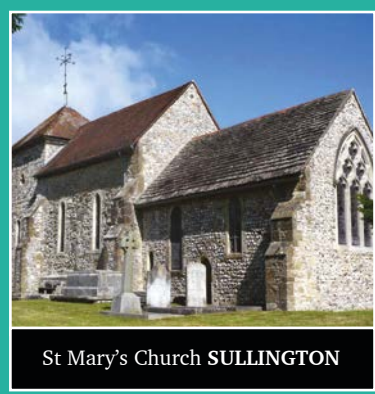


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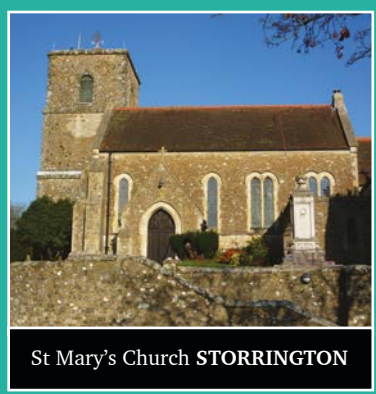
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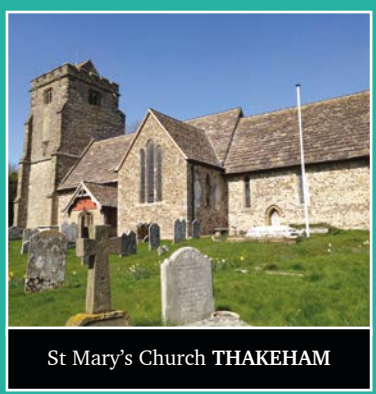
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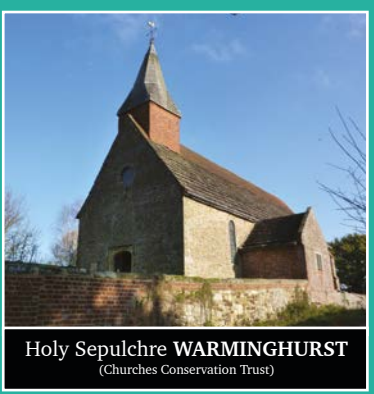
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I remember writing an essay, as a young teenager, in which I wrote of Wordsworth's poem "Daffodils" as, 'trite, twee, etc., etc.' ("Poor Wordsworth!" wrote my English teacher in the margin.). I am not at all sure, now, why I took such exception to the poem. Nowadays I rather like it but at that time it definitely did not appeal to me.

Looking back, my teacher could have said quite a lot about immature views and reactions; she could have gone into detail as to why it wasn't trite, why it was 'good' poetry, she could have made me feel very silly but she just allowed me to have my own opinion, erroneous as it might be: and probably hoped I would grow up in time?

One of my granddaughters went through a 'black' phase. She wanted her bedroom painted black, she wore black, she painted her nails black, and even wore black lipstick – weird! But it was her choice and, I'm glad to say, her parents bore with it and eventually she moved on. What I am trying to say is, we might not like or understand other people's likes, dislikes, or opinions but that does not, necessarily, make them wrong, it just makes them different to ours. Yes, of course, some things clearly are wrong, heading in the direction of harm to self or others, but most times we are just different people looking at life from different perspectives.

I thank God that my English teacher, who I now remember with thanks and love, had the wisdom and kindness not to put me down or to make me feel silly or immature for my opinion but simply let me go on being me and working my own way through life. She even gave me quite a good mark for a well-written essay!

Following her example, perhaps we, also, need to be careful when speaking with people whose opinions differ from ours and which we may consider stupid, ill-considered or immature, still to respect that person and, if we feel it right to do so, to offer any opposing argument with that respect in mind: we also need to make sure that we are hearing what they are really saying, not just what we think they might be saying.

"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love." (1 John 4 v 7,8)

Respecting other people, their opinions and their right to hold them is part of being loving – and sometimes one of the hardest parts of all!

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A PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

O gracious and holy Father,
give us wisdom to perceive you,
intelligence to understand you,
diligence to seek you,
patience to wait for you,
eyes to behold you,
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We'd love for you to come and visit our church. Though our building is ancient, standing on a site where people have worshipped for over 900 years, our congregation is young at heart, and full of life. We are proud to be part of a friendly and supportive church family and we would love to see you one Sunday.

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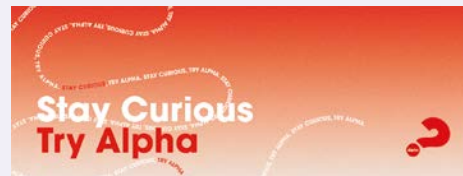


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Over the past ten weeks, we have been running an Alpha course. The format has been simple: sharing a meal together, watching a 20-minute video on a topic of faith, and then breaking into small groups to discuss what we've heard.



Everyone has been made to feel welcome. There has been no pressure to keep attending, no question has been considered too simple, and no doubts have been overlooked.

The clear takeaway message is that this has been a genuinely enjoyable and enriching experience. Whether participants were new to these ideas, or long-standing church members, everyone has benefited and has been so glad to have taken part.

Special thanks go to all those who handled the catering so brilliantly!

We hope to run another course before long, and we would love for you to join us. You would be very welcome to come along and try it, even if only for the first week.

(Actually we're pretty confident that you'll want to keep coming!)



Upcoming social and fundraising events

16 May Plant sale 11am to 2pm
10 Jun Tea with tales from the Palace 3.30pm
3-5 Jul Flower Festival

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

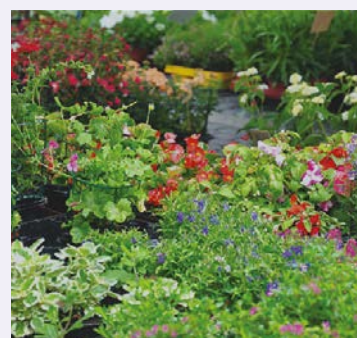


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St Marys Church,
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PLANT SALE
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9/10 May - **Pop-Up Preloved clothes sale**

19 June - **Quiz**

6 August - **Hymns & Pimms** (watch this space)

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

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Bellringers: Fridays, 7.45pm – 9.30pm.

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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)

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16 Mar Millicent "Millie" Reid Davies (90 years)

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18 Mar Barrie Alfred John Mitsching (76)

Memorial Service

9 Mar Donald "Don" Richard Fritche (91 years)
26 Mar Joan Rita Moore (93 years)

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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.

WHITSUNDAY OR PENTECOST – Sunday, 24 May

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St Mary's Church, Storrington

Café in the Church
2nd and 4th Wednesdays

Wednesday 13 May
10am Holy Communion
10.30 Café in the Church

Wednesday 27 May
2pm Holy Communion
2.30pm Café in the Church



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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.

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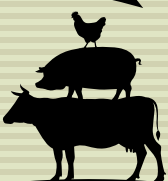
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Tuesday 2 June – Church of England will lead

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Monday. We celebrated
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yesterday, and reflected
on the hope this brings for
peace in our broken world.

On Thursday 2 April, our
branch members met in West
Chiltington Church Hall for



an afternoon of simple flowercrafting,
following our usual service of prayers
and hymn singing, with Chrystalle
leading us at the piano. This activity
was something I learned at a Messy

Church session,
when we made
poppies with

families for Remembrance Sunday. With the help of
my demonstration, plenty of coloured tissue paper
and pipe cleaners, our members set about creating
their own designs. We finished with cups of tea,
homemade cake and hot cross buns, as Easter was
only a few days away. The afternoon was very much
enjoyed by all, and I received some lovely messages
afterwards. Much fun was had.



Dates for your diary:

Thursday 7 May – Ripple in Lake Galilee

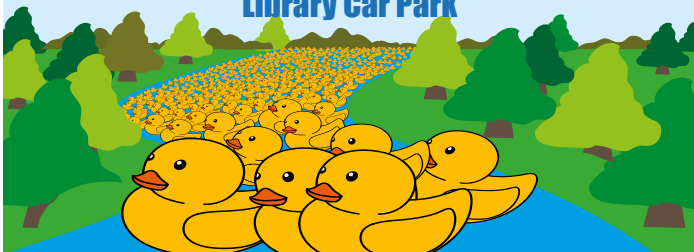
Saturday 9 May – Spring Gathering at St John the Evangelist,
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Thursday 4 June – Our outing (details to be announced)

Sonia Fox

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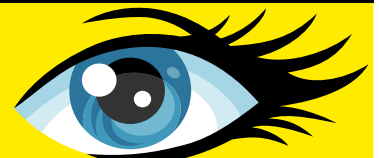
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EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

We held an all-churches special 'Easter Sunrise Service' at St Mary's Church, Sullington on April 5. A very early start – 6.30am, and we all hoped that the weather would be kind! Thank you to everyone who came and made such positive comments including "Perfect weather and a very spiritual atmosphere". There were many grateful people who wished to thank the Workshop Barn Cafe for opening early, especially for us, enabling that extra bit of joy and fellowship with lovely warm hot cross buns and bacon baps, with tea and coffee afterwards. Special thanks go to Reverend Joel Willmer, who led the service. Everyone present left hoping that this would become an annual service in the Sullington Church Easter calendar.



EASTER FLOWERS AT SULLINGTON

St Mary's Church on Easter morning was transformed as we celebrated the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Our flower arrangers had filled every corner with yellow and white blooms, as if to welcome spring. Whilst it was a cold day, sunlight streamed through the windows, making the whole church glow, filling it with warmth, light and joy.



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Time on your hands?

A couple of days ago I was quite shocked talking to someone who is planning her imminent retirement. She was wondering how she might fill her time, and I suggested volunteering for whatever cause interests her. "Oh no! I wouldn't work for nothing!" Happily, many of us don't share this view, because if we did our countryside and many things we care about just wouldn't survive and prosper. If you're considering volunteering for a good environmental organisation, here are some possibilities just around the corner.

Storrington Conservation Society

<https://www.storringtonconservation.org.uk/>

"A dedicated group of like-minded individuals who care very much for Storrington's environment and we take practical action to improve it for both people and wildlife."

Friends of Meadowside

<https://www.facebook.com/friendsofmeadowside>

"Focus around the River Stor meadow in our estate."

Sandgate Conservation Society

<https://www.sandgate-conservation.org.uk/>

"We are a small charity in the village of Sullington, in West Sussex, dedicated to the conservation and restoration of natural spaces in Sullington and its environs."

RSPB Pulborough Brooks

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/days-out/reserves/pulborough-brooks>

Volunteering opportunities outdoors and in the café.

If you want to go slightly further afield, the National Trust and Sussex Wildlife Trust always welcome volunteers. There are all sorts of activities – clearing himalayan balsam, coppicing, tree planting, litter picking. You just need to be reasonably active and have time. However, don't worry if you can't do outside work – lots of organisations need help doing administration, finance, marketing and education.

Oh! and I forgot to mention our own lovely churchyard volunteers.



A bit more specialised

How do you fancy volunteering with the Sussex Dolphin Project? Every Wednesday over in Shoreham <https://sussexdolphinproject.org/volunteer-2/>

Or why not become a tree warden? And "play an active part in conserving trees and woods in your community." <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/leisure-recreation-and-community/volunteering/volunteering-in-the-countryside-and-environment/>

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Why volunteer?

As a serial volunteering offender (almost unable to say "no") I can vouch for all the benefits you get from volunteering:

- A sense of purpose
- Meeting people who share my values and interests, including people I wouldn't meet otherwise
- Enhances physical and/or mental health
- Fun
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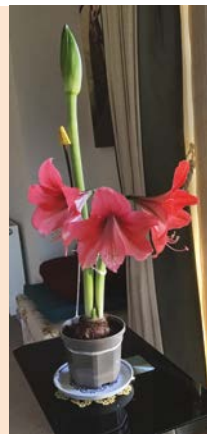
So, what's stopping you? Get clicking and sign up now!

Christine Tuson, ctuson@lineone.net

FLOWERING AMARYLLIS

Another success story: Ann, who helps with Sunday lunches, kindly brought us an Amaryllis at Christmas as we were not at Christmas Lunch. It began to flower on a 12" spike in January bearing 6 trumpets. While it was flowering another flower spike began to come through. This spike grew to 30". It was in flower at the end of February bearing 7 trumpets! Now, at the time of writing, it has two long leaves and has finished flowering. It was a stunningly beautiful sight to behold!

Dave and Elma Goodall



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Thu 3: Rather more genial – Brooks tells me that 14 of Mr Hardwicke's lambs are smitten with blight from the North wind. This disease is rare, especially in such a number of cases in one flock. It takes the lines running all down the back and affects sight as it were withering the animal, doctoring is of little use. This excessively changeable weather has knocked many people up, my mother very poorly today. Large fires as in mid-winter. Have invested a 100 pounds at 87 pounds 10 at 8% in the Smyrna and Cassala Rail. Debentures payable at par within 11 years by annual drawings.

Fri 4: Quite cold with thunder and a few drops of rain. The amendment, throwing out deceased wife's sister's bill, is carried and the bill lost. Gladstone proposes to reduce the national debt by Terminable Annuities by 24 millions. His remarks on the conduct of foreign governments annually increasing their debt in years of profound [?] are well timed. Our first croquet but by no means warm.

Sat 5: Heavy clouds about, wind strong SE, a shower at night and some thunder. Rushed up to Cobden and enjoyed the breeze and clear sea view. My mother very poorly.

Sun 6: Fifth after Easter. Fine, though dull; much softer. This has been a favourable day for us to begin our evening services which was fairly attended at 6:30 though I had to preach from the reading desk to get the light. In the morning an old sermon on Jesus Emmanuel. My mother quite loses her voice. I sit out and read Ecce Homo in the afternoon and found it very enjoyable. Published Knight of Washington's Banns.

Mon 7: At home all day. Ruralizing. Veun carting out manure for the mangolds; Bolton preparing ground for grass seed. I am trimming the big holly and cutting away the elm to make room for the holly. Today's Times (George and Emmy up to town today) is full of rumours of wars. Austria and Prussia quarrel over the bone that they mercilessly seized.

Tue 8: Fine, but rainy towards evening. George rode over again today, also Knight came to say goodbye. He goes hence on Friday to Greenwich. We drove to call on Lady de Zouche who has been ill. Gladstone brought in his redistribution bill last night on the principle of combination.

Wed 9: Fine after a scuddy morning. Walked to Pulborough, by Threales, to meet Annie who returns after an absence of 7 months! She seems pretty well but has a little cough. Gladstone brought in his church rate bill last night, it was well received all around.

Thu 10: Ascension Day. Fine, high SE wind but lulled in the evening. Hensley summons me to Cambridge on Tuesday. I hope Garfitt will manage to fit me in his time also, so we may go together. Our service this evening was fairly satisfactory but not quite up to the mark, but I hope the young who were present will come upon this day as one to be observed, but no man was there and no farmer. Annie played. My mother sufficiently recovered to attend. Sandgate away.

Fri 11: Scuddy rain till noon, then fine with a strong SW wind. Garfitt decides upon going to Cambridge tomorrow and returning with me on Wednesday. Today's Times gives us the crash of Overend, Gurney and Co. to the tune of 10 million. This has sent down all kinds of securities, even the Consols, which stand at 85. The ripples caused by the crash of such a great firm as this will reach to the furthest points of the globe.

Sat 12: Stormy and cold, some nasty rain. Our weather when I compare it with last year repeats itself. Drive Garfitt to Pulborough for Cambridge and then to Stopham Rectory where spend the morning chatting with Brown over the alteration of the house, the political, financial and religious world, Peto and Betts, and one or two lesser stars crash in the wake of O.G. and Co. A letter from Huntington how the Vesey Partners had to rush up to town as soon as possible and the excitement in the city is said to be tremendous.

Sun 13: Sunday after Ascension. Fine but remarkably cold. Thermometer at 49 degrees. Annie poorly with a sort of whooping cough, however she played in the morning service but we had no music in the evening. I preached from the peculiar text "We have piped unto you" – explaining in and applying to Wagner. An old sermon in the evening on life and work of Christ.

Mon 14: Cold and bright. Got out my plants, though I am not sure if the season is not too late for this movement. Cricket meeting in Storrington.

Tue 15: Cold and sunny to gloomy. To Cambridge early, leaving by the first train. After an hour at the Academy (which I thought very indifferent) got to Cambridge at 1:40pm travelling from Kings Cross with Tom and Horace Smith. In evening rode down with our old crew almost. Hensley, Taylor, Fairbairn, Thomas, Eaton and two subs. H.G. in his old berth found the boat quite steady enough for us. Rushed once more with the crowd today on the tow path shouting myself hoarse at our boat (now 14th) till they made their bump. Then saw two other races and so home. Nearly came to grief at starting as a barge horse fell right into the boat and broke the seat of 5, and my outrigger; the old story was very pleasant, and we all enjoyed ourselves thoroughly. Dined at the Lion and fought our battles all over again.

Wed 16: Fine and bright, cold wind. Breakfasted with Cobb, Fuller and Bonnamy, a pleasant gathering. Then after doing the New Union, museums and buying some trifle came up by the second train to town, and so home by the last with Garfitt. Much excitement in parties coming home. Lord Lion the winner, though it matters not a straw to me.

Thu 17: Again fine. Blakisten has been ill; rode with George to enquire, a little better, inflammation of lungs.

Fri 18: Again very sunny, sharp white frost at night all the week. George disturbed at the silence from home, his father being involved in Overend and Co and his London bankers being Barnetts upon whom was the greatest run. Made a Sandy Lane tour. Mrs Woods and Betsy Berry who is not fit to be left with that drunken old beast of a Charman. Mrs Martha, portly and self-confident, Richardsons packing their first load of lettuces and rhubarb and Hills sawing some cucumber for the garden prizes I fancy.

Sat 19: As yesterday warm. Our first really warm day. We cling to the fire, chiefly for my mother and Annie's sake. Dined with Mr Ravenshaw, meeting the Glennies and the Rev. James Beck.

Sun 20: Whit Sunday. Very warm. Knight helped me this morning and listened to his own, 3rd time of asking – poor attendance at Holy Communion which I mentioned in the evening service on Acts 19 verse 22. Good attendance then.

Mon 21: Fine and warm. Things grow very slowly this dry, cold nights weather. Mr Towse takes my beasts a $\frac{3}{4}$ per stone and glad to get it. George tries his red horse in my trap and with a little practice, I think it will do. The news from abroad savours rather a Conference than a war.

Tue 22: As yesterday but the wind stronger. This continuous dry hard weather is trying everything – grass grows but slowly and bedded plants look yellow. Bronchitis, whooping cough and catarrh are rife. Drove with George to Ashington – saw Mrs Barnard, who reports favourably of the Washington church, which is about 8 feet up and the work looks clean and good.

Wed 23: Warmer, rather blighty, wind drops and glass. A prospect of a nice day tomorrow, though I cannot understand the rather rapid fall of the glass. Gave a botany lecture to Annie and Garfitt seated on the grass. Veun triumphant over my beast which weighed 87 stone odd "party meat".

Sat 26: Dull morning. About 6:30pm a heavy thunderstorm with some fine rain. At last the wind has left the East and a good soaking rain refreshed us all by the evening.

Sun 27: Trinity. Cloudy but fine and warm. Our first real summer's day. Fair morning congregation, to whom I preached from the Epistle, the subject Adoration, an unnecessary element in Worship taking my clue from Cotton, Gulbura and Vaughn.

Mon 28: Fine and really warm. I take George's grey mare and shall soon get rid of Dorset. George loses Boddington and we go in search: heard of at Roundabouts and seen from the railway by George himself! More crashes in the city. Bacon gone up, though Arthur was very ill and Mrs Barnard on the point of producing another!

Tue 29: Fine, though the wind to the North again. It was the Consolidated Bank yesterday in which Mr Bacon had shares and Thomas Fairbairn a director! Drove Annie and my mother to Wiggonholt. Arthur rather better.

Wed 30: Fine, dull towards evening. Rode the grey to which I must give a name of some kind. She will regain all the exercise I can give her. Went "a shooting" this evening with the two Georges. I made George an offer of my whole glebe for £30.

Thu 31: Fine but looking like rain at times. Drove my mother and Annie to Findon, where found "at home Brians", "not at home the Cholmeleys and Williams" though the latter were at the manor. Inspected Barnard's 3 acre garden, which seemed in tip top order.

Ann Salinger

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How to stay safe

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- Consider donating directly to charities through official channels.
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- Keep valuables that are in your car hidden from view and keep the car locked.

If you believe you have been a victim of distraction theft, please report it to the police by calling 101, regardless of the value of items taken.

As always, thank you for your vigilance and support in keeping our community safe. Enjoy the warmer weather – we look forward to seeing you around the village.

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Tuesday 5 May (11:00am–12:30pm)

Community Café, Hanover Community Hall

Sunday 10 May (11:30am–3:30pm)

Duck Race, Library Car Park

Monday 11 May (11:00am–12:30pm)

Community Café, Storrington Library

Thursday 21 May (10:30am–12:30pm)

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The part of Elijah will be sung by Owain Gwynfryn. Owain last performed with the society in October 2024 in Bach's Mass in B Minor. He comes to Arundel fresh from the UK stage premiere of Offenbach's Die Rheinnixen and his acclaimed turn as Alidoro in La Cenerentola. Owain will now take on the formidable figure of the prophet Elijah, bringing his vocal presence to one of the most demanding roles in the baritone repertoire.

The society's membership secretary, Dee Tilbury, says 'We are very pleased to welcome talented young singers Katherine Gregory (Soprano), Charlotte Clapperton (Alto) and Tobias Campas Santanaque (Tenor). We gratefully acknowledge the financial support of The Josephine Baker Trust which allows these young soloists to perform with us. We also welcome a young treble from the Arundel Cathedral Choristers who will sing 'The Youth' solo.'

The soloists and choir of over 100 voices will perform with the 41 piece Sinfonia of Arun Orchestra and the society's own accompanist, Mr David Moore. Dee added 'In their expert hands we shall truly be able to appreciate the mastery of Mendelssohn's light touch in his orchestral arrangements.'



There will be an interval when wine and soft drinks will be on sale. A collection will be taken for the society's current charity, the Dame Vera Lynn Children's Charity, which gives under 5s with cerebral palsy and other motor learning impairments the chance to stimulate their senses and improve movement through the medium of music.

Tickets are now on sale priced £16 (£8 under 18s) from Eventbrite or via the choir's website www.arunchoralsociety.co.uk.

GOT QUESTIONS ABOUT LIFE



LCC ALPHA

Laura Vogt talks about impact that Alpha had on her. "I joined the Alpha course as a new Christian, feeling both curious and a little nervous. Alpha is designed for those exploring faith or starting their journey, and it provides a truly welcoming environment. From the first week, the group leaders made me feel completely at ease. It was clear that this was a safe space to share stories, ask questions, and explore experiences without any pressure to speak. The course has been transformative, providing a firm foundation for my faith. I learnt so much about Christianity, and the people I met have become genuine friends. A particular highlight was the Holy Spirit day, which was absolutely brilliant and truly beyond words. No question was considered too big or too small, and the sessions helped to reconfirm my faith alignment. I would highly recommend Alpha to anyone looking for a supportive community to explore life's big questions."

Each session includes a short film addressing a key issue relating to questions about life, followed by a chance to discuss what you've heard, air your views and ask anything you like. Alpha is a free course running every Wednesday from April 22 to July 8, no commitment is required. The introduction and first session will take place at 7:30pm on April 22 at the Village Hub (7 The Square, Storrington, RH20 4DJ).

For more information and to book please email alpha@lccstor.org, telephone 01903743547, or visit the Village Hub.

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Talk

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by Laura Vaughan-Hirsch

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Members £6
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STORRINGTON & DISTRICT MUSEUM

Tuesday 5 May

Talk by Annalie Talent

Girls Behaving Badly: Jane Austen's Wicked Women

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Tuesday 2 June 2026

Talk by Andy McConnell

The Genius of Rene Lalique

René Lalique was the 20th century's greatest glass designer/entrepreneur. Lalique's extraordinary work was unrivalled, combining his unique visual sense with a perfect understanding of glassmaking technologies and revolutionary approach to marketing. This talk is a visual feast, covers Lalique's early work in jewels and furniture before he dedicated the remainder of his life, c1905-45, to glass. His output spanned simple, pressed cosmetic pots through car mascots and stemware to the unique cire perdue [lost wax] vases that today can command tens and even millions of pounds.



Andy has dealt in antiques since adolescence, but served an apprenticeship in journalism. After working in music, film and television, he returned to writing in 2004 as the author of the acclaimed tome *The Decanter, An Illustrated History of Glass From 1650*. He followed this in 2006 with *Miller's 20th Century Glass*. He has written for journals as diverse as *The Times* and *Glass Circle News* and ran Britain's largest antique and vintage glass gallery in Rye, Sussex. He is best known as the glass specialist on BBC's evergreen *Antiques Roadshow*.

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SULLINGTON St Mary's



DATE	FESTIVAL OR SUNDAY	STORRINGTON	THAKEHAM	SULLINGTON
3 May	5th of Easter	8am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Messy Church in Old School (ends 11am) 10am Parish Communion 6pm Evensong	10.30am Benefice Church for All Service	8.30am BCP Communion 6pm Evensong
10 May	6th of Easter ROGATION SUNDAY	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion 6pm Evensong	10.30am Morning Prayer	10.30am Holy Communion
14 May (Thursday)	ASCENSION DAY	7am Ascension Day Morning Service outside St Mary's Church followed by coffee and croissants at the Rectory		
17 May	7th of Easter Sunday after Ascension	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion	8.30am Celtic Holy Communion 6pm Evensong	10.30am Benefice Holy Communion
24 May	WHIT SUNDAY / PENTECOST	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion	10.30am Morning Prayer	10.30am Holy Communion
31 May	TRINITY SUNDAY	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion		10.30am Benefice Holy Communion
7 June	Trinity 1	8am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Messy Church in Old School (ends 11am) 10am Parish Communion 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. Midweek Holy Communion Service at St Mary's Church, Sullington, 10.30am every Wednesday.

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
Parish Priest: Fr Stephen Dingley Email: 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
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
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

10 May at 1pm

at the Old School, School Lane, Storrington

Tickets £5.00 are available from

Louisa Austin, Church Street, Storrington



WHAT'S ON

MAY	
Sat 2	
2pm	Storrington Conservation Society – Working Party – p33
2pm	Plant Sale, Thakeham – p4
Sun 3 Fifth of Easter	
Mon 4 Bank Holiday	
9am	Car Boot, Storrington Library Car Park – p23
Tue 5	
9.15am	Inter-Church Prayers – Storrington Priory Library – p6
11.00am	Community Café, Hanover Walk – p23
1.15pm	The Arts Society West Sussex – Talk – p17
2pm	SPACE – Arts & Craft Club – p10
7.30pm	Storrington Museum – Talk – p16
Wed 6	
10.30am	Midweek Celtic Communion – p5
Thu 7	
9.50am	The Arts Society South Downs – Talk – p29
11.30am	Pop-In Lunch Club – p18
2pm	MU Meeting, West Chiltington Church Hall – p9
Sat 9	
9am	Womens Breakfast, West Chiltington Village Hall – p15
10am	Pop-up Preloved Clothing Sale – p5
Sun 10 Sixth of Easter – Rogation Sunday	
CHRISTIAN AID WEEK	
10am	Pop-up Preloved Clothing Sale – p5
11.30am	Storrington Duck Race – p9
1pm	Sunday Lunch Club – p18
Mon 11	
11am	Community Café – Storrington Library – p23
2.30pm	Reading Friends – Storrington Library – p24
7pm	Storrington Slimmers – St Mary's, Storrington – p26
7.30pm	Thakeham Gardeners' Club – Meeting – p23
Wed 13	
10am	Holy Communion followed by Café in the Church – p6
10.30	Midweek Celtic Communion – p5
7pm	Rotary Film night – p20
Thu 14	
7am	Ascension Day Morning Service – St Mary's, Storrington – p6
Fri 15	
7.30pm	Storrington Horticultural Society – Meeting – p25
Sat 16	
9.30am	Trinity Table Top sale – p17
11am	Plant sale, St Mary's Thakeham – p4
Sun 17 Seventh of Easter – Sunday After Ascension Day	
2.30pm	Plant Sale – Storrington Rectory Garden – p6
7pm	Arun Choral Society – p16
Mon 18	
7pm	Storrington Slimmers – St Mary's, Storrington – p26
Tue 19	
2pm	Knit and Stitch – p4
2pm	SPACE – Arts & Craft Club – p10
7pm	West Chiltington Floral Club – Meeting – p13

Wed 20	
10.30am	Midweek Celtic Communion – p5
Thu 21	
10.30am	Cuppa and a Chat, Chanctonbury Leisure Centre – p34
Sat 23	
10am	White Stork & Nature Festival – p25
Sun 24 Sixth of Easter – Day Of Pentecost (Whit Sunday)	
Mon 25 Bank Holiday	
9am	Car Boot, Storrington Library Car Park – p23
Tue 26	
	Love Storrington until Friday 29 May – p15
2pm	Storrington Macular Group – Meeting – p9
Wed 27	
10.30am	Midweek Celtic Communion – p5
10.30am	Trinity Sunshine Choir – p9
2pm	Holy Communion followed by Café in the Church – p6
2.30pm	Storrington Flower Club – p21
Sun 31 Trinity Sunday	

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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL DAYS

MAY	
1	PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES
2	Athanasius, 373 – bishop of Alexandria and renowned theologian
4	English Saints and Martyrs of the Reformation Era
8	Julian of Norwich, c.1417 – Christian mystic; her work, <i>Revelations of Divine Love</i> , is first book in English language known to have been written by a woman
12	Gregory Dix, 1952 – English monk; his work influenced reform of Anglican
14 ASCENSION DAY	
15 ST MATTHIAS, APOSTLE	
16	Caroline Chisholm, 1877 – English humanitarian, involved with female immigrant welfare in Australia
19	Dunstan, 988 – much loved saint; patron saint of goldsmiths (hallmark year date runs from 19 May after him); charities and churches named after him
20	Alcuin of York, 804 – considered among the most important architects of the Carolingian Renaissance
21	Helena, 330
24	John and Charles Wesley, 1791 and 1788 – credited with the foundation of the evangelical movement of Methodism
25	The Venerable Bede, 735 Aldhelm, 709
26	Augustine of Canterbury, 605 – the first Archbishop of Canterbury in 597 and a founder of the English Church John Calvin, 1564; Philip Neri, 1595
28	Lanfranc, 1089
30	Josephine Butler, 1906 – feminist and social reformer, particularly welfare for prostitutes Joan of Arc, 1431; Apolo Kivebulaya, 1933
31 TRINITY SUNDAY	

STORRINGTON & SULLINGTON - REFLECTIONS OF THE PAST

REVD HENRY PALMER AT SULLINGTON – PART 47

There was an important meeting with summer approaching, for the Pic-Nic games to discuss fixtures (with the Elders), which would oscillate between Wiston and Sandgate starting on May 24th – cricket of course. Dinner with the Rev. Thomas Bacon [Rector of Wiggonholt with Greatham] in the company of the Whitings and Denmans ended with a very pleasant walk home to the song of the nightingales.

A very different expedition, "Our usual dividend journey to London" where their business turned out "marvellously lucky". Ecuador produced double their expectations and also even Brazil gave a trifle with some back dividends. Shopping in Town produced a croquet set and some books.

The Rector had had a letter from S. Luke's, Southampton, proposing an exchange of livings, mediated by Masters, but now it had met with a hitch, when Mr Russell wrote that the incumbent wouldn't hear of it unless he (Russell) was the donor, as he did not want to put the presentation into other hands, with which the writer of the letter agreed. Putting the matter aside, Mr Palmer rode up to Cobden enjoying the wonderful views, if not the hot weather. Considering his finances after the profitable journey to Town, he applied for a Singrua Railway Debenture, confessing to his diary, "I don't know the least anything about it". His days followed the usual pattern, obliging the Rev. Robert Blackiston, Rector of Ashington, by taking the Union (workhouse) service, noted as 'dreary', working at his lawns, interrupted by Miss Symes, driving from Horsham "in a high dog cart".

It was the end of April and the unseasonably hot weather was broken on Sunday by "raw, cold, with a dripping fog from the north". The Rector preached three sermons, took two services and went to Storrington to help the Rev. John Scott-Whiting who was suffering badly with rheumatism. Not surprisingly, he was hoarse next day, but he met Mr Terry to decide about the new school alterations and adaptations needed.

And so to May, and "the dreariest day we have had this year. I did not move out, but thoroughly exhausted". Still thinking about his finances, "Have invested £100 at £87.10s at 8% in the Singrua and Cassaba Railway Debentures, payable at par within 11 years by annual drawings. This proved to be a sound decision. In the wider world there was turmoil as a result of "the smash of Overend and Gurney and Co, to the tune of millions which sent many securities tumbling, even the Consols which stand at 85%!" The Times commented that the ripples caused by the clash of such a great ruin will reach to the furthest parts of the globe. Overend and Gurney was a house of long standing and high reputation as a discounting and bill-broking establishment. With the death of two senior partners in 1856 and 1857 the business began taking more risks and soon over-reached itself. More capital was needed and it was decided to use the goodwill of their business and transform it into a limited liabilities company. The public, being unaware of the real position, eagerly took up the shares. In May 1866, the company failed to meet its liabilities; its fall brought a run on the banks and the collapse of many speculative ventures which had come into being since 1856. Directors of the Bank of England asked the Government for a suspension of the Act of 1844 which had allowed the registration of companies with an official registrar. Shareholders in companies thus registered still had unlimited liabilities and many did not survive ten years. Small investors found such concerns as railway companies safer as they did not risk losing all their capital, as they had many shareholders. Many small companies fell and others were seriously alarmed. A letter from Huntingdon tells how the Veasey partners had to rush up to Town as soon as possible, and the excitement in the City is said to be tremendous.

Government business noted in the diary was that the Reform Bill had been carried only by the narrowest of margins, the figures were 315-318! It was considered a victory for the government, who remained in power and would produce a Redistribution Bill shortly. The amendment throwing out the Deceased Wife's Sister Bill was carried and the Bill lost. Gladstone proposed to reduce the National Debt – 24 millions – by Terminable Annuities, he added that foreign governments were increasing theirs. The Times was full of war rumours again between Austria and Prussia. At home, Gladstone brought in his promised Redistribution Bill, and also the Church Rates Bill, which was well received.

In Mr Palmer's parish, he considered the 5th Sunday after Easter "a favourable day to begin our evening services, fairly attended at 6.30pm tho' I had to preach from the reading desk to get the light". Mrs Palmer was still quite poorly and had lost her voice, but the Rector had been able to sit out and enjoy reading in the afternoon. He also had the pleasure of publishing the banns of marriage for the Rev. John Walker Knight of Washington who was off to Greenwich shortly and came to say goodbye. They played their first game of croquet, although it had not been very warm for it.

Ascension Day brought a "fairly satisfactory attendance. He remarked in his service that he hoped the young people present would look upon this day as one to be observed, although the congregation contained no men, no farmers and the Sandgate people were away. Annie was back home after a seven-months' absence, so was able to play the harmonium in place of her mother. Mr Palmer had an all-important meeting (cricket of course) to attend on Storrington Common.

Then he had to pack for his summons to Cambridge, which he hoped would coincide with Garfitt's plans so that they might travel together. Garfitt, however, had decided to go to Cambridge next day, but they could return together, and no doubt would have plenty to chat about.

Joan Ham (Village Historian)

Rotary Club of Storrington & Pulborough District

FILM NIGHT

At Sullington Parish Hall
Wednesday 13th May 2026

Starring: Hugh Jackman, Kate Hudson, Ella Anderson

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

Based on a true story, two down-on-their-luck musicians form a joyous Neil Diamond tribute band, experiencing soaring success and devastating heartbreak. This is the final film of this season. The next season will commence on Wednesday 9 September. Details will be in the September issue of the 3 Heralds.



The end of term has come around incredibly quickly here at Storrington Primary School. It has been an incredibly enjoyable Spring term with a lot of exciting opportunities for the children which they have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in.

World Book Day 2026

The children had a wonderful time celebrating bedtime stories on World Book Day. Everyone looked so cosy and comfy in their pyjamas. The day started learning about Miss Foggett's favourite story character (Paddington) and how kind, caring, resilient and brave he is. It was inspiring to hear the children talk about their favourites and share the reasons they had for bringing their books into school. The best part was getting to spend time sharing our books with other children in different classes and year groups and reading to each other. We were even blessed with beautiful sunshine for it! Thank you to all of the children who also brought in a story book potato character, we could see how much time, effort, imagination and creativity went into them and each one was individual and unique.



Reception were so lucky with our amazing Year 6 children who came down to Reception on World Book Day to share stories with the youngest children. It was a wonderful, shared session and the children especially enjoyed 'The wheels on the Bus' sung by Mr Martin!

Y5 at Lodge Hill

This term a group of 12 pupils from Year 5 have had the opportunity to attend sessions at Lodge Hill to take part in a range of activities to help promote self-confidence, self-esteem, working with others, resilience and problem solving. This programme is supported and funded by the Storrington Rotary whom we extend our thanks to.

The children thoroughly enjoyed this opportunity and learnt a lot from the experience over this term.



Y6 Cooking

The Year 6 chefs truly excelled this half term, transforming humble kale into the undisputed hero of their starter dishes. Showing remarkable creativity, the children experimented with a variety of techniques—from flash-frying seasoned leaves into delicate, salty crisps to mixing kale into a vibrant, zesty salad. They weren't afraid to push boundaries, pairing the leafy green with bold flavours like garlic, lemon, and even toasted seeds and ... chocolate chips! The results were nothing short of impressive; every plate was beautifully presented, and more importantly, they all tasted absolutely delicious.



Y5 and Y6 Athletics

Huge congratulations to our incredible Year 5 and 6 Indoor Athletics team! Our athletes competed in the district finals and secured an outstanding 5th place finish out of 70 schools.

Competing at this level requires grit, teamwork, and nerves of steel. From explosive sprints to precision field events, every student gave their absolute all. It was a real highlight for me and your parents to see you all achieve so well.

You represented our school with impeccable sportsmanship and placing in the top 7% of schools in the district is a monumental achievement that you should be immensely proud of.

Well done to every one of you — you have set the bar incredibly high and shown exactly what our school can achieve!

I hope you have enjoyed hearing about our Spring Term adventures and I look forward to updating you all again in the summer term.

Mr Choate, Headteacher

May is a key month for the parish as we host the second White Stork & Nature Festival organised in collaboration with the White Stork Project at Knepp Rewilding Project. A slightly later date this year – Saturday, 23 May – which we hope will be many degrees warmer than last year!



Stork Mural Opening

Among a day of highlights, we open with the launch of the White Stork mural in Place Villarest. 'Estorchetone' is mentioned in the Domesday Book, meaning the abode or homestead of storks. After 600 years, the White



Stork Project has been instrumental in the new breeding era of these beautiful birds. The mural is being crowd-funded and co-ordinated by a dedicated local resident supporting the storks in Storrington.

Photo © the White Stork Project

Programme

This fun-packed day starts early for over 50 stallholders who will be setting up around the Recreation Ground alongside various refreshment vans and activities plus an array of animals with birds of prey, dog training and the beautiful Dexter cows. We are also delighted to welcome several fantastic speakers to the Leisure Centre. These talks were super popular last year so please arrive early to avoid disappointment.

At Storrington Primary School, children dressed in the competition theme of "stork" will line up and parade down to the Recreation Ground at 10am to mark the start of the event. Activities continue throughout the day until 3.30pm.

Are there any volunteers reading this who could support the set up or take down of the stalls? Willing hands welcome – please contact: storks@storrington-pc.gov.uk

Parish Website

We have finally said goodbye to the old parish website which was well past its sell-by date. The new website is now live on www.storrington-pc.gov.uk where you can find calendars, agendas and minutes with related documents and policies including information about the running of the Parish Council, its office, and news including road closures, planning, district and council news. We are closely linked into the popular Storrington community website offering loads of local information. Take a look at the stunning drone posts on the welcome page and our Gallery featuring photos from the Storrington Camera Club.

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting took place on 22 April. A recording and minutes including questions from the public are available on the parish website.

Cllr Virginia Hicks, Storrington and Sullington Parish Council
www.storrington-pc.gov.uk

STORRINGTON FLOWER CLUB
Wednesday 27 May 2.30pm
Sullington Parish Hall

Demonstrator: *Diane Norman*
Theme: *'Ikebana from an English Garden'*
Competition: *'Garden Glory'*
New members and visitors welcome



HOW CAN WE NOT HAVE ENOUGH WATER WHEN IT RAINS ALL THE TIME?



Water is something many of us in the UK rarely think twice about. It falls generously from the sky, and flows effortlessly from our taps, but behind that everyday convenience is a growing challenge. Even though it might feel like it's always raining, the water isn't always going where it's needed or staying around long enough to be beneficial. This is why we face hose-pipe bans in summer and why water scarcity in the UK is an increasing concern. The average person in the UK uses around 140 litres of water every day, far higher than in the 1960s.



Climate change impact now makes the issue even more complicated. While Sussex has experienced heavier downpours in late winter and spring, we also have longer, hotter, and drier spells in summer. Rain increasingly arrives in intense bursts that runs quickly off hard ground and into drains, rather than soaking slowly into reservoirs and aquifers. At the same time, higher temperatures increase evaporation from soil and water bodies so we use more water to stay cool and keep gardens alive.

Add to that if we use pesticides and weed killers, they quietly but negatively change the living structure of earth itself. Soil is a living ecosystem made up of micro-organisms, fungi, worms, roots, and organic matter. Healthy soil, has tiny channels and pores that allow rainwater to soak in, move downward, and be stored like a sponge. Using toxic chemicals disturbs this system, meaning the soil's ability to hold water weakens. Increasing soil health is one of the most important methods for absorbing and storing water.

The good news? The most effective solutions start at home.

Spring rainfall offers a practical opportunity to save water. Installing a water butt collects rainwater for gardening, car washing, and outdoor cleaning, reducing demand on treated mains water and cutting energy use. It's also a good time to fix leaks—one dripping tap can waste over 5,000 litres a year. As summer approaches, water use rises, so simple changes matter. Shorter showers and low-flow shower heads can save thousands of litres annually. Water gardens early or late to limit evaporation, and use stored rainwater where possible. Lawns can tolerate dry spells without sprinklers. With parts of England facing water stress, small actions multiplied will make a real difference to us all.

For more water saving ideas visit: www.sussexgreenliving.org.uk/watersavingtips/

Elle Bennett Runton

Thakeham Gardeners' Club

Plant Sale

Saturday 2 May

2pm at Thakeham Village Hall

There will be a wide selection of plants at great prices and refreshments for sale

PLEASE NOTE: CASH ONLY

WEATHER WATCH

Well, we did have that 'peck of March dust' I mentioned at the end of my February summary meaning some dry weather needed after such a wet winter. Rainfall in Storrington was just 35mm which amounts to only about 55 per cent of the average. Combined with some warm days and sunshine about 30 per cent above par the ground became dry enough for most local farmers, growers and gardeners to work the land except in the low-lying localities with clay soils.

After the mild winter and then warm day time temperatures during March many spring flowering plants and shrubs were in bloom almost a month early. For instance, on 3 March, the Met Office weather station at Wiggonholt, between Storrington and Pulborough, was the warmest place in the UK at 18.2C, some 8C above the norm for the time of year. Storrington reached 18.6C on 19 March. My large magnolia was resplendent throughout the month, so too were daffodils and even tulips in our district and the blackthorn, the harbinger of spring flowered early on too looking as if coated by a thick hoar frost.



A flowering magnolia seen just off West Street in Storrington



The blackthorn flowered early as seen here in Sandgate Park

There were just 4 slight air frosts during the month though grass frost was more frequent in the latter half reminding us that caution is still needed even in a mild month. When growing tender plants and vegetables it is best to wait well into spring or provide adequate protection. After all clear moon, frost soon, is often an accurate maxim during March and April. There was a week of dry weather surrounding the Spring equinox and, on some days, it felt almost tropical by early afternoon following a chilly dawn. This year March soil temperatures were as high as 3C above the norm helping to accelerate spring growth.

The lowest maximum temperature I recorded was a mild 9C on 9 March, a day when fog shrouded the area for much of the time. Past centuries have seen maximum values well below freezing and in 1952 the month ended in deep snowdrifts and sub-zero maxima. More recently 2018 had temperatures hovering around freezing by day as late as 18 March in



It felt almost tropical on some days in March at Heath Common but was chilly at dawn



Hail seen falling from this shower cloud looking towards Washington Common and Chanctonbury Hill, late March

what was termed the 'beast from the east'. March many weathers is often a description applied to the month but this year we had no major storms, snow or thunder but we did have two days when hail fell with 28 March bringing a brief cover to parts of our district. March 12 brought some wind gusts to near gale force for a time and gave 9mm of rain, our wettest day. The prevailing wind was from the south and southwest enhancing the mildness.

Will April continue springlike? See next month's Weather Watch.

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

LAWN BOWLING IN STORRINGTON

Did you know that after football, bowls has the second highest number of clubs in the country – and you have a hidden gem right here in Storrington.

What is lawn green bowling? Lawn green bowling is a sport that is easy to take up, and you only need a pair of flat soled shoes to start playing.

Bowls is played on a 'green' which usually has 6 'rinks'. Each rink is about 5 metres wide and 40 metres long and the object is to get your 'bowl' closer to the 'jack' (a small white ball) than your opponents. **Easier said than done but the more you practice!!!** The 'bowl' has a bias which means that it will curve as it travels down the 'rink' so you learn to adjust your delivery to get the right line to get to the 'jack'. Age, gender and physical fitness have less of an impact on bowls, so it is an ideal game for all ages and abilities. It is a perfect way to enjoy an outdoor sport, get good exercise and make new friends

Storrington Bowling Club, located behind South Down Bikes in West Street, has been in existence since 1921 and provides casual bowling through 'rollup' sessions as well as more competitive bowling through club competitions and Sussex County Leagues for men, ladies and mixed teams. The green is open from April to October, and members are free to play whenever it suits them (subject to scheduled matches and competitions)

You will be assured of a warm welcome. Want to know more or even better 'have a go' then visit our facebook page or contact Linda on: 07709619525 to arrange a visit and a taster session.

We look forward to seeing you.



THAKEHAM GARDENERS' CLUB



The club welcomed Victoria Rumens to its March meeting and she spoke about designing accessible small gardens. Victoria has her own company named, Hummingbird Creation and undertakes the designing and construction of garden plots. She showed slides of garden projects she had overseen showing wider paths for easy wheelchair access and raised borders for easier access. Victoria has her own website and the following is taken from that site to show what she offers: 'Welcome to Studio Hummingbird, where we transform outdoor spaces into serene, low-maintenance gardens that reflect your personality and enhance your well-being. Whether you've recently downsized, moved into a new home, or lead a busy, demanding lifestyle, I specialise in creating gardens that feel like a natural extension of your home—beautiful, calming, and effortlessly enjoyable.'

May sees not only our monthly meeting when Sally Privet from our local nursery, Village Nurseries in West Chiltington, will visit us on Monday 13 May and she will demonstrate and talk about Hanging Baskets. The monthly competition is 'A jam jar of Herbs'. Prior to that on Friday 1 May we hold our first Plant Sale of the year. We will have some super plants, many from members' gardens. Refreshments will be available and entry to the sale is free.

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.

Sandra Jenkins

Rotary 
Storrington & Pulborough District

CAR BOOT SALES



STORRINGTON LIBRARY CAR PARK
9:00 am to 12.30 pm

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAYS
4TH & 25TH MAY

Sellers to set up from 8:15 am to 9:00 am

SELLERS - CARS £10 (£8 for cars with an RH20 postcode - driving licence required) VANS £15

Enquiries: Contact Paul Weaver on 01903 743004
email: pafw@live.co.uk

All proceeds go to charitable causes supported by Rotary. Registered Charity No1029115

 NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDENS



Storrington Community Café

<p>Monday 11 May From 11am to 12:30pm</p>  <p>Storrington Library North Street Car Park Storrington, RH20 4NZ</p>	<p>Tuesday 5 May From 11am to 12:30pm</p>  <p>Hanover Walk Community Centre, Hanover Walk, Storrington, RH20 4EX</p>
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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
Email: Storrington-SullingtonWardens@horsham.gov.uk

 Alzheimer's Society
 
 Horsham District Council

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.

Are you interested in meeting new friends, having a good chat over a cuppa and sharing your love of books and reading?



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Reading Friends meet first Monday of the month 2.30pm – 3.15pm

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Storrington Library is offering friendly and fun Reading Friends monthly sessions. It's a chance to chat and connect to new friends through the sharing of stories, memories and experiences.

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.

Baby Rhyme Time

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

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Tuesdays 10-10.30am

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Drop-in!

Wednesdays 2-4pm

Toddler Time

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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



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STORRINGTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Pruning

At the March meeting we enjoyed a talk by Mark Saunders, about pruning. Mark manages the garden at Fittleworth House, and has been there for 28 years. Guidance can be found in books about how to prune specific plants – this talk was aimed at giving us a more general view about the how, why, what and when of pruning.

Firstly, Mark emphasised that investing in good secateurs, such as Felco or Niwaki, is worth it. Sharpening them is important, and the angle you sharpen at should be the same all the way round the blade. If they can cleanly cut the cardboard of a cereal box, they are sharp enough to use. Bypass secateurs, where the two blades pass each other like scissors, are ideal for green, live growth, and young wood. Anvil secateurs have a single sharp blade, which closes onto a wider metal 'anvil', like a knife on a chopping block, and are more suitable for dry, dead, or tough woody stems. It is also possible to get these with a ratchet action, to help for very tough stems, or gardeners with limited strength. Other types of pruning tools include loppers, prune saws, hedge trimmers, and even lawn mowers – all need to be kept sharp!

The question of why we prune is really all about the gardener, not the plant. We usually want more fruit, or more flowers, a certain size or shape, or to renew the plant. Most plants will survive if they are never pruned, but may not look the way the gardener wants them.

As a general rule, if a stem has buds opposite each other, you should make a flat cut, and if the buds are not opposite, you should cut at an angle. It is easy to pass on diseases with tools, so secateurs should be cleaned between each plant with Jeye's fluid, or tomato juice. Early-flowering shrubs, such as Camellias, should be pruned after flowering, by early June at the latest. Later-flowering shrubs, such as Hydrangea, flower on wood grown this year, and should be pruned earlier. Other timing advice is: prune vines in December/January, don't prune stone fruit until May, and prune Wisteria in August, to keep it under control, and then do the main prune in January/February.

And some final advice from Mark – always wear gloves and eye protection, and get a professional in for tree work, with suitable insurance. The evening finished with light refreshments and a raffle.

The next meeting will be on **Friday 15 May 2026**, when we will have a talk entitled 'Why was the shepherd delighted?' by Bill Avenall

Jo Myland

VISIT MEADOW FARM



Blackgate Lane, Pulborough RH20 1DF – see yellow signs
1.30-5.30pm – Sunday 17 May
Entry £7 per adult, children free

Enjoy a lovely afternoon strolling in the gardens at Meadow Farm followed by a tea and homemade cake, all in aid of the worthwhile National Garden Scheme charities.

The garden has been developed from scratch by the current owners over the last 18 years and was the subject of an article in the Sunday Times Home section. It covers approximately 2 acres, plus wildflower meadows, with a wide variety of planting, including double borders, prairie style bed, gravel garden and pleached hornbeam avenue. A walled garden and orchard provide fruit, cut flowers and veg. There is a wildlife swimming pond with a bog garden.

PARHAM HOUSE EVENTS



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.

Wed 17th June until Sun 15th July

Horsham School of Botanical Artists

The Horsham School of Botanical Artists will be staging a two-week exhibition of drawings and paintings in the Seed Room.

Sunday 5th July

The Plant Fairs Roadshow

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Sussex Steam Rally

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Spring Art at Sullington, exhibition and café open daily

Until 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.

Barn dance

Sat 9 May 7pm to 10pm

Dust off your cowboy boots and get ready for lively line dancing, great music with a caller, and a delicious posh ploughman's. Whether you're a seasoned dancer or simply looking for a good night out, come join us at Sullington Great Barn (formerly Sullington Tithe Barn). All in aid of Friends of Pulborough Parish Church. Tickets to come nearer the time.

Evening Jazz with Big House

Wed 20 May, Wed 24 June, Wed 15 July, 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/sullingtonmanorfarmltd>

Quincey Jones tribute with live 18-piece band

Thu 4 June 7pm to 9.30pm

Get your friends together and enjoy an evening dedicated to Quincey Jones, performed by Phoneix Big Band, an 18-piece live band in Sullington Great Barn (formerly Sullington Tithe Barn). There will be wooden-fired pizza and wine, available for purchase. Book tickets – <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/sullingtonmanorfarmltd>

Contemporary Art at Sullington, daily with café open

Thu 11 to Sun 21 June 10am to 4pm

An exciting exhibition bringing in contemporary artists, all curated by esteemed duo Penny Gambrell and Marty Lowell. All pieces are for sale and there's something for everyone. The café will be open daily for the exhibition so grab your friends and make a day of it. Free entry and parking.

DISCOVER STORRINGTON'S HIDDEN GEM



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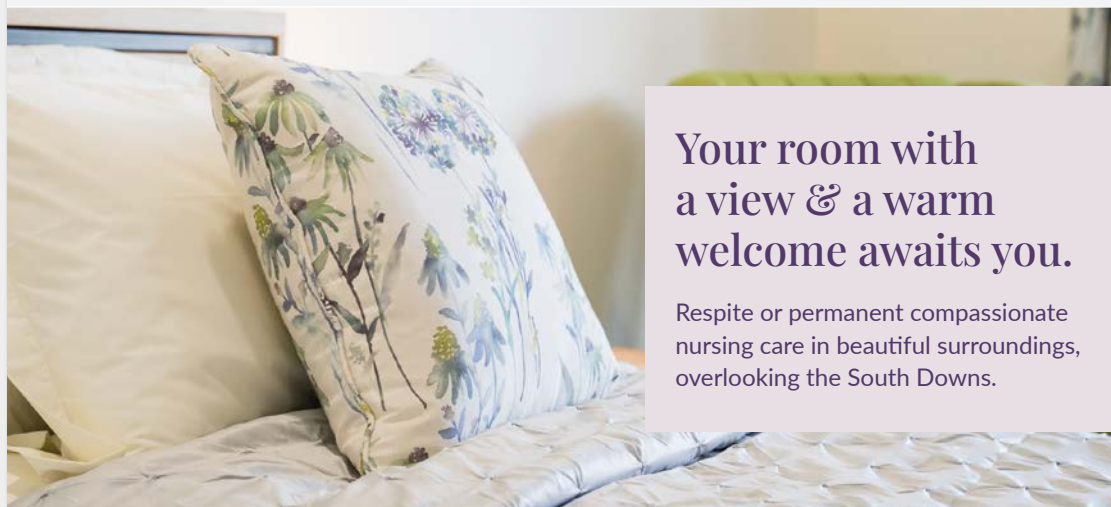
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LET'S TALK ABOUT THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM

Homelessness Must Never be Normalised

We need to face the Elephant in the Room; homelessness has become such a familiar sight that, too often, people are walking past without seeing the human reality. Once, seeing someone sleeping rough was shocking. Why are we no longer shocked? Turning Tides' *Elephant in the Room* appeal challenges this uncomfortable reality. It asks people to stop, reflect and recognise that homelessness has become the issue no one wants to talk about, despite its increasing visibility. Do we choose to look away, to assume someone else will help, or to blame the person experiencing homelessness rather than ask how they got there?

Homelessness can happen to anyone. Relationship breakdowns, bereavement, mental health crises, job loss and rising living costs. On top of this, systemic issues are driving more people into homelessness: hundreds of thousands of empty homes, over 155,000 in the Southeast alone, increasing pressure on mental health services, too few affordable homes being built (especially for single adults), and a significant reduction in social housing. Yet stigma persists.

Operations Manager, Niall Read said *"Homelessness socially excludes some of the most vulnerable people in our society. It is like being on the wrong side, on the outside looking in, seeing what everyone has but somehow not being able to reach it. By engaging, making contact and acknowledging those who find themselves sleeping rough, we can all create pathways and connections to bring people in allowing them to feel valued and to make changes."*

Through *Elephant in the Room*, Turning Tides is asking local residents, businesses and organisations to face the issue head-on, talk openly about the realities of homelessness to help raise awareness and vital funds so the charity can continue providing pathways out of homelessness for people in the local community.

The website takes you straight to the appeal: www.turning-tides.org.uk/elephant-in-the-room-homelessness/

Elephant Auction:

Turning Tides gave an Eduardo Paolozzi Elephant Sculpture to Henry Adams Auctioneers to auction.



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.

Wednesday 3 June

ARCIMBOLDO AT THE COURT OF THE ALCHEMISTS

Speaker: Rupert Dickens



Next year, 2027, will be the 500th anniversary of the birth of Giuseppe Arcimboldo, one of the strangest and most intriguing artists of all time. He captivated his contemporaries with his depictions of the human face composed of objects such as fruits, flowers, fish and books. After centuries of obscurity, he was rediscovered in the 19th century and then revered by the Surrealists who saw him as a pioneer for their mining of the subconscious. Arcimboldo worked at the court of the Holy Roman Emperor Rudolph II, one of the greatest collectors in history who acquired masterpieces by Bruegel, Titian and Durer.

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.)

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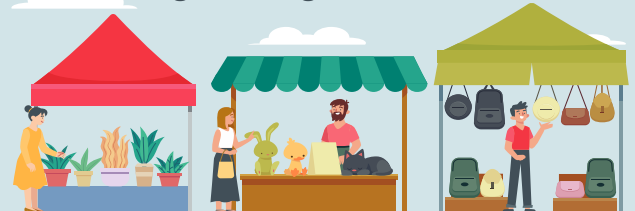


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President John commented: "Our Club is delighted to support this organisation which caters to both men and women fostering community help, friendship and skill sharing with a high level of expertise and enthusiasm". The Club donated £1000 towards the new facilities.

For further information contact John at johnollerton1@outlook.com or Tim Tapley at info@pulboroughshedders.org



Rotary. L to R: Rotary President John Ollerton, Tim Tapley of Pulborough Shedders, Dr Tim Fooks, High Sheriff of West Sussex, Rotarian Roger Jamieson

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	3rd	STORR & W/CHILT	DIAL POST / OLD BARN NURSERY (Coffee / Lunch)	£4	11AM
	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
	EVERY	STORRINGTON	STORRINGTON / WAITROSE	£3	1PM
FRI	EVERY	STORRINGTON	STORRINGTON / WAITROSE	£3	9AM
	EVERY	STORR & W/CHILT	PULBOROUGH / TESCO, SAINSBURY'S	£4	9PM
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SPECIAL OUTINGS (March to December. Bookable up to two months in advance)					
TUES	2nd JUNE	STORR & W/CHILT	FINDON VALE GARDEN CENTRE (LUNCH)	£6	MIDDAY
TUES	7th JULY	STORR & W/CHILT	HIGHDOWN GARDENS & CAFÉ	£8	1PM

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U14s win Indoor League

Congratulations to our U14 boys side who, playing up a year, won the West Area U15 Indoor League when they beat Eastergate in the final match of the indoor season by the smallest of margins – two runs! We batted first and scored 86-2 off 10 overs with Massimo unbeaten on 26 and Bastiaan making 22. Eastergate replied with 84-3, two of the wickets being run outs. Congratulations to Massimo for scoring more runs than anyone else in the League and not losing his wicket in any of his matches.



Under 15 league winners: Back row (L to R) George, Finlay, Archie; Front row (L to R) Noah, Massimo, Bastiaan. Missing from the photo is Harrison – who has also been part of the indoor team.

Eastergate were also beaten by our U13 mixed side – by a bigger margin of 22 runs. We scored 116-4, Reuben top scoring with 26. Eastergate's reply was 94-2, Alice and Reuben sharing the wickets.

By the time this report is read the outdoor season will be underway. Our 1st XI's first fixture is against St Andrews Burgess Hill whilst the U14s have four fixtures during April against Horsham, Steyning, Findon and Worthing.

Our Cygnets training continues for youngsters aged 8-14 during May on Fridays from 6pm – also the Club's weekly social evening when the Bar is open. The All Stars training for 5 to 7 year olds is starting on Sunday 10 May from 9.30am, and all enquiries about these sessions should be directed to Martin Fisher on martin_fisher@hotmail.co.uk or via ECB/AllStars/signup/storringtoncc.

Chris Winter

STORRINGTON CONSERVATION SOCIETY

Does the left hand know what the right hand is doing?

In the 1980's Sussex kelp (that grand flat brown seaweed sometimes hung up as a weather forecaster) began to disappear from our shores, poor water quality and intensive commercial trawling of the seabed being among the causes. By 2000 96% of the kelp was gone, and with it sea life from seals to starfish, crabs, mussels and bream spawn. Local and national figures became concerned and a pioneering campaign called Help our Kelp was started. As a result in March 2021 trawling was banned from an area stretching from Chichester to Rye (including Beachy Head, see below). Sussex Kelp Recovery Project was started and continues to support and check on progress. It is good to report that Bream and Mussels are returning as the kelp recovers. It is great news, but it will take time to restore what has been destroyed. Sussex Wildlife Trust is co-ordinating the organisations involved.

Water quality is another relevant factor. The Companies have ambitious plans to stop releases of untreated sewage into the sea. Our bills are going up as a result. We need to keep pressure on them to fulfil their duty. Sewage spills in 2025 nearly halved mostly due to drier weather (even so in 2025 1.9 million hours of spills were recorded nationally. Disgusting). It will be interesting to learn what the very wet winter has done this year.

Now the left hand.

It is breathtaking that Brighton Marina has applied to The Marine Management Organisation for a one year licence to dump sediment in the Beachy Head Marine Conservation Zone, when only last November they were refused a licence. The Zone includes a rare chalk reef and is home to threatened marine wildlife, including seafood we enjoy. In principle the idea of placing any waste in it is simply wrong. To suggest thousands of tonnes of mud being dumped in any MCZ should be unthinkable. Dredging is necessary if the Marina is to provide for the intended leisure activities, but have alternative solutions been properly considered? Fly tipping on land is rightly deplored. Is it OK at sea?

The work party on Saturday 4 April met at Chanctonbury Leisure Centre Car Park to clear litter from local footpaths and byways. Sadly necessary. The usual rubbish, some found near litter bins and much recyclable. Like the dog with her puppies looking at the notice which read: 'Take your litter home'. On Saturday 2 May the next work party is at 10.00am, meeting in the Library Car Park to clear the stream and its banks in preparation for the annual Duck Race. Join us for the fun of clearance (wellies are advised) and then enjoy the race.



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/.

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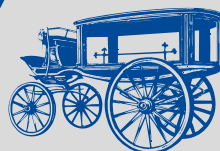
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