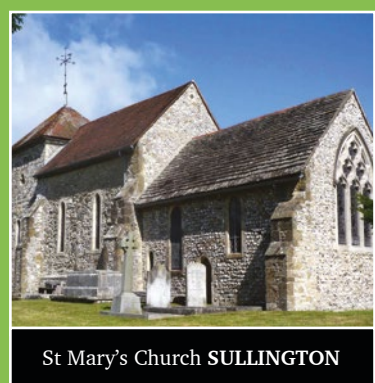


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'The Supper at Emmaus' Caravaggio 1601



Dear Friends – Happy Easter!

May this time of *festival* bring you renewed hope and faith.

Recently there has been much cause for hope with what is being described as the '**Quiet Revival**' across churches and denominations. It was the Bible Society in 2025 who first identified this quiet revival following an unprecedented rise in the number of Bibles being bought – and bought by those who were not (yet) 'Christian'.

Now, whilst it needs to be said that the mission statistics for the CofE do not support this, we know that facts often miss deeper truths... So, what might we, in this Easter season of *new life*, discover in this time of 'revival'?

I think – no, I know, that church life can see revival demonstrated by growth in number and Spirit. So firstly, we need to have that 'growth mindset' which will enable us to be open to the gifting of the Holy Spirit. We must set our sails for the wind will blow...

Secondly, we need to be 'ever-ready' Christians both in our personal lives of faith and together as Christ's body – ever-ready for opportunities to harness what the Holy Spirit is *doing*. What might this ever readiness look like?

- We need to be 'on the lookout' for those who are spiritually open. Part of our human DNA is to seek meaning and purpose for our lives. Are we ready for those encounters that invite us to witness to the Good News and share the faith we have?
- We need to be attentive to the stories that seekers share with us about their search for meaning and especially when they have had life experiences that have stirred and kindled within them a desire to find God. This is an opportunity to affirm – not to correct.
- We need to redouble our efforts to connect gospel opportunities with a living faith. For example, how do our Foodbank collections have an explicit invitation to discover the reason behind them – our faith in a Living God of love and compassion.

- When was the last time you gave someone a Bible? Do you have a few spare copies even...? I recently gave a Bible to my gardener – he was genuinely moved and in its own charism that Bible was a treasured gift!
- Last, but by no means least, why don't we take a chance and invite someone to church – you never know, they might love it!

Bishop Martin retires this May. A man of particular Christian integrity, he has also championed evangelism and blessed us in many ways over the past thirteen years. Early in his episcopacy, he gave his 'Bishop's Charge' and challenged the Diocese saying:

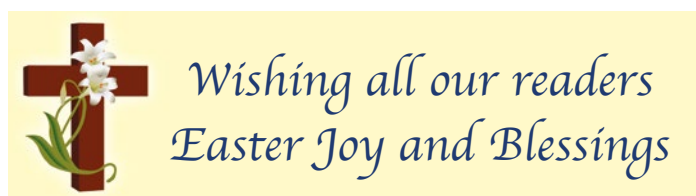
'With what degree of confidence would we always, and spontaneously say to someone who has never been to church,

**"Come to church with me; it's amazing. You'll love it.."**

Finally, we can find inspiration and renewal in the example of Jesus – who's whole ministry was to bring people into a new relationship with His heavenly Father. Read again the story of The Road to Emmaus (Lk. 24) and find your hearts also *strangely warmed*...

Surrexit Alleluia!

JONATHAN SWINDELLS  
Rector of Storrington



### A PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

#### Gaelic blessing

May the strength of God pilot us,  
and the power of God preserve us.  
May the wisdom of God instruct us  
and the hand of God protect us.  
May the way of God direct us,  
And the shield of God defend us.



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and loving our  
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2 Corinthians 5:17

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## PASTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR

Please contact Arabella at the Parish Office to make arrangements for Baptisms, Weddings and Banns of Marriage.  
Parish Office open Monday and Tuesday from 9.30am to 5pm.

**Upcoming social and fundraising events**

- 16 May **Plant sale** 11am to 1pm
- 10 Jun **Tea with tales from the Palace** 4.40pm
- 3-5 Jul **Flower Festival**
- 6 Oct **Bridge day**
- 14 Nov **Christmas Fayre**
- 12 Dec **Beer and Carols**
- 13 Dec **Christmas lunch**



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

**EASTER SERVICES**  
at St Mary's Thakeham

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
6pm **HOLY COMMUNION** and Stripping the Altar

**EASTER DAY**  
10.30am **EASTER HOLY COMMUNION**



**Thakeham Knit and Stitch Group**  
**Tuesday 21 April 2pm - 4pm**  
Thakeham Church Room  
Everyone Welcome

If you don't knit or stitch you are welcome to come along for company and join us for a cup of tea or coffee and a slice of cake  
Further information from Wynn Lednor 01903 743025




It is always such a great joy to welcome visitors to our church, whether you live in the parish or you are visiting from further afield.

It was a particular pleasure to meet so many people at our Christmas services in December. If you joined us then but haven't been back since, perhaps Easter would be a good opportunity to return! There is nothing daunting about coming to Thakeham Church; we are relaxed, informal, and welcoming, and we would truly love you to join us. You will find a thriving and friendly church community, ready to make you feel at ease, and to greet you warmly. Please do come!

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come. The old has gone, the new is here!

Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in us



# St Mary's Sullington

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## Churchwardens

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Philippa Stallard-Penoyre

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## THAKEHAM AND SULLINGTON:

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Email [stwparish@gmail.com](mailto:stwparish@gmail.com). Details of Church Services on page 18

## EASTER TRAIL AT ST MARY'S, SULLINGTON CHURCHYARD



Come and follow the Donkey Trail

– the donkey that carried Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday.

From Palm Sunday onwards, can you spot the donkey on the trail posters?

## MIDWEEK CELTIC COMMUNION SERVICE

St Mary's Church, Sullington  
**Wednesday 15, 22 and 29 April at 10.30am**

Led by Revd Joel Wilmer,  
it includes Celtic Communion Service with Bible Study  
All Welcome!

## EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE EASTER DAY – 5 APRIL

Join us for a special sunrise service with all  
our churches at St Mary's Church, Sullington.

We will gather in the new churchyard at  
6:30am, overlooking the beautiful South Downs,  
to celebrate the joy of Easter morning together.

Please dress warmly and appropriately for the  
weather.

The workshop barn café will be open for  
bacon rolls and hot cross buns.

**ALL WELCOME!**

## FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S, SULLINGTON

Would you like to know more about this lovely Church and all that  
we do?

Then join Friends to receive our newsletter and news of all our events.  
For details contact the churchwardens; see top of this page.

## EASTER SERVICES at St Mary's Sullington

### GOOD FRIDAY

**3pm HOLY COMMUNION  
and Meditations on the Cross**

### EASTER DAY

**6.30am SUNRISE HOLY COMMUNION  
10.30am EASTER HOLY COMMUNION**



## Dates for your Diary

- 29 – 6 Apr **Easter Trail** at Sullington
- 5 Apr **Easter Egg Hunt** will follow the 10:30am  
**Easter Day** service
- 9/10 May **Pop-Up Preloved clothes sale**
- 19 June **Quiz**
- 6 Aug **Hymns & Pimms** (watch this space!)
- 3/4 Oct **Pop-Up Preloved clothes sale**
- 11 Oct **Harvest Festival**
- 21 Nov **Christmas Fayre**

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



## EASTER SUNDAY EASTER EGG HUNT



St Mary's Church, Sullington  
**5 April**

after the 10.30am service  
Please join us for our annual  
Easter Egg Hunt for children  
and adults alike!



# St Mary's Storrington

For Clergy see page 3 [www.storringtonparishchurch.org.uk](http://www.storringtonparishchurch.org.uk) [office@storringtonparishchurch.org.uk](mailto:office@storringtonparishchurch.org.uk)

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## PCC Secretary

Marj Mitchell

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Revd John Peal (743083)  
Revd Jacquie Peal (743083)

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Michael Taylor (742218)

## Sacristy Team

John Taylor (745477)  
Lueen Francis

## Captain of Bell-Ringers

John Taylor (745477)

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## Director of Music

Stephen Bloxham

## Assistant Organist

Ian Miles

## Sidesmen

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## Church Flowers

Wendy Cliffe (744467)

The Rectory Office is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am – 1pm.

## REGULAR ACTIVITIES

**Church Services** see page 18.

### Holy Communion and Café in the Church:

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

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

**Altar Servers:** Michael Taylor (742218)

**Bellringers:** Fridays, 7.45pm – 9.30pm.

**Church & Churchyard Maintenance:** John Butler (745091)

**Mothers' Union:** Jeannie Bell (07875 220426)

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

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

## STORRINGTON REGISTERS

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

1 March Morwenna Hephzibah Bewick Verrall  
(daughter of Myfanwy and Jonathan)

## VESTRY MEETING AND APCM – 26 April

The **Vestry Meeting** for the election of Churchwardens and **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** will take place in the Old School after the Parish Communion Service at **11.45am on Sunday 26 April**.

At this meeting we shall be electing members of the Parochial Church Council. We are looking for new members of the PCC. To join the PCC you must be over 16 and on the Church Electoral Roll. If you are interested, please talk to our Churchwardens, Christine Tuson or Michael Taylor.

## ROGATION SUNDAY – Sunday, 10 May

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

## ASCENSION DAY – Thursday, 14 May

Ascension Day celebrates the completion of Christ's earthly ministry. There will be an **Ascension Day Morning Service (7am – 7.30am)** outside St Mary's, Storrington, followed by coffee and croissants at the Rectory.

## Lilies for Easter at St Marys, Storrington

**Would you like to make a donation towards the lilies used in the flower arrangements at St Mary's, Storrington, this Easter?**



Donations towards these flowers will be gratefully accepted from 1 March (suggested donation £5). Donations should be placed in a small envelope labelled "Easter Lilies" and put in the "Donations" box at the back of Church.

Should you wish to remember a special person on our display board at Easter please add the name to the list at the back of Church. The list will be removed from Church at the end of Palm Sunday (29 March) so that the display board can be prepared for Easter Sunday.

St Mary's Church, Storrington

**Café in the Church**  
2nd, 4th & 5th Wednesdays this month

Wednesday 8 April

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

Wednesday 22 April

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

Wednesday 29 April

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



All welcome to either or both.  
Come and join us for a friendly cuppa and good company.

**EVENSONG** is usually held at St Mary's, Storrington, on the first and second Sundays of the month, **6pm April to October**.

## PARISH VISITING TEAM...

The St Mary's Parish Visiting Team contact is Stuart Lee. Please contact Stuart on 412031 if you would like to arrange for someone on the team to either speak to you or visit you.

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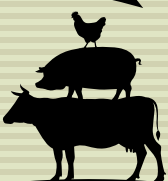
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# HOLY WEEK & EASTER AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, STORRINGTON

**PALM SUNDAY, 29 March** (with distribution of Palm Crosses)  
**8am** Holy Communion (BCP)  
**10am** Palm Sunday Parish Communion

**WEDNESDAY, 1 April**  
**7.00pm** Stations of the Cross

**MAUNDY THURSDAY, 2 April**  
**7pm** Maundy Thursday Eucharist with washing of feet  
 and vigil until 9pm

**GOOD FRIDAY, 3 April**  
**9.30 am Good Friday Procession** (inter-Church), starting  
 at Our Lady of England RC Church, Monastery Lane  
**12 noon- 1.45pm Good Friday Meditations**  
 Reflections through word, music, art and silence  
**2pm Liturgy of the Cross**  
 A service at which we are invited to "survey the wondrous cross"

**HOLY SATURDAY, 4 April**  
**Easter Vigil**  
 Chichester Cathedral invites all parishes to join together  
 in their Mother Church to celebrate the risen light of Christ.

**EASTER DAY, 5 April Alleluia! Christ is Risen**  
**8am** Holy Communion (BCP)  
**10am Easter All-age Communion**

## CHRISTIANS IN STORRINGTON

would like to invite all Christians in  
 Storrington to participate in the annual

### Good Friday Procession of Witness

**3 April**  
 starting at 9.30am



It starts from Our Lady of England Roman Catholic Church in  
 Monastery Lane and follows the cross around the village, pausing  
 for worship at various points before finishing at Trinity Methodist  
 Church on Thakeham Road.

The whole event lasts about one hour and is an excellent start to the  
 Easter weekend. Transport along the route is provided for anyone  
 who is unable to walk the distance. You can join and leave the  
 procession at any point along the route.

## Christians in Storrington Monthly Inter-Church Prayer Meetings

*Everyone welcome*

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

**Tuesday 7 April** – Chemin Neuf Community will lead  
**Tuesday 5 May** – Life Community Church Storrington will lead  
*One in faith and love and praise*



## LENT LUNCH CURRY HITS A WARM SPOT WITH DINERS

A warm welcome awaited those who attended  
 the Lent Lunch Curry for Family Support Work at  
 St Mary's, Storrington, on Saturday 7 March.  
 It may have been a murky March outside, but  
 the wonderful rich aromas of vegetable curries  
 welcomed the diners. Over £100 was raised  
 for Family Support Work. Many thanks to those  
 who lovingly prepared the vegetable  
 curry and rice dishes.



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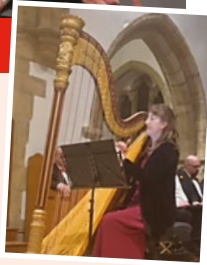
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## ST DAVID'S DAY CONCERT

The St David's Day concert in St Mary's, Storrington has become a regular fixture for Brighton Welsh Male Voice Choir, and they say they enjoy it as much as we do. And we enjoyed it very much.

The familiar Welsh songs like Myfanwy and Hiraeth were mixed with other more modern songs. It's a tribute to their Music Director, Iris Warren, that the choir can switch from a rousing Men of Harlech to the tenderness of The Rose (the favourite of their longest serving member) and the deep faith expressed in Mor Fawr Wyt Ti, which we know as How Great Thou Art. I particularly enjoyed the two spirituals, Steal Away and My Lord What a Morning.



In between the singing, we had two lovely harp solos from talented young harpist Heather Wrighton. In her second set, as well as playing her harp, she explained the mechanics of the harp. If I understood it right, a harp has seven pedals with three positions each; as Heather said – like a swan, above all serene, below pedalling as fast as possible.

Traditionally the concert ends with the Welsh National Anthem. It's clear many of our regular audience have Welsh connections because many knew the words and sang along. We look forward to next year.



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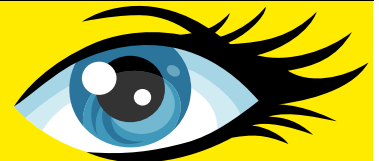
We meet at Trinity Methodist Church, Thakeham Road, Storrington, RH20 3NG.

Anyone interested can contact Robert Gamble at [robertgamblerc@gmail.com](mailto:robertgamblerc@gmail.com) or 07958 232874.

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## Seeds and sustainable flowers

I am not a courageous person – in fact the word “wimp” could have been coined just for me! However, I am about to take my life in my hands, and possibly incur the permanent wrath of our Rector, by talking about the controversial subject of sustainable flowers. (Perhaps he’ll sack me as Church Warden!)

Just so you follow my line of thinking, I was looking at the resolutions I set out in January’s 3 *Heralds* and noted that for April I suggested growing your own flowers and veg. As I mulled over what I would write, an old headline from last month caught my eye about General Synod voting to back a motion to encourage a more sustainable approach to flower arrangements in churches and cathedrals. Contrary to the reporting in some newspapers (who don’t check their facts) no rules have been imposed, only a plea, guidance and information resources. You can read the official Church of England report here

<https://www.churchofengland.org/media/news-and-press-releases/general-synod-backs-sustainable-church-flowers-motion>

I did a bit of research and the numbers make my eyes water. The UK cut flower market is estimated to be worth about £2.2 billion – yes, billion! And that’s down from a peak in 2023 of £3.8 billion. In 2025, for Valentine’s Day alone we spent about £100 million. Mother’s Day is another time when we spend big.

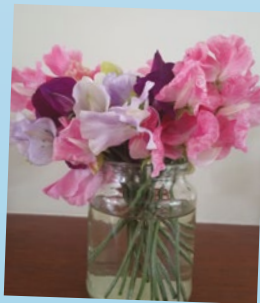
Sadly, only somewhere between 10% and 14% of the flowers we buy are grown in the UK, although Cornwall is still a major supplier of daffodils. According to the Environment Agency, Cornwall produces about 900 million cut blooms which is about 80% global production. Incidentally, there’s a delightful series of books by Derek Tangye who left London with his wife in the 1960’s to set up a daffodil farm. The mega big producers of cut flowers are Holland (not surprising), Colombia and Kenya. That’s an awful lot of airmiles and a high carbon footprint for our chrysanthemums and roses.

Those supermarkets know how to tempt us; they put the cut flowers beside the entrance to trigger those impulse buys. About 50% of cut flowers sold in the UK come from the supermarkets. There’s no legal requirement for them to display the country of origin, but some supermarkets label cut flowers “Grown in the UK” or with a Union Flag.

Now for the really dangerous part of this column; oasis foam! I’m sorry, but it really is pernicious. There is now an “eco-friendly” alternative called Oasis Bio which is made from plant derivatives instead of being an oil-based plastic. The old stuff crumbles and sheds microplastics into our water, and there’s evidence that invertebrates eat it and it can get into the food chain. I’m not sure who is a flower arranger’s hero; I only remember Geoffrey Smith who used to write for the RHS and Constance Spry, who did the flowers for the late Queen’s coronation in 1953. She never used oasis. She used scrunched up chicken wire and other techniques to produce stunning arrangements.

### At last – the seeds!

I love sowing seeds; I can spend many, many happy hours at my potting bench with my seed packets and pots, with either the radio or BBC Sounds playing a drama or music and, if I’m lucky, a cup of tea by my elbow. I save seeds each year from my favourite plants – antirrhinums, marigolds and Californian poppies. I always have two pyramids of sweet peas for cutting and almost always cornflowers. And I always sow far too many seeds, but have the joy of giving away plants to friends and family. My picture shows our two youngest twin granddaughters “helping” me years ago (they’re 21 now). Our grandchildren and my nieces have always loved helping me in the spring. Large seeds like beans, sunflowers and sweet peas work best for very small but enthusiastic hands that tend to push them too far into the pot! As they grew older, they became more adept with tomatoes and peppers and seeds like cornflowers.



Buying seeds can be expensive, but if you come to the community market, the plant stall often has packets of seeds for free, and there are “seed swaps” locally. Or you can agree with a friend to share packets of seeds.

If you go onto the Royal Horticultural Society website and type in growing cut flowers from seed, there are lots of suggestions. <https://www.rhs.org.uk/>



Twins sewing seeds  
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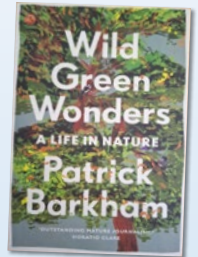
## A book of delights

I have been reading “**Wild Green Wonders**” by Patrick Barkham. If you read *The Guardian*, you may already be familiar with his writing. This is a collection of his columns over twenty years and it is a gem of a book. Each of its six parts has a theme; “Wild Places,” “Wild People” and “The Future of Nature” are examples. In each short essay, Barkham weaves a story around an issue, like badger culling, and introduces us to a special place and some extraordinary people. While some of his subject matter is very controversial, he is balanced and includes different perspectives.

As you can guess – I recommend this book

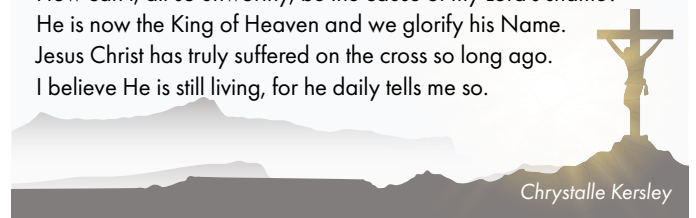
If you have ideas that you think are relevant to eco church, or are interested to get involved please get in touch with me: [ctuson@lineone.net](mailto:ctuson@lineone.net).

Christine Tuson



## PASSION

Jesus, filled with apprehension, kneeling in Gethsemane  
Pleaded for determination to fulfil his destiny.  
Praying, asked for confirmation, sweated drops of blood like rain  
In his humble resignation knew his future life of pain.  
Then came Judas, the betrayer, with officials, to the site,  
Many soldiers, bearing weapons, torches, lanterns giving light  
'Who is it you want? the question, 'Jesus, him of Nazareth'  
'I am he' said Jesus gently, went off humbly towards death.  
Jesus, tried by many people: Annas, Caiaphas, (high priest.)  
Pontius Pilate, even Herod, accusations never ceased.  
He was mocked, stripped, even beaten, crowned with thorns upon his head,  
Innocent, yet found as guilty, all accusers want him dead.  
Jesus stumbled often on the Via Dolorosa road,  
Simon of Cyrene helped him and relieved him of his load.  
On the hill of crucifixion, as the nails were hammered through  
Jesus prayed, 'forgive them Father, for they know not what they do'.  
Still he thought and prayed for others, robber, hanging by him there,  
And to John, faithful apostle, Jesus left his mother's care.  
Six whole hours humiliation, blood, sweat, tears and agony,  
Jesus spent his last day dying, yet he did it all for me.  
How can I, all so unworthy, be the cause of my Lord's shame?  
He is now the King of Heaven and we glorify his Name.  
Jesus Christ has truly suffered on the cross so long ago.  
I believe He is still living, for he daily tells me so.



Chrystalle Kersley



## SULLINGTON 160 YEARS AGO

### SUMMARY OF THE DIARY OF CANON PALMER – APRIL 1866

**Sun 1:** Easter Sunday. Fine but treacherous, some showers. Had two fair attendances and some new faces at the Holy communion. Preached at old Huntingdon ceremony on the Preparation of Body and Soul for the Resurrection.

**Mon 2:** The morning dull and raw, some showers. Drove into Brighton with Emmy and Freddy and enjoyed the Volunteer Reserve once again. The Prince with Princess Mary of Cambridge were there and made a pretty show, but the weather proved decidedly bad towards the close of the day. General Garrett commanded.

**Tue 3:** Dull and cold. The Spring loiters, though things are greening. All morning over my tithed bills. Bad day. Then I walked to the Wantleys. Emmy and George are done out of a dinner at Whiting's by a non-arrival of the fly – it was the play afterwards. Lord Leconfield's hounds finished the season at Muntham Firs. George's Lottery goes in tomorrow for a steeple chase at Ringmer.

**Wed 4 - Sat 7:** At Marlborough. Staying with Thomas. I enjoyed my little visit much and met amongst all acquaintances E.A. Scutt. On my way there went all over the biscuit factory of the famous Huntley & Palmer.

**Sun 8:** First after Easter. Foggy morning, hot day, thunderstorms. Washington church being in the hands of destroyers. Knight came over with some of his congregation and preached for me. My mother and Emmy being laid up with colds, so no music. Mrs Charman complains of her husband.

**Mon 9:** Dull morning which turned into cold rain. Hammond is painting outside and is hindered by this extremely unpleasant day. I do as much gardening as weather permits, putting in various plants and making John brush up a little in the matter of the walks. Dine with Emmy who is alone till Thursday, George having gone to Crewkerne, and after cataloguing half the bookcase visit Mrs Charman who is very ill and Mrs Woods. Gladstone has been making very thin speeches at Liverpool on the Reform Bill.

**Tue 10:** Fine and warm. Emmy has such a bad cold, that I visit her daily. Rode "Comet" to Mrs Whittington but she has been too Jandicity to undertake the work. Read a "Penny" at Storrington. Gilmore's account of the Night with the Ramsgate lifeboat – Mr Pritchett gave a lecture on "Petticoats, Britches and Boots" with blackboard illustrations.

**Wed 11:** Dull morning to wet afternoon, heavy from SE. Another disappointing day. Mrs Charman very ill and in much pain, while I was with her, she shrieked sharply, and the pallor was "something white", not pain as I have thought – the imagination was very vivid on the subject all the time I was there. Another afternoon at Sandgate. Emmy in bed but got up for the afternoon, when I catalogued, she played to me.

**Thu 12:** Fine morning which turned to rain. A hard day's gardening; rolling and mowing lawns for the first time. The machine clogged a good deal, as the grass was tough and limp. John did not make a bad leader. Lunch with Emmy, after which rode frantically to Cobden in search of a Cook, a niece of Mrs Anscombe who appears too terrified to suit. Having no resident groom, I went on foot to Highden over the Alps without rain, but very moist: a swell gathering, John Goring, Gaisfords, Ballards and Arbuthnots. Slept there.

**Fri 13:** Heavy showers throughout the day. We are having a dreary wet season and can do nothing on our cold soil. Lady Goring who will play for me on Sunday next, drove me home and took back the tunes. Dalton writes word that he goes out to Australia next month! So, Cirencester is giving up. The Reform Bill was discussed last night, but I have not seen the paper today. Mrs Charman died this morning after a long and painful illness.

**Sat 14:** Fine but tidal from south. The debate on the Bill is adjourned; Gladstone led off and was hot, Lord Stanley who seconded Lord Robert Grosvenor's amendment was calm and logical. I have received a letter from the Rector of S. Lakes Southampton proposing an exchange of livings;

Master is the Mediator. Emmy in much trouble about her servants who are characterised by the new cook as a low lot and she is about right.

**Sun 15:** Second after Easter. Fine, but unsettled. Lady Goring played for us this morning and a whole carriage load coming over from Highden. She was gusty and slow, but a "gift horse". My mother though suffering much from neuralgia and diverse other maladies played in the afternoon. We read of the death of George Chester, by an accident when in performance of his duty on board the "Sussex" at Melbourne! Emmy very poorly and is seen by the great Mudd! Preached from Balaam's blindness; and an old sermon from Revelations on Public Worship.

**Mon 16:** Fine in the morning but rain in afternoon. Gardening in the morning and then to Mrs Charman's funeral in the afternoon.

**Tue 17:** Fine and fresh and drying with a smart westerly wind. Gardening in the morning putting in Candytuft and Chrysanthemums etc. To Storrington about bills and to the Major about the death of George Chester, who died from lockjaw after an accident onboard the "Sussex" at Melbourne, on to Washington Church which is now entirely put down with the exception of the tower and north aisle wall which are to remain. Cooks begin to "occur"!

**Wed 18:** Very beautiful and warm. Rode with G.C.G to Pickhurst 18 miles, a very beautiful ride all the way with occasional fine bits down the Weald as far as Reigate towards Hascombe Hill on one side and Black Down on the other and were very conspicuous flanking positions. Pickhurst desolately pretty but forfend a wet day there! Garfit returns.

**Sun 22:** Third after Easter. Very fine, cold north-east wind. Had a very full congregation in the morning and Knight read the prayers. I preached from the last verse of my favourite Psalm CVII on the subject of "Thought". In afternoon an old sermon on Peter's question about John "What shall this man do?". Cuckoo and Nightingales about today. Annie writes from Stevenage, where she spends a brief visit at the Deaches.

**Mon 23:** Bright but very keen strong east wind. A very treacherous day. George Cartwright came over the downs and brought us news of his intended proposal to Mrs Beverhault, sister of his deceased brother's wife, he talks of the business in a very sedate, unimpassioned, fiftyfiveish sort of way and evidently intends to be comfortable.

**Tue 24:** As yesterday. I am meeting with Terry about the school; with the eldest of the Pic Nic games about fixtures for the summer. We oscillate between Sandgate and Wiston 6 times beginning here on the 24<sup>th</sup> of May. Dined with Whitings, met the Denmans and had a pleasant walk home to the song of the Nightingales.

**Wed 25:** A very bright almost hot day, wind moderate easterly. Took a usual dividend journey to London and were marvellously lucky in our business. Ecuador produced twice what was expected. Even Brazil gave a trifle and some back dividends were obtained. Got a set of croquet, and a parcel of books. Ecce Homo and Hessey's Sunday.

**Thu 26:** As yesterday though warmer. We are plunged in the middle of July. Mow the lawn against a thought of croquet! Mr Russel writes word that Whinton won't hear of his exchanging without making him his donor. He does not seem to care for putting the presentation into other hands. I think he is right, though it is hard for a man to submit his name to the bishop for his approval in such a case. Rode to Cobden, the downs perfection for view though hard for riding. Sent an application for a Smyrna Railway debenture and do not know anything about it!

**Fri 27:** Extremely hot. A July day; thundery symptoms towards evening. George rode over again from Sandgate. Our school begun! Took the Union meeting for Blakiston, much impressed with the dreariness of the ceremony. Preached to them on the text "After that who is evil" etc.

**Sat 28:** Muggy and dull, some rain in the evening. Worked hard at lawn which finished. Interrupted by a visit from Mrs Syms who drove over here from Horsham in a high dogcart, charioteered by Mrs Hooper.

**Sun 29:** Fourth after Easter. Raw, cold, and dripping rain from the north. Have preached 3 sermons and taken 2 full services. Knight came to me and I went to Storrington to help Whiting, who has rheumatism badly. Beck and I divided our evening service there between us. In the afternoon here I preached from Psalm 142 "The Prison of the Soul". In the morning an old one on "Salt of Christian Influence".

**Mon 30:** Bitterly cold from NE. I have a slight hoarseness today in consequence of my exertion yesterday. Had a meeting with George and Terry about what we now term the school and decided main points in the alteration and adaption. The Reform Bill carried by 5 in a House of 633 members – 315 – 318! But this is no victory for the government.

Ann Salinger

Monthly  
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Steve started as an Army Officer, worked in Industrial Relations with Ford throughout the 70's and 80's. Afterwards, he worked for a number of companies including Glaxo, NatWest and Trinity Mirror, ending his career with Maersk, based in The Hague. He was responsible for HR in 60 Ports around the world. Today, Steve pursues his first love, which is the research and study of military history.

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for our projects and joining with others in fellowship to create events. Our efforts are concentrated on supporting AFIA: "Away From It All Holidays" funded by Mothers Union for families going through difficult times and allowing them quality time and space with their family members. We support families through the provision of holidays at our two caravans which are part of a much larger caravan park, so everyone



Karen & Jeanie

has the opportunity to make memories through the wealth of different activities. As a diocese we need to raise £18,000 per year to cover the costs: from paying for the pitch to replacing things if they get broken. Karen spoke about a single parent who had never had a holiday in her life. She was so excited to be going to the Mothers Union caravan at Selsey with her child, thanks to AFIA. I, myself, also have arranged for families to have a holiday and loved hearing what a great time they had.

MU members looking out over the sea at Selsey

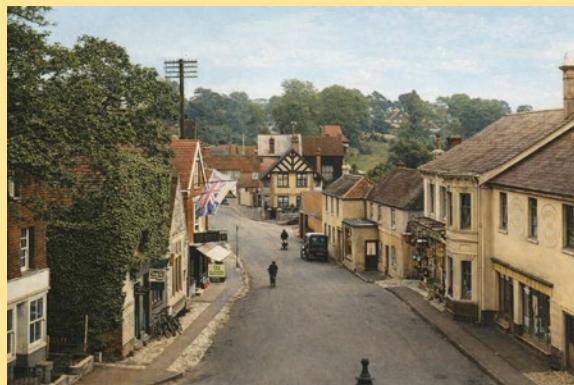


### Dates for your diary:

- Thursday 2 April:** Paper flower craft by Sonia Fox
- Thursday 7 May:** Ripple in Lake Galilee by Vikki Cook
- Thursday 4 June:** Summer Outing (to be confirmed)
- Wednesday 10 June at 5pm:** 150th Celebratory Service: St Paul's Cathedral, London
- Thursday 11 June, 10:30am - 4:30pm:** Annual Gathering  
The Emmanuel Centre (next to Mary Sumner House)

Sonia Fox

## Storrington and District Museum Walk



A walk through Storrington's history

The walk through Storrington (approx. 1.5 hours)

Sunday 12th April at 1.30pm  
Meet at the library car park—£5 pp



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Email: [Ashington.wardens@horsham.gov.uk](mailto:Ashington.wardens@horsham.gov.uk)



**Tuesday 7 April**

Talk by Ian Swankie

**Battersea Power Station – Four Iconic Chimneys**

This is a talk about just one building. It has 60 million bricks, four chimneys and an amazing story to tell. Planned in the 1920s, the massive power station operated for fifty years but was then abandoned for the next forty years while dozens of ideas were proposed for its use. It is now a Grade 2\* listed building and has been brilliantly converted into a landmark development including residential, retail, offices and leisure which all still reflect its industrial heritage. In this sumptuously illustrated talk, Ian will take us on an armchair tour of this famous site.

**Tuesday 5 May**

Talk by Annalie Talent

**Girls Behaving Badly: Jane Austen's Wicked Women**

Lydia was Lydia still; untamed, unabashed, wild, noisy and fearless. Jane Austen's novels depict a genteel world of country houses in which everyone is expected to be on their best behaviour. But what happens when this world of manners and morals breaks down? During Jane Austen's lifetime, women – and their fictional counterparts – were expected to be virtuous and biddable; what happens when, like Lydia Bennet, they are not? This talk explores how far Austen subverted her readers' expectations and rebelled against what was expected of women in her day. From the riotous and rebellious girls that populate her teenage writings to the more famous heroines of her mature works, this is an enlightening and surprising look at the life and work of a woman who once declared 'If I am a wild beast, I cannot help it.'



Talks held at 2pm in Fittleworth Village Hall, RH20 1JB  
Doors open 1.15pm. Coffee & tea afterwards  
Visitors most welcome - £10

For further details contact Gilly Myers on 07805731663 or email [westsussex@theartsociety.org](mailto:westsussex@theartsociety.org) or [www.theartsocietywestsussex.org](http://www.theartsocietywestsussex.org)

**NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDEN UPDATE**

Happy Easter from us both. We're delighted to share details of several events taking place this April, including activities over the Easter period. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Dog Behaviour & Training Support Session**

**Tuesday 21 April**

9:30am – 11:30am at the grass area on Sullington Warren

We have recently been contacted by residents regarding dogs being out of control in some local walking areas. In response, we've partnered with the National Trust and Bone Canis to offer a supportive and informative session for dog owners. A professional behaviourist from Bone Canis will be available to provide guidance on keeping dogs under control, both on and off the lead, with practical training advice and tips. This is a great opportunity to ask questions and gain helpful advice in a relaxed outdoor setting.

**Easter SEND Event**

**Friday 10 April**

**Sessions: 10:00am – 11:30am & 1:00pm – 2:30pm**

We are pleased to be working with West Sussex Family Support to host a special Easter SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) event during the school holidays. This will be a two-session event held at Chanctonbury Leisure Centre. Young people will be able to enjoy lots of activities including a sensory dome, toys, games, a bouncy castle, table tennis, soft play and a quiet area. **These sessions must be booked in advance.** To reserve your place, please call 01403 213590.

**Other dates for your diary**

**Monday 13 April**

Community Café at Storrington Library, 11:00am – 12:30pm

**Tuesday 14 April**

Bingo at Hanover Community Hall, 2:00pm – 3:00pm

**Thursday 16 April**

Cuppa and a Chat at Chanctonbury Leisure Centre, 10:30am – 12:30pm

We hope you enjoy a wonderful Easter and look forward to welcoming you at our events throughout April.

Chris Poore: 07795 046743

Dave Bone: 07789 943201

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We are a friendly Bridge club with weekly sessions  
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New members welcome.

Please ring Harold Linfield 01798 812276  
or Christine Wright 07840 777410. Email [caw2023@gmail.com](mailto:caw2023@gmail.com)

**JUNKTIQUE COLLECTABLES & CLUTTER SALE**

West Chiltington Village Hall (Mill Road, RH20 2PZ)

**Saturday 18 April**  
10.15am to 12.30pm  
(No Public Entry BEFORE 10.15am)

Cakes/Produce/Plant Stall  
(Refreshments Available)

SELLERS 9.15am  
TABLES £12.00




Must book in advance  
before 16 April

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12 FREE

# CHURCH SERVICES AT A GLANCE

DATE	FESTIVAL OR SUNDAY	STORRINGTON St Mary's 	THAKEHAM St Mary's 	SULLINGTON St Mary's 
5 April	EASTER DAY	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am <b>Easter All-age Celebration</b>	10.30am <b>Easter Day Holy Communion</b>	6.30am Sunrise Holy Communion 10.30am <b>Easter Day Holy Communion</b>
12 April	2nd of Easter	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion 6pm Evensong	10.30am Holy Communion	10.30am Holy Communion/ Morning Prayer
19 April	3rd of Easter	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion	8.30am Celtic Holy Communion	10.30am Benefice Holy Communion
26 April	4th of Easter	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion	10.30am Holy Communion	10.30am Holy Communion
3 May	5th of Easter	8am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Messy Church in Old School (ends 11am) 6pm Evensong	10.30am Benefice Church for All Service	8.30am BCP Communion 6pm Evensong

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

Midweek Holy Communion Service at St Mary's Church, Storrington, on 2nd Wednesday at 10am followed by Café in the Church. Also on 4th Wednesday and when there is a 5th Wednesday in the month Holy Communion is at 2pm followed by Cafe in the Church.

## OTHER CHURCH DETAILS

### ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Our Lady of England, Monastery Lane*

Sunday Mass: 9am Weekday Masses: Tuesday at 10am  
Thursday at 10am followed by confessions and Adoration to 11.30am  
There may be weekly variations, do check the newsletter on our website:  
[www.ourladyofengland.parishportal.net](http://www.ourladyofengland.parishportal.net)  
Parish Priest: Fr Stephen Dingley Email: [storrington@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:storrington@abdiocese.org.uk)  
Office contact number: 882297

### STORRINGTON CHAPEL EVANGELICAL CHURCH

*North Street, RH20 4DH*

Sunday Services at 10.30am, with Communion on third Sunday  
Prayer Meeting at 7.30pm every Tuesday  
Email: [contacts@storringtonchapel.org.uk](mailto:contacts@storringtonchapel.org.uk)  
[www.storringtonchapel.org.uk](http://www.storringtonchapel.org.uk)

### LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH, STORRINGTON

*Chanctonbury Leisure Centre, Spierbridge Road*

Family Worship – Sundays 10am  
Enquiries to Katherine Edwards  
Life Community Church Office, 7 The Square, Storrington  
Office open: Monday – Wednesday.  
Out of hours contact: Nathanael on [nat@lccstor.org](mailto:nat@lccstor.org)  
Tel: 07450 176315 Email: [admin@lccstor.org](mailto:admin@lccstor.org) [www.lccstor.org](http://www.lccstor.org)

### TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH

*Thakeham Road*

Sunday Service 10.30am  
Minister: Revd Steven Donnison Tel: 245799  
Email: [trinitychurchstorrington@outlook.com](mailto:trinitychurchstorrington@outlook.com)  
[www.facebook.com/TrinityStorrington](http://www.facebook.com/TrinityStorrington)  
Our building is now registered for same-sex marriage

## WEEKLY EVENTS

**Wed** 9.30am Registrar of Births and Deaths – Storrington Library – pre-booking only – 01243 642122  
**Fri** 9.30am Storrington Community Market – Village Hall

## STORRINGTON LIBRARY – Tel. 839050 Opening Hours

Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm, Saturday 10am – 4pm

**Knit and natter** Adults Wednesdays 2pm-3pm  
**Toddler time** Under 5s Thursdays 10am-10.30am  
**Rhyme time** Under 5s Tuesdays 10.45am-11.15am

## STORRINGTON POP-IN LUNCH CLUB

Storrington Village Hall  
11.30am until 2pm on the first Thursday of each month except January and August  
Enjoy a nourishing meal with dessert  
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**12 April at 1pm**  
at the Old School, School Lane, Storrington  
**Tickets £5.00 are available from**  
Louisa Austin, Church Street, Storrington



# WHAT'S ON

APRIL	
<b>Wed 1</b>	
9.50am	The Arts Society South Downs – Talk – p24
<b>Thu 2 Maundy Thursday</b>	
12 noon	MU – Meeting – p16
11.30am	Pop-In Lunch Club – Storrington Village Hall – p18
6pm	Holy Communion and Stripping the Altar at St Mary's, Thakeham – p4
7pm	Eucharist with Washing of Feet and Vigil until 9pm – St Mary's, Storrington – p9
<b>Fri 3 Good Friday</b>	
9.30am	Procession of Witness (inter-church) – p9
12 noon	Good Friday Meditations at St Mary's, Storrington – p9
2pm	Liturgy of the Cross at St Mary's, Storrington – p9
2.30pm	Storrington Museum – Talk – p26
3pm	Holy Communion and Meditations on the Cross at St Mary's, Sullington – p5
<b>Sat 4</b>	
10am	Storrington Conservation Society – Working Party – p25
<b>Sun 5 EASTER DAY Alleluia! Christ is risen</b>	
6.60am	Easter Sunrise Service at St Mary's Church, Sullington – p5
8am	Holy Communion (said) Storrington – p9
10am	Easter All-age Celebration, Storrington – p9
10.30am	Easter Day Communion – Sullington & Thakeham – p4&5 Easter Egg Hunt follows the 10.30am service – p5
<b>Mon 6 Easter Monday (Bank Holiday)</b>	
9am	Rotary Club's Car Boot Sale in Storrington Library Car Park – p30
2.30pm	Reading Friends – Storrington Library – p26
<b>Tue 7</b>	
9.15am	Inter-Church Prayers – Storrington Priory Library – p9
10am	Baby Rhyme Time – Storrington Library – p24
1.15pm	The Arts Society of West Sussex – Talk – p17
2pm	SPACE – Art & Craft Club – p9
7.30pm	Storrington Museum talk – p 15
<b>Wed 8</b>	
10am	Holy Communion followed by Café in the Church – p6
4pm	Stay and Play, Chanctonbury Leisure Centre – p16
7.30pm	Rotary Film Night – p21
<b>Sun 12 Second of Easter</b>	
1pm	Sunday Lunch Club – Old School, Storrington – p18
1.30pm	Storrington Museum walk – p16
<b>Mon 13</b>	
7pm	Storrington Slimmers – p26
7.30pm	Thakeham Gardener's Club – p29
<b>Wed 15</b>	
4pm	Stay and Play, Chanctonbury Leisure Centre – p16
<b>Thu 16</b>	
10.30am	Cuppa and a Chat at Chanctonbury Leisure Centre – p34
<b>Fri 17</b>	
7.30pm	Storrington Horticultural Society – Meeting – p25
<b>Sat 18</b>	
10.15am	Junktique Collectables & Clutter Sale – p17
<b>Sun 19 Third of Easter</b>	

<b>Mon 20</b>	
7pm	Storrington Slimmers – p26
<b>Tue 21</b>	
2pm	SPACE – Art & Craft Club – p9
2pm	Knit and Stitch – p4
7pm	West Chilington Floral Club – Meeting – p29
<b>Wed 22</b>	
2pm	Holy Communion followed by Café in the Church – p6
4pm	Stay and Play, Chanctonbury Leisure Centre – p16
<b>Sat 25</b>	
10am	Storrington Deanery Study Day, St Mary's, West Chilington – p15
<b>Sun 26 Fourth of Easter</b>	
<b>Mon 27</b>	
7pm	Storrington Slimmers – p26
<b>Tue 28</b>	
1.30pm	Macular Support Group – p10
<b>Wed 29</b>	
10.30am	Trinity Sunshine Choir – p10
2pm	Holy Communion followed by Café in the Church – p6

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

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL DAYS

APRIL	
<b>1</b>	<b>Frederick Denison Maurice, 1872</b> – an English theologian, religious author, and prominent Christian Socialist
<b>9</b>	<b>Dietrich Bonhoeffer, 1945</b> – a German Lutheran pastor, theologian, anti-Nazi dissident
<b>10</b>	<b>William Law, 1761</b> – a Church of England priest and his writing greatly influenced the evangelical movement of his day <i>William of Ockham, 1347</i> – an English Franciscan friar, produced significant works on logic, physics, and theology.
<b>11</b>	<b>George Augustus Selwyn, 1878</b> – first Anglican Bishop of New Zealand
<b>16</b>	<b>Isabella Gilmore, 1923</b> – oversaw the revival of the Deaconess Order in the Anglican Communion.
<b>19</b>	<b>Alphege, 1012</b> – Archbishop of Canterbury
<b>21</b>	<b>Anselm, 1109</b> – a Benedictine monk, abbot, philosopher and theologian of the Catholic Church, who held the office of Archbishop of Canterbury
<b>23</b>	<b>George, Patron of England, c.304</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>Mellitus, 624</b> – first Bishop of London in the Saxon period <i>The Seven Martyrs of the Melanesian Brotherhood, 2003</i>
<b>25</b>	<b>MARK, EVANGELIST</b> – author of gospel and disciple of Jesus
<b>27</b>	<b>Christina Rossetti, 1894</b> – English poet, wrote the words of <i>In the Bleak Midwinter</i>
<b>28</b>	<b>Peter Chanel, 1841</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>Catherine of Siena, 1380</b> – one of the two patron saints of Italy, proclaimed a Doctor of the Church by Pope Paul VI and Pope John Paul II named her as one of the six patron saints of Europe
<b>30</b>	<b>Pandita Mary Romabai, 1922</b> – Indian social reformer, recognised for her contribution to the advancement of Indian women

## STORRINGTON & SULLINGTON - REFLECTIONS OF THE PAST

### REVD HENRY PALMER AT SULLINGTON – PART 46

Easter Sunday dawned with fine weather, which encouraged a fair congregation and new faces at the Holy Communion, after which the Rector dined at Sandgate. He had a pleasant outing the next day, driving with Emmie and Freddie to Brighton to enjoy the Volunteer Review commanded by General Garrett. Notable visitors there were the Prince and Princess and Princess Mary of Cambridge, after which happy day it was back to business for Mr Palmer, a whole morning spent over his tithe bills, relieved in the afternoon by a walk to the Wantleys. He was then ready to pack for his short visit to Marlborough, staying with Thomas who had invited him. On the way, he had the opportunity of going over the Huntley and Palmer's biscuit factory. (He does not mention if he came away with free samples!) During his four-day visit he was able to meet old friends and acquaintances.

On his return, the first Sunday after Easter coincided with Washington Church "being in the hands of the destroyers" so the new Vicar, the Rev. John Walker Knight, came over to Sullington Church with some of his displaced congregation and preached a sermon for Mr Palmer. The Rev. Thomas Nixson Blagden, who had served Washington parish as Vicar, had died after 37 years' incumbency at the age of 81, just as his church was undergoing extensive restoration and additions and would be closed for the following year. There was no music at Sullington as both the Rector's mother and Emmie were laid up with colds. The weather, changeable and unpleasant, interfered with Hammond's outside painting at the rectory and the Rector's spring gardening. As Emmie was on her own nursing her bad cold at Sandgate, her husband being away, Mr Palmer visited daily and worked at cataloguing G.C.G.'s bookcase and keeping her company at dinner. He had other sick patients to see, Mrs Charman, still very ill and complaining of her husband, and Mrs Woods.

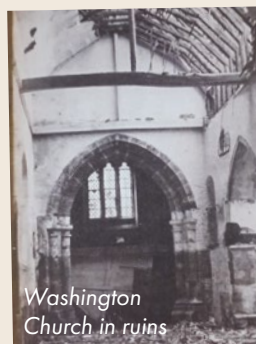
There was another Penny Reading, a popular winter entertainment, at which Mr Pritchett "gave a little lecture on Petticoats, Breeches and Boots with blackboard illustrations". Poor Mrs Charman was now in great pain and apparently delirious, as during the Rector's visit the next day she shrieked about "something white" which was very vivid to her all the time, described by him as her imagination. He was finally able to put in "a hard day's gardening including the lawn, mowing and rolling", lunching with Emmie and afterwards riding to Cobden in search of a cook among the families of his parishioners. He thought Mrs Anscombe's niece "appeared too townified to suit": experience had shown him that a remote rectory needed a different kind of personality. He also had no resident groom and "walked over the Alps" to Highden in the rain where there was "a swell gathering for dinner, including the John Gorings, Gaisford, Ballards and Arbutnots. He slept there, saving a wet walk back home. There seemed no end to the spell of dreary wet weather, so Lady Goring drove him home the following day and kindly agreed to play for the next Sunday's services, collecting the music as she left him at the Rectory.

He was not the only one with servant problems, Emmie was having trouble with hers, the new cook thought them "a low lot", the Rector commenting, "she is about right". She was ill, and seen "rather fiercely by Mudd", the local doctor. Mrs Charman died after her long and painful illness and was buried three days later. There was a letter from Dalton, Mr Palmer's ex problem pupil who said that he was going out to Australia the next month, having rejected his father's proposed Cirencester suggestion.

On the 2nd Sunday after Easter, Highden sent "a whole carriage load" to the morning service when Lady Goring played the harmonium, "she was gusty and slow, but a gift horse!" the Rector noted, filling in for Emmie who was poorly and seen by "the great Mudd", his mother also suffering from neuralgia and divers other maladies". In the afternoon service, the harmonium was played by "divers other ladies".

The dawn of a fine day encouraged some seed-sowing in the garden, and a trip to Storrington to pay some bills, then up to see the Major and to talk about the death of George Chester on board the 'Sussex' at Melbourne where he had been doing his duty. Sadly, there was an accident, subsequently causing him to die of lockjaw. Mr Palmer's active day ended with a journey to Washington Church, by that time entirely pulled down except for the tower and north aisle which were destined to be included in the rebuild.

G.C.G. and Mr Palmer enjoyed a 10-mile ride to Pickhurst on a beautiful



Washington Church in ruins



Washington Church rebuilt

warm April day, allowing them to appreciate occasional fine 'bits' down the Weald as far as Reigate on one side and on the other, Hascombe Hill and Blackdown. He thought Pickhurst "desolately pretty, but forfend a wet day there!" It seems to have been just a pleasure outing, as there is no reason for the journey stated. They took a step forward with the school project by exploring the "musty old stable for the future school at Sandgate" which they thought a possibility, and G. promised to put it in hand immediately, "the ferrets, rabbits and other vermin needed clearing out". The next thing was to talk to Mr Terry, the builder who had a brickyard in Greyfriars Lane.

A letter from Ed came with news that he was at Calcutta, awaiting a ship. Another from brother George said that he was in Edinburgh until they could go on to Midgard near Cavers, his wife's home. "He is [also] expecting a ship forsooth!" At the Rectory a calf was born and the Rector was busy in the garden, "sowing all kinds of things, a good number of the Blue and Yellow". Spring had arrived and walking to Cobden he heard the first cuckoo. The fine weather produced a very good full congregation for the third Sunday after Easter when the Rev. J. W. Knight read prayers. More family news arrived from over the hill when the Rector's cousin visited and announced his intention to propose to Miss Beverhault, sister of his deceased brother's wife. Mr Palmer noted that it was not an obviously romantic event, and that "he talked of the business in a very unimpassioned fifty-five-ish sort of way and evidently intends to be comfortable".

Joan Ham (Village Historian)



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## Potholes

Potholes and the state of the road surface through the village is a big issue. We are in daily contact with Highways and repairs have been happening although some are temporary "make safe" repairs until the final repair can be undertaken. Disruption will continue as repairs are undertaken and sometimes without notice so we can't always let you know. The good news is that the surface of the main road is being reassessed due to our insistence.

## Spierbridge Roundabout

Residents near Spierbridge roundabout have complained about the poor parking and asked for yellow lines. Highways asked us for evidence of people parking within 10 metres of the roundabout as that is not compliant with the Highways Code; those cars would be regarded as an obstruction. We ask residents to share photos/emails where they see the law is not being followed: [office@storrington-pc.gov.uk](mailto:office@storrington-pc.gov.uk)



## Improvements

- Playground Bench – we are delighted with the new bench which Peter Potter has restored. It is back in Sullington Recreation Ground
- Bus Shelter – we have quotes for the repair of the bus shelter in Thakeham Road which will be scheduled as soon as possible.



## Broadband Consistency

A resident in the high street recently told us that they had problems with inconsistent good broadband reception. This case was resolved with the provider which is great but if you have a similar issue, we may be able to advise on how to proceed based on this recent case.



## Community News

At the time of writing, the new Parish Council website is due to be launched in March. Thanks to everyone who made this happen including the Storrington Camera Club which is supporting our new Gallery feature.

Did you know that the Parish Council has its own Facebook page, <https://bit.ly/4rmKBd8>? Community News will be regularly published on this page and shared with the two village Facebook sites.

Please note that comments are not enabled on our Facebook page as we are unable to monitor them on a regular basis. We ask that you send an email to the parish office on [office@storrington-pc.gov.uk](mailto:office@storrington-pc.gov.uk) if you have any questions on our posts and we will endeavour to respond as quickly as possible.

## Dates for your diary

**22 April:** Annual Parish Meeting from 6.30pm Sullington Parish Hall, open to all local parishioners

**23 May:** White Stork & Nature Festival from 10.30am to 3.30pm on Storrington Recreation Ground, a free event

*Cllr Virginia Hicks, Storrington and Sullington Parish Council*  
[www.storrington-pc.gov.uk](http://www.storrington-pc.gov.uk)

Rotary 

# FILM NIGHT

At Sullington Parish Hall  
Wednesday 8th April 2026



**Performance commences at 7.30pm**

There will be an interval and Bar & Raffle.  
Tickets £5 from 'The Card Shop' in Storrington.  
Unsold tickets will be available for purchase on the door on the night.  
For further details please contact  
Ken Collins on 01903 740745

Rotary Club Members can provide transport to the Film Night for local residents who are unable to make their own arrangements. Anyone needing transport should contact John Ollerton on 07523322554

**Rotary Club of Storrington & Pulborough District**

"The Choral", starring Ralph Fiennes. In 1916, as war rages, a Choral Society in Yorkshire has lost most of its men to the army. The whole community discovers that the best response to the chaos that is laying waste to their lives, is to make music together.

 NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDENS



## Storrington Community Café

<b>Monday 13 April</b> From 11am to 12:30pm	<b>Tuesday 7 April</b> From 11am to 12:30pm
 <b>Storrington Library</b> North Street Car Park Storrington, RH20 4NZ	 <b>Hanover Walk Community Centre</b> , Hanover Walk, Storrington, RH20 4EX

A support group for the community in a warm venue with a friendly atmosphere to chat and enjoy a cuppa and talk about any concerns you may have.

For more info please contact your Neighbourhood Wardens:  
Chris Poore: 07795 046743 | Dave Bone: 07789 943201  
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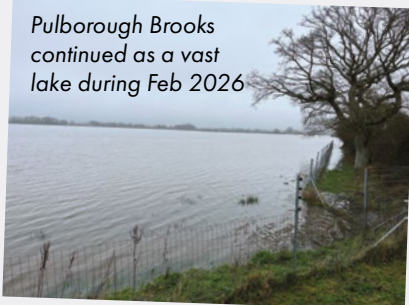
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## WEATHER WATCH

### A look back on February 2026

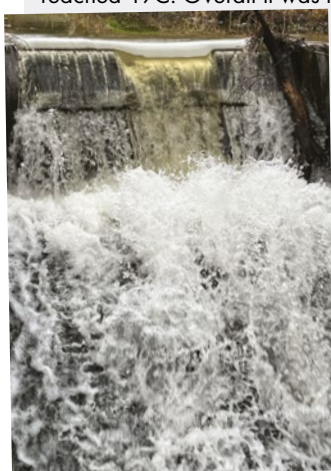
February 2026 has reinforced the pattern that is taking shape in the 21st century of winters becoming milder and wetter. It was just two years ago that we experienced our warmest February, and it was nearly as mild this year. Air frost (0c or lower) was absent throughout the month with just six grass frosts. Not a flake of snow was observed and at the month's end the soil temperature at a depth of 20cm was 9.5C, some 3.5C above the threshold temperature for spring growth of 6C. No wonder my large magnolia shrub was starting to bloom at the beginning of March. Daffodils were trumpeting the arrival of spring a month early spurred on by a temperature that reached a high of 16C, about 8C above normal on the 25th and in London it reached 19C. Overall it was the third warmest February in the south

*Pulborough Brooks continued as a vast lake during Feb 2026*



of England and it is significant that four of the top ten such months have occurred from 2019.

The mildness came at a cost. Arctic conditions in the east of North America sent bitterly cold air into the Atlantic where it has been much milder than average and the juxtaposition of cold and warm air created a constant succession of low-pressure systems to move eastwards towards western Europe. But when they reached us having been warmed by the Atlantic they were halted somewhat due to high pressure over northeast Europe. The net result was persistent rain and cloud as well as mildness. I recorded 37 consecutive days with measurable rain from 18



*The River Stour in flood at the Old Mill Pond following heavy rain in Feb 2026*

January. The total rainfall for February was 145mm, rather more than twice the average, and it was fourth wettest in our area for a century at least. Winter rainfall amounted to a mammoth 490mm, one of wettest but short of the rainiest, which is the 2013-14 winter with 550mm.

On many days during the month the higher parts of the Downs such as Kithurst, Barns Farm and Chanctonbury Hills were shrouded in low cloud and lost from view. Sunshine was about 30 percent below par. The first day of March and meteorological spring began much like the winter, dull and wet with hill fog. I thought of the old maxim 'a peck of March dust is worth a king's ransom in gold', meaning dry weather helps to work the land after a wet winter. We certainly need some this year. Will March turn off the rain taps like last year when it was the driest since 1961- read next month's Weather Watch column in the 3 Heralds to find out.

A new issue of my Weather eye magazine has just come off the press with many Sussex features. Contact me via The 3 Heralds if you would like a copy.

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

*Spring flowers at Nymans Gardens*



## CRICKET IN STORRINGTON



### More Indoor Cricket Results & Exhibition of Memorabilia

During February our U13 boys beat Goring by 26 runs in a high scoring match. Archie Sadler scored an unbeaten half century, well supported by Reuben York not out 43 in the side's total of 125-3. Goring lost one wicket for a total of 99 nearly half of which was gifted by our bowlers as extras, mostly wides.

Our U14 boys, playing up a year in the U15 West League, had victories over Chichester Priory Park and Ferring to stay in contention for becoming the League title holders. Massimo Phillips top scored in both matches.

Our U14 girls had a comfortable victory over Chichester in a friendly match and also attended training sessions with our women's side some of whom had their first taste of hardball cricket.

Our men played four matches, winning two and losing two. Thomas Wroe and James Harrington performed well in the defeat of Goring B. Our bowling was strengthened by a guest player from Steyning. The other win was against Ferring, helped by good batting from Tim Laker and Guy Humphries. Goring A and Littlehampton were too strong for us although Tim nearly reached an unbeaten half century against the latter opponents.

Outdoor training for our juniors (ages 8-14) starts on Friday 17 April at 6pm. New players are welcome to take part in free trials.

The exhibition of our memorabilia in the Sussex Cricket Museum's Club Corner is going to start on Friday 10 April and is expected to continue into 2027. Some of the older memorabilia include a poster of the scores when Storrington beat Sussex in 1800, photographs of players in the second half of the 19th Century, the oldest scorebook that starts in 1858, one of Ernest Hammond's Diaries recording matches from the 1860s to 1880s, fixture cards from 1883, the Storrington & District Cricket League Cup started in 1908, a silver inkstand presented to Hugh de Selincourt in 1930, a signed first edition of his minor classic *The Cricket Match*, posters announcing matches in the 19th Century, a Bi-Centenary brochure and a new flag showing the Club's recently discovered establishment date of 1791.

We are grateful to the Storrington Museum for the loan of some of their memorabilia that include three cricket balls mounted with silver plaques that were presented to Ernest Hammond in recognition of top batting performances in the 1880s. The Sussex Cricket Museum at the Hove County Ground is well worth a visit as it contains a wealth of Sussex cricketing artefacts.

*Chris Winter*

## STORRINGTON & DISTRICT PROBUS



The Probus Club of Storrington & District has had another busy few months. President Paul inducted Mark Foss as our latest new member at our February lunch, and the lunch speaker related to us the story of the short-lived British Airship industry. In January, members enjoyed a guided tour of the chapel at Lancing College and listened to an interesting speaker who changed from a speaker to a successful author at our monthly lunch.



The Club welcomes new members and meets for lunch monthly on the second Wednesday. For more information please go to [storringtonprobus@outlook.com](http://storringtonprobus@outlook.com)

We have now started rehearsals for our May production, which we will present at West Chilmington Village Hall on the evenings of 21, 22 and 23 May at 7:30pm. Caroline Woodley directs this comedy:

**Rumours (The British Version)** by Neil Simon

Synopsis: Ken and Chris have found their host Charley, a prominent Government official, in his bedroom, too dazed to speak, with a bullet wound in his ear lobe! Len and Claire arrive, themselves injured in a car crash, and are soon joined by Ernest and Cookie, Glenn and Cassie, each with their own problems. A second, accidental gunshot leaves Ken temporarily deaf, the police arrive and Len has to pretend he is Charley, concocting a touching and fantastic explanation!

Tickets are £12 for adults and £6 for under-18s. They can be purchased online at [www.wcds.co.uk](http://www.wcds.co.uk) from **7 April**.

There will be a licensed bar, tea and coffee and a raffle. We look forward to welcoming you to watch this very funny play!

This amateur production of **"Rumours"** is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd. on behalf of Samuel French Ltd. [www.concordtheatricals.co.uk](http://www.concordtheatricals.co.uk)



Cast of A Little Box of Oblivion From L to R: Hermin Daley, Robert Ingram, Karon Oliver, Elizabeth Ling and Sue Goble

Our website [www.wcds.co.uk](http://www.wcds.co.uk) has more information about our friendly, active society and how to join. We welcome new members, whether for roles on or off-stage or for general support.

Angela Sloan  
Chair WCDs



It's been another busy and enjoyable month here at Storrington Primary. Finally Spring has sprung and we've been blessed with being able to use our extensive grounds and wonderful outdoor learning space. As well as the in-school events, we have had a number of exciting off site learning experiences which the children have taken part in.

**Year 5 and Y6 Long Distance Cross Country Event**

A massive well-done to our incredible Year 5 and 6 athletes who braved the elements for the recent Long Distance Cross Country event! Whether they were sprinting toward the finish or finding that extra gear on the final hill (which was extremely challenging), every single runner showed remarkable grit and determination.

Cross country is as much a mental challenge as it is a physical one, and seeing our pupils push through the fatigue with smiles on their faces was truly inspiring. Beyond their impressive stamina, they were outstanding ambassadors for our school; their sportsmanship was second to none—cheering on teammates and showing genuine respect for their competitors throughout the day.

**Y6 Trip to Fort Nelson**

Year 6 Stepped Back in Time at Fort Nelson!

What a truly wonderful and engaging time Year 6 had on their recent World War II history trip to Fort Nelson! The children fully immersed themselves in the 1940s, bringing their classroom learning to life in the most spectacular way.



We were incredibly proud of how engaged, respectful, and inquisitive the children were throughout the entire day. It was a memorable trip that has truly sparked their historical curiosity!

**Year 5 Book Battle**



Our brilliant Year 5 Book Experts had an exciting afternoon at Windlesham House School recently where they took part in a *Book Battle* competition. We entered two teams of our most passionate readers and competed against a large number of schools from across the area. The teams took part in a quiz in which they answered questions on a range of children's books.

We are incredibly proud to share that one of our teams secured an impressive 3rd place! One team also won a special award to recognise their brilliant teamwork.

A huge well done to everyone involved!



**Eco Reps**

Last year, Storrington (in partnership with Knepp Wildland Foundation), was announced as the UK's only 'Stork Village'. Since then, we have been building links with the White Stork Project's Manager, Laura Vaughan-Hirsch. Laura is running workshops with our 12 Eco Reps every half-term, building the children's knowledge about these amazing birds and their behaviour.

Just before half-term break, we built a nest in the school grounds, using only our "beaks". Over at Knepp, the nest cam has gone live again so we can keep an eye on nesting pair Bartek and Greta <https://whitestorkproject.org/live-cam-feed/>

I look forward to updating you all again soon.

Mr Choate, Headteacher



FREE

## EASTER EVENT FOR SEND CHILDREN

Storrington and Sullington Neighbourhood Wardens  
in partnership with WSCC Horsham Family Hub



**Friday 10 April**  
**10am - 11.30pm**  
**or 1pm - 2.30pm**

Chanctonbury Leisure Centre,  
Spierbridge Road, RH20 4PG

**A fun packed session for young people to enjoy lots of new activities!**

Enjoy the Sensory Dome with sensory toys and games. We also have a bouncy castle, table tennis, soft play and quiet area. Parents are required to supervise, siblings welcome.

BOOK TODAY

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For any further information please email: [Storrington-Sullingtonwardens@horsham.gov.uk](mailto:Storrington-Sullingtonwardens@horsham.gov.uk)






# ACTIVITIES AT THE VILLAGE HUB

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



## TUESDAY



### In Stitches – 1.30pm to 3pm

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



## THURSDAY



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

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



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

Meet new friends, enjoy homemade delicacies for £4 per person. Book tickets in advance from The Village Hub.



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

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

## SATURDAY



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

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

## CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUPS ON FRIDAYS

### Chanctonbury Leisure Centre

#### Sparks Toddler Group – 10am – 11.30am



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

#### Fireworks Kids Club – 6pm – 7.15pm



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

#### Wildfires Youth Group – 7.30pm – 9pm



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

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



The Arts Society  
South Downs

## Wednesday 1 April

### CEZANNE AND VAN GOGH – DEATH AS A CAREER MOVE

Speaker: Julia Musgrave

This lecture looks at how the work of Van Gogh and Cézanne went from unsold to blockbuster in the early years of the 20th century because a few brave, but important art dealers and critics decided to sponsor them posthumously.

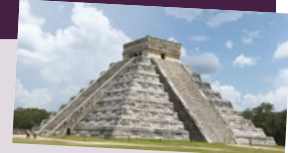


## Wednesday 6 May

### THE MAYAN CIVILISATION OF CENTRAL AMERICA

Speaker: Duncan Pring

The Maya lived in Central America between 1000 BC and 1528 AD, at which time they were conquered by the Spaniards. The peak of their civilization was between 300 and 900 AD. During that time, they built enormous monuments, produced jade and ceramic items and developed a calendar. They had an advanced understanding of mathematics and astronomy and developed a hieroglyphic script.



All members and visitors are most welcome to attend.

Doors open 9.50am for coffee. Please be seated by 10.30 am for 10.45 am start, finishing approx. midday

Visitors £10. (No booking required.)

Fittleworth Village Hall, School Lane, Fittleworth RH20 1JB

For further information please visit our website:

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Or phone: 01798 813314

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**Baby Rhyme Time**

Join our baby rhyme time fun with rhymes, songs and musical instruments. All babies and toddlers welcome!

Parents and carers are asked to remain with their child for this activity. Please note - sessions are very popular and may become full.

Tuesdays 10-10.30am

**knit and natter**

Do you enjoy stitching, knitting, crocheting? Join our friendly knit and natter group. Come and meet new friends and swap tips and ideas - all ages and abilities welcome!

Drop-in!

Wednesdays 2-4pm

**Toddler Time**

Join our toddler time fun with rhymes, songs and stories. All toddlers welcome!

Free event just drop-in!

Parents and carers are asked to remain with their child for this activity.

Thursdays 10-10.30am

**CONSTRUCTION CLUB AT THE LIBRARY**

Use your imagination to design and build, using Lego and other great construction materials.

Children must be accompanied by a parent/carer during this activity. Please contact Storrington Library for more details.

Saturdays 10.30-11.30am



Storrington Library

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## STORRINGTON CONSERVATION SOCIETY

At the start of our Talk and Tea on Saturday 21 February, Mick Denness spoke briefly about our work during the year at six different sites. He then introduced our speaker, Kay Wagland, who described the sharp decline in the number of hedgehogs in our country. There only 30% left of the number in the 1950's and a 75% loss since 2000. They have been around for 500,000 years. Among other useful details, Kay then outlined their diet; we can help by providing water, meaty food like kitten kibble, not bread and milk. Go to **@hedgehog cabin** for advice and other ways we can help. Sick hedgehogs may be referred to Brent Lodge, Sidlesham. Phone 01243 641672 first.

Most of the vegetables we eat are farmed or home grown. Their ancestors were wild. Cultivation over many thousand years by mankind has resulted in the crops grown today. Look at some of the wild grasses found by hedgerows and identify the originators of wheat and barley for example. The same applies to much of the fruit we enjoy. Compare the tasty small wild strawberries found in the Mendips with those eaten at Wimbledon. Similarly, the bouquets of prize flowers have their origins in less exuberant but equally beautiful wildflowers.

We are fortunate to live close to one of the most important places for wild plants in the world. Known as the Millennium Seed Bank Partnership, coordinated by Kew Gardens, it is at Wakehurst Place in our County. Plant seeds are collected from around the world and stored in underground vaults at -20°C. The seed bank now houses about 2.5 billion seeds from over 40 thousand species, including wild ones. Over 98% of UK's storable species are included. This provides an essential resource for research and a safety net for endangered species. Visitors to the Seed Bank may also enjoy Wakehurst house and botanic gardens. Well worth visiting. Details on [www.kew.org/wakehurst](http://www.kew.org/wakehurst).

If we have cultivated seed for our food needs, why be concerned for wild plant seeds? Not only for the beauty of the plants and an essential safety net, but because they are an important source of food for pollinators. Many of the chemicals (herbicides and insecticides) used on crops are harmful to vital pollinating insects, sadly their use on crops spreads to field edges where wildflowers are affected. Dedicated wildflower areas, free from chemicals, are essential havens for pollinators. Their extinction would be disastrous.

Many of our gardens can be wildflower havens (enjoyed by hedgehogs), even small areas are very useful. It is something worth trying, and for those who suffer from gardener's knees or back, it is relatively low maintenance. Preparing the ground is necessary and straightforward. Specially selected seeds are available. The Wildlife Trust, RHS or Gardeners World, for example, can advise. A useful book by Frances Tophill 'Rewilding Your Garden' (ISBN 978-1-52941-025-9) gives readable guidance on establishing and maintaining small plots or larger areas.

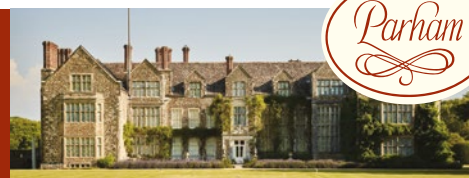
The results are rewarding. A lovely mixture of wildflowers, attracting bees, butterflies, moths and other insects, as well as birds. Great for peace of mind.

The work party on Saturday 14 March met at Chantry Hill to uproot Cotoneasters. They are invasive species from China and the Himalayas. The next work party is on **Saturday 4 April** meeting at 10am at Chanctonbury Leisure Centre Car Park to clear litter from local footpaths and byways. Such rubbish is unsightly and hazardous to us and wildlife. Join us to see what a difference we can make. Very satisfying.

For information about this and our other activities, or on becoming a member, or offering advice, please get in touch with Chairman Mick Denness on 01903 745971, or see our website. [www.storringtonconservation.org.uk](http://www.storringtonconservation.org.uk).



## PARHAM HOUSE EVENTS



We are excited to welcome visitors to Parham House and Gardens on Easter Sunday and Monday, 5th & 6th April. The preparations for the new season are well underway, and an exciting series of events and activities are planned for the spring and summer months.

During the Easter weekend opening, we will also be offering Afternoon and Cream Teas supplied by Joanna's Boutique Tearoom in the Big Kitchen.

**Wed 22nd April until Sun 10th May**

### Association of Sussex Artists' Exhibition

Association of Sussex Artists' Exhibition will be staging a two-week exhibition of drawings, sculptures and paintings in the Seed Room.

**Sunday 14th June**

### Sussex Day

Parham House & Gardens will again celebrate the fine produce, crafts, art and artistry to be found across Sussex. Taking place from 12 noon to 5pm, guests can explore over thirty stalls offering a variety of local produce and goods. Attendees can enjoy the festivities without any additional charges as normal Garden & House admission grants access to the event.

**For more information, please visit [www.parhaminsussex.co.uk](http://www.parhaminsussex.co.uk).**



## STORRINGTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

### Insects

At the February meeting we enjoyed a talk by Dr Les Allen Williams, about insects. Les is a Fellow of the Royal Entomology Society, who studied Zoology and Entomology, and then lectured at the University of Hertfordshire.

Insect numbers have gone down dramatically since we were all younger – some species were decimated by the Victorians' obsession with collecting, for example Swallowtail, Large Copper, and Large Tortoiseshell butterflies, although these are now increasing as they are the subject of replacement programmes. However, the biggest damage has been due to habitat loss, both from housebuilding and the changes to agricultural practices. During WWII, farmers were asked to plough up 2 million acres per year, and the many previous old hay meadows were perfect insect habitats. Drainage of marshland also led to loss of habitat for insects that need damp conditions. Another issue previously was the use of pesticides – DDT and other chemicals were developed based on wartime poisonous gases, they don't break down naturally and are very long-lasting, and it was only really from the 1990s onwards that we have seen the reduction in their use. They are still used in tropical areas.

Now, there is increasing concern about the loss of pollinators – in the last 20 years we have lost 25 of the 250 bee species, and 70% of the hoverflies in SE England. There is a programme called iRecord, which is enabling people to record sightings of insects and other wildlife, and Les encouraged us to use it to help build a picture of the insect population in our area. Climate change is also having an effect – some southern species are moving further north, and some which have previously lived in continental Europe are moving to the south of England.

We were shown pictures of many of the insects we should be looking out for, and told about what plants we should be growing in each season to help them find food and shelter – gardens in the UK cover 10 million acres, which is more than the total of all nature reserves, so as gardeners, we can all make a difference for our insect populations.

The evening concluded with light refreshments and a raffle. At the April meeting, there will be a talk by Beverly Exall, about sustainable and wildlife gardening in our changing climate.

*Jo Myland*



## EVENTS AT THE OLD WORKSHOP, SULLINGTON MANOR FARM

### Pre-loved clothes sale and café open

Sat 9 & Sun 10 May, Sat 3 & Sun 4 October 10am to 4pm

If you find yourself in that oh-so common *full-wardrobe-but-nothing-to-wear* dilemma, then why not come along and see if you find your next staple pieces here. It's safe to say that the pair that run the sale both have an exceedingly well-trained eye, and we're lucky to be the destination for only their best finds. All sales from the clothes are in aid of St Mary's, Sullington. Free entry and parking.

### Voices in Cloth – Textile Exhibition and café open daily

Thu 2 to Sun 12 April 10am to 4pm

The exclusive group, Voices in Cloth, highlight the vital role of textiles in contemporary life. Through weave, fabric, and three-dimensional works, the artists explore a rich and varied range of themes, all expressed through the language of textiles. All pieces are for sale and café open daily. Free entry and parking.

### Spring Art at Sullington, exhibition and café open daily

Thu 23 April to Sun 3 May 10am to 4pm

A carefully curated programme showcases a diverse range of contemporary works, all for sale, by both emerging and established artists. The exhibition is rooted in celebration of our local and creative community and the pieces range from wood, ceramics and paintings. The café will be open daily for the exhibition, free entry and parking.

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Reading Friends isn't a traditional reading group. You don't need to be a reader to take part as we use reading, whether books, magazines, newspapers, or anything else, to start everyone chatting and help people get to know each other.

Monthly Talk

# WHITE STORK PROJECT

by Laura Vaughan-Hirsch

Tuesday 5th May - 7.30pm

The Old School,  
School Lane, Storrington,  
RH20 4LL

Members £6  
Non-members £8  
All Welcome!



STORRINGTON & DISTRICT MUSEUM



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Thanks to the remarkable achievements of the Knepp Wildland Foundation's 'White Stork Project', Storrington has become the UK's representative as it's 'European Stork Village'; together with Knepp the only area in the UK to be represented within the now 16 country strong European Stork Community.

Storrington has long had an association with storks; its old English name of Storca-tun or Estorchetone meaning 'Stork's Town' or 'Homestead of the Storks'.

With the area also being ideally situated close to the wetlands of Amberley Wildbrooks and Pulborough Brooks, storks have all they need to feed, nest and rear their young.

Since their reintroduction to the renowned rewilding site at Knepp in 2016, by 2024 forty birds were nesting at Knepp and enjoying migratory journeys through Europe and as far as Africa and back, with stopping points en route.

Laura Vaughan-Hirsch is the Project Manager of the White Stork Project at the Knepp Estate which also includes her involving people, young and old, with wildlife and nature recovery.

## STORRINGTON SLIMMERS

MONDAY EVENINGS from 7pm to 8pm  
St Mary's Church, Storrington

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



£2.50 per week  
No joining fee or charge for weeks missed!



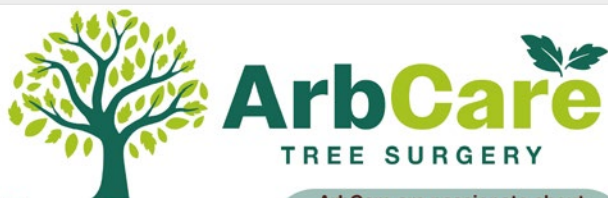
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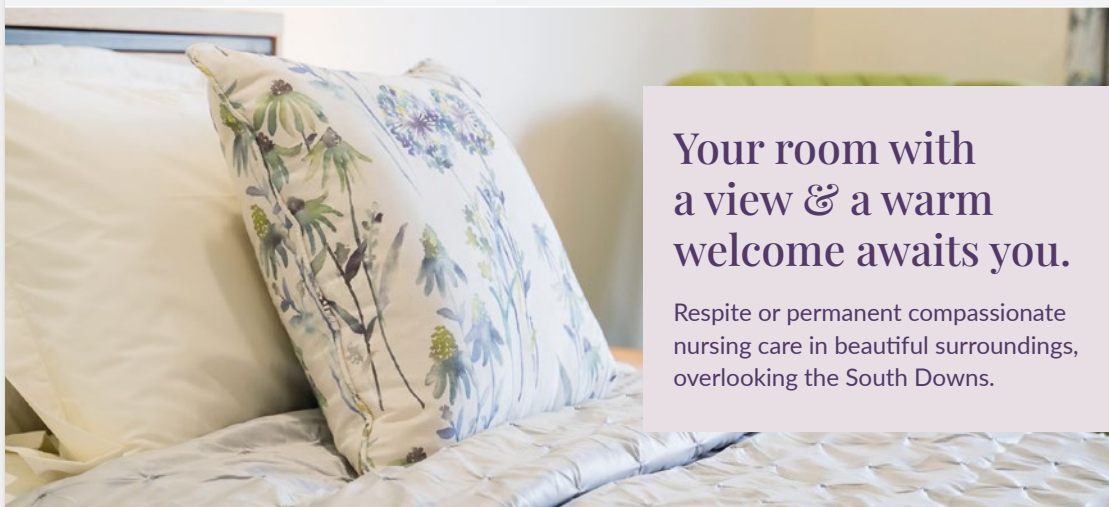
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## PETWORTH HOUSE & PARK

### 'Tilly Plants a Tree' Family Trail

**Saturday 28 March – Sunday 12 April**

Families can pick up a free 'Tilly Plants a Tree' trail map to follow the buggy-friendly paths of the Pleasure Garden and discover fun games and activities along the way.

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### Spring Festival

**Saturday 4 – Sunday 19 April**

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### Makers Market

**Saturday 11 & Sunday 12 April**

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### Garden Talks

**Thursday 16 – Sunday 19 April**

Join a variety of horticultural experts for talks in the Garden Theatre Marquee. Speakers include Arthur Parkinson, Professor of Biology and author Dave Goulson, local expert Beverly Exall, National Trust Senior Gardener and author Robyn Booth, and Petworth's Head Gardener Martyn Burkinshaw. These talks are free to attend, no booking required. The full schedule and timings can be found on the website.

### Garden Demonstrations

**Monday 13 – Wednesday 15 April**

Gardening enthusiasts can join a live 20-minute demonstration. Topics include bee keeping, composting, plant staking and wormery making. Free with admission. Check the website for the full schedule.

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**Tuesday 21 April at 7.00pm for 7.30pm start**

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For more information, please contact:

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Website: [www.westchiltingtonfloralclub.co.uk](http://www.westchiltingtonfloralclub.co.uk)

We were pleased to welcome Miles Hayward of Miles Japanese Acers to our February meeting to talk about pruning. Miles studied Botany at university and then worked at Big Plant nursery before starting his own company offering pruning services after taking a course at Kew and also growing Acers. He brought with him his secateurs, pruning saw and tripod ladder to show the tools that he used. He advised to always use a saw rather than loppers as the saw does less damage to a branch. Miles also recommended the Japanese brand Niwaki for tools and emphasised the need to clean and sharpen tools. The main purpose of pruning is to shape, get rid of dead wood and keep control and this should not be undertaken when it freezes. He told us that Prunus should be pruned in Spring or Summer never in Winter, evergreens in early Spring, Roses in February, Rhododendrons Camellias and Azaleas in early March and Wisteria in Winter and Summer. However a general rule is that if a shrub blooms in Spring it should be pruned after flowering otherwise later in the year. He talked more specifically about pruning Acers saying that the dissectum group, those with feathery leaves, should have branches snapped off rather than cut and that a lot of improvement can be made to older trees by lifting the canopy meaning prune from underneath. He also said not to cut too close to the trunk. Whilst he talked Miles showed pictures to illustrate including some of magnificent Wisteria on clients' houses. Lastly Miles mentioned root pruning which should be carried out in January. This is for potted specimens and he has an excellent video on YouTube about this. Miles had also brought with him young Acers which members of the club snapped up! Miles was thanked for his informative and enjoyable talk.



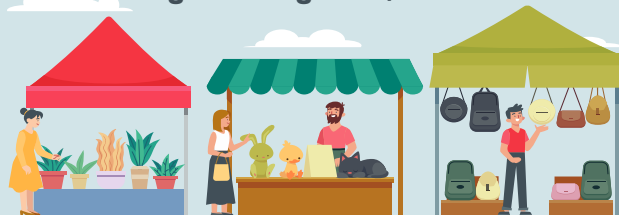
At the next meeting on **Monday 13 April** Ray Broughton will talk about "Home Composting", and the club competition is a single Tulip.

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

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## SLOW TRAVEL: EXPLORE THE GEMS ON OUR DOORSTEP THIS BANK HOLIDAY

With bank holiday weekends in April and May, this spring offers the perfect opportunity to rediscover what's right on our doorstep - and to think a little differently about how we travel. Many of us will already have booked our summer holidays, but there's growing pressure on airlines to be more transparent about the true environmental cost of flying. From April 2027, airlines and travel agents will be required to display clear, standardised emissions figures at the point of booking, giving passengers the information they need to weigh up the environmental cost of their journey.

The news was welcomed by environment group CAGNE, which had been campaigning on the issue for over a decade. But a spokesperson said the warnings should be similar to those on cigarette packets - warning of the risks to the health of the planet - adding that people should have all the information so 'they can then seek greener forms of transport whether that be a different airline or travel by train or not to fly'. With that in mind, we thought the spring bank holidays are a wonderful excuse to explore the trails and treasures on our own doorstep.

The High Weald Landscape Trail winds 90 miles from Horsham through to Rye, passing ancient farmsteads, sunken lanes and orchards coming into blossom in spring.

For those who prefer gentler gradients, the Downs Link follows a former railway line from Guildford to Shoreham-by-Sea - around 37 miles, mostly flat and traffic-free, and ideal for families on foot or by bike.

For something more ambitious, the Sussex Diamond Way offers a 60-mile route from Midhurst to Heathfield, crossing heathland and woodland through the heart of the Low Weald - easily broken into stages.

Walkers looking to take the train can use the rail network to hop between villages across the South Downs - Amberley, Pulborough and Arundel are all worth a stop - making it easy to explore without a car.

And don't overlook the Serpent Trail, a 64-mile route through the heathlands of the South Downs National Park, which is divided into 11 manageable sections - so you can set yourself the challenge of completing it in a few stints.

For more walks ideas:

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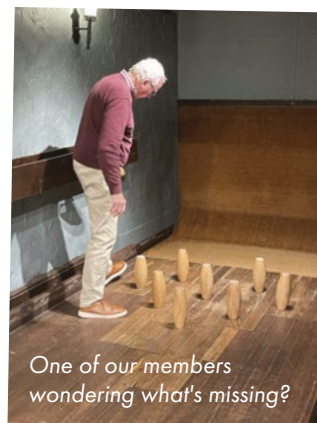
## SOUTH DOWNS PROBUS



South Downs Probus Club have enjoyed various events at the start of this year.

In February, we met as usual on the third Thursday of the month, at The George & Dragon for lunch. This was preceded by our guest speaker giving us the low-down on Financial Fraud. A subject very much on our minds at the moment due to the media continually dredging up news about some new way to extort money out of ordinary folks' life-savings. We have all experienced receiving email messages, phone calls, texts, that we are scared of opening because it might cost us money. Roger Tristram came to divulge some of the methods used against us. He has masses of experience in this area, having retired from International Banking specialising in technology and has run his own consultancy for 20 years, working on projects in the UK and Europe as well as in far off, less well-known locations. Roger gave us a good grounding in how to look after ourselves in this pernicious world, where evil people are trying to take what you have earned over a lifetime, away!

We also held our annual skittles contest at The Black Horse in Findon. After an excellent meal in the restaurant, we engaged in the battle for supremacy in the arena. Why do they have such a gap between the skittles? How can the ball miss all of them? The scores seemed lower this year and no-one got a "strike". But it was the usual fun event and we all enjoyed ourselves immensely.



One of our members wondering what's missing?

At the beginning of March we held our quiz at The George & Dragon. After a lovely meal provided by their chef, the questions came flying at us, set by Carey Phelan. She seems to specialise in questions to which you should know the answer, but just can't quite focus your brain in the right direction. If somebody came up with the correct one you could agree because you really know it. Often it's obscured by some nearby, but irrelevant word that blocks your mental apparatus. What are the holes in Swiss Cheese called anyway! It was another great night amongst friends.

Our Ladies Spring Lunch is next on the calendar, held at The West Sussex Golf Club to enjoy, as we always do, their excellent food.

For more details about South Downs Probus and future events, please visit our website [www.SouthDownsProbusClub.com](http://www.SouthDownsProbusClub.com)



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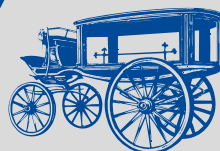
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