services Ltd.*



Charles Mant's memoirs:

"When he, [Sir James Erskine] too, left Storrington *Greyfriars* he sold the place to Mr Emile Mond of the Brimmer Mond family [*The Mond Nickel Co.*] related to old Dr Mond who lived at Roundabouts for some years. This Dr Mond was the inventor of the tin hat first used in the 1914-1918 war by all armies. Emile Mond was at *Greyfriars* for many years and brought up a large family there - they were such a nice lot of youngsters, all of them. Unfortunately it was a very unlucky family. The eldest boy joined the Royal Flying Corps, now the RAF and was shot down and killed during the battle of the Somme in 1916."

He was shot down over Bouzencourt-sur-Somme in 1918, not as C.M. says. A very fine memorial plaque can be seen in Storrington

Parish Church on the east wall of the north aisle dedicated to Captain Francis Mond, Royal Field Artillery and Royal Air Force 57th Squadron. He was just 22 years old.



Charles Mant memoirs:

"Phillip, the second boy, was a very keen sportsman and had horses in training with "Bob" Gore at Findon - he died at a very early age, married with a family. This was another tragedy too - the third son shot himself near the clump of trees between the house and the Downs. He was buried in that clump of trees and remained there for many years and when Mr Mond sold the place to Capt. Abbey his body was removed to Sullington churchyard where it now rests ... The one daughter, May, such a nice girl, married an Italian, Count Cippico, who was in the Italian navy and fought against us during the [19]39 war. The Monds had horses and dogs at *Greyfriars* and rode a lot."



New owners came in 1930, Major John Roland Abbey and his wife, Lady Ursula. They lived at *Greyfriars* very happily for 26 years, in gratitude for which they presented the parish church with a lovely organ screen. Major Abbey was High Sheriff of Sussex in 1945. He had a very fine library containing rare antiquarian books, many fine bindings, edge-paintings and coloured illustrations. In 1940 *English Bindings 1490 - 1940 in the library of J.R.Abbey.* ed.G.D.Hobson was published and in the 1950s a two-volume bibliographical catalogue *Travels in Aquatints and Lithography 1770 - 1860 from the library of J.R.Abbey.*



In 1967 a three-day sale of the third portion of his library by Southeby's realised £157,172 for 694 lots, a record amount which included six volumes of Moliere, the only copy, bound in blue morocco gilt, which sold for £7,000. On Christmas Eve 1969 Major Abbey died.

The cottages at the end of the drive consisted of 'The Bothy', a simple building reached by an outside staircase where the male servants slept and a small two-up two-down cottage which housed the private plant supplying electricity to the big house. Across the drive was a better cottage where the butler lived. During the war these buildings were requisitioned for the use of Canadian troops and one was used as a wireless station. A very fine Sequoia tree further up the drive was used as a punchbag by the soldiers as it has a very soft and resilient bark. The tree is still there, having survived the 1987 hurricane. After the war the cottages were returned to private ownership and extended and modernised.



Greyfriars became the property of Mr Horne after Major Abbey's death, who raised his family there and it was subsequently sold to Mr Rose, also a family man. His was the last family to live in the big house; it was divided into three apartments after it was sold. Mr Horne built himself a bungalow in what had been the walled garden east of the house.



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CRICKET IN STORRINGTON



Getting ready for another season

Our senior League starts on Saturday 6 May, before which there will be a pre-season warm-up match and social evening on Saturday 22 April. Indoor nets commence on Thursday 6 April from 7pm to 8pm in the Chanctonbury Leisure Centre. The usual annual work day on the Square and tidying-up round the outfield will be held on Saturday 9 April. Prospective new members, playing or social, should contact our Chairman, Steve Watkins, on 744217.

For our Cygnets, indoor training sessions will be continuing through to April in the Chanctonbury Leisure Centre every fortnight on Sundays from 3.30pm to 5pm. The next session will be on **Sunday 12 March**. Outdoor training sessions will be commencing on a weekly basis on Sundays from the end of April, starting at 10.30am. We will be entering teams in the Under-12 (hard ball) and Under-10 (soft ball) Leagues, and an Under-8 team will be playing in festival tournaments for that age group.

The Club's next aim is to create a girls squad aged 10-13 years. Interested parents should contact either Martin Fisher, the Cygnets Manager, or Judith Houghton, the Club's Welfare Officer, on 742679 for further details. No experience of cricket is required as full coaching from basics will be provided.

We are maintaining our strong links with Storrington First School in Spierbridge Road and with the Sussex County Cricket Club and their 'Chance to Shine' programme in order to provide a positive community benefit for youngsters through cricket.

The writer, during his researches in to the history of Storrington cricket, has had many a chuckle when reading reports on matches in previous centuries, especially during the Victorian period, when the styles and language of reporters were very different to present day reporting. The *Sussex Agricultural Express*, for example, described a match played on 23 August 1855 at Broadwater between Storrington and Worthing in the following manner: "This match came off on Thursday... and was well contested throughout, owing to the admirable bowling and fielding, aided by the liveliness of the ground, but short scores could be made, the total showing a surplus of 12 for the Worthing Club. Last year, the Storringtonians had the best of it. While elated with their success, they hinted that the Seaside were panic-stricken at their determined style of play. If so, the Inlanders had the tables turned upon them on this occasion, for they retired from the field, filled with the last word in matrimony." It was a double innings match: Worthing scored 35 and 67 against Storrington's scores of 39 and 51. Storrington's side included three Hammonds, three Churchills and two Lees, in addition to Messrs Bartlett, Steadman, and Battcock.

Chris Winter



SANDGATE CONSERVATION SOCIETY

Into March with Spring just around the corner, namely the twentieth of this month.

There should be a good showing of wild daffodils in Sandgate Park where our work parties have been busy during the winter months, an area well worth a visit for its tranquillity and wild plant diversity.

The heather test site on Sullington Warren is showing positive results in the area where the ground has been scraped, with young heather seedlings in abundance, whereas the area that had been left is overgrown by grass, with little sign of heather.

The National Trust has now scraped many areas on the Warren, aided and abetted by the Society, so hopefully we will see the re-emergence of heather after the devastation caused by the heather beetle a couple of years ago.

To learn more about the Sandgate Conservation Society, who work closely with the National Trust and Horsham District Council, please contact our Chairman, Jacinta White on 01798-813545. www.sandgate-conservation.org.uk

Brian Burns



STORRINGTON COMMUNITY MARKET

Village Hall, opposite Stable Antiques

Open Friday 3, 10, 17 24 & 31
March from 10am to 11.15am.

Please come along and support your Local Community Market selling delicious home-made cakes and savouries, jams and marmalades, eggs, local free range pork, mushrooms & vegetables, plants, flowers & perennials. Also a wide range of handicrafts, cards & jewellery and Aloe Vera skincare and health products. Stop for a coffee or tea and cake and browse our second hand book stall.

All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you, especially if you are new to the village.



We are always looking for helpers and bakers and producers for the wide range of stalls. For more information please give Gilly a call on 743888.

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BINGO

Thursday 9 March
and on the second Thursday of every month
Doors open 7pm Play starts at 7.30pm
Storrington Village Hall, 59 West Street RH20 4DZ
Entry only 50p (includes the chance of winning a mystery prize!)
Great prizes, raffle and refreshments – and fun for everyone!
www.maryhowtrust.org



STORRINGTON & DISTRICT MUSEUM

The Museum Society's Annual General Meeting will be held on **Monday 6 March** at 7.30pm in The Old School.

It will be followed by a talk, 'An Actor's Life for Me', given by Hermin Daley, who is a staunch member of the Society and a long-standing actor with West Chiltington Dramatic Society.

On **Saturday 25 March**, promptly at 7.30pm, there will be a Quiz Evening with Stephen and Christine Turrell. Come and have a challenging and enjoyable evening. Make up a table of four or join a table. A home-made supper will be served in the interval. Tickets cost £10 and may be obtained from Rene Harwood on 745756 or Eunice Allen on 746569.

Our current exhibition, 'Suffragists, the Quiet Campaigners', provides an insight into the activities of many brave women who worked for women's right to vote, without stepping outside the law. Our curators were not able to find a great many artefacts, but those exhibited are very interesting, especially when you realise that some of them are now 100 years old. The jewellery in the colours of the movement is particularly fascinating but unfortunately we have no information about this.

The next exhibition will be 'More Quirky Collections'. If you have a collection, large or small, serious or light-hearted, please contact the Museum and lend it to us for just three months. What sets of white elephants do you have in the back of your cupboards? We would love to borrow them.

The members' lunch was held at the end of January at West Sussex Golf Club, providing the usual delicious lunch and immaculate service, and it was a very cheerful and friendly occasion. Thank you, Patricia, for organising it.

Mick Denness talked to a capacity audience on the 9 January on 'Fryern Dell – A Victorian Pleasure Garden'. Fryern was a large estate, extending eastwards from Parham to Storrington and northwards from Storrington towards West Chiltington and Thakeham, with the River Stor running through it. The name 'Fryern' indicates that, long ago, the produce of the farms on this estate was used to maintain the Chantry, in this case Thakeham Church, a Chantry being a special chapel where a friar or priest said prayer for the souls of the dead.

In Henry VIII's reign, the Apsley family, who lived at Fryern, were granted the land. It passed to the Duppa family and then in 1682 to Richard Banks, and eventually, by the beginning of the 19th century, became the property of Charlotte, Baroness Dowager King, and her son, the Honourable George King. The family had risen from being grocers in Exeter to the heights of Lord Chancellorship. The Hon. George was the Lord Chancellor's grandson. He and his mother turned the house into a small stately home. Mr. Denness, who is a member of the Storrington Conservation Society, showed us early photographs of the house and gardens. One of the family kept a detailed diary and so it is possible to see how the area around the house developed, with a pond and a waterfall and a network of paths to the south of the house by the River Stor. Many specimen trees were planted, this being the time of wonderful introductions of plants from all over the world.

Sadly, by the late 1920s, the family, apart from another Charlotte, had become rather eccentric and much of the land was sold. In 1940, the house was requisitioned to house Canadian troops. After the war it became a residential hotel and country club but by 1954 it was used as a hostel for Linfield's mushroom pickers. In the early 1970s the house was demolished and the land was bought by Barratt Homes. The great storm of 1987 brought down many of the fine trees, but revealed some of the pleasure grounds which had

not been seen for years. The gardens were completely overgrown and neglected, however in 2014 a management plan was drawn up with the intention of opening up the land, and now the paths are being reinstated and the river has been controlled.

Experts have been consulted with the intention of making this area into an informal open space, to increase its biodiversity and to make links with its history. For this most worthwhile challenge, Storrington Conservation Society needs our serious support.

Every month these notes on Storrington Museum are compiled by Mary Wilson. Mary is always quick to acknowledge the contribution made by various people so we think it's time to acknowledge her contribution. At the Museum, we admire her fluent and unassuming style of writing, so it is pleasing that she reaches a wider audience with this column.

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STORRINGTON DECORATIVE AND FINE ARTS SOCIETY

On Wednesday 1 February, Ann Haworth gave an excellent lecture entitled '18th Century Sevres and Victorian Minton Porcelains: Comparisons and Contrasts'. The Sevres factory moved from Vincennes in 1756 to larger quarters at Sevres, near Versailles as the porcelain produced had a growing reputation and became the preeminent porcelain manufacturer in Europe. The vast and diverse production of the Sevres factory in the 19th century reflects many of the changes affecting French society.

In Stoke, England, Thomas Minton opened his newly built factory in 1796. The Minton factory became the most popular supply source in the 19th century of dinnerware for embassies and heads of state.

The Sevres porcelain was made of soft clay; the first products of the Minton factory were blue transfer-printed wares. In 1798, products made of bone china were introduced by Minton with great success.

NEXT LECTURE

Wednesday 1 March, 2.30pm

Venue: West Chiltington Village Hall

Speaker: Nicholas Reed

Lecture: War Artists, Spies and the Art of Deception

SPECIAL INTEREST DAY

Thursday 30 March

Subject: Fishbourne Roman Palace

Venue: Fishbourne Roman Palace, Roman Way, Fishbourne, Chichester, West Sussex PO19 3QR

If you wish to attend the SID please contact Val Kelley: valconsidine@btinternet.com or on 746723

For Society information please contact the Membership Secretary, Pam Hopper, on 01798 813693.

Val Considine

ST BARNABAS HOUSE LAUNCH REGISTRATIONS FOR DALAI LAMA INDIA TREK IN 2018

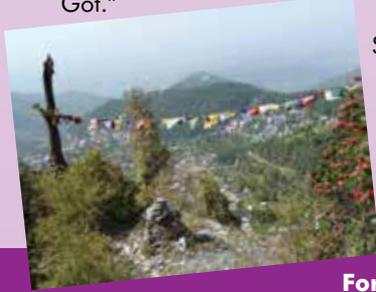


Local hospice St Barnabas House has now opened registrations for its latest overseas fundraising challenge, the Dalai Lama India Trek. The challenge, which will take place on 18-28 October 2018, will see a team of 50 trekkers journey through the spiritual heart of Northern India, home to the Dalai Lama and the centre of the Tibetan community in the foothills of the Himalayas. The team will begin their journey in Dharamsala, where the Tibetan community are situated, before setting off into the peaceful and stunning Himalayan mountain range.

With spectacular views guaranteed, they will pass through the Kingdom of Gaddi, a semi-nomadic race who spend months wandering the high passes with their cattle, rhododendron forests, Hindu settlements and Buddhist monasteries. The trip will round off with an unmissable visit to the Taj Mahal, one of the world's greatest monuments to love. As part of the challenge, participants will also be invited to hang prayer flags at the highest point of the trek in Laka Got to celebrate the lives of loved ones and all those cared for by St Barnabas House.



Kerry O'Neill, Events Fundraiser for St Barnabas House, said: "We often find that the challenge events we hold, particularly the overseas treks, include a number of participants who have a close personal connection to the hospice. That is why we always try to include an opportunity at some point along the journey for participants to remember their loved ones in a unique and special way, which is why we are inviting them to hang prayer flags in Laka Got."



St Barnabas House is a charity which provides outstanding specialist palliative care, both within the hospice and in the comfort of patients' homes. Its current strategy, Hospice Care Pioneers, has seen the development of a new specialist

conditions, supporting patients with kidney, heart and liver failure and dementia, in addition to its already existing cancer services.

It costs nearly £6 million each year to run St Barnabas House, and only a small part of the total costs are state funded, meaning that the majority of money has to be raised through voluntary donations and fundraising. Part of the challenge of the trek is raising sponsorship money to help St Barnabas House to expand its care services through its Hospice Care Pioneers initiative.



Anne Porter, who previously took part in the St Barnabas House Inca Trek in 2012, had words of encouragement for those looking to get involved. She said: "It was my late husband Mike's idea. He thought that I should go on a little adventure 'afterwards', that it would give me a focus and would also be a good way of saying 'Thank you' for the wonderful care he was receiving at St Barnabas House. He passed away in October 2011 and a few weeks later, just before Christmas, I had a mad five minutes and signed up! Well, the rest of the trek is history as they say. I met my trekking companions and before I knew it, got involved in curry nights, training walks and pub quizzes. It was a bit of a shock to the system, but luckily everybody was so friendly and encouraging."

Anne admitted that the trek in the Andes in Peru was a test, not just physically, but emotionally, spiritually and mentally as well. "I came back down from those mountains renewed, refreshed and so very proud," she added. "The dark clouds had gone and I could see blue skies ahead. I met some truly wonderful people and we had some very memorable moments together. The best part is that I have met Paul, my new partner, as a result of that journey and have embarked on many new adventures together, gone on other challenges and still meet regularly with the rest of the team. You will love every minute of these challenges and, yes, you can do it. You will gain so much more from the experience than you can ever imagine."



For further information please email events@stbh.org.uk or call 706354.

You can also find out more about the St Barnabas House Dalai Lama India Trek by going to www.stbh.org.uk/india.



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

A STREET CAT NAMED BOB (12A)
"An amiable, unpretentious heart-warmer" – The Telegraph

Tuesday 28 March

New loyalty card - watch 6 films and get your 7th free!
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STORRINGTON DRAMATIC SOCIETY

For the spring production, Storrington Dramatic Society will be performing the play, written by Ernest Thompson, *On Golden Pond*. This excellent play was famously turned in to an Oscar nominated film in 1981 starring Henry Fonda and Katherine Hepburn.

The play is a gentle comedy drama which develops nicely over two acts. Show dates will be **22 to 25 March** and will be performed at Sullington Parish Hall.

Cantankerous retiree Norman Thayer and his conciliatory wife, Ethel, spend summers at their New England vacation home on the shores of idyllic Golden Pond. This year, their adult daughter, Chelsea, visits with her new fiancée and his teenage son, Billy on their way to Europe. After leaving Billy behind to bond with Norman, Chelsea returns, attempting to repair the long-strained relationship with her ageing father before it's too late.

Tickets, priced at £9 each, are on sale now from Fowlers Estate Agents, Storrington and Nisa Stores in West Chiltington or on line at storringtondramatics.co.uk. Shows start at 7.30pm. For further information call 741708.

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STORRINGTON FLOWER CLUB



Wendy Cliffe, our Chair, welcomed members and visitors, wishing everyone a belated Happy New Year.

Members were reminded to reserve Friday 3 November for the annual Open Evening; this evening is the main fundraiser for the Club.

A letter from the national Chairman was read reminding members of forthcoming National Events as well as an Area workshop with national Demonstrator Nigel Whyles at Henfield Hall on **Sunday 5 March** and New Visions Club with Hans Haverkamp at West Meston near Lewes; details available from Wendy.

The demonstrator was Christine Nash. Her theme was to share with the meeting the inspiration she had from her chosen containers.

The first used wire with green intertwining material that was reminiscent of a wrought iron gate. She used evergreen climbing Clematis leaves, Rhododendron leaves and variegated Hebe as greenery. The flowers chosen were Blueberry Roses, and pink Tulips.



A white urn-shaped vase was the stimulus for a traditional triangle shape arrangement. Foliage was variegated Laurel, budded Camelia, Nandina (type of Bamboo) and sprayed silver Galax leaves. The flowers were green Carnations, dark claret Lilies, and bright pink Roses. The flowers were arranged in blocks. A contemporary tall glass vase was arranged with fine twigs in a vertical and horizontal line. Two stems of Orchids, lime and yellow coloured, were arranged suspended in the horizontal twigs.

Another design was a simple 'nest shape' made from tendrils and Prostanthera; this was filled with Chrysanthemums, Alstroemeria, Roses and Freesia. The design was best viewed from above, so ideal to be placed on a low coffee table. A ceramic tall container mimicking bamboo was topped and outlined with Aspidistra and Phormium leaves, some folded, some straight. The only flowers used were white Lilies. The final arrangement was on top of a pedestal. Large Fern leaves and indoor Cheese Plant leaves created a circular shape. The flowers used were Citrus coloured Lilies, orange Tulips and red/orange Anthuriums.



Wendy gave the vote of thanks, commenting on the traditional and modern designs resulted in a varied and delightful display. The Club is pleased to welcome visitors and new members. You do not need to be a flower arranger to come and join us. The meeting is informal welcoming a monthly demonstrator whose arrangements are raffled at the end of the meeting. We have a second hand bookstall and an accessory- stall for flower arranging. Refreshment and chats end a pleasant and informative afternoon.

Susanne Carter

CHANCTONBURY LIONS CLUB



Most people will know about the Chanctonbury Lions second-hand books van which visits Place Villereest on Saturday mornings. A shortage of volunteer helpers means we have had to miss some Saturdays (the other thing which limits our visits is if the weather is too wet to sell books in the open air).

Our current timetable means we will definitely be in Storrington on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month, and at Steyning Farmers Market on the first Saturday. We will, if we have enough people, try to come to Storrington on the other Saturdays.



Money raised goes to help local good causes. Recent pledges have included buying 16 heaters for Chestnut Tree Hospice, and the provision of four sets of 'Smokey Paws' oxygen masks to be carried by our local firefighters, enabling them to help pets and other animals that may be caught up in smoke or fire situations.

We are involved in other national Lions initiatives, like the 'Message in a Bottle', designed to provide emergency services with essential medical information. Anybody in the house with a medical condition can provide details on a form, which is kept in a plastic container in the fridge door compartment. Emergency services will look in the fridge, and if they find a Lions container, they will be able to save time by giving emergency first aid without first having to make enquiries. We also collect used or unwanted spectacles, which are recycled to help give better sight to those in third-world countries. You can bring these, as well as your surplus books for re-sale, to the Lions' van in Storrington.

If you would like to help with book sales to raise money for local charities, and don't want to commit to being a Lion, we would welcome you as a 'Friend of Lions'. More information on this, and on membership of Chanctonbury Lions, from our sales van, or from Roger Harris, on 744468.

Bill Thomson

U3A OPEN MORNING INFORMATION

Pulborough Village Hall

Wednesday 29 March 10.30 – 12noon

Coffee Morning – Come and find out about U3A

U3A is for retired people providing groups for like-minded people to pursue interests in common locally during the daytime.

Basic yearly membership is only £10 to cover administration as groups are self-supporting. Some groups have a small extra charge to cover hall costs.

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WI NEWS

SULLINGTON WINDMILLS

On a cold Winters evening on 18 January the President opened the meeting by warmly welcoming all members along with three new members and six visitors. It is a pleasure to welcome new members and visitors.

During her report, the President thanked Rachel Martin for agreeing to represent Sullington Windmills at the 2017 NFWI Annual Meeting which is to be held in Liverpool. This was followed by the secretary and the treasurer giving their reports.

The speaker for the evening was introduced – Nicola Court from the West Sussex Record Office, her talk entitled *Bygone Sussex*. The talk involved the lives and works of two of the County's most important photographers, George Garland and John Fletcher. George Garland was born in Brighton, but as a young boy his family moved to the Petworth area. He attended Midhurst Grammer School and then following a short time working in a bank in Hampshire, he returned to Petworth in 1922 to become a photographer. As it was difficult to establish himself as a photographer, he decided to specialise in supplying newspapers and periodicals with photographs depicting rustic characters, hunting scenes and nostalgic farming landscapes, mostly taken around Petworth and Amberley. He had a flair for capturing dying traditional crafts, and worked until his death in 1978. Nearly 70,000 of George Garland's negatives and 1,500 prints are preserved by West Sussex Record Office. John Fletcher, the hitherto unknown amateur photographer, lived in Bognor Regis, was the son of a wealthy land owner, and gained a BA at Cambridge University. His photographs depict many windmills, watermills and Bosham Harbour, many photographs being taken whilst he travelled East and West Sussex by bicycle.

Jean East gave the vote of thanks and social time followed refreshments, this month it was dedicated to selecting the Annual Resolution. Six members each read out one resolution which had been selected by NFWI. From the six resolutions, each individual WI group selects one, the resolution with the most votes is then adopted as the annual resolution for the NFWI. The resolution with most votes at Sullington Windmills was for 'Plastic Soup' - keep micro plastic fibres out of our oceans.

The Raffle was drawn and before the President closed the meeting everyone sang *Auld Lang Syne*.

The next meeting will take place on **15 March**, when the speaker will be Carol Goodman talking on 'From sheep to knitting wool'. We meet at Sullington Parish Hall at 7.30pm on the 3rd Wednesday of the month (2nd Wednesday in December) Visitors and new members are most welcome; should you require further information please contact Pat Snape on 01798 817389.

Pat Snape



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 1 March and 5 April – 10am to 2pm

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



FRYERN LADIES' PROBUS MEETING 2/2/17

On 2 February, despite heavy rains and wind outside the restaurant, The Roundabout Hotel, West Chiltington, was overflowing with enthusiastic lady diners celebrating the fact that Dry January was now over!

The Speaker for the day was detailed for The Lord Lieutenant of West Sussex, Susan Pyper, but she had been replaced by her Clerk to the Lieutenancy of West Sussex, John Williams MBE DL. John, a charming man, had explained that Susan was sensibly "enjoying the slopes in Canada" – we all wished her well and were all secretly rather envious.

John mentioned that his job, over the past eight years, had been to look after Susan and to monitor her diary. He then went on to detail the work and hierarchy of Lieutenancies of which there are 99 in the UK.

Susan Pyper, who is a neighbour and lives in our West Chiltington village, is the sixth appointed Lord Lieutenant for West Sussex (the creation of office was introduced on 1/4/74). She has one Vice Lord Lieutenant, Harry Goring DL and forty seven deputy Lieutenants throughout the county. She is directly appointed by The Queen and so being our closest representation of the Queen serves the community with the arrangement of royal visits, work with the magistracy, swearing in of new citizens, presentations and recommendations of awards eg. the British Empire Medal (BEM) plus other service nominations and recommendations of local people for attendance at Royal Garden Parties and banquets etc. The list is long and seemingly limitless, the work greatly benefits the local community and one can only admire the dedication and commitment of this lady; since this is a charitable but sadly un-remunerative position. However whilst all of the ladies in Fryern Ladies' Probus are retired, the tenure of Lord Lieutenant of West Sussex can remain open until the age of seventy five – most of us long since retired at sixty!

Looking back at History, and with the introduction of similar Lord Lieutenants roles in 1569, it seems rather strange that, whilst men in such a position of Lord Lieutenant wore military style ceremonial robes PLUS sword, the women of today, such as Susan, have no such outward expression of grandeur at all. However there is a striking badge of office to wear, which goes back to Henry the Eighth's time, being a Tudor Rose surmounted by a crown on a magenta and white bow – very pretty! However a prestigious fashion statement could well be preferred!

Back to the present and whilst the County Council and The Lieutenancy work closely together, the Lord Lieutenant has no role in Local Government or involvement in political activity of any kind. Whilst the Lord Lieutenant is always seen as the sovereign's personal and military representative there is the position of High Sheriff who is theoretically the Sovereign's judicial representative. Currently this position is held by Mark Spofforth of Slindon who was made High

Sheriff in 2016. This post is only held for one year and goes back historically to before the Norman Conquest, 1,000 years ago!

For the Queen's 90th Birthday on 21 April 2016, Susan Pyper presented her with a 24-page long and beautifully illustrated book covering her life's decades in pictures, from the 1920's to the present. A truly remarkable and memorable tribute to our Queen and one which I'm sure she must treasure.

We really appreciated John's visit and we hope that he similarly enjoyed his lunch, and winning a raffle prize, with us. Wendy Cliffe thanked him warmly on our behalf. We were reminded that our next meeting would be our AGM and that the next coffee and cake morning would be held at the Queen's Head, West Chiltington at 10.30am on **16 March**. Later trips include lunch at Highgrove in June.

Russ Fry



Happily, every season brings something to enjoy. For some, spring is the winner with its signs of new life, flowers, nesting birds, hibernating animals awakening, the magic of the special fresh green on bare trees, plus longer, brighter days and the promise of summer to come. All of which brings encouragement to spend time in the open, perhaps gardening or rambling, and of course our Society provides the opportunity for volunteers to enjoy fresh air in amiable company, caring for Fryern Dell, The Glade, Riverside Walk and other open spaces. The aim being to provide something pleasant for everyone to use and appreciate.



Fortunately, the heavy rain ceased in time for the work party in Fryern Dell on 4 February. The project to protect the river bank there, completed last year, has proved its worth as the rising waters were kept in channel. Our next work Saturday is on **4 March** starting at 10am as usual. We will be at The Glade, laying wood chippings and clearing paths to benefit walkers. Do join us if you can. It is great to see how much can be achieved by willing hands. It's not all work, there is time for coffee and a chat as well. For details of the Thursday work party on **16 March at 2pm**, please refer to our website.

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

Stuart Kersley



STORRINGTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

To a packed hall, Celia Rudland from East Surrey Bees gave an illustrated talk on the world of bees. Celia has been keeping bees since 2004 and with her husband runs professional courses for children, beginners and improvers. Demonstrations on wax candle and mead making are also held.

Keeping honey bees can be a fascinating and profitable past time. Honey bees are social insects which means they live together in a colony and depend on each other for survival. Most of the bees in a colony are workers. Some are drones whose function is to mate with the queen. Usually there is only one queen in a colony. Worker bees are sexually undeveloped females and may number as many as 60,000 in a colony and contribute to the continuation of one generation to the next, providing nectar and pollen for the young. They can fly up to three miles away from the hive and have developed ways of communicating with each other. They maintain the interior of the hive and guard against intruders (in other words they can sting). The queen is a mature female and lays thousands of eggs during her lifetime and may lay over 2000 eggs in a single day. She can live for up to five years. Each egg is put into a separate cell of the honeycomb and after three days it becomes a larva. Worker bees feed and care for the larva until it changes into a pupa and, after 21 days of laying, an adult bee emerges.

Honey contains 70% sugar and 30% water and is used for many medicinal purposes. The variations in colour depend from which flowers the pollen is found.

The one thing bee keepers dread is if the bees decide to leave the hive to start a new colony elsewhere and swarm, which can be several thousand making a loud noise.

The speaker on the **17 March** is Clive Gravett from the Budding Foundation who will give an illustrated talk on the history of The Lawn and the Lawnmower. Details can be found on the website www.storrington.org.uk

Sheila Webber

WEST CHILTINGTON AND STORRINGTON MOTHERS' UNION

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

During the short service led by Jeannie Watten, the enrolment of Jean Cherriman, by General Trustee Jean Hunt, took place. We were delighted to welcome our new member.

The AGM followed, chaired by Stella Hastings and, as the position of Branch leader is vacant, Jean Hunt reported on the activities of the Branch over the past year. Jean also presented the accounts, showing our finances to be sound. Thanks were recorded to Roger Overton-Smith for very kindly auditing the accounts.

Business being concluded, we then had a selection of favourite Bible verses from our members. For some the verses had great significance in their lives. Several had moving stories behind them but clearly all had drawn strength, comfort and joy at various times from reading their Bibles and cherishing favourite verses.

Before our next meeting on **Thursday 2 March**, members will be providing and serving the Lent Lunch at West Chiltington Church Hall. Lunch (£5) will be served at 12.15pm and will consist of home-made soup, bread, cheese, pate, salad, tea or coffee. Please join us if you are able. You will be very welcome to stay on for our meeting when our speaker, Mrs Andrea Carlson-Hedges, will tell us about First Responders.

MU is again running their Make-a-Mothers' Day campaign. This is to help fund projects abroad, the idea being to buy a virtual gift either for our Mums or in memory of a mother. Brochures are available in Church, or contact me on 01798 813681.

Jean Hunt



THAKEHAM GARDENERS' CLUB

Thirty six members lunched at the Old Tollgate, Bramber, prepared by the chefs in difficult circumstances as the restaurant was suffering from partial power cuts!

Our next meeting on **13 March** will welcome Andrew Elms speaking on the Trials and Tribulations of Lordington Lavender. A competition for the best single Narcissus will be held.

Meetings take place at 7.30pm on the second Monday in the month at Thakeham Village Hall. We welcome new members and guests; come along to the Hall on Club night or ring our Chairman Bruce on 892466 for further details.

Sandra Jenkins



STORRINGTON FLOWER CLUB

Wednesday 22 March at 2pm
Sullington Parish Hall

Demonstrator: Jean Plaskett

Theme: Floral Vision

Competition: Windswept



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For more information please contact Lucy Greenfield, Community Programme Manager. Email l.greenfield@pallant.org.uk. Or call 01243 770833 / 07788489536.

Note from the editor....



While doing my nursing training at Great Ormond Street Hospital, my very good friend, Julie, and I used to do pancake parties on Shrove Tuesday, where we would cook around 50 pancakes for our fellow students. It was a formidable production line!

So every time Shrove Tuesday comes round I think of Julie, now living in Suffolk and nicknamed 'Pancake Julie', and I always call her that day. We were very close friends, but sadly I don't call her often enough.

So, bear a thought for those friends you have you don't see or speak to – give them a call, however awkward it may be as you maybe haven't spoken for ages – I am sure it will brighten up both your days, and I am sure you, and your friend, will feel uplifted.

Make Shrove Tuesday your happy friendship time!

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