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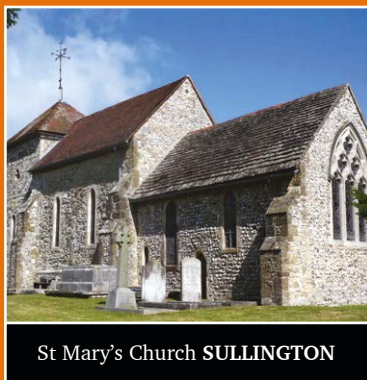
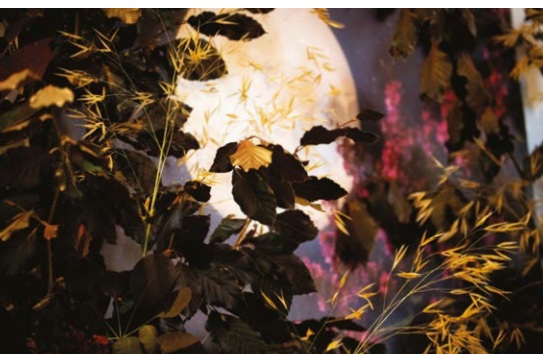
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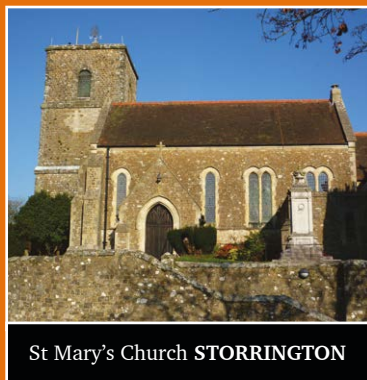
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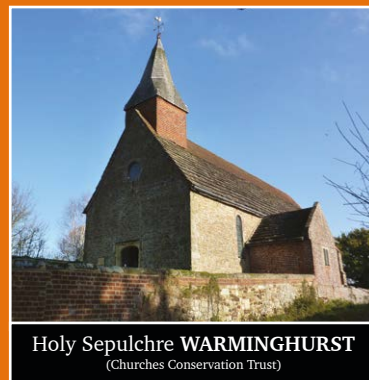
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**Lazy bones, sleepin' in the sun,
How you 'xpect to get your day's work done?
Never get your day's work done
Sleepin' in the noon day sun...**

Friends

...and – stop! Yes, it's August and time for some RnR.

Part of my new 'heart healthy' lifestyle has been to renovate the Rectory veg patch. I've really enjoyed it but also found it to be quite a chore... and not least all the watering **by hand** that the heatwaves have demanded.

Mercifully, I'm not trying to feed a family of six on what I can grow but I still feel the pressure of getting it right and taking good care of my precious little plants. My present dilemma is the watering – who will do it when I'm away! What will I come back to? Even when we get away, it's hard not to find we've packed all the worries and 'to do's' to bring along with us.

Our 'holidays' come from the 'holy days' when the rhythms of life were set by the passing seasons and celebrations of the Churches year. Holy days were for feasting and, confession time, for me that's a holiday negroni or two in a beach bar. However, holidays can also be 'holy' when they have the character of a 'sabbath day'. I need that as much as my holiday negroni!

I've been reading some more from the writings of Richard Rohr and found inspiration on how to better appreciate both the need for a 'holiday' but also the deeper meaning of sabbath time. He suggests that Sabbath time is an invitation to step away from productivity and me centred pursuits (how big are my carrots!?!). I can relate to that as a contemporary clergyman who often feels the pressure of 'going for growth' and being all things to all people... He writes:

"Only when we rest in God can we find the safety, the spaciousness, and the scary freedom to be who we are, all that we are, more than we are, and less than we are."

I am going to mull that over as I put my feet up over August. I hope you too will be able to have the time – and space, to lay aside the pressures of expectation and performance and yes, **rest in God** or as St Augustine of Hippo puts it:

*"You have made us for yourself, O Lord,
and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in You."*

Rest up – yours ever

JONATHAN SWINDELLS
Rector of Storrington

STORRINGTON & SULLINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDENS

Hello from the Wardens

August is shaping up to be a busy and exciting month for us!

Our annual Free Family Fun Day will take place on **Monday 17 August, from 11am – 3pm**, at Storrington Recreation Ground next to Chanctonbury Leisure Centre. This will be our third year running the event, and it's become a real community favourite. In fact, many people seem to remember it most for the free cheese toasties! Alongside the famous toasties, there will be plenty of activities, games, and stalls for all ages to enjoy – and best of all, everything is completely free. So make sure you join us on 17 August for the return of the toasties!

We are also delighted to be partnering with WSCC Horsham Family Hub to host summer events for SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) children at Chanctonbury Leisure Centre on **Friday 7 August and Friday 21 August**. These bookable events will run in two sessions each day: 10am – 11.30am and 1pm – 2.30pm. To book a place, please call 01403 213590.

We look forward to welcoming you and your families to these events and hope to see you there.

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Storrington Macular Society Support Group

25 August

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2 Corinthians 5:17

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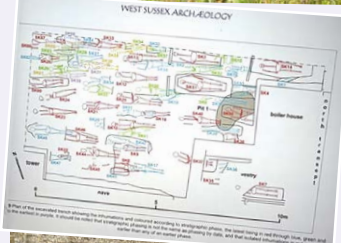
Please do come along and visit us, on a Sunday morning, in our beautiful old church. We do appreciate that visiting a church for the first time can be really daunting, but we will always do our very best to give you a warm, informal and relaxed welcome.



AN UNUSUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, THAKEHAM

On Sunday 7 June a short service of blessing was held to commemorate 68 past residents of Thakeham whose remains were discovered when the vestry was recently rebuilt. Experts from West Sussex Archaeology estimated them to date from pre-1400 to the late 19th century. Members of the congregation gathered round the memorial and the Revd Joel Willmer read some prayers from the burial service found in the Book of Common Prayer, which would have been familiar to many of those who were discovered. Here is the fascinating diagram accompanying the report.

Jane Blundell



Thakeham Knit and Stitch Group

Tuesday 18 August 2pm - 4pm

Thakeham Church Room

If you are interested in knitting or stitching you are welcome to join us for an afternoon of friendship

For further information please contact Wynn Lednor on 01903 743025

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

We are looking for help with keeping St. Mary's Thakeham churchyard in a tidy condition, caring for the graveyard with love and respect



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HELP WANTED

Help urgently wanted with Wednesday FareShare pick up.

One of the regular drivers has had to step down and the collection is now in danger of having to stop. The help is needed on Wednesday evenings on a rota basis to pick up FareShare food from Tesco in Pulborough and deliver to Furze Common Road. Even if you can only commit to once every couple of months that would be very helpful. Please contact Matt on 07837 645222 if you're able to help.



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St Mary's Thakeham Church Rooms
Friday 25 September

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Let the beauty
of Jesus be seen
in us

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Details of Church Services on page 18

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Our Midweek Celtic Communion Service is taking a break during August and will return in September.

More details will appear in the next issue of 3 Heralds.
Please also keep an eye on our website and Pews News for updates.

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S, SULLINGTON

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

Then join our Friends to receive our newsletter where we will also keep you up to date about services and events.

For details contact our Churchwarden.



Dates for your Diary

6 August – Hymns & Pimms

3 & 4 October – Pop-up Preloved clothes sale

11 October – Harvest Festival

11 October – Harvest Lunch

21 November – Christmas Fayre

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



HYMNS AND PIMM'S

Thursday 6 August at 6.00pm

Join us for a lovely summer evening of hymns and fellowship in church – or outside if the weather is kind!

Pimm's, will be served.

Please see the Pews News/ Newsletter for full details.

ALL WELCOME!





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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, 6.30pm – 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

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

7 July Vivienne Temple Adams (70 years)

Interment of ashes only:

20 June Sam Lawrence Gordon (33 years)

21 June Barbara Mary Yarrow (94 years)

27 June Elizabeth Ann Barber (82 years)

St Mary's Church, Storrington

Café in the Church
2nd and 4th Wednesdays

Wednesday 12 August
10am Holy Communion
10.30 Café in the Church

Wednesday 26 August
2pm Holy Communion
2.30pm Café in the Church



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

Dates for your Diary

Sunday, 16 August

Patronal Festival (Blessed Virgin Mary)

10am Patronal Festival Holy Communion

6pm Patronal Choral Evensong followed by Festival of Puddings
(in aid of Chichester Mothers' Union projects)

Monday, 17 August - 11am - 3pm

Storrington Funday at Chanetonbury Leisure Centre
(organised by the Neighbourhood Wardens – sponsored by
St Mary's, Storrington and other community organisations).

St Mary's will be there running a cake and squash stall.



PARISH VISITING TEAM...

The St Mary's Parish Visiting Team contact is Stuart Lee. Please contact Stuart on 01903 412031 if you would like to arrange for someone on the team to either speak to you or visit you.

RIDE+STRIDES

Saturday, 12 September 2026

Sussex Churches will be open on Saturday, 12 September, for this annual event, when people are sponsored to cycle, walk or ride from church to church. Money raised is divided between the Sussex Historic Churches' Trust and the participant's own church.

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Stephen Bloxham



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A Community Choir in Storrington

Our next meeting is on 26 August

Sessions start at 10.30am with coffee and a time to chat and make friends. Singing starts at 11am.

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

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

PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

O Lord, your way is perfect; help us always to trust in your goodness. May we walk with you in faith and follow you in simplicity. May we possess quiet and contented minds and learn to leave our worries with you because we know you care for us. Amen.



at St Mary's Church, Storrington!

NO MESSY CHURCH IN AUGUST

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Sunday, 6 September

9.30 - 11am in the Old School

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ST MARY'S, SULLINGTON QUIZ NIGHT

On a beautiful Friday Summer evening in June, we held our annual St Mary's Church, Sullington, Quiz Night. It was a fantastic evening, and our first-time quizmaster, Revd Joel Willmer, tested our knowledge on a variety of subjects. The quiz was both interesting and challenging, and we couldn't have asked for a better evening.

The atmosphere was wonderfully relaxed and, although everyone worked hard, Team 1 took first place. Congratulations to them! During the evening, everyone enjoyed a very substantial Ploughman's supper, which was greatly appreciated by all and added to the convivial atmosphere.

The Sullington Great Barn is always a delightful and impressive venue, and our thanks go to Grahame, Gail and Anna Kittle of Sullington Manor Farm for allowing us to use such a beautiful and historic building.

A big "Thank You" must go to everyone who supported the evening, and we look forward to next year's quiz, which will be advertised in the 3 Heralds and in the churches and on local noticeboards.

Jane Williams



PATRONAL CHORAL EVENSONG

The Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday 16 August at 6pm

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Hannah Rothwell



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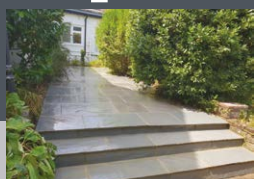
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"WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD" ST MARY'S CHURCH, THAKEHAM'S FLOWER FESTIVAL – 3-5 July 2026

St Mary's "What a Wonderful World" floral celebration was a riot of colour, ingenuity and community spirit that typifies life at Thakeham's parish church. Inside the church the flower arrangers had worked their usual magic with skilfully arranged displays, some quirky and some humorous and a children's "interactive" installation to find the bible quotes hidden under the rice and petals. Outside the bric-a-brac was a hive of activity, supported by a number of craft and plant stalls providing an opportunity for the visitors to browse before heading to the church rooms for some much needed refreshment.

On Saturday we were beautifully serenaded by a number of acts, in particular the Happy Days Big Band (happydaysbigband.co.uk) in the now traditional open mic slots before the bell ringers showed off their skills with the traditional sound of English church bells. One of the highlights of Thakeham's Flower Festival is the number of local gardeners who generously open their gardens. We are extremely grateful for all the hard work everyone puts in before opening up their spectacular gardens for us all to admire, especially when the weather conditions are so challenging.

The weather over the whole weekend was beautiful and sunny and it was lovely to see so many happy, smiling faces from the local community and visitors from further afield. On the Friday evening we were truly entertained by a former marine, illusionist and magician and now vicar – Tim Saiet. A fascinating interweaving of magic to illustrate his Christian talk. The Festival culminated on Sunday evening with a Songs of Praise. A selection of hymns and songs chosen by members of the congregation who explained the reason for their choice.

Very many thanks to all the supporters, sponsors and volunteers who have helped with this biennial event. Funds are still being counted but it is safe to say a substantial amount has been raised not only for the church but also for the two charities being supported this year: Springboard and Turning Tides.

Photos by Liz Whitehead and James Isgrove.





SULLINGTON 160 YEARS AGO

SUMMARY OF THE DIARY OF CANON PALMER – AUGUST 1866

Thu 2: Heavy showers in the morning and then very muggy. Letter from Edward, he is uncertain when he can get down; has to go to Winchester for leave, to London for clothes and perhaps to Gravesend with the troops. Harvest begun pretty well generally, though many are hanging back because of this gloomy weather.

Fri 3: Scuddy, stormy – warm from the SW. Spent the morning pruning and nailing up extravagant trees. Visited at Storrington with my mother. In the afternoon also Mrs C. Barnard, who works hard and means well, and who is improved by possessing of a baby.

Sat 4: Stormy, cool, no rain. My mother again divided between a garden and sermon. My afternoon devoted to Major Sandham, a few drops of rain at Highden and Cobden, inspected the artificial arm of that poor girl Nicholson. I can only say that I am much disappointed with the production. Have expected Edward all day but he has not turned up.

Sun 5: Tenth after Trinity. Cold and cloudy, cold NW wind, a most autumnal day, quite showery. Edward writes that he is "shut up" waiting for clothes! and hopes to be down tomorrow by 4 at Pulborough. The Bishop writes per circular of 8 registered cases of unmistakable cholera in Chichester, and of having had intimation of it in other parts of the Diocese and suggests the prayer for the times of plague or sickness, which I read today; still I feel that the last clause of the cattle plague special prayer should be now omitted. Preached from the miracle worked by Peter and John at the temple gate in the morning and in the evening an old sermon on "The harvest is the end of the World". Read some of Wilberforce's life. What a poor soul he was! And how tenaciously he clung to his subject through evil and good. His speech to his contestants at York at 1802 is I think admirable.

Mon 6: Stormy and very wet from the SW. Today old Edward returned home after 4 years absence and much illness; now he is looking remarkably well and fat after 125 days passage around the Cape. Drove to meet him at Pulborough and very wet it was. We cannot be too thankful for all God's mercies to us, especially in those vouchsafed to us as a family.

Tue 7: A gale from the West, then fine. Could hardly hear oneself speak, out of doors. The school is making progress again. Visited down the Sandy Lane and helped to prepare the ground for tomorrow's cricket. Edward inspected his treasures; he has brought a locust, and a variety of other nicknacks in silver and gold.

Wed 8: Cloudy, strong wind and a few showers. A good match gathering here, East v West in which East won by one run! Scores were East 58 - 45 and West 45 - 59. A fine game.

Thu 9: Fine but unsettled, strong SW wind. Our Eliza now gives us warning, much to my mother's disgust, who thinks her ungrateful – well, gratitude may be overstrained on one side. Drove Annie to Findon to see after a housemaid, but she requires 14 pounds and objects to wait at table.

Fri 10: Storms of hail and rain with thunder. Fine in between. Paid our second visit to the cottages with respect to the prizes and had a pleasant round notwithstanding the storms, Mr Blakestone and Annie went with me.

Sat 11: Fine morning, cloudy and cold afternoon. Sermon on the use and history of the Creeds. Croquet at Ballards, meeting Gorings, Napiers and Blakestones. Had trouble with George's beasts, who have taken to leaping my fences and eating my shrubs.

Sun 12: Eleven after Trinity. Muggy, cloudy after wet night. An amusing letter from Charles Goring to Edward putting everything at Highden at his disposal, horses, servants, garden and billiards. Spoke to a very thin congregation on the subject of Creeds, their use and their history. Tennyson writes "There lives more faith in honest doubt, believe me, than in half the Creeds." Maybe true.

Again a small gathering in the evening when we had lights in the pulpit, the weather was lowering and thundery, preached on the harvest as a subject of profitable thought.

Mon 13: Lowering, misty and close. Study sermon for the next Sunday the 19th which I think shall be from Psalm 95, subject the cattle plague and cholera. "Today if ye will hear His voice". George writes that he is much disgusted with the old establishment, and shall bring up his children as dissenters, which can grieve no one, as long as they are decent members of society. Edward and I walk; I visit along Washington road; George's new gardener, Mustchins and Blackman.

Tue 14: Fine showers in the morning and dull, and damp. Rode on Downs, Edward goes to Highden to look after things generally, the groom is to come tomorrow for orders.

Wed 15: Fine but dull, spent the morning in ratting and rabbiting with Gem Charman – 5 of former and 3 of latter slain after some little sport. In mounting Lady Jane, got a fall and hurt my hand considerably, she was very gaggy, took a turn on the Downs and had a beautiful view; Chichester spire was quite clear and Spithead also.

Thu 16: Heavy rain for 3 hours, 12-3pm. About ¼ of the harvest has been got in, but carrying has again been stopped today. The French Emperor has decided not to interfere in foreign affairs. My two advertisements in The Guardian and in The Ecclesiastical Gazette! I wonder whether anything will turn up from them? Vesey is in a scrape with the Boat Club.

Fri 17: Fine but unsettled. This has been a fair, though uncertain day for harvest; a large quantity of wheat has been carried, 1 one load! Much letter writing; school mistress, having had an interview with Northey, is engaged; so one step is made there. Then a one from a Mr Warleigh wishing an exchange and writes to that effect, but as his proposal is somewhat hazy and income gained but six pounds per annum, I decline: an agent writes, and to him I reply. Edward and I to Highden, thence per mail phaeton to Worthing.

Sat 18: Very fine; looks much more settled. Letters about the exchange from a Mr Welstead, which I have refused; and Mr Magendre one I shall consider. G.C. came over today to say farewell before his marriage. We busy carrying wheat; 7 loads today. Rode with George to Lee farm and never saw the Downs looking so beautiful: how hateful the prospect of the town seems to me!

Sun 19: Twelve after Trinity. Fine but dull, some soft rain late evening. Preached on Psalm XCV and touching on the cholera and in the evening an old sermon "Sins of the flesh". Talked much about the school to George.

Mon 20: Fine and warm throughout. A match at Steyning v. Pulborough. Storrington victorious. Bowen came to us for a night; he plays at Brighton tomorrow, Hants v Sussex veterans. Got 30. Think him altered and worn. Carried all the wheat.

Tues 21: Dull, dropsy and no fine afternoon. Letters sent from Evan York of Brookevale Rectory, Homecastle unsatisfactory and from Mrs Saunders of 9 Upper Rock Gardens Brighton also unsatisfactory. Annie and Edward return from Freshwater, Annie looking wonderfully well. Edward much pained with rheumatism, the result of India. Is India a source of profit to England?

Thurs 23: Heavy fog in early morning turns to heat. Busy carrying seeds which are in first rate order. Edward sees Mudd who does not speak very badly of him.

Fri 24: Some rain in morning, afterwards very close. Sermon on 'Felix' in morning. When Charles Goring calls to see Edward who holds levée in bed. Mr Goodricke with light literature in afternoon. I walk with Bertha to make purchases or rather inspection of furniture for the cottage. Edward and I play backgammon (!) and to while away his time.

Sat 25: Dewy morning with fog then fine and warm. Carried in my last load of seeds all in fine order. Write to Mr Majendre, appointing an interview after giving him details. George announces another son born at midnight on 22nd.

Sun 26: 13th after Trinity. Fine, very warm. Preached on the episode of 'Felix' Acts 24 and an old sermon on "Give us this day our daily bread".

Our last evening service a little excitement caused by a woman in fits.

Mon 27: Fine and warm. Rode to Pulborough to see if any telegram for me from Mr Majendre to whom I had written.

Tues 28: Fine morning, dull clouds in afternoon, heavy rain. Left home at 6.30am and was in Peterborough at 11.40! Just missed my train for Oundle, and had to stay in the lively cathedral city until 4pm! Certainly the great Norman work is magnificent and repays a second visit; no clamorous verger besets you, all is free and open. Got to Barmwell at 4.30 and two minutes from the station. Mr Majendre himself quite an old man, lively, rather nervous but a gentleman certainly, son of a late Bishop of Bangor. The parish is compactly round the church and the house is rather low but commodious, church very perfect. He seems very snug and quiet here, not the slightest social or parochial disquiet. There seem to be positively no poor as some former vicar left much in his will to them to the tune of £300, the money now three times the value. By exchanging this living I should gain in money some £150 per annum but the place is dull, perhaps not very healthy. Dined with the old man and was introduced to two of his daughters. Back to Peterborough by the last train. Slept at GN Hotel which was very good.

Wed 29: heavy wet all day. Up by the Scots Express reaching town at 10: an American with whom I travelled spoke much about Melrose by moonlight and a half hour of real romance. Did some business in town so home by 5. Edward and Annie collected me.

Thurs 30: Fine though not warm, heavy clouds. Cricket at Wiston; a dull match. Colt v Veterans, latter licked. Last game of the season.

Ann Salinger

WEST CHILTINGTON AND STORRINGTON MOTHERS' UNION

Mothers' UNION
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Tuesday 9 June as part of Mothers' Union 150th Anniversary celebrations, Karen Hill, Michele White, Hayley Cole and other members took part in a climb to the top of the O2 in London. Once they reach the summit they said midday prayers. I am pleased to say they had a successful ascent and came down safely.



Wednesday 10 June over 1500 members gathered at St Pauls Cathedral to give thanks for the Mothers' Union movement which has transformed lives throughout the world. God's love in action.



On a wet and windy day on Thursday 11 June, our branch members made their way to Amberley Tearooms for a Summer outing. We were hoping to wander through the lovely village of Amberley with its

pretty thatched cottages and little church, but the inclement weather caused us to remain in the comfort of the Tearooms where we enjoyed afternoon tea and chat and good service.

Saturday 20 June four of us, Jeannie W, Rosemary, Barbara and myself made our way to St Wilfrid's Chichester for a 150th Anniversary celebration and thanksgiving service at the invitation of Jenny Foakes, St Pauls and Chichester City branch leader. A good number attended from the West Sussex branches and all enjoyed an uplifting service, fellowship and delightful tea.



Date for your diary:

Sunday 16 August at 6pm

Patronal Festival at St Mary's, Storrington followed by Festival of Puddings with donations to MU projects

Thursday 3 September at 12 noon

Corporate Communion at St Mary's, West Chiltington, followed by a ploughmans' lunch in the hall

Thursday 1 October at 2pm

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Trains and boats, but no planes!

We did it! We did our mainly railway odyssey to Inverness and back. Here are the stats:

- 16 train journeys including London, Glasgow and Newcastle undergrounds.
- 10 car journeys, 6 to and from stations and 4 excursions with my sister in the Newcastle part of the holiday.
- 7 bus journeys mainly around Inverness.
- 2 boats, although one didn't go anywhere and the other was an excursion on Loch Ness – well, we had to do it!
- Lots of walking!!!!!!

I didn't count the miles but we must have covered something between 1300 and 1400 miles in total.

The Caledonian Sleeper from Euston to Inverness was great fun, although some people slept better than others! It only stopped once on the way to Glasgow, but after that it stopped at Stirling, Gleneagles, Aviemore and others. I was surprised to see that some people seemed to be using it as their regular commuter train.



The most modern and stylish trains were on the Lumo service from Edinburgh to Newcastle; and the most fun was on the Glasgow "Clockwork Orange" – opened in December 1896, one of the oldest underground systems in the world, but updated since then!

With our senior railcards, the cost was not outrageous, and everyone was incredibly helpful on trains and platforms. I thought we'd pared our luggage down, having only one suitcase between us, but we could have done better.



If you want a little adventure, I definitely recommend this sort of holiday. Part of the fun was the planning. Another part of the fun was arriving somewhere and being forced to pay attention to whatever we could reach by walking or public transport.

Swapping non-eco for eco

I was thinking recently that sometimes I feel a bit overwhelmed by all the implications of the climate crisis; my brain hurts trying to get my head around what, for example, a super El Nino means, especially during really hot weather. However, one of the maxims from my past day job, was that when lots of things are outwith your control, then control what you can. Applying this to the environmental aspects of my day-to-day life, there's lots I can do.

Being a person who likes structure, and who thinks in bullet points (yes, I do), I started to work out a hierarchy of points to apply to making changes; here it is.

- Substitutes for consumables that are harmful, like the pan-scorers that shed micro plastics into the water, and the plastic interdental brushes that just go to landfill. If it's something I use frequently and then just throw away, is there a better product?
- Consumables that are bulky so costly to package and transport. I've found the laundry sheets are as effective on all washes as powder or liquid.

- Just use less; one squirt of shampoo or washing up liquid is enough!

- Consumables that I can replace with something repurposed. I don't buy washing up cloths or floor mops; I've always got lots of old rags that do the job as well. Similarly, I don't buy freezer bags; the bags from cereal packets are stronger and last longer.



- Re-use and re-use. No-one should ever have to buy a new plant pot; there are so many out there in circulation. You don't have to buy the green fibre alternatives either. I think there are enough plant pots and trays in the world to keep us all going nearly indefinitely.

- Natural fibres or recycled instead of new synthetics. There are some very stylish bags made of recycled plastic, and our cycling rain gear is made of recycled plastic.

- Big purchases – you don't buy a new car or vacuum every day. First question – does the replacement have to be new? There's no shame in second-hand, reconditioned, or simply accepting someone's "cast off." We had a bread-maker that a friend had stopped using. When we decided it wasn't for us, we passed it on. If brand new is the choice, then I think doing the research to choose the greenest product that suits your budget helps.

What's your favourite eco tip? Please share them. It would be good to do a column of ideas from readers.

Christine Tuson, ctuson@lineone.net




Storrington Community Café

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STORRINGTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

West Sussex Rivers – Action for our Riverscapes

At the June meeting we enjoyed a talk by Aimee Felus, Chief Executive of Western Sussex Rivers Trust. There are 65 regional Rivers Trusts in the UK, with an umbrella organisation UK Rivers. Rivers in our area include the Arun, which flows for 37 miles from Horsham to Littlehampton, and is one of the fastest flowing in England, and the Rother, a tributary of the Arun, which is the only river which flows 100% through the South Downs National Park. There are also chalk streams, such as the Lavant, the Hambrook, and the Ems, which flow into Chichester Harbour.

The climate crisis means that rivers are experiencing too much water at some times, and too little at others, as we increasingly experience floods and droughts. Pollution is another issue, we are all aware of the discharge of sewage overflows, although this is reducing as water companies start to take action. The number 2 culprit in river pollution is agriculture, and number 3 is highway runoff: fuel, oil, and fragments of tyres and brake pads run into highway gullies, and these often discharge directly into streams.



However, the main reason that rivers are not in good health is physical modification – no river in the UK is in its natural state; they have all been modified over centuries by weirs, locks, dredging, and banking, changing courses and separating rivers from their natural floodplains.

When allowed to return to a more natural state, rivers help flood and drought mitigation, wetlands can help water purification, and in fact are better at absorbing carbon than forests. The Trust, working with local partners, has projects in progress to plant trees and introduce debris such as tree trunks to make rivers slow down, meander, and create wetland areas. Further projects are creating roadside rain gardens, to help with road runoff. These can take out 80% of pollutants, even heavy metals, due to bacterial action in the soil and roots.

Volunteers work with the Trust to check water quality across the region; all results are loaded into a database and are viewable on their website wsrt.org.uk. Other ways we can all contribute to improving our rivers are creating a rain garden at home, reducing the amount of water we use in our homes and gardens, and being careful to use products with fewer chemicals.

Final thought from Aimee: we don't need a few perfect environmentalists; we need millions of imperfect ones! The evening finished with light refreshments and a raffle.

Our Summer Show is **Saturday 1 August**, featuring flowers, fruit & vegetables, craft, cookery, art and photography. Entries are welcome from all. The full schedule and details for entrants are available on our website, and the show, with refreshments and a raffle, is open from 2pm.

The next meeting on **Friday 21 August** will feature a talk by Kate Scott on Herbs. Details of other meetings and outings can be found at www.storringtonhorti.org.uk

Jo Myland



£2 million grant confirmed

The parish was delighted to receive confirmation in June from Horsham District Council that our Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) bid for the Chanctonbury Leisure Hub project has been successful. A conditional award of £2 million has been approved, representing one of the largest single external funding awards secured for

a community project within our parish. The funding will be used for the redevelopment and modernisation of the leisure centre and associated football and cricket facilities, helping meet the growing demands placed upon these facilities by our expanding community. In addition, we were delighted to learn that the Storrington Cricket Club has also been successful in its application and has been awarded £135K to improve the cricket facilities which will be undertaken alongside the broader leisure centre project.

Councillors would like to recognise the enormous amount of work undertaken by Cllr John Loney who coordinated the Hub bid, and Cllr Claudia Fisher, also a District councillor for Storrington, who supported the application throughout the long and rigorous assessment process.

CIL monies are collected by HDC from new building projects such as housing and are allocated annually.



Chanctonbury Pavilion

Refurbishment of the football pavilion has now been completed. The space was in dire need of modernisation and has benefitted from a complete refit, with new flooring, better lighting, fresh decor and new furniture. Huge thanks to Cllr Bill Aitkenhead and Deputy Clerk Katie Piper for their huge time commitment to making this happen.

Renamed the Chanctonbury Pavilion, this space will continue to be used by our lessees Storrington Community Football Club (The Swans) for their football matches and events. Going forward, the Pavilion will be available for hire by the community through the parish office. Details to follow.

Helen Miles

The parish council is delighted to welcome Helen Miles as a new parish councillor. Helen lives and works in Storrington and brings a wealth of knowledge of the community and a background in social work with her.



Diary Dates:

Warden's Fun Day – Monday 17 August

Christmas Event – Thursday, 3 December

For updates on all parish matters, please see our website: www.storrington-pc.gov.uk and our Facebook page: Storrington & Sullington Parish Council

Cllr Virginia Hicks, Storrington and Sullington Parish Council
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CHURCH SERVICES AT A GLANCE

DATE	FESTIVAL OR SUNDAY	STORRINGTON St Mary's	THAKEHAM St Mary's	SULLINGTON St Mary's
2 August	Trinity 9	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion 6pm Evensong	10.30am Joint Service	8.30am BCP Communion 3pm Evensong
9 August	Trinity 10	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion NO EVENSONG	10.30am Morning Prayer	10.30am Holy Communion
16 August	Trinity 11	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion with Prayers for Healing and Wholeness 6pm Patronal Festival Choral Evensong with Festival of Puddings	8.30am Celtic Holy Communion	10.30am Morning Prayer / Joint Holy Communion
23 August	Trinity 12	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion	10.30am Holy Communion	10.30am Morning Prayer
30 August	Trinity 13	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion	10.30am Joint 5th Sunday Holy Communion	
6 September	Trinity 14	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion 9.30am Messy Church in Old School (ends 11am) 6pm Evensong	10.30am Joint Service	8.30am BCP Communion 3pm 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.

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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
Tel: 07450 176315 Email: admin@lccstor.org www.lccstor.org

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH

Thakeham Road

Sunday Service 10.30am
Minister: Revd Steven Donnison Tel: 245799
Email: trinitychurchstorrington@outlook.com
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

ALL ARE WELCOME

Buy a ticket at The Hub in Storrington

Co-ordinator: Penny Barnes (01798 815129)

Come and meet old friends and make new ones

All for only £4!



The Churches of Storrington invite you to

SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB

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

NO SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB IN AUGUST

Next lunch will be on 13 September

at the Old School, School Lane, Storrington

Tickets £5.00 are available from

The Village Hub, 7 The Square, Storrington



WHAT'S ON

AUGUST

Sat 1

- 2pm Storrington Horticultural Society Summer Show – p17
2pm Storrington Conservation Society – Working Party – p21

Sun 2 Trinity 7

Mon 3

- 10am Community Café – Storrington Library – p16
2.30pm Reading Friends – Storrington Library – p34
7pm Storrington Slimmers – Rectory Office, Storrington – p26

Tue 4

- 9.15am Inter-Church Prayers – Storrington Priory Library – p9
1.45pm SPACE – Arts & Craft Club – p21
7.30pm Storrington Museum – Talk – p20

Thu 6

- 6pm Hymns & Pimm's – St Mary's, Sullington – p5

Fri 7

- 10am Summer events for SEND, Chanctonbury Leisure – p33
1pm Summer events for SEND, Chanctonbury Leisure – p33

Sun 9 Trinity 8

Mon 10

- 7pm Storrington Slimmers – Rectory Office, Storrington – p26
7.30pm Thakeham Gardeners' Club – Meeting – p25

Tue 11

- 10.30am The Anchorage Community Café – p29

Wed 12

- 10am Holy Communion followed by Café in the Church – p6

Sun 16 Trinity 9

- 10am Storrington Bowling Club – p24
6pm Patronal Festival Choral Evensong and Festival of Puddings – St Mary's, Storrington – p10

Mon 17

- 11am Family Fun Day – Chanctonbury Leisure – p33
7pm Storrington Slimmers – Rectory Office, Storrington – p26

Tue 18

- 2pm Knit and Stitch – p4
1.45pm SPACE – Arts & Craft Club – p21
7pm West Chiltington Floral Club – Meeting – p22

Thu 20

- 10.30am Cuppa and a Chat – Chanctonbury Leisure Centre – p15

Fri 21

- 10am Summer events for SEND, Chanctonbury Leisure – p33
1pm Summer events for SEND, Chanctonbury Leisure – p33
7.30pm Storrington Horticultural Society – Meeting – p17

Sun 23 Trinity 10

Mon 24

- 1.30pm Storrington Macular Group – Meeting – p3
7pm Storrington Slimmers – Rectory Office, Storrington – p26

Wed 26

- 10.30am Trinity Sunshine Choir – p9
2pm Holy Communion followed by Café in the Church – p6

Sun 30 Trinity 11

Mon 31 Bank Holiday

- 9am Car Boot – Storrington Library Car Park – p26

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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL DAYS

AUGUST

- 4 Jean-Baptiste Vianney, 1859 – Patron saint of priests

- 5 **Oswald, 642** – King of Northumbria from 634

6 THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

- 7 John Mason Neale, 1866 – Anglican priest, scholar and hymn-writer: *Good Christian Men, Rejoice* and *Good King Wenceslas*

- 8 **Dominic, 1221** – Spanish, Patron saint of astronomers

9 Mary Sumner, 1921, Founder of Mothers' Union

- 10 **Laurence, 258**, one of most widely venerated saints of RC Church, and, according to lore, spirited away the chalice used during Last Supper (the "Holy Grail") to Spain

- 11 **Clare of Assisi, 1253** – founded Order of Saint Clare (Poor Clare's) John Henry Newman, 1890

- 13 **Jeremy Taylor, 1667**, best known as a prose stylist Florence Nightingale, 1910

Octavia Hill, 1912 – social reformer. Joint founder of National Trust and pioneer for modern social work.

- 14 Maximilian Kolbe, 1941 – Polish priest, patron saint of drug addicts

15 THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

20 Bernard, 1153

William and Catherine Booth, 1912 and 1890 – founders of Salvation Army

24 BARTHOLOMEW THE APOSTLE

27 Monica, 387

28 Augustine of Hippo, 430

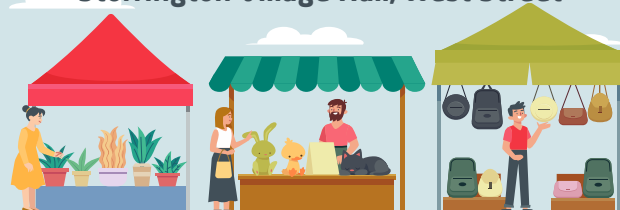
29 Beheading of John the Baptist

- 30 John Bunyan, 1688 – author of *The Pilgrim's Progress*

31 Aidan, 651

STORRINGTON COMMUNITY MARKET

Storrington Village Hall, West Street



EVERY FRIDAY 9.30 – 11.30am

FRESH LOCAL PRODUCE

Homemade Cakes, Quiches and Biscuits • Sausage Rolls • Fruit Veg • Plants • Homemade Marmalade, Jam, Chutney and Honey

PLUS

Carol's pet rugs, cushions, quilts and bunting
Books and free magazines • Locally produced cards
Katie's Forever Living Aloe Vera • Velda's aprons
Elaine's Glass Art and Jewellery • Rich's woodcraft gifts
Sussex Green Living recycling collection point
Cafe – tea, coffee and biscuits

MARY AND LUKE – AN AMAZING MEETING

by Chrystalle Kersley

Mary and Luke, an amazing meeting.
Thank you Luke for seeking Mary,
She alone had tales to tell
Only she had conversation
With the Angel Gabriel.
'Highly favoured', 'God is with you'
'Holy Spirit come today'
You will have a child called Jesus,
Ex Maria Virgine.

Next the cousins joyful meeting
Mary and Elizabeth.
John, unborn, leapt up in welcome,
Mary merely drew her breath.
Prayed in praise a lovely anthem,
Recognised her new format,
Her's the words, and hers the meaning,
Canticle; Magnificat.

Next we have dumb Zechariah,
(Lost his voice, through unbelief)
Wrote 'His name is John' for neighbours,
Then could speak, with great relief.
'Benedictus' was his anthem,
Propheying through his tears.
Mary heard the words triumphant,
Memorised them through the years.

At the birth of baby Jesus
In that lowly cattle shed
Mary heard the shepherds' story
And remembered all they said.
Angels singing 'in excelsis'
'All to God now glory be'
A miraculous appearance
'Peace on earth eternally'

Simeon and ageing Anna
Serving in Jerusalem
Saw the Christchild with his parents,
To the temple welcomed them.
'Nunc Dimittis' was the anthem
From the priest that Mary heard.
With her memory so vivid
She remembered every word.

Lovely Luke, Gentile and doctor
Could of course both read and write
Searched out Mary, found her stories,
Put them down in black and white
Thank you Luke for your persistence
In your Gospel we pursue,
First hand messages and visions
Mary - only Mary - knew.

See Luke, chapters 1 & 2



STORRINGTON & DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION



Storrington & District Twinning was delighted to host a visit from Villerest, our twin town in Rhone Alps.

Our friends were entertained for four days spending time with host families and visiting many local attractions we have here on our doorstep.

Of course our first visit with Storrington's connection with storks was to Knepp Wilding where we were able to see up close the storks nests and many in flight. To round off the day we visited Smock Alley Vineyard for tour and tastings.

We continued to other historic places such as Chichester Cathedral, Bosham Church with connections to the Bayeux Tapestry, a coastal walk, lunch at the arc deco building of Brighton City Airport as well as Shoreham Lifeboats.

We have been invited to visit Villerest next year to celebrate our 30th Anniversary. Also joining us will be Cerrione, Italy who will be celebrating 20 years of twinning with Villerest. Storrington & District twinning signed a friendship agreement with Cerrione on 13th October 2012. This will be a very special event and something of an achievement today.

If you would like to join us and/or become involved in visiting and hosting please go to our website at storringtonanddistricttwinning.co.uk or for more information please email: secretary@storringtontwinning.co.uk



Monthly
Talk

"THAT CAN'T BE NATURAL"

by Bill Avenell

Tuesday 4th August - 7.30pm

Members £6
Non-members £8
All Welcome!

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



**STORRINGTON
& DISTRICT
MUSEUM**

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Bill Avenell is a retired Geography Teacher/Deputy Head at Christ's Hospital School, Horsham, spanning 36 years and has a particular passion for Topography. In this talk, he takes a look at some iconic landscapes and features and examines them for their geographic origins, as well as human interventions, to determine whether although appearing to be "naturally" formed, they may have actually experienced "other" influences (... OR vice-versa?)

CRICKET IN STORRINGTON



Exciting News

The Club's landlord, Storrington and Sullington Parish Council, has announced that its application for Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding has been successful with a £2 million grant award approved by Horsham District Council. The funding will support the ambitious Chanctonbury Recreation Hub project relating to key community facilities that include Storrington Cricket Pavilion. The Club's Chairman, James Harrington, has shared in the Parish Council's delight at this news with the following statement: "Storrington CC has spent the last 2-3 years building a vision, securing planning and fund raising, to provide a clubhouse that is fit not only for our varied membership of today but also for membership in the future. This Hub project delivers a new clubhouse which will benefit not only members of the Cricket Club but also the wider Storrington Community. Storrington CC looks forward to partnering with the Parish Council and working in partnership with other parties to bring this project to a successful conclusion."

Apart from having one weekend of cricket denied by rain, all sections of the Club were fully engaged in matches, again with very mixed results. The month's top performance was produced by Frankie Brown who scored a century (118 runs) against Barns Green. He also took 3 wickets in the same match. A close second was U10's Joseph who 5 wickets for no runs when his side beat Horsham Trinity and, a close third was Steven Livermore with 5 wickets for 12 runs when the 1st XI beat East Preston. Half centuries were scored by Justin Hayles (77) and Douglas Sopp (57).

Good performances were registered by several of our girls, namely Lea, Tillie, Emily, Alice and Marley, playing at both junior and senior levels. Two more wins for the U14 girls extended their winning run in league matches to 2.5 years. In an U14 boys match against Broadwater three of our boys, Massimo, Ben and George, all topped 30 unbeaten runs. Massimo played in four Sussex Cricket Board matches vs Cambridgeshire, Kent, Middlesex and Suffolk whilst Emily was selected to play with the Women's Sussex Martlets team that included an international player as well as several County players. Emily was the second highest run scorer in the match – against an MCC Women's side; she also bowled five overs for 17 runs.

On 12 June a service of celebration and thanksgiving for the life of Verena Cotton took place. Verena, who had died in May after a long innings of 96 years, was one of the Club's Vice-Presidents. Since her husband Ian's death in 2021 Verena had attended the annual presentations of awards to our juniors the main award being the Ian Cotton Cup. An honours board for junior performances was installed in the pavilion after one of Verena's generous donations to the Club.

The Club has been pleased to gain a new major sponsor this year: L&W – The Rail Experts, a family run business that has been supplying plant and equipment to the rail industry since 1986.

Chris Winter



STORRINGTON CONSERVATION SOCIETY

Those who deny climate change have had wake up calls in Europe in May and June. No doubt many of them will turn deaf ears. To accept the truth would require an admittance of wilful ignorance and acceptance of the need to act. Some will blame the Pacific El Nino event. The global weather forecasting platform WFY24 states that this is 'meteorologically off'. Even when El Nino is strong its direct influence on European summer heat is weak. The recent heat waves here is a jet stream blocking phenomenon. The heat dome (caused by stationary high pressure) is the real problem, made worse by long-term warming. El Nino cannot be blamed.

Its effect can be severe, but mainly in the tropics. It occurs when sea temperatures in the eastern Pacific become warmer than usual, making extreme weather possible. Causing flooding in South America, East Africa, Central Asia and the Southern USA. Paradoxically it causes drought and wildfires in Australia, South America and Indonesia.

While El Nino may temporarily increase global temperatures by about 0.2°C, human industrial action has increased them long term by about 1.3-1.5°C. In other words, climate change will only get worse, with more extreme heatwaves in Europe, until we stop burning fossil fuels.

The destruction of forests adds to the problem by reducing the absorbing of CO2 and the burning of the wood. So some good news. Amid the recent political froth and bubble, The Environmental Secretary, Emma Reynolds, has announced a new law banning the sale of products from illegally deforested areas. This is the result of the WWF and partners in the NGO Forest Coalition pushing the government to act for six years. Forests are essential for nature, for people and a stable climate. Passing a law is one thing, ensuring it is observed is essential. We can all support the WWF and Forest Coalition in keeping pressure on those in authority. There may be other urgent matters for Governments to deal with, but none more urgent and life threatening than climate change.

The work party on Saturday 4 July was at Hurston Warren clearing invasive Himalayan Balsam and bracken from Hurston Warren, the important SSSI. On July Thursday afternoons Balsam and bracken bashing by local streams resumed. On **Saturday 1 August** the work party as usual at 10.00am is at Dyke Farm for the annual hay raking and the weeding of newly established hedges. All are welcome to share in any part this essential work of conservation. Gardening kit advised. Tools, fresh air, good cheer and refreshments provided.

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.

Come and join our SPACE

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



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

Everyone will be very welcome (men and women, any age or ability). Either bring along something you can already do, or have a go at something different.

For more information contact Barbara (741236).

STORRINGTON & SULLINGTON - REFLECTIONS OF THE PAST

REVD HENRY PALMER AT SULLINGTON – PART 50

A cricket match and picnic at Wiston before Mr Palmer caught the night train from Brighton to Town at 10pm, arriving at 6 Wilton Street. He spent five days there, visiting the House of Commons, the National Portrait Gallery and the Wimbledon Camp. It was not all pleasure as the Registrar General "pulls me up for a supposed error in the copy of the register [parish], but which in reality is a somewhat serious neglect of the law, for providing only one witness in a late marriage in the parish. I have been open and simple with him and 'won't do it again'". The country is delightful after London. He began holiday-making, of course, a cricket match at Midhurst at which they were "well-licked", before going off to Ryde, cruising in the 'Mars'. The weather was dull, but with enough breeze to give a pleasant week's sailing. Another unusual omission from the Rector, there does not seem to be any journal entry about this in his main or holiday diary, so it was probably just visiting places around the Solent, Isle of Wight or south coast.

Back home for the last Sunday in July, he preached a sermon on the final Beatitude and an old one on "Thy Kingdom Come", followed by dinner at Sandgate, no doubt reminiscing about the week on the 'Mars'. There was a clerical meeting next day at which the Rector was keen to be present, so it was off to Lower Beeding where a four-mile walk from the parsonage to Colwood, accompanied by the incumbent of Southwater, "a nice and clever fellow. There were a baker's dozen present including two laymen, Noel and Robinson". The meeting was on the subject of "Ecce Homo" and much to Mr Palmer's taste where he found the tone of the discussion, "with three exceptions marvellously liberal and the secretary, Mr Hoare, "very much in favour of the book with Hodgson, Hutchinson and Soper against". It was seldom there was an opportunity to enjoy such discussions in his rural parish. He was home by lunch-time next day to join a croquet party at Sandgate where he was delighted to read a notice in The Times of Edward's arrival at Spithead. Not so delighted to receive a letter from his brother saying that he was uncertain when he could come home as he had a full schedule – he had to go to Winchester for leave, London for clothes and possibly to Gravesend with troops. The Rector had his own programme – it was harvest month, "tho' many are hanging back because of this gloomy weather". The garden needed his attention where he spent a morning, "pruning and nailing up extravagant rows of trees". His afternoon was taken up visiting Storrington with his mother and Mrs Barnard, "who works hard and means well, and who is improved by possessing a baby". Another day was divided by the garden and sermon writing and an afternoon devoted to Major Sandham, Highden and Cobden, where he inspected the artificial nose of "that poor girl Nicholson and can only say that I am much disappointed with the production" – it can only be hoped that he was more encouraging to "that poor girl" who would presumably have to live with it!

There was a circular from the Bishop about eight registered cases of unmistakable cholera in Chichester and intimations of it in other parts of the diocese. He suggested the prayer for Times of Plague or Sickness, "which I read today. Still I feel that the last clause of the Cattle Plague Special Prayer should be omitted". He relaxed by reading some of the Wilberforce's Life – "what a good soul he was! How tenaciously he clung to his subject thro' evil and good. His speech to his constituents at York, July 1802 is, I think, admirable, especially his opinion about the freedom to be granted to a representative to his constituents".

"Today old Edward returned home after four years' absence and much illness, now he is looking remarkably well and fat after 125 days' passage around the Cape". His brother drove happily to meet him at Pulborough, though the weather was very wet. He expressed his thanks for "all God's mercies to us, especially those vouchsafed to us as a family". There was no let-up in the weather the next day as a gale from the west meant "could hardly hear oneself speak out-of-doors". Nevertheless, he visited Sandy Lane, where he was pleased to see that the school was progressing at last with carpenters "at the lean-to" and there were preparations going ahead for the next day's cricket. The match, East v West, was a fine

game, the East team winning by one run! They scored 58 and 45, the West 45 and 57, the Rector enjoying it all very much. Brother Edward meanwhile was engaged in the interesting occupation of unpacking his Indian treasures. "He has brought us a locust and various nick-nacks of silver and gold for other family members". But all was not at peace in the rectory. Servant trouble again when "our Eliza giving us warning" much to his mother's disgust, who thought the housemaid ungrateful. This meant a drive to Findon to find a replacement, but "she required 14£ and objects to waiting at table". As there is no further mention of housemaids the matter was left, probably, in Mrs Palmer's hands.

The summer was progressing and with it the approaching Storrington and Parham Cottage Gardener's Show, started four years earlier and which had proved so popular that it had increased to encompass Sullington and Rackham, and with a top prize of £110s.0d for the cleanest and neatest cottage and for the best cropped and neatest kept garden, first prize 10s (provided it was not tended on Sundays), it was time for the visitors to make their second inspection of the year. The Rector and Annie accompanied by Mr Blackiston made the rounds, which they enjoyed in spite of the storms, hail and thunder during the day. There was also another croquet party, this time at the Ballards. On the farm the Rector was experiencing problems with GCG's beasts who had taken to "leaping my fences and eating the shrubs". Edward was amused by a letter from Charles Goring putting "everything at Highden at his disposal, horses, servants, garden and billiards". The two brothers rode up the downs, Edward going to Highden to look after things, the groom to come the next day for orders. They spent the following morning rabbiting and rattling, "sub duce" Jem Charman, when three of the former and five of the latter were slain after some sport.

The Rector had a fall while mounting Lady Jane, hurting his head badly, saying that the mare was "very gay". It did not prevent him from continuing his ride on the downs, admiring the beautiful view with the spire of Chichester Cathedral and Spithead which could be seen quite clearly. There was much letter-writing, received and sent; two advertisements in The Guardian and the Ecclesiastical Gazette. A missive from his friend, Vesey, who was "in a scrape with the boat club", which Mr Palmer had found [?] when he was a curate to him. There were letters about an exchange of livings with Mr Wellingsted, which he refused, and another from Mr Warleigh, also declined as his proposal was "somewhat hazy" and the income would only be £60 p.a. One from Mr Majendie, to which he gave some consideration. An agent wrote [on a subject which is not stated], "him I fear". Did junk mail start so early? A good step was made with the engagement of a schoolmistress who had already had an interview with 'Northey'.

Joan Ham (Village Historian)



WEST CHILTINGTON
FLORAL CLUB (AFFILIATED TO NAFAS)

Tuesday 18 August at 7.00pm for 7.30pm start
"Even More Fabulous Flowers" With Lucinda Knapman

Visitors are most welcome – £7.00

The meeting will be held at West Chiltington Village Hall,
Mill Road, West Chiltington RH20 2PZ.

For more information, please contact:

Brenda on 01798 813712 or Carol on 01798 813608

Email: wchiltfloralclub@gmail.com

Website: www.westchiltingtonfloralclub.co.uk

Play Reading for Fun

Wednesday 16 September 7.15pm for 7.30pm start

This will be held in the conservatory of The Five Bells, Smock Alley, West Chiltington. We will be reading the comedy *Sand Castles* by Bob Larbey. All welcome to take part. No charge but booking is essential: please contact chair@wcds.co.uk

Next Production

Thursday 19 to Friday 21 November at 7.30pm

A Convenient Murder

By David Summers, directed by Pat Arculus, at West Chiltington Village Hall.

Synopsis

Daniel Harding, well-known anti-government activist, has been found dead in his study. The case looks suspiciously like murder and, because his brother-in-law is visiting at the time — and he happens to work for M16 — a special investigator is called in, as it may turn out to be a matter of national security. Throughout the night, the family are questioned and cross-questioned. Many startling things come to light. Commissioner Halsted is faced with too many suspects and, even, the possibility of suicide. But when the pathologist telephones with his findings, it all becomes clear...

Tickets: Adults: £12; Under-18s: £6 Booking online from October 2026. Details nearer the time at www.wcgs.co.uk

If you would like to help Front of House, please contact chair@wcgs.co.uk

We are always happy to welcome new members. If you are interested in treading the boards or helping behind the scenes, please contact Angela at chair@wcgs.co.uk or visit our website at www.wcgs.co.uk Annual Membership is great value: adult membership costs £10 and under-18s/full-time students pay £5.

Angela Sloan, Chair WCDS

INITIATIVE SUPPORTING POLLINATORS SPREADS ACROSS SUSSEX

Why solar has been our best home investment

When we moved into our Sussex new-build a few years back, we knew the bills would be steep. We were a family of four, the cost-of-living crisis was in full swing, and with two young children, the washing machine was never going to get a rest. Nervous about rising costs, we looked into solar and decided to take the plunge.

We had a 10-panel system fitted with a battery, so we could store excess energy and use it later. We treated it as an investment and were told it would take around eight years to recoup the cost through savings, but solar also adds roughly two per cent to the value of your home, so in that sense the panels pay for themselves.

The system went live in January 2023. We didn't see much difference at first, but by April we were exporting more energy than we were buying, and by summer we were producing more than we could ever use. Now I run the washing and do my batch cooking when the sun is out, which has saved us a fortune. Even in winter there are bright days to get some washing done.

Carrie Cort, the founder and CEO of Sussex Green Living, agrees "we had solar put on our home in 2017 by a great Littlehampton company, CC Solar. We love making bread while the sun does shine and trickle charge our EV car off the battery at night, making full use of free energy from the sun."

The savings we've seen have been beyond what we were expecting. In the first year, I spent £441 on electricity, but my energy company paid me £206 for what we sent back to the grid, a net cost of just £235 for the year. Before solar, our annual estimate was around £1,100. That's almost an 80% saving.

In Sussex, we're lucky to live in one of the sunniest corners of the country. A recent study by Tradefix Direct found that Brighton is the fastest place in the UK to recoup the cost of solar, under five and a half years, with homeowners saving close to £1,120 a year.

Reducing our reliance on the grid has taken the stress out of every announcement that prices are rising again. For us, it's been money very well spent.

Bex Bastable

PARHAM HOUSE EVENTS



Sunday 2nd August

Jaguar Enthusiasts Club

Parham will again welcome back the members of the Jaguar Enthusiasts Club. Their beautiful classic and contemporary cars will be displayed at the front of Parham, for the enjoyment of their fellow members and for those visiting the House and Gardens.

Wed 5th August until Sun 27th September

Needlework on Display

Wed 12th August – Mon 31st August

Textile Exhibition

A Textile Exhibition by Jane Robinson will be held in the Seed Room.

Throughout the open season, Parham will run a variety of special tours which will focus on our collections including needlework, house and clocks. All places must be booked in advance online.

Joanna's Boutique Tearoom is open in The Mower Shed from 12 noon on our standard open days. Visitors can enjoy hot and cold drinks, sandwiches, sausage rolls, cakes and scones.

The House and Gardens will be open to visitors on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, Sundays and Bank Holidays from Easter Sunday to early October. Tickets for advance bookings are on sale now.

For more information, please visit www.parhaminsussex.co.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.



FLORAL FRINGE FAIR AT LOXWOOD MEADOW

The Floral Fringe Fair is taking place for the fourth year in Loxwood Meadow (near Billingshurst RH14 0AL) and in the magical woodland there. It takes place Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 September, 10.30am until 5pm both days.



We are so excited to tell you that the Fair won The Best Family Experience in Sussex in the Muddy Stilletos awards recently!

At the fair there will be around one hundred stalls of little known and high quality makers, good food for all diets, well-being, vintage, plants, wildlife, gardenalia and clothing. Our ethos is that nearly everything is handmade, or at least designed, by the person selling it.

Styled picnics are warmly welcomed!! Any style you like! You will be able to buy everything you want to eat from our stalls.

Music, singing and dancing all weekend. Classic cars. Vintage caravans. Dog friendly. No need to register if coming in a classic car and no need to stay all day although I think you will want to!

Many of our visitors like to dress up for the weekend. The quirkier the more we love it! You can of course just wear a colourful outfit or a big hat, flowers in your hair, Steampunk, vintage, or this year, as we have a sustainable upcycled denim fashion show in the spirit of Frida Kahlo. We are suggesting people take Frida as their inspiration for an outfit! The fashion show is on both days and run by the talented ladies of @curtainstocouture

Dad's Army will be there all weekend making us laugh with their antics! The fair is a really eccentric fusion of all things joyous, colourful and interesting. It's a bit different.

Tickets upfront from our website cheaper than on the day on the gate. Weekend tickets available.

www.floralfringefair.co.uk

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Enjoying the summer? If you like being outdoors and getting some exercise, then why not consider playing lawn bowls at our lovely and friendly club.



We are in West Street, behind the South Downs Cycle shop, and provide an excellent

bowling green and social facilities for players of all ages. We have a range of opportunities for bowling such as casual 'roll ups' throughout the week plus evening 'roll ups' on Monday and Friday evenings. Competitive bowling is available through club competitions and league matches for ladies and men.

Interested – then visit www.storringtonbc.co.uk, email info@storringtonbc.co.uk or call Cathrine (07954 702903) for more information or to book a free taster session or come to our open day on **Sunday 16 August (10am – 4pm)**.

Come and give it a go – you will be sure of a warm welcome.

The final month of the school year has been incredibly busy. We have had some wonderful summer events taking place such as sports week and our KS2 production, as well as a number of lovely trips, and visitors coming in to school.

Year 5 Tesla visit



Year 5 were fortunate to receive a visit from Tesla Engineering, a local company that designs and builds electromagnets for a range of exciting uses. The team shared examples of their work and gave the children the opportunity to explore electromagnets through hands-on activities, supporting their science learning.

Many thanks to Mark and Jacob from Tesla Engineering for taking the time to visit us, the children gained a lot from the experience.

Wolf Assembly

Earlier this month, we were delighted to welcome Wolf 1834 to assembly. This local company, based in Washington, has a worldwide reputation and has been creating high-end jewellery boxes, watch winders and luxury travel accessories for 200 years. The current owner, grandson of the original founder, Philip Wolf, has transformed the business in recent years.

Mr Wolf spoke to the children about the history of the company and about his great-grandmother, Ida, a formidable businesswoman who took over the business when her husband became ill. We were inspired by her determination and by the company's commitment to encouraging the next generation of designers, artists and entrepreneurs.

Mr Wolf also spoke eloquently about the impact we can all have on the world, reminding us that hard work and care for our communities can make a real difference. The children thoroughly enjoyed his presentation and loved seeing the beautiful products he brought with him.

We were then surprised and grateful to receive a luxury jewellery roll for every child. Wolf 1834 has also kindly donated a watch winder and a jewellery box as raffle prizes for our next major fundraising event in the new school year. I will certainly be buying my tickets in the hope of winning a ballerina box!



Dear Mr WOLF,
Thank you SO much for giving my school those black boxes. I am so grateful and I really like it.
From Charlie [redacted]

Sports Day

Despite soaring temperatures in June we were able to hold our sports day before the end of the year. This was a wonderful opportunity for the whole school to come together and compete in a variety of sporting events. The children, and families had a wonderful time cheering each other on and competing in a variety of events to show off their sporting prowess.

I hope you've enjoyed reading about the activities that have taken place over this academic year. From everyone at Storrington Primary School, I wish you a lovely summer and look forward to updating you again in the new academic year.

Mr Choate



The guest speaker at the June meeting was Clare of Clare's Chillies with her talk 'Chillie Chat'. She gave an interesting talk covering many aspects of their cultivation and detailing many different varieties. She talked about various products made from chilli and had bought several examples with her which members were able to purchase.



The club celebrated its 50th anniversary with an evening event on Saturday 27 June. Guests were welcomed with a glass of fizz and the evening began with a talk on Thakeham through the past 50 years by Thakeham stalwarts Barry Laker, Norman Prince and John Bearman. A finger buffet followed and the anniversary cake was cut, 70's music played in the background and a good evening was had by all.

The next monthly meeting is on **Monday 10 August** when Frances Farrer-Brown will talk on the History of Gardens in South-East England. The club competition is A Vase of Summer Flowers.

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





Busy life, retired, grandchildren, holidays, garden, sport etc

Take a break and join us for lunch with a speaker, good company; and other events during the year.

Your local Probud group of friendly semi-retired/retired men who meet for lunch; and coffee mornings and other events where partners are also invited.

In June we enjoyed lunch at the Roundabout Hotel. Hilly Sloane talked about Pilgrimage, Graffiti and The Search for Redemption – sounds very heavy but as always Hilly produced an interesting and informative talk which generated many questions and much discussion.



I hadn't realised that in Medieval times the Chichester diocese was the poor relation compared to Winchester, Salisbury, Canterbury and London. However, when St Richard was made a saint (canonised) in 1262 things started to change. Pilgrims travelled many miles to the Cathedral where, whilst waiting to see his shrine, carved their mark/graffiti on the cathedral walls. His shrine was destroyed during the reformation, but his name lives on through his feast day, June 16, which is also celebrated as Sussex Day.

We were delighted to welcome another new member, Nick Shearman. Nick was introduced by Stuart who shared that Nick is a recently retired dentist who is actively involved in village life and a member of the croquet club.

Events for this year

- Afternoon Garden Party**
- Inter Club Probud Croquet**
- Skittles**
- Autumn lunch**
- Chichester theatre: My Fair Lady**
- Visit to The Royal Hospital**
- Christmas dinner at West Sussex Club**

If you would like to find out more please contact: David on westchiltprobud@gmail.com, call: Nick on 07788 922031.



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Evening Jazz with Big House

Wed 19 August 8pm to 10pm

Join us for an evening of fun with live jazz in The Old Workshop with snacks, wine and soft drinks available for purchase. New guest artists will join us every month, bringing fresh sounds and making sure the energy never stops. Book tickets – <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/sullingtonmanorfarm/td>

Curious Threads, textile exhibition

Thu 17 to Sun 27 September 10am to 4pm daily

A contemporary collective of nine textile artists based in the South Downs, UK, known for their themed exhibitions exploring diverse techniques like quilting, embroidery, printing, dyeing, and bookmaking, often inspired by nature, place, and colour. All pieces are for sale and the café will be open too. Free entry and parking.

For more details please see www.sullingtonmanorfarm.co.uk, contact us on info@sullingtonmanorfarm.co.uk or ring 01903 745754.

Pre-loved clothes sale and café open

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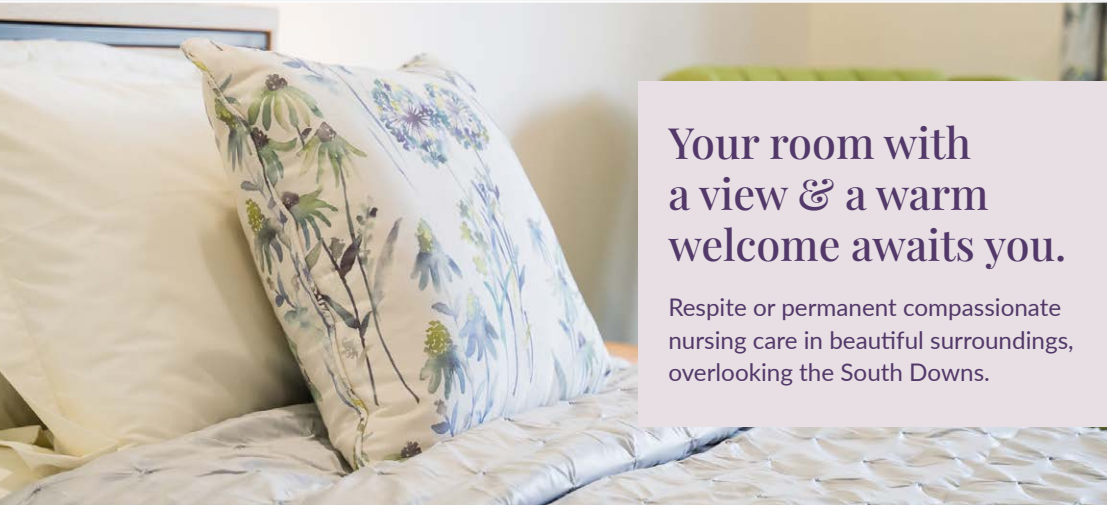
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A new local group has launched at Chanctonbury Leisure Centre in Storrington for anyone aged 60+ who is concerned about their memory, living with dementia, experiencing frailty, or has other care and support needs.

Run by Age UK West Sussex, Brighton & Hove (WSBH), Together Tuesdays provides a welcoming and supportive environment where people can enjoy companionship, meaningful activities, a light lunch, refreshments and entertainment. The charity has been supporting local communities for almost 70 years, helping older people, their families and carers to stay healthier, more connected and independent.

The group also offers valuable respite for carers, giving them time to rest, meet friends or take a well-earned break, knowing their loved one is in a safe and caring setting. Sessions are designed to be accessible and inclusive, with a calm and supportive atmosphere throughout.

One carer shared: "When I found the group, I felt the weight that had been building up over the previous four or five years had been lifted. I finally had time to reconnect with friends, while also knowing my husband was enjoying himself and benefiting from the group."

Those who prefer can also attend Together Tuesdays alongside a loved one. It offers a relaxed, friendly space where people can share experiences and connect with others who understand the challenges they may be facing.

To book a place at Together Tuesdays or to find out more about the charity's services, call **0800 019 1310** or email info@ageukwsbh.org.uk.

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WEATHER WATCH

After the record breaking second half of May when the temperature at my weather station reached 31°C June 2026 began in a very unsettled mood. Some 20mm of rain fell on the 1st and measurable rain fell everyday up to the 11th. There were thunderstorms on the 2nd, windy on the 3rd and 4th and with temperatures only around 17°C it felt distinctly chilly when compared to the latter part of May. All this was due to low pressure when air tends to rise, cool, condense and form cloud and rain. There were some dramatic skies with towering cumulonimbus shower forming clouds. During this time, we exceeded our entire monthly average rainfall, but what followed gave us a truly memorable second half of June.

The air pressure rose, the skies cleared, the ground dried out and by the 19th we reached 25°C. The sun is highest in the sky at this time of year, and its powerful rays produced a temperature of 30°C on the 22nd. But it did not stop there, and the heat continued to build and reached 36.1°C on the 25th in Storrington. This was greater than the previous UK record of 35.6°C at Mayflower Park, Southampton, in the outstanding summer of 1976. It was this summer that saw the spectre of drought stalking the Sussex countryside as The Sussex Express front page showed.



This June at Lingwood in Norfolk on the 26th an extraordinary value of 37.7°C was registered, a new UK June maximum value. However, Sussex did gain a record. At Hastings the temperature did not fall below 23.3°C on the 25th and 26th the highest ever UK June minimum temperature. Storrington was only slightly lower at 22.8°C.

In the past decade we have been treated particularly by the Press to some rather ornate weather terms such as, 'The Beast from the east', 'weather bombs', 'tropical nights' and one used in the past two months, 'heat domes'. This latter expression applies to the descending air in high pressure which traps warm air close to the surface, dispersing cloud, drying out the soil and prevents rain. A more familiar phrase is 'heatwave' increasingly used in recent summers defined for our area and the Southeast in general is when we have 3 successive days at or above 28°C (82°F). We had 7 such days!



The heat certainly made my Phormium, an evergreen perennial shrub from the North Island of New Zealand, have a 3-metre flower spike and my cabbage tree, also from the mild part of New Zealand, look very tropical in our hot June sunshine. It did not seem to bother the storks at Knepp nesting on the very top of a tall oak tree in what turned out to be England's warmest June.

Could July have yet another 'heat dome'? ... read next month's Weather Watch.

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

ROTARY COLLECTS LEFTOVER HOLIDAY FOREIGN CURRENCY



A recent study indicates that the average British household returns from each holiday with approximately £78 in unused currency. The Rotary Club of Storrington & Pulborough District collects these unwanted coins and banknotes, exchanges them for pounds sterling and allocates the proceeds to support various community initiatives.

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For several years, Rotary has facilitated the collection of surplus foreign currency through designated collection points at HSBC Bank in Storrington, the Rotary Saturday Morning Bookstall in Storrington, Meadows Café & Store in Thakeham, Fittleworth Stores in Fittleworth, the Rotary Bookstall at Pulborough Station, and The Pulborough Exchange on Lower Street.

The shift from cash to card use abroad impacts on what holidaymakers bring back in purses, wallets and pockets. In 2026 the total donations converted were £688 which is up on the 2025 figure of £508 but well down on the 2024 figure of £1209. This year donations came from interesting places such as Bulgarian Lev, Latvian Lat, Hungarian Forint, Isle of Man Pound, Swiss Franc, with the largest amount in UAE Dirham. We also had Croatia Kuna (pre Euro) worth £50.47.

Rotary coordinator Mike Webster stated, "Donating foreign coins and banknotes may appear to be a minor act, but it can make a world of difference locally delivering substantial benefits."

For more information please contact Mike Webster at leonierowan@btinternet.com



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Our friendly volunteers will also be running free walks through Petworth, where you can discover the fascinating connections between the town and Petworth House, which have been closely linked for 900 years. Tickets and timings will be available from Church Lodge.

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	4th	STORR & W/CHILT	VARIOUS / MACULAR GROUP (Chanctonbury Leisure Centre)	£3	1PM
WED	EVERY	STORR & W/CHILT	PULBOROUGH LUNCH CLUB (Pulborough Village Hall)	£4	10.30AM
	3rd	STORR & W/CHILT	RUSTINGTON or HORSHAM (Rotates monthly. Lunch & Shop)	£6	11AM
THUR	EVERY	W/CHILTINGTON	STORRINGTON / WAITROSE	£3	9AM
	1st	STORR & W/CHILT	STORRINGTON POP IN LUNCH	£3	10.45AM
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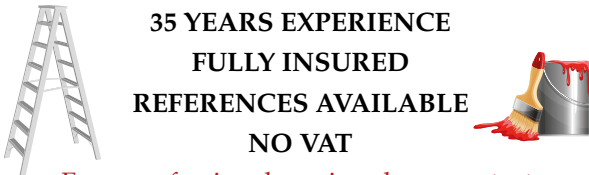
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Friday 7 and Friday 21 August
10am - 11.30am or 1pm - 2.30pm

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.

For bookings and enquiries please call: 01403 213590
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FUN DAY AT STORRINGTON

Monday 17 August
11am - 3pm

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Our Storrington Neighbourhood Wardens, Chris and Dave, are hosting a fun day at Chanctonbury Leisure Centre for children to enjoy a fun-fuelled day of activities.

Including a remote climbing wall, bouncy castles, stalls and sports activities*, there will also be a Mobile Community Hub that provides young people a safe space to meet, grab a bite to eat and talk about any problems they may have.

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St Mary's will be there and require some volunteers to help with our "Ministry of Free Cake & Squash" stall on the day. Bakers can we enlist your help please. We need some straightforward traybake cakes. The cakes must list the ingredients and preferably no nuts, no gluten, no chocolate.

Are you interested in meeting new friends,
having a good chat over a cuppa
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Reading Friends meet first Monday of the month
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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.

Editor's CORNER



I found this interesting, hope you do too, it is a quote from Rt Rev Philip A. Egan, Catholic Bishop of Portsmouth reflection on Sts Peter and Paul's day: "In the late 1940s, Pope Pius XII authorised new excavations beneath the basilica of St Peter's in Rome. The excavations revealed a complex of mausoleums that had been partially filled-in to form the foundations of the first St Peter's church in 4C. At the central point was a simple tomb with a casket inscribed *Petrou*. They then realised what they'd found. For that tomb was directly beneath the lower altar of the church Constantine built, directly beneath the crypt altar of 8C church Charlemagne built and directly beneath the high altar of St. Peter's today. Amazed, Pope St. Paul VI gave permission for the casket to be opened. What they found inside were the bones of a first century Palestinian man in his mid-60s who'd been crucified upside down. They had found the body of St Peter!"

See you at St Marys, Storrington on Sunday 16 August. St Mary is the Patron of fruit and herbs, so why not celebrate with a pudding, or two, and a cup or glass of refreshment!

Maria Radford



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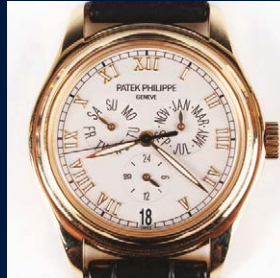
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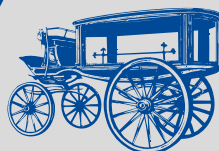
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