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3 Heralds

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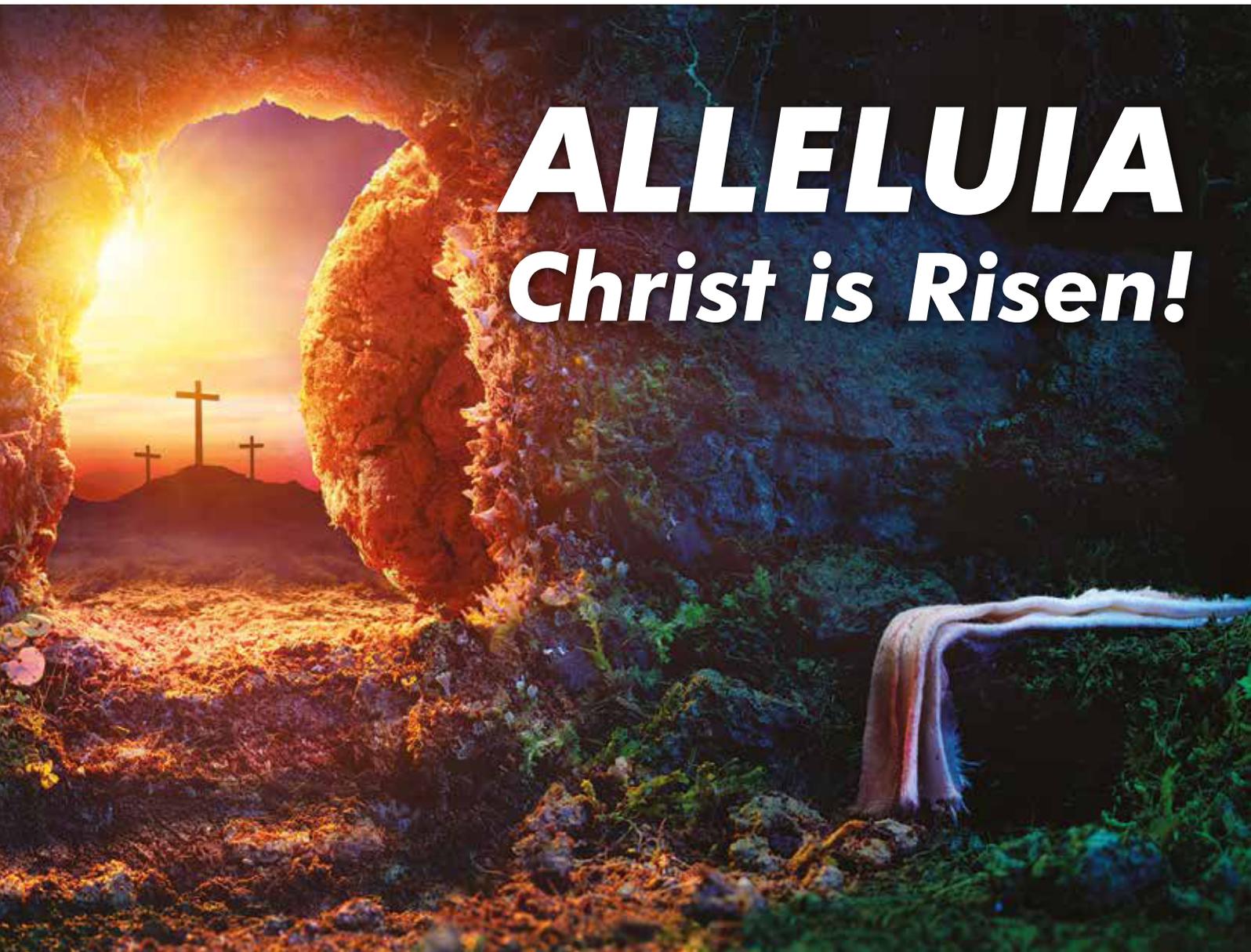


SULLINGTON



THAKEHAM

ALLELUIA
Christ is Risen!



St Mary's Church SULLINGTON



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Holy Sepulchre WARMINGHURST
(Churches Conservation Trust)

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**St Mary
STORRINGTON**



**St Mary
SULLINGTON**



**St Mary
THAKEHAM**

IN THE DIOCESE OF CHICHESTER

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Thank you for such a warm welcome to your parishes. For those who don't know me, my name is Shirley and I have joined St Mary's, Storrington, as Assistant Curate. For the past two and a half years I have been serving my curacy just down the road in Upper Beeding, Bramber and Botolphs.

I am writing this in the aftermath of Storms Dudley, Eunice and Franklin, as well as on the day that Russia invaded Ukraine. It is a day of changing weather too, with rain and a heavy hailstorm followed by bright sunshine. It feels as though it sums up the past couple of years: changeable and uncertain. Yet, also as I write, the churchyard at St Mary's, Storrington, is bursting with snowdrops, crocuses and even the daffodils are coming out. There are some things which, despite what is going on in the world, never change. That is why I love spring; it is my favourite season of the year. After long, dark, dreary and often wet days, there are colourful signs of new life all around, bringing hope and joy.

Easter is also a reminder of hope, joy and the unchanging nature of God. However, before we reach Easter Day we travel through Holy Week, a week that starts with Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday followed by the horror and brutality of Good Friday. An innocent man who spent his life helping others, bringing Good News to earth, accused, beaten and brutally crucified on a wooden cross. All seems lost. Jesus' loved ones and followers bereft.

But... three days later, we celebrate the utterly, incredible truth that death could not hold on to Jesus. On Easter morning, when the women went to the tomb where Jesus' body had been laid, it was empty. Jesus was alive. And so, each Easter Day we declare in church:

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The story of Easter does not change even when the world around us changes. The truth as recorded in Hebrews 13:8 does not change: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever". This is the hope that we have in a changing world. He is our rock and our anchor when all around is adrift.

Alleluia. Christ is risen!

May you each know the hope, joy and comfort of the risen Lord this Easter.

SHIRLEY TUPPEN
Assistant Curate, St Mary's Church, Storrington

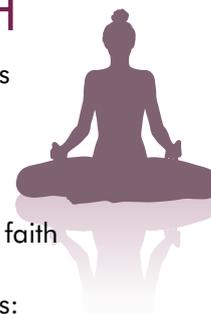


MEDITATION FOR THE MONTH

Put peace into each other's hands and like a treasure hold it, protect it like a candle-flame, with tenderness enfold it.

Reach out in friendship, stay with faith in touch with those around you.

Put peace into each other's hands: the Peace that sought and found you



Christians in Storrington Monthly Inter-Church Prayer Meetings Everyone welcome

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

Tuesday, 5 April – Catholic Church will lead
Tuesday, 3 May – Trinity Methodist Church will lead

One in faith and love and praise

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What's happening at

St Mary's Thakeham



Sullington & Thakeham with Warminghurst
Same family. Two parishes. Working together.

www.stmarysthakeham.org

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Storrington RH20 4DE

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Allison Goodfellow (740499)
Lyndene, Newhouse Lane
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Electoral Roll Officer

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RH20 4QN

Organist

Position vacant

Bellringers: Tower Captain

Roger Watts (01798 813775)

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

Gift Aid Officer

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

Safeguarding Officer

Allison Goodfellow (740499)
Lyndene, Newhouse Lane
Storrington RH20 3HQ

PASTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR

Please contact Revd Sara-Jane Stevens on 01798 813121 to make arrangements for Baptisms, Weddings and Banns of Marriage. She can be contacted at Thakeham Rectory throughout the week. Her day off is Friday.

Loving God and loving our neighbour

Both Thakeham and Sullington churches

ST MARY'S CHURCH THAKEHAM

MEN'S BREAKFAST 30 APRIL

8.15am for cooked
breakfast served at 8.30am
(10.30am-ish finish)

Thakeham Village Hall

Good food, good company and an inspirational speaker
Sandbags to Tea Bags – One Road to Recovery

Please call Derek or Lis on 01798 813012/07807 077054 or email lis.bingham@hotmail.com to book your place for catering purposes.



EASTER SERVICES

at St Mary's Thakeham

MAUNDY THURSDAY

6pm HOLY COMMUNION

EASTER DAY

10.30am EASTER DAY FAMILY COMMUNION

10.30am ZOOM SERVICE



MESSY GOOD FRIDAY EASTER EGG HUNT

15 April at 9.30am
Rectory, Thakeham



A date for your diary

St Mary's Church, Thakeham
Flower Festival and Open Gardens
Friday 10 June to Sunday 12 June

Do not miss this ever popular event

There will be something of interest for everyone to enjoy

Watch out for more information in future editions of the 3 Heralds



LENT REFLECTIONS

with Simple Communion via Zoom

Tuesdays, 5 and 12 April at 7.30pm

Please check the Sullington and Thakeham websites
or the Telescope for log in details.



WAR IN UKRAINE

There is a prayer tree in both Sullington and Thakeham Churches for visitors to add their prayers for the conflict in Ukraine. There is also a prayer card to take away.

FRIDAY NIGHT CLUB

Youth Group for
10 to 18 year olds

1 and 29 APRIL

7.30pm to 9pm

Thakeham Village Hall

Thakeham Knit and Stitch Group



Next meeting is on

Tuesday 19 April 2pm – 4pm

and every 3rd Tuesday of each month
Thakeham Church Room



Further information available from Wynn Lednor on 743025

Zechariah 4:10

“Do not despise these small beginnings,
for the Lord rejoices to see the work begin”

What's happening at

St Mary's Sullington



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Churchwardens

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Douglas Parkes (743106)
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PCC Secretary

Jo Pentecost (744454)

Freewill Offering & Gift Aid Officer

David Baxter (744346)

Electoral Roll

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Organist

Beryl Hardie (892349)

Church Flowers

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Safeguarding Officer

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Sullington RH20 4AF

Lifts to Church

Anne Owen (743973)

Church Fabric Officer

Douglas Parkes (743106)

THAKEHAM AND SULLINGTON:

Times of Church services can be found on page 18. Alternatively you can visit the Church website for further details.

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Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in us

are open to visitors during the week.

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

WE ARE OPEN! St Mary's Church, Sullington is now open from 9am to 5pm daily, to visit or for private reflection and prayer.

TEA WITH THE VICAR

In February we met for a very enjoyable afternoon *Tea with the Vicar*. As always, it proved very popular and we are already looking forward to the

next one in April.

Everyone is welcome but please phone the host for catering purposes.

Thank you to Ann for hosting this event.



EASTER EGG HUNT!

St Mary's Church, Sullington

Sunday 17 April

Following the Easter Day Service
at 10.30 to 11.30

All ages welcome – come and join us!

Dates for your diary

St Mary's Church, Sullington

30 April - **Garden party with Lunch**

1 July - **Bats in the Belfry** Talk details to follow.

23 September - **Concert** - details to be advised.

13 November - **Remembrance Sunday** 100 years celebration since our War Memorial was erected details to follow.

26 November - **Autumn Fayre**



EASTER SERVICES at St Mary's Sullington

GOOD FRIDAY

3pm **GOOD FRIDAY MEDITATION**

EASTER DAY

10.30am **EASTER DAY HOLY COMMUNION**

10.30am **ZOOM SERVICE**



SUMMER EVENSONG AT SULLINGTON CHURCH

Evensong will be held at 6pm on the first Sunday of each month at St Mary's, Sullington, for six months starting on Sunday, 3 April, and ending on Sunday, 2 October.

The theme will be: *It's a dog's life – God in our four-legged companions*

3 April – **Double trouble at the Rectory**

1 May – **Not Mushroom for Dogs here**

5 June – **Ma'am's best friends**



Tea with the Vicar

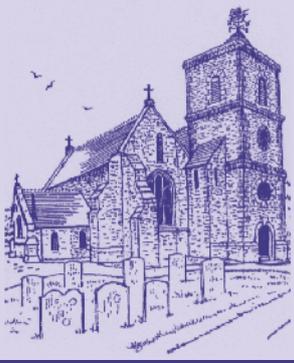
Thursday 21 April 3 to 5pm

21st April at Muriel Astley's home

41 Martlets, West Chiltington, RH20 2QB

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





What's happening at

St Mary's Storrington

Faith, Hope and Love
in the heart
of Storrington

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

Churchwardens

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RH20 4HY

Parish Secretary

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PCC Secretary

Val Rice (746816)
21 Longland Avenue,
RH20 4HY

Retired Clergy

Revd Charles Hadley (740787)
Revd John Peal (743083)
Revd Jacque Peal (743083)

Verger

Michael Taylor (742218)

Sacristy Team

Stella Hastings & John Taylor (745477)

Captain of Bellringers

John Taylor (745477)

Parish Visiting Scheme

Barbara Buchanan (741916)

Recorder

Alison Hammond (07840 522832)

Electoral Roll Officer

Val Rice (746816)

Director of Music

Stephen Bloxham

Assistant Organist

Ian Miles

Readers

Sam Ward (893794)

Sidesmen

David Rice (746816)

Church Flowers

Susanne Carter (746837)

Child Protection Officer

Jackie Lee (743661)

Bible Reading Fellowship

VACANT

Bible Society

Jean Hunt (01798 813681)

Christian Aid Co-ordinator

VACANT

The Rector, Revd Canon Kathryn Windsor, will take Friday as her day off.
The Rectory Office is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am – 1pm.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Church Services see page 18.

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

Altar Servers: Revd Jacque Peal (743083)

Bellringers: Fridays, 7.45pm – 9.30pm.

Handbells: Wednesdays, 9.30am. Contact Lila Hurley (742044).

Church & Churchyard Maintenance: Ray Hunt (01798 813681)

Mothers' Union: Jean Hunt (01798 813681)

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

SPACE: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 2pm – 4pm at the Old School. Contact Sonia Fox (745703)

LENT TALKS AT ST MARY'S, STORRINGTON

The last of this series of talks by the Revd Rupert Toovey will take place on Tuesday, 5 March, at 7pm at St Mary's, Storrington, and will explore work and relationship through art. This session will include the celebration of a Eucharist.

CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

The Church Electoral Roll is a list of baptized people who consider themselves to be supporters of a particular parish church; at this time of year we aim to bring it up to date. If you are not yet on the Roll and would like to be, please find the appropriate form at the back of Church or at the Rectory Office, returning it to Storrington Rectory Office.

PRAYER TREE AND PRAYER BOARD IN CHURCH

Everyone is welcome to leave a prayer on the tree or the board in Church for anyone. There are also heart-shaped Ukrainian flags to write your prayer on and place in God's care.

VESTRY MEETING AND APCM – 24 April

The Vestry Meeting for the election of Churchwardens and Annual Parochial Church Meeting has been arranged for 11.15am on Sunday, 24 April, immediately following the 10am Parish Communion.

At this meeting we shall be electing members of the Parochial Church Council. We are looking for new members of the PCC. The PCC is a registered charity and PCC members automatically become Trustees of the Charity and would need to complete a 'fit and proper person' form. To join the PCC you must be over 16 and on the Church Electoral Roll. If you are interested, please talk to Val Rice (PCC Secretary) or any of the current PCC members to find out what is involved.

FACE COVERINGS / MASKS IN CHURCH...
now optional for everyone attending a Church service.

STORRINGTON REGISTERS

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

2 Mar George Frederick "Bill" Bailey (92 years)

10 Mar Margaret Ann Read (91 years)

Interment of ashes only:

17 Feb Malcolm Colin Hedges Campbell (84 years)

Lilies for Easter

Would you like to make a donation towards the lilies in Church this Easter in memory of a loved one?

If so, please add the name(s) of those you wish to commemorate to the list at the back of the Church and place your donation (£5 per name is suggested) in one of the small brown envelopes marked "Easter Lilies" and put it into the Donations box in Church. The list will be removed from Church on Palm Sunday (10 April) so that a board with the names commemorated can be prepared for display over Easter.



PARISH VISITING TEAM... The St Mary's Parish Visiting Team contact is Barbara Buchanan, 741916. Please contact Barbara if you would like to arrange for someone on the team to either speak to you or visit you.

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

PALM SUNDAY, with distribution of Palm Crosses
for times of service see p16

11 April – Monday of Holy Week
7.30pm Compline

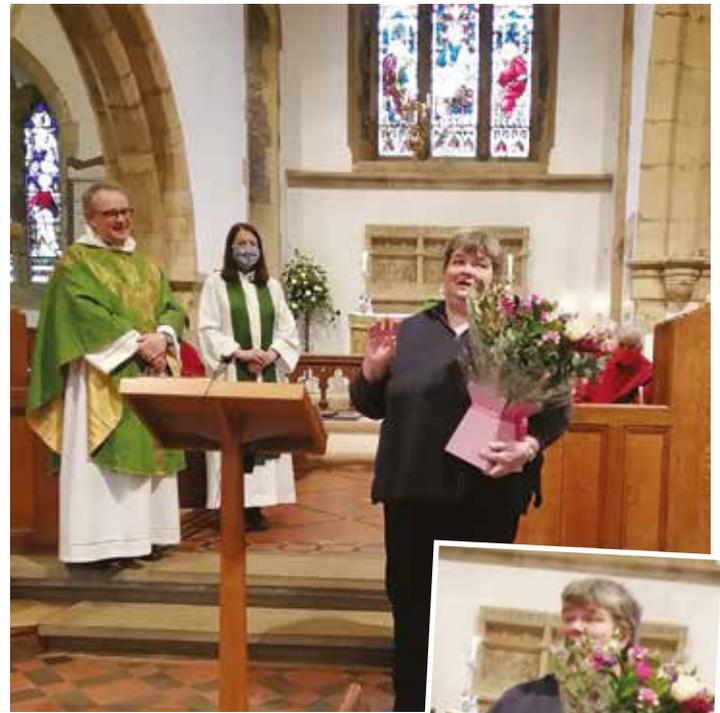
12 April – Tuesday of Holy Week
7.30pm Service of Wholeness and
Healing with Reception of Holy Oils

13 April – Wednesday of Holy Week
7.30pm Compline

14 April – MAUNDY THURSDAY
7.30pm Maundy Thursday Eucharist and stripping of altars

15 April – GOOD FRIDAY
9.15am Good Friday Procession (inter-Church), starting at Our
Lady of England R.C. Church, Monastery Lane
12 noon **Three Hours' Devotion**. A Service of reflecting on
characters from the Passion story. Entry or exit possible at 1pm
and 2pm

17 April - EASTER DAY - The Day of Resurrection!
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Easter Family Communion



CANON KATHRYN CELEBRATES

Canon Kathryn reached a milestone age on 19 February; it's a good job she's not coy about her age! You can rely on Kathryn to celebrate and, true to form, she came into Church on 20th with lots of cakes and some fizz. Meanwhile we had been collecting and signing a card, so we were able to present Kathryn with the card, a traditional Sussex trug, some Wiston Estate champagne, some flowers and a generous amount of money as a 60th birthday present.

As she had just lost her shed roof to Storm Eunice, her first thought was a new shed, but she's decided to spend it on something more fun and put the gift towards Life Membership of either the Royal Horticultural Society or the National Trust.



CHRISTIANS IN STORRINGTON

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

Good Friday Procession of Witness

19 April
starting at
9.15am



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

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

Church@4pm

at St Mary's Church, Storrington

Sunday, 24 APRIL 2022
Theme: *The Road to Emaus*

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



St Mary's Church, Storrington



2nd and 4th Wednesdays
13 and 27 April

10am Short Service of Holy Communion
10.30am Café in the Church

When there is a 5th Wednesday there will be Tea for 2,
with Holy Communion at 2pm followed by tea at 2.30pm

All welcome to either or both – come and join us for a friendly 'cuppa' with the Clergy

St Mary's Church, Storrington, needs your help
PLEASE SAVE ALL YOUR STAMPS
and leave in the box in the Church porch...
they can be converted to much needed funds for our Church.
Please pass the message to all your friends and neighbours.

STORRINGTON RECTORY ROOF DAMAGED BY STORM EUNICE

Storm Eunice's severe gales and inland high wind gusts hit the south-east of England on Friday, 18 February 2022, causing a huge branch of one of the pine trees in Storrington Rectory garden to break and fall on the Rectory roof. It was still attached to the main tree and balanced on the roof for several hours until tree surgeons managed to remove it later that day.

Some damage was caused to the roof and scaffolding was erected in early March for remedial work to be carried out.



FUN AT CHURCH@4

Some prayer and messiness at our Church@4 in February. The theme was 'Caring for God's Creation'. We made bird feeders, planted pea and bean seeds, and coloured some very exotic animals. It was lovely to welcome the family who came and joined in and we had a good exploration of the Church building, particularly the bells and the organ!

We also prayed for the world and all creation, writing and tying prayers to the prayer tree. The prayer tree is still up by the Lady Chapel and we invite you to add your prayers to the tree.

Our next Church@4 will be on 24 April, so come and join us! Ideal for families and younger children, but also for those still young at heart!



PLATINUM JUBILEE CIVIC SERVICE

In accordance with tradition there will be an inter-church Songs of Praise Service to mark the 70th anniversary of the Queen's accession. It will be held during the national Jubilee days of celebration, at 6pm on Sunday, 5 June, in Storrington Parish Church, St Mary's, followed by refreshments. This is a service for the whole community.



ST MARY'S THAKEHAM

Garden Sale

Saturday 7th May

10am - 1.00 pm

THAKEHAM VILLAGE HALL

Plants • Gardening Tools • Books & Sundries • Light Refreshments



HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES AT TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH

14 April – MAUNDY THURSDAY

6pm Holy Communion

15 April – GOOD FRIDAY

10.15am Service of Reflection

17 April – EASTER SUNDAY

10.30am Holy Communion

On Good Friday and Easter Sunday we hope to be outside, weather permitting, seating provided. If it is wet we will be inside. Everyone is welcome to join us. Minister: Rev'd Dr Frank Okai-Sam
For contact details, see page 18.

Sandgate Singers present



Fauré's Requiem



Sunday 3rd April 2022

**7pm at Our Lady of England
Church, Storrington**

Tickets £15 available from
The Card Shop Storrington
or via our website

www.sandgatesingers.com or Facebook

WEST CHILTINGTON AND STORRINGTON MOTHERS' UNION

On 28 February, 12 members gathered at **Mothers' UNION** Christian care for families

West Chiltington Church to remember and pray for our Linked Dioceses of Mundri, South Sudan; Isikwuato, Nigeria; Seoul, South Korea; and Madi and West Nile in Uganda, in our annual Wave of Prayer Service. Afterwards we enjoyed fellowship over cake and coffee.

We were very pleased that Father Stephen Merriman was able to be with us at our meeting on 3 March to tell us about his 'Journey.' As a young man, Stephen had no thoughts about going into the Church; he thought Banking would be a good career. In his twenties he went on his own, within a group from his parish, on a pilgrimage to Walsingham. Attending early Mass one morning, he heard a voice say, "That is what I want you to do." Taken by surprise he blurted out, "What?" and looked up to see a priest. He explored the possibility of going into the priesthood without mentioning it to his family until a few days before going on a selection week-end, to which his mother replied she always knew he would go into the Church. Bishop Lindsay told him he should go to Muirfield, West Yorkshire to train. Stephen was adamant he did not want to go north, but having spent time there, on his way home he decided it was where he wanted to go. During his studies he concentrated on Pastoral Support, and helped out in a care home, where he met his future wife Beth. Stephen's first Curacy was at Littlehampton helping with Pastoral Support, and second Curacy at St Nicholas, Brighton, where he became a Chaplain to the Ambulance Service, eventually becoming Senior Chaplain, having responsibility for all of Sussex and Surrey. Living in Brighton with a young family was a very stressful time, given the problems of drug and alcohol abuse that surrounded them, and eventually Stephen went back to Littlehampton, subsequently arriving at West Chiltington.

Five members and three husbands attended the World Day of Prayer at Thakeham Church on Friday 4 March.

On **7 April** we shall be serving the Lent Lunch of home-made soup and bread, priced £5, at West Chiltington Church Hall at 12.30pm. Do come for lunch and stay for our meeting to hear our speaker The Revd Sue Foster tell us about Modern Slavery. Sue is The Modern Slavery Ambassador for the Bishop of Chichester. The meeting will start at 2pm.

On **23 April** members from across the Diocese will be making cakes and selling them at Selsey to raise funds for *Away From It All* holidays.

Jean Hunt

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

5 and 19 April

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 Sonia Fox (745703).

Storrington Macular Group

in partnership with
**Pulborough Sight
Problems Group**

26 April



Fourth Tuesday of every month 2pm – 4pm

Old School, School Lane, Storrington RH20 4LL

Open to anyone affected by sight loss.

Family, friends and carers welcome.

Contact Philippa on 743182

Macular Society, PO Box 1870, Andover SP10 9AD



— St Mary's Thakeham —

FLOWER FESTIVAL & OPEN GARDENS

'Nature's Way'

10th – 12th June • 10am – 5pm

- flower displays • music • children's activities • open gardens
- dog show • refreshments • teddy bear parachute jump • stalls
- songs of praise • open bell tower • evening entertainment

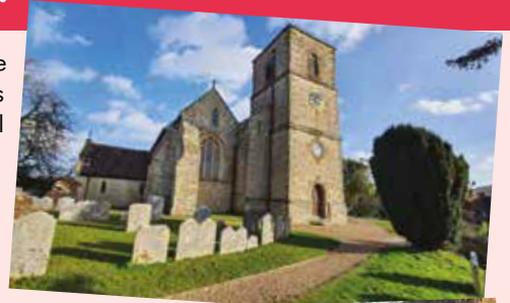
— www.stmarysthakeham.org —

WE DID IT! WE GOT THE BRONZE!

It seems very appropriate that just as the Winter Olympics was about to start, I got an email confirming that St Mary's Church, Storrington has achieved the Bronze level of the Eco Church Award Scheme. It's taken just about a year. Some of the requirements were fairly easy: yes, all our toilets have dual flush systems. Some were more challenging: the light fittings in the Church are mainly very high up, so we had to get the electrician to go up very tall ladders to change them to LED bulbs. The most satisfying aspects were those that enabled the Church to connect beyond its own congregation. We now have active connections with Storrington Primary School, Sussex Wildlife Trust, and the Repair Café (in the hub on the third Saturday of each month). Our next challenge is to work towards Silver. In future columns I shall highlight some of the things we need to work on as a Church and as individuals to gain our Silver certificate.



help to remind me that each day there's something wonderful to see in the natural world. He often posts pictures of sunrise, sunset and clouds that make me feel I was there, seeing that too. Thank you Alan.



Another spectacle recently, close to the Church, has been murmurations of starlings, as they prepare to roost about dusk. You can find videos on the Storrington Village Facebook page, or stroll down to the Church and see it for yourself.

Speaking of the churchyard, I'm delighted that Sussex Wildlife Trust are going to help us make it even friendlier for wildlife, and will help us with surveys. And please put these dates in your diary: 4 to 12 June, Churches Count on Nature.

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

Christine Tuson



Energy crisis

It's 7.20am in early March (you know I have to work a month ahead) and I've just been listening to the news of the war in Ukraine. One of the clearest messages from that news is the extent of the interdependency of nations as far as energy, and thus our entire way of life. Put bluntly, we depend on oil and gas imported from Russia and wheat imported from Ukraine and what we import from other places depends on that Russian energy. Prices must rise. This is bleak stuff. My natural disposition is optimistic, so I'm hoping and praying that by the time you read this, there will be a ceasefire in Ukraine. Maybe also this crisis will give us the impetus to make some lifestyle changes that reduce our energy needs.

I believe very strongly that lots of small actions can add up to something big. Each of us can:

- Turn the central heating down one degree and put on an extra jumper, especially as spring and summer beckon.
- Walk or cycle that short journey instead of driving.
- Have a day out using the bus, which is going that way anyway, especially if you have a bus pass.
- Buy one fewer loaf of bread or packets of biscuits this week.
- Buy from a local producer.

I love fresh flowers, and I've started to check that any I buy are grown in the UK. Better still I grow some just for picking; you've still plenty of time to sow sweet pea seeds.

"It's a wonderful world"

One of our strongest areas for our Eco Church submission is our churchyard and these stunning pictures were taken by Alan Simpson, who's kindly given permission to use them. Alan posts regularly on the Storrington Village Facebook page. His photographs really

Flower Festival Art Exhibition

"Nature's Way"

We're looking for talented young artists to take part in this year's Flower Festival Art Exhibition.

Whether it's painted, pencilled, photographed or in popping 3D, we'd love to see it!

All entries will be displayed as part of the Flower Festival weekend, in a specially curated exhibit, with prizes for different categories:



Under 10s Freehand
Under 10s Photograph
Under 10s Collage



10-14 years Freehand
10-14 years Photograph
10-14 years Collage



14+ Freehand
14+ Photograph
14+ Collage

The theme is "Nature's Way" and anything on this theme will be accepted. Artwork must be no larger than A3 (29 x 43cm). Entries are free, and must be labelled with the artist's name, age, address and contact telephone number on the reverse. Limited to one entry per category. Closing date for entries is 1st June 2022. Send entries to:

FF2022Art, 31 Furze Common Road, Thakeham, RH203EG



GETTING TO KNOW YOU...

This month with Matt Harder from Thakeham.

Matt is married to Pippa and they have two children, Amelie and George. Matt and Pippa are both teachers and met while they were at university. Matt was a second year and helped welcome the freshers. Apparently, as Pippa's dad was dropping her off, he saw Matt and told Pippa, "There's your husband"! Who said arranged marriages didn't happen.

Matt has always loved music and, being brought up in a Christian household, was able to enjoy this from an early age as a chorister at his local church. He tells me some summer Saturdays could see as many as six weddings a day.

Matt had spent time before going to university working in a youth theatre on the outskirts of London. His parents are also very involved in drama and act in the Hornchurch Passion Play. Matt said that Hornchurch holds the record for the most fake blood used in a Passion Play.

Due to Matt's drama interests, he studied drama and creative writing at university. When doing his teaching PGCE, he was offered a place at Canterbury if he would study Primary Foreign Languages instead of Music. Matt was very happy to take up this offer as he learnt to speak Finnish at an early age in order to communicate with his cousins in Finland. Matt had also taken German at A level and spent a month in Germany as part of his teaching experience.

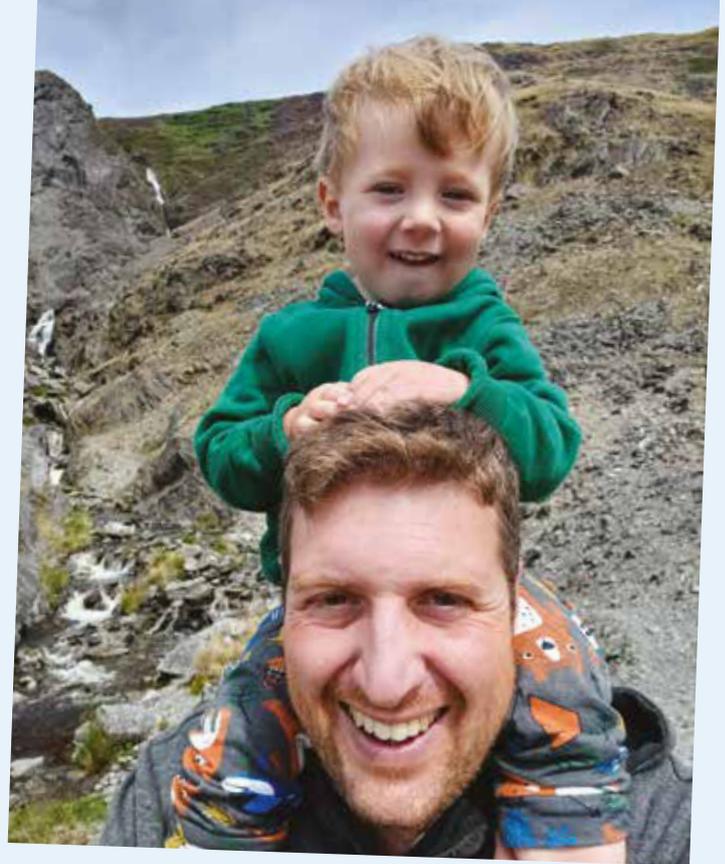
Germany was not the only experience Matt had of foreign travel. Matt's dad is a banker and Matt remembers living in Hong Kong for two months as part of his father's posting there. Matt also spent time in Kenya in his teens doing mission work by helping to build a school.

Following his graduation, Matt started his current job and has now been working there for 13 years. When Amelie was born, Matt reduced his hours to three days a week in order to be able to help look after her. Once she started at nursery, Matt continued with his three days at school but used his spare time to start up the survival training and environmental programmes he now runs. The children at Thakeham School are now so used to being with Matt he is able to leave a pile of equipment outside the classroom door when he is due to take them for a lesson and they automatically pick it up. I wonder if that works with their classroom equipment at the end of the day?

Matt also runs birthday parties and was telling me about one 80-year-old lady who attended. She had never whittled anything before and the joy on her face when she managed to produce a spoon was lovely to see. Matt is also being asked to lecture at universities across the country to explain how getting children involved with the outdoors helps them in all kinds of ways; for example, self-reliance, team building, learning new skills and generally being outdoors with someone who has the knowledge to answer their questions.

His interest in nature and the outdoors has led Matt to be the eco-church coordinator and is helping Thakeham gain eco-church status. Matt and Pippa were on holiday in Wales last year and they were chatting to a local farmer who told them all about it. Matt followed this up and Thakeham now has Bronze eco-church status in all areas and Silver in some. Matt is also interested in Forest Church which he describes as "Messy Church for grown-ups". Forest Church is a way to worship God and enjoy the outdoors at the same time. The Germans have a lovely word for this, *waldeinsamkeit*, which means "a feeling of oneness, of being at one with nature".

Matt and Pippa started attending St Mary's Church, Thakeham, in 2014, just at the time Trevor and Caroline were looking for someone to hand over the youth group to. Matt and Pippa were delighted to be able to take over from them and numbers have risen considerably over the years, particularly with the influx of families round Abingworth. Matt says the numbers have risen from around a dozen to now having 76 on the register.



As a teacher, Matt's heart is very much for children and young people and those who support them. He says that many young people are active environmentalists and they are frustrated by their inability to change things simply because of their age, and the feeling of helplessness this can give them.

Matt's prayer is for all those involved with children and the children themselves. We have been through times of unprecedented difficulty for children, their teachers and support staff, and many children and staff are suffering huge amounts of stress and burnout. Matt asks for your prayers to cover the well-being of the children as we return to a more normal life and strength and energy for the staff as they try to enable this.

STORRINGTON FLOWER CLUB

Wednesday 27 April at 2.30pm
Sullington Parish Hall

This meeting is our Annual General Meeting
with Afternoon Tea

All members and visitors welcome



STORRINGTON SLIMMERS

MONDAY EVENINGS
from 7pm to 8pm

St Mary's Church,
Storrington

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





SANDGATE CONSERVATION SOCIETY

We were hoping to stage the Easter-Egg Hunt this month as it has been three years since the event was last held but, after much consideration, it has been decided to leave it until next year. A pity, but we don't think it is worth the risk of having to cancel at the last minute.

On a brighter note, there will be a presentation held in the Sullington Parish Hall on Wednesday 27 April featuring the 'White Stork Project' at Knepp Estate, presented by Lucy Groves. As many will know, storks were very much a feature of Storrington many years ago and form part of the Storrington logo.



The Society has two conservation days each month, where there are tasks waiting for attention on two sites in 'areas of outstanding natural beauty'. All tools, gloves etc are provided, so just turn up at the under mentioned locations on the dates specified. Come on, give it a try as you will be most welcome. You will be among like-minded colleagues carrying out well-worth tasks in the open air that just has to improve your health and fitness.

During February we experienced gale force winds that played havoc among some of the older trees in Sandgate Park that are scheduled for attention, and that is where our valued volunteers get to work.

The Conservation days are **Saturday 9 April** on Sullington Warren, from 9.30am till noon and **Saturday 23 April** in Sandgate Park from 10am till noon.

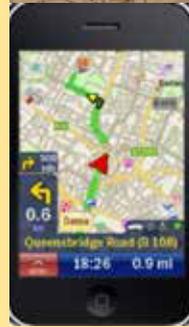
Because of the Covid-19 situation it is advisable to check our web-site for the latest details.

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

Brian Burns



Storrington and District Museum Monthly Talk



Sextant to Sat-Nav by Peter Griffiths

Tuesday 5th April at 7.30pm
at the Old School

Everyone Welcome



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The Old School, School Lane, Storrington
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OPEN
Saturdays and Wednesdays
10-4pm
Sundays 10-1pm

An informative and amusing talk by Peter Griffiths, a retired pilot, with 45 years of aviation experience.

Peter Griffiths started flying with BOAC in 1967, on B707s, both as a Pilot and Navigator. He finished a few years ago, flying executive jets for the rich and infamous. He thus ran the full gamut from 'steam driven' early jets, navigating by map, compass and sextant, to highly sophisticated, computer-driven aircraft, accurate to within a couple of feet. The stories you may have heard, of the likeness of Captains in those days to minor deities, has not been exaggerated. He left BOAC in 1975 and then spent 29 years with Cathay Pacific in Hong Kong, rising to Fleet Manager B747, managing 19 aircraft. During that time he evacuated people from China after Tiananmen Square, and flew freighters during the first Gulf War. After Cathay, he flew executive jets and came to realise that the rich are indeed different. He has a fund of informative, historical and amusing stories and happy to take questions afterwards. He will donate part of his fee to the charities he supports: RBL and the Salvation Army.

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL'S FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS

A four-day spectacular!
8 - 11 June

Visitors will have the opportunity to experience 60 spectacular flower arrangements, displayed within the 900 year old Cathedral, created using over 50,000 blooms. The arrangements will respond to the theme of *Life in All its Fullness*, exploring the benefits of art, nature and music in healing, and will be portrayed as picturesque tableaux, gardens and pedestal arrangements.



CHURCH SERVICES AT A GLANCE

DATE	FESTIVAL OR SUNDAY	STORRINGTON St Mary's	THAKEHAM St Mary's	SULLINGTON St Mary's
3 April	Lent 5 Passiontide begins	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Family Communion 6pm Evensong	10.30am Joint Thakeham/Sullington 'Church for All' Service	8.30am Prayer Book Communion (BCP) 6pm Evensong
10 April	PALM SUNDAY	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion 6pm Evensong	8.30am Celtic Communion 10.30am Morning Prayer	10.30am Holy Communion
17 April	EASTER DAY	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Easter Celebration (all age)	10.30am Easter Sunday Family Communion 10.30am Zoom service – for those who cannot attend in person. Log in details on the website calendar.	10.30am Easter Sunday Holy Communion
24 April	Second of Easter	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion 4pm Church@4	10.30am Family Communion	8.30am Celtic Communion 10.30am Morning Prayer
1 May	Third of Easter	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Family Communion 6pm Evensong	10.30am Joint Thakeham/Sullington 'Church for All' Service	8.30am BCP Communion 6pm Evensong

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

The usual midweek Celtic Communion Service at St Mary's Church, Sullington, on Wednesdays at 10.30am will not take place during Lent as there is a 12 noon Lent Communion and Reflection instead – The Celtic Communion will return on Wednesday, 20 April. Midweek Holy Communion Service at St Mary's Church, Storrington, on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 10am followed by Café in the Church. When there is a 5th Wednesday in the month Holy Communion at 2pm followed by Cafe in the Church.

OTHER CHURCH DETAILS

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Our Lady of England, Monastery Lane

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

Daily Mass: Monday – Friday 9am.

For other midweek services, confessions etc., please contact

Parish Priest: Fr Charles Howell

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

Tel: 740338

STORRINGTON CHAPEL

North Street

Sunday Services 10.30am and 6.30pm

Enquiries to Storrington Chapel Evangelical Church,

North Street, Storrington RH20 4DH

Email: contacts@storringtonchapel.org.uk

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 Dr Frank Okai-Sam

Tel: 01273 597122

(Church Office: 01903 746390 / 01273 596374)

Email: trinitychurchstorrington@outlook.com

www.facebook.com/TrinityStorrington

WEEKLY EVENTS

Wed	9.30am	Registrar of Births and Deaths – Storrington Library – pre-booking only – 01243 642122
Fri	9.45am	Storrington Community Market – Village Hall

STORRINGTON LIBRARY – Tel. 839050 NEW Opening Hours from 4 April

Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm

Saturday 10am – 4pm

Knit and natter	Adults	Every Wednesday	2pm-3pm
Rhyme time	Under 5s	Every Tuesday	10.45am-11.15am

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

Sunday, 10 April, at 1pm

at the Old School, School Lane, Storrington

Tickets (£4.00)

are available from

Louisa Austin, Church Street, Storrington



WHAT'S ON

APRIL

Fri 1

7.30pm Friday Night Club – p4

Sat 2

10.30am Storrington Conservation Society – Working Party – p33

Sun 3 Lent 5 – Passiontide Begins

6pm Summer Evensong – St Mary's, Sullington – p5

7pm Sandgate Singers Concert – Fauré's Requiem – p13

Mon 4

7pm Storrington Slimmers – St Mary's, Storrington – p16

Tues 5

10am Inter-Church Prayers – RC Church (side-chapel) – p3

2pm SPACE – Arts & Craft Club – p13

7pm Lent Talk with Eucharist – St Mary's, Storrington – p6

7.30pm Storrington Museum – Talk – p17

Wed 6

12noon Lent Communion & Reflection at St Mary's, Sullington

Thu 7

12.30pm West Chiltington and Storrington MU – Lent Lunch and Talk – p13

Sat 9

9.30am Sandgate Conservation Society – Working Party – p17

Sun 10 Lent 6 – Palm Sunday

1pm Sunday Lunch Club – Old School, Storrington – p18

Mon 11 Monday of Holy Week

7pm Storrington Slimmers – St Mary's, Storrington – p16

7.30pm Thakeham Gardeners' Club – Meeting – p23

7.30pm Compline – St Mary's, Storrington

Tue 12 Tuesday of Holy Week

12noon Blessing of Holy Oils at Chrism Mass at Chichester Cathedral

7.30pm Service of Wholeness and Healing with Reception of Holy Oils at St Mary's, Storrington

Wed 13 Wednesday of Holy Week

10.30am Café in the Church – p9

12noon Lent Communion & Reflection at St Mary's, Sullington

7pm Storrington Film Night – West Side Story – p30

7.30pm Compline – St Mary's, Storrington

Thu 14 Maundy Thursday

10.00am Storrington Community Market at Village Hall (instead of Friday)

7.30pm Maundy Thursday Eucharist – St Mary's, Storrington
West Chiltington WI – Meeting – p34

7.30pm Storrington Camera Club – Meeting – p26

Fri 15 Good Friday

9.30am Messy Church Easter Egg Hunt – p4

9.15am Inter-Church Good Friday Procession of Witness starting at Our Lady of England R.C. Church, Monastery Lane – see p9

12noon Three Hours' Devotion at St. Mary's, Storrington – see p6

3pm Good Friday Reflection at St. Mary's, Sullington – see p4/5

Sat 16 Holy Saturday

9.30am Floral Decorating for Easter – St Mary's, Storrington

Sun 17 Easter Sunday CHRIST IS RISEN!

For all Church Services see pages 4, 5, 9 and 18

10.30am Easter Egg hunt – p5

Mon 18

7pm Storrington Slimmers – St Mary's, Storrington – p16

Tues 19

2pm SPACE – Arts & Craft Club – p

2pm Knit and Stitch – p4

Wed 20

10.30am Midweek Celtic Communion at St Mary's, Sullington

7.30pm Sullington WI – Meeting – p27

Thu 21

3pm Tea with the Vicar – p5

Fri 22

6.30pm Taylor Maid Concert – Jazz and more – p26

Sat 23

10am Sandgate Conservation Society – Working Party – p17

12.30pm Wedding – St Mary's, Storrington – Stuart Teare and Rachel Kibblewhite

Sun 24 Second of Easter

11.15am Vestry Meeting and APCM – St Mary's, Storrington – p6

4pm Church@4 – p9

Mon 25

7pm Storrington Slimmers – St Mary's, Storrington – p16

Tue 26

2pm Storrington Macular Group – Meeting – p13

Wed 27

10am Midweek Holy Communion at St Mary's, Storrington

10.30am Café in the Church – p9

10.30am Midweek Celtic Communion at St Mary's, Sullington

2pm Storrington Flower Club – AGM – p16

Thu 28

7.30pm Storrington Camera Club – Meeting – p26

Fri 29

7.30pm Friday Night Club – p4

Sat 30

8.15am Men's Breakfast – Thakeham – p4

Garden Party with Lunch – p5

Sun 31 Third of Easter

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

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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL DAYS

APRIL

1 *Frederick Denison Maurice, 1872* – an English theologian, religious author, and prominent Christian Socialist

4 **THE ANNUNCIATION (Lady Day)**

9 *Dietrich Bonhoeffer, 1945* – a German Lutheran pastor, theologian, anti-Nazi dissident

10 **William Law, 1761** – a Church of England priest and his writing greatly influenced the evangelical movement of his day
William of Ockham, 1347 – an English Franciscan friar, produced significant works on logic, physics, and theology.

11 *George Augustus Selwyn, 1878* – first Anglican Bishop of New Zealand

16 *Isabella Gilmore, 1923* – oversaw the revival of the Deaconess Order in the Anglican Communion.

19 *Alphege, 1012* – Archbishop of Canterbury

21 *Anselm, 1109* – a Benedictine monk, abbot, philosopher and theologian of the Catholic Church, who held the office of Archbishop of Canterbury

23 **St George, Patron of England, c.304**

24 *St. Mellitus, 624* – first Bishop of London in the Saxon period

25 **ST MARK, EVANGELIST** – author of gospel and disciple of Jesus

27 *Christina Rossetti, 1894* – English poet, wrote the words of *In the Bleak Midwinter*

29 **Catherine of Siena, 1380** – one of the two patron saints of Italy, proclaimed a Doctor of the Church by Pope Paul VI and Pope John Paul II named her as one of the six patron saints of Europe

30 *Pandita Mary Romabai, 1922* – Indian social reformer, recognised for her contribution to the advancement of Indian women



SULLINGTON 160 YEARS AGO

EXTRACTS FROM CANON PALMER'S DIARY – APRIL 1862

Wed 2: Very wet and stormy. Rat catching has occupied my day! 13 rats. Toby behaved heroically. A melancholy suspected case of arson in my old parish: a respectable wheelwright, Strepwood, the account and his two sons principal witnesses against him.

Thu 3: Very bright and warm. Drove Emmie to Pulborough for 8 o'clock train – morning very beautiful after yesterday, and at lake at Pulborough. Lunched with three women at the major's. Chester there. Liquid-manured my front field; our first emptying. Gooseberries are coming out very strong.

Fri 4: Bright and warm morning afternoon cloudy North West wind. Talked with Mrs Adsett about Bet Linfield she quoted to me, "Go and sin no more"! What would she have said had I agreed the significance of the narrative. Emmie returns found GC pretty well and also sisters did not get much out of Handsford.

Tue 8: Dull morning and cold, rain afternoon. 40 Degrees. A very nice letter from Boyle. Further communication in the matter of the cats disturbed my morning. At 12 Emmie drove us to Worthing, never saw this town look so thoroughly miserable. A nursery party of Bacon's and Kings. Gladstone received a slap in the face from Dizzy and got one back... with interest. The Americans seem to be going ahead in the war.

Wed 9: Dull and raw. 46 Degrees. Emmie and I walked Jock Hunting into Worthing and came out by Broadwater and over the hill by Tarring. Emmie hears nothing of him. The best joke was that we lost before reaching home both Sultan and Toby! Drake poorly with weakness.

Thu 10: Damp but an improvement. 47 Degrees. Mrs Hoskins has behaved in a most unladylike manner about her cats and goes tomorrow. Emmie and I drove to make calls. Stopham House and Rectory, Pulborough Rectory. Emmie receives an unwelcome bit of news on HMS, he can't get his leave. Toby not come home, Sultan appears with a rabbit!

Fri 11: Dull and damp. 46 Degrees. We expect snow tonight after the appearance of the sky during the day: A case of a blackthorn winter I fear. Cook and cats depart. Write to Hartley. Toby turns up quietly.

Sat 12: Bright, very cold frost last night. 36 Degrees. Sharp morning. Edward goes to Winchester. Hope that he will get a little leave before starting for India. The paper of today has a very important notice of the performances of a 300lb smooth Armstrong, smashed though the Warrior target shivering the material into very threads: every additional experiments will be costly for the nation but keep in mind that as long as we keep ahead of our friends over the water. Also Mr Bouverie's Clergy Relief bill was discussed and sent to a select committee. Drove Drake and Annie to Thakeham Waterfall round by Threales and Fryern; rode rough but the drive beautiful. All the Gibsons came. The Poor Law not passed! George writes that he goes to Malta for repairs for two months.

Sun 13: Palm Sunday. Very bright and cold, frost. 40 Degrees. Round up my 'Miracle' course by a general survey which might be a little entitled. "Thoughts on Frenches Index of Miracles". A slight driving snowstorm as we come from Church this morning! All the Gibsons attended. George looks his disappointment gently. In afternoon from 'Come Unto Me Etc. Forgiveness'.

Mon 14: Very cold. 43 Degrees. A busy day. Drake doing papers, so have to prepare those and two sermons. Then to Church, helping Whiting with the communion service: Mrs W in trouble about a brother in Vancouver Island. In afternoon to Mrs Woods who was

tearful at the thought of the Union, then on to see old Marven and leave him a volume of the Society's tracts. 'Hidden Well of Water' etc. - nice printing for old age. NB Sat a hen on 13 duck's eggs.

Tue 15: Cold though fine and bright after 11, a hail shower. 42 Degrees. Read prayers at Storrington Church. Elers and Annie walked with me: The former leaves us for Sandgate visiting. Rode to Threales, Drake walking. A little gardening. A debate on Italy, Bowyer v Laggard, Gladstone against Palmerston. Maguire also made an impassioned speech.

Wed 16: Fine and bright, frost. 42 Degrees. Again to Storrington and helped Whiting, thoughts of K entered my head and rather over engrossed my attention. George Gibson called, we talked over his 'accident'; discussed his plans and he is to do for me a bit of Latin prose every day whilst he is here. Edward writes against his getting any further delay.

Thu 17: Fine, bright. 42 Degrees. Helped Whiting with his morning service. Mrs in, no further certainty about her brother in Vancouver. Rode to Cobden and hope to set on foot a cottage lecture there.

Fri 18: Fine strong wind. 50 degrees. Preached two sermons today both written the subjects 'Golgotha' and the 'Certainty of Death' a large gathering at Sandgate; besides see Elers a little friend of Freddie's. Our old friend Clark Woods is very poorly.

Sat 19: 58 Degrees. Looked rainy all day with brisk wind. Communion service for Whiting and pay some bills. A day of gardening; put in celery, custard marrow, lettuce and Australian cress. EEB writes that he will be a Brighton.

Sun 20: EASTER DAY. Mild but overcast with foggy appearance. 53 Degrees. Am disappointed with attendance at Holy Communion this morning, only 6 of our labouring class appeared being a great reduction from last year: The presence of the Sandgate Party made the number in total pretty fair, but I cannot bring myself to the fact that this total is deceptive: God grant me Grace to bring these people to the full appreciation of this great 'Assistance on their road to Heaven'. Must initiate a lecture at Cobden to introduce the subject there. In afternoon from the words of Jesus to Martha: Poor Mrs Gibson took much to heart what I said and did not afterwards appear. One ought to be very careful in a small congregation whilst speaking plainly and boldly, not unnecessarily wound their feelings. Walked with George afterwards in the plantations and settled plans for tomorrow.

Mon 21: Soft showers in early morning fine and very bright. Drake and I to Steyning this morning, where joined George Gibson and the Storrington volunteers and with them proceeded by special train to Brighton. Waited at station for the Winchester contingent to which Bowler was to be joined in turn with Fred Warren. After watching the station proceeding for some little time and luckily nabbing EEB, together we inspected the different rendezvous then for a quiet half hour on the beach. Then up to the Downs and all over the place, the scene was very beautiful and knowing so many volunteers personally the whole thing made more interesting to me. The best part was the march home down the parade. Get away to Steyning and wait for my comrades till 10.30 when George turned up but not Drake. Waited a little while longer and then drove home by 1.30, everything in full perfection.

Tue 22: Gusty morning which turned to heavy wet. 62 Degrees. Took Whiting's duty at Storrington: detained at the Rectory by Sam. All (four) dined at Sandgate.



First Fixtures of the New Season

Our Senior players begin the new season with a friendly away match against Horsham Trinity on Saturday 23 April. The 1st XI's first League match is away to East Preston on Saturday 30 April, and the new 2nd XI's first League match is also away, on Saturday 7 May, to Worthing. Prospective new players should contact the Club's Captain, Ian Homewood, on 07734 308785.

Outdoor training for 9 to 16 year old Cygnets commences on Friday 1 April at 6pm, and will continue weekly throughout the season. Building on last year's success, the main social activity for all members and their guests will also be on Friday evenings, in the Pavilion.

Continuing our support of the ECB's initiative to introduce 5 to 8 year old youngsters (boys and girls) to cricket, we will be holding an 8 week one-hour course from Friday 13 May starting at 6pm. Registration for the course must be done via the ECB All Stars website: ecb.clubspark.uk.

For more information about our junior cricket facilities for boys and girls please contact the Cygnets Manager, Martin Fisher, on 07812 257263.

Wed 23: Heavy squalls from the West. 54 degrees. A letter from Edward from Down Place telling us that he has got two months leave! This is first rate and more than he could have expected, so we shall have him home.

Thu 24: Hot. 58 Degrees. Busy lawn-mowing. HH came to rob me for taxes. Annie to Brighton with the Gibsons. I rode to Rackham, cook hunting. The North and South have had a great battle: The North finally the conquerors.

Fri 25: Hot. July. 62 Degrees. Some of the Sandgate Party lunched. Drove to Pulborough Station to meet Edward who returns from town after affecting his leave: also to Stopham, cook hunting.

Sat 26: Very beautiful – not as warm. There was much rain last night, contrary to expectation. Visited Mrs Adsett very poorly. Her neighbours so far soft hearted. Some croquet at Sandgate.

Sun 27: Easter I. Very warm and summery. 62 Degrees. Changed my sermon tactics. Intend to discourses, extemporary in afternoon, so began with Balaam and a course of lectures in Christian man's Faith. Fires nowhere! Nightingales and after dinner strolls. GC writes a poor account of his wife a Mrs B a better one of Larry from Southsea. No one from Cobden this fine day: in afternoon no one from Cobden at afternoon service.

Mon 28: Fine after light frost at night and then hot. My mother to Brighton about Emmie. I went all about the place in the parish - Skinner etc.

Tue 29: Fine, still evening. A days' sport on the Downs – horses, ponies and donkeys – all the Sandgate party who dined here afterwards: The Downs in imperfection especially the Chestnut bottom.

Wed 30: As yesterday but the evening was a little clouded. Domestic day. Edward and I worked very hard at moving faggots. Drake and sermon make the day all too short. The Elm's look emerald green with all this warmth. Nightingales and Cuckoo's.



Some of the Club's past players are shown in the photographs above. The picture dated 1912 has the Storrington & District Cricket League Cup in the foreground. The Club founded the League in 1908 and, perhaps appropriately, won the competition that year, followed by wins in 1909 and 1912. Amberley won in 1910, and Ashington in 1911. The other photograph is believed to have been taken in 1920. It would be interesting to hear from readers if they recognise their ancestors in either picture.

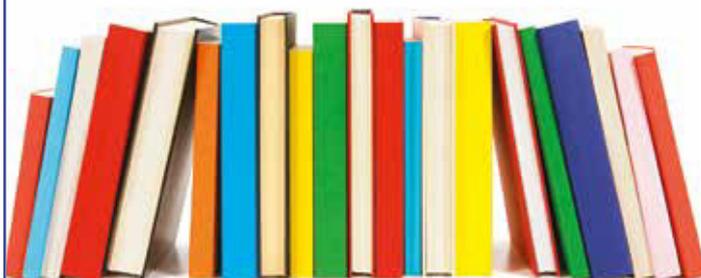
Chris Winter

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STORRINGTON & SULLINGTON – REFLECTIONS OF THE PAST

REVD HENRY PALMER AT SULLINGTON – PART 2

Note: all mentions of cars, cabs, omnibuses are, of course, horsedrawn.

It seems that although Mr Palmer is on holiday and enjoying the scenery and people of Ireland, he did not leave the Revd Henry Palmer at home. These opinions, of course, are his own and of his time (1860) and give a view of the man and the age in which he lived, and I trust will be read in that spirit and not offend our 3 *Heralds* readers. The same licence should be given to his views and impressions of the Irish people; this is, after all, his private diary written for his own recollections.

In this vein the Revd Henry Palmer was keen to accompany Mrs H on a visit to Westport where she particularly wanted to visit a convent and be introduced to the Revd Mother. Unfortunately for them, the nuns were in Retreat, but Mrs Houstoun's name got them admitted to their chapel, shepherded by the priest, the Revd Kavanah, who lived nearby. The chapel was a long room [which was described], the sides of which were furnished with stalls at which many nuns knelt, all shrouded and very wrapt in devotion "... not moving a muscle when we came in ... which edified me after the weekly distress I am in from the sort of convulsive movement of the Sullington congregation heads at the enhance of a newcomer, late for service." Also of particular interest to him was their visit to the schools which were in "two great rooms where some 300 are taught gratuitously by the nuns, who are A1 at managing the brats [sic] and educate them very thoroughly. Images of St Patrick and Our Lady adorn the top schoolroom." There was another room but it was then occupied by a Jesuit from Dublin conducting the retreat who also could not be disturbed. It left Mr Palmer somewhat puzzled as to what he was doing there, as during the Retreat, the nuns were not allowed to speak at all.

The Revd Mr Palmer read prayers in the house on the following Sunday morning at the request of Mrs H and at the schoolroom service in the afternoon he could not resist "... one good knockdown at the R.C.s" which he found amusing rather than instructive, also a snippet of Irish history by-the-way. The Revd Mr Goodison had taken for his text "I am the way ... etc" and gave as an instance that a road always leads from one place to another, but said it was worthy of mention that just across the water was a road that did not fulfil these simple conditions – one which had been begun by Government to supply work during the famine, but which had stopped in the midst when matters got straight again in the country." This he used to illustrate the "perceived shortcomings" of the R.C.s, with no little vituperation on some of their practices which he related to bad roads and the various obstructions and charges on them.

Mr Palmer enjoyed a boat trip to the Killeries, part of which he was told was like a Norway fiord [sic], the scenery was superb. There was a little country house and gardens belonging to a General



Excerpt from Canon Palmer's *Holiday Diaries* courtesy of West Sussex Record Office

Thompson "... 'lately dead' who rose from the ranks during the Peninsular War and then settled there ... a great leader in the Irish Church Mission movement." On to Galway en route to Dublin and a night drive which he appreciated. "... the car came up punctually ... and as it was a double car (ie two horses and four wheels), I found plenty of room, having only two other passengers with me – at our

backs were hampers of sea trout and salmon going to Dublin from Clifden. Glad to get to Oughterrard at 8½ ... the country becomes wooded from Clifden but the night came on and we saw little of it excepting when the moon came out very brightly: there is something singularly pleasant in travelling on a good car by night and a fine moonlight and if you can keep pretty wide awake and so be alive to the corners of the packages behind you which otherwise give you a dig or two under the ear in the joltings of the car you will feel happy and comfortable. Perhaps my feelings were rendered more pleasant by the discussion of some tongue sandwiches (a present from Mrs H) and some real poteen from one of my companions. We came to the Capital at a quarter past 11 to a minute, dropped the bags at the P.O. and rattled up to the station ... went into the good coffee room and fortified myself for the night – the [Railway] hotel is a fine building, the arrangements very good, much amused by the Irish newspapers which lay about the place – they abuse the English in all cases like pickpockets. Arrived in Dublin punctually, took a car to the Prince of Wales, felt rather dismal – the place was shut and the inmates asleep. Aroused at length the dirty Boots – hotel full ... but managed a dressing room between us ... left the station by a special train at 9 and came on board the steamer at 9½. Alongside us was the splendid ship, 'Leinster', one of the four boats which are to be put on instead of the one running between K and H, and are to do the distance in an hour less ..." This was the end of his Irish holiday, but the vacation continued in Wales.

"We arrived at Holyhead after a very fair passage with the wind astern, at 1½. The Channel Fleet lay in the harbour as we came in and we passed close under the stern of *H.M.S. Conqueror* as we rounded the pier end." He found the express train did not stop at Rhyll, so took the opportunity to get out at Conway which he found a very pretty little town with its castle, river and "... general up and downness" making it all very picturesque, with the battlements continued over the railway arch. Rhyll, however, was a dreary-looking watering place but was a junction for St Asaph where he was really going to visit his Bonnor relative, who was Bishop of St Asaph, "... really but a village with its cathedral at the summit of the hill upon which it stands like a church too large for its population." Although the exterior was very neat and pretty, and in the country style, the exterior and interior of the cathedral was of no architectural beauty, merely a nave and choir. Its redeeming feature was "... a fair old library." The Bishop's palace was in the modern Gothic style from which there was a good view, but the Deanery was excellent for its pleasant situation and elegant substantiality. At the Deanery there was a large family party and other guests, some he had not seen for some years. The evening party there was entertained by The Christie Minstrels, with whom "... our worthy squire of Bodyurol sang out 'a little more cider' well and lustily". Mr Palmer was put up in a very comfortable dressing room where he slept "... as might be supposed, WELL."

The next day, sadly, was dismally wet, but as arranged, the whole party started for Denbigh in two carriages, with Mr Palmer "... taking possession of one box defended by mackintoshes and umbrellas – our object was to be present at the great National Eisteddvod (or session) which had been announced ... to be holden in Denbigh Castle. "Down, down came the rain – pitiful-looking stragglers from afar toiled up the hill into Denbigh – the foot passengers sodden in their Sunday clothes, the more fortunate ones in vehicles cowering under umbrellas and parasols. After clambering like wild goats for some few minutes thro' apertures that might have frightened the most perpendicularly dressed lady of the last century we came to the marquee under which the performance was going on.



Excerpt from Canon Palmer's *Holiday Diaries* courtesy of West Sussex Record Office

"We were met by some such sight as the above: dripping policemen showed you the way, dripping umbrellas, dripping hats, dripping coats, dripping boots, the backs of some 3 or 400 steaming Welshmen and women with a dim platform in the distance, and the busy figure of Sir Watkin on a kitchen chair, surrounded by a harp or two, supported by a grand piano; which immediately in front of the dais stood a bona fide Welshman reading bona fide Welsh.

"We made our way to the platformed 'reserved seats' which was so wet that they reminded me of traps to catch rheumatic fever: and there we abode for one hour and a half listening to English and Welsh read or spoken: some choir trials of neighbouring parishes (which was the best thing done) and being ever and anon ducked by torrents of rain pouring through the saturated canvas. Sir W.W.W. bore it all patiently. Only heard one small harper! There was much native speechifying, very uninteresting to a stranger ..." They left about 12 when the rain cleared, "... glad to get away from a meeting which was the very type of a badly managed, vulgarly got up festival, with the firm determination never to go again to a Welsh Eisteddvod."

On the way home, this did not deter them from inspecting a very beautiful little church of Gilbert Scott's in the St Asaph district, the present of two ladies at coming into handsome fortunes.

After dinner, Mr Palmer left "... this hospitable cousinary intending to sleep at Chester". The Queen's Hotel connecting to the station and first rate, according to reports, had no beds available and he was much aghast to hear there were none to be had as the Assizes had filled every bed in the place. This was the second lesson learned that summer ... "Never travel during Circuit times", Back to the train again at 11 pm to find Blisworth cold and dreary at 3.30am, with just one night porter and a groaning engine with a heavy goods train. There was a Station Hotel where the Boots was aroused and let him in, where he got to bed at 4am to be aroused at 7 for breakfast in a dirty coffee room where he was charged full prices! He also reported taking away ... "two acrobatic animals" and was very pleased to leave for Peterboro' and then to Huntingdon for a boat race. "Clergy V. Laity" in which the clergy were beaten.

By Saturday, 9 September, his diary recorded, "HOME. Glad to get back which I believe is a proper feeling." His seven-week holiday was certainly a learning experience.

Joan Ham (Village Historian)



THAKEHAM GARDENERS' CLUB

Thakeham Gardeners' Club met in February for its first speaker meeting since 2019, and Chairman Dave Kirkwood welcomed back the members and guests present.

We were lucky to have Ray Broughton as our speaker and he told the meeting about all the new varieties of soft fruit. He told us which ones did well in trials, being both tasty, prolific and disease-free, and gave his usual very good tips. Ray is an excellent speaker so the Club restarted on a high.



Our April meeting will be held on **11 April** and Jacqueline Aviolet will give a talk on Asters, which the older ones of us refer to as Michaelmas daisies but whose new name is *Symphotrichums*. There will also be a Club competition of a 'Vase of early flowering Shrubs' from your garden.

The Club meets on the 2nd Monday of the month in Thakeham Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Sandra Jenkins



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A history of school inspections

We met at The Black Horse in Findon for a talk and a meal on Thursday 17 February and enjoyed both. The talk was given by Frances Hurd and entitled "Nineteen Years at the Chalkface: confessions of an Ofsted Inspector". As you can imagine, it was of great interest to our members who were evidently concerned about the education of their grandchildren, believing it wasn't really good enough, by and large. So Frances commenced the talk with a history of school inspections in England.

After the first state schools were set up in the 1830s, 50 inspectors were appointed in 1839. The hope was this would enable all schools to be inspected biannually, but this still hadn't been achieved by 1992, even though by then there were 500 of Her Majesty's Inspectors. Ofsted was set up that year to oversee the creation of a corps of 'additional inspectors' to improve the numbers of schools inspected. The system was administered by Ofsted (a government department) but private contractors bid for each planned inspection and paid inspectors a set fee. Ofsted inspections were very cumbersome at first, with large teams who observed every teacher and every subject. Most inspections lasted five days. Inspectors did not give feedback and were told to be unemotional and silent in classrooms. The system gradually improved, with smaller teams, shorter inspections and more cooperation with schools based around their own self-evaluation forms.

Frances Hurd was an inspector for 19 years, observing thousands of lessons while taking part in over 650 inspections. She began as a 'lay inspector', an addition insisted on by Parliament when Ofsted was set up, but when this role was abolished she retrained as a full inspector. Only 30 former lay inspectors were still working in 2013 out of an original group of 6,000. Frances explained that contrary to what teachers believe, inspectors watch pupils more than the teacher to gauge how well they are learning and how enthusiastic they are. She described three exceptional lessons she observed, emphasising that those are the ones inspectors prefer; they'd much rather see good teaching than have to criticise bad. Inspectors were increasingly asked to assess health and safety in

schools as well as academic prowess. Sometimes schools are so used to their procedures and physical layout that they fail to realise something may be a potential danger.

Frances believes that inspection only worked really well as a professional dialogue conducted with mutual respect and trust for about three years of her career. This is because Ofsted have never seen inspection as a skill; they see it as the administration of a checklist. Frances feels this approach is too prescriptive and fails to take into consideration that a rigidly enforced centralised approach and curriculum simply does not suit and cannot always be supplied by all schools. In the years before the pandemic, complaints from schools about inspections were steadily rising: now many feel they would like Ofsted to be suspended for at least a year after the challenges of the last two years. Frances is no longer an inspector as the 30 remaining former lay inspectors were unexpectedly de-registered in 2013. She regrets the loss of a wonderful privilege and the chance to help teachers with her experience and knowledge, and remains a huge admirer of the teaching profession.

Frances had a break from England by working as an inspector in Abu Dhabi during her career and found teaching in that country could be stimulating as well. She answered questions from our members at the end of her talk which we all found well-presented and made us thoughtful about the issue. One of the things to bear in mind is that the inspections only apply to state schools, not to private ones, unless they are asked to do so. The feeling was that the private schools have excellent facilities and motivated teaching and wished that state schools could emulate their success, but as usual, it is all a question of money and expectation.

We enjoyed a good meal in the pub and went home satisfied in our meeting.

We are still looking for new members; anyone interested should contact Jonathan Isaacs by email at jonathanisaacs@btinternet.com.

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So, we are now well into our schedule of events for 2022. We have enjoyed a play reading at The Five Bells in Smock Alley, had our AGM and held our first Members' Evening of the year.

Around 65 members and their guests attended the Members' Evening on 26 February to see the première performance of Ralph Wigg's ghostly one-act play *Jimmy*, set on the platform of a rural railway station. The play was directed by the author and was received enthusiastically. The title role of *Jimmy* was played by Clive Greig, with Ian Stuart as the stationmaster, Julian Hoad as a passenger waiting for his train, and the voice of Amanda Hislop as the station announcer. The ghostly or 'other-worldly' characters were played by Hermin Daley, Mandy Faulkner, Rob Ingram, Amy Kelland and Miq Kelland. Pat Arculus supported Ralph as Assistant Director and Prompt, with Les Reading as Stage Manager. The Tech Team consisted of David Goddard, Ian Martin, Rob Pearson and Geoffrey Steward, who put in sterling work to successfully use sound and lighting effects to give the impression of trains passing through the station. The play was followed by a fish and chip supper and a railway-themed table quiz. The evening was deemed to be a great success.

However, we never stand still and rehearsals are now well underway for our May production. This will see us present two one-act plays written by Noel Coward: *Red Peppers* and *Still Life*. We had originally



chosen these plays for our May 2020 production, but the first Covid lockdown

put paid to that! So, at last, we have another chance to perform these two plays to the public. The two plays formed part of a collection of ten short plays, *Tonight at 8.30*. The collection was intended to show the multiple talents of Noel Coward and his friend Gertrude Lawrence and included both comedy and drama. Much of the collection was adapted for television in 1991, starring Joan Collins.

Still Life was adapted into the film *Brief Encounter*, starring Celia Johnson and Trevor Howard. It is the story of a turbulent love affair between a married woman and a doctor who meet by chance in a station café. The play is full of varied characters, all of whom have their own stories to tell. This poignant tale is being directed by Geoffrey and Jennifer Steward.

Red Peppers, directed by Caroline Woodley, revolves around George and Lily Pepper, a song and dance duo, and takes place during the interval at the Palace Theatre in a Midland town. It is the story of a refusal to modernise their act, despite the changes in audience expectations. George and Lily have a genius for picking quarrels and insulting their fellow artists, including their musical director. Some music and dancing will be included in the play.

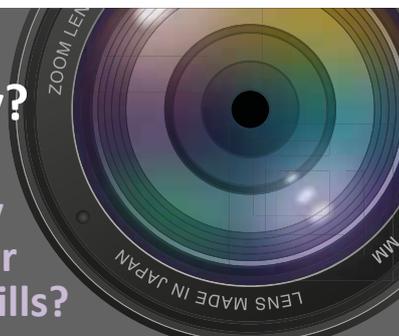
We will perform *Still Life* and *Red Peppers* from 19 to 21 May, starting at 7.30pm at West Chillington Village Hall. Tickets will be available online via our website www.wcds.co.uk and at local box offices from the middle of April.

New members are always welcome! So, if you are interested in joining us, to take on a role on-stage or off, please get in touch! Our website, www.wcds.co.uk has more details on membership and further information on our society, including an archive of photos from previous productions.

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On Wednesday 16 February, members of Sullington Windmills WI met again in Sullington Parish Hall for their monthly meeting. Other members, who did not attend for various reasons, also conducted a meeting by Zoom.

Our President, Erika Brichta, was not present, as she was visiting family in Australia, so the meeting was presided over by Maureen Sherwood, who welcomed everyone, and opened proceedings with news and results of group events, and proposed future events. This was followed by Secretary's and Treasurer's reports.

Business finished, it then was time to introduce our speaker for the evening, Ian Currie, a Fellow of the Meteorological Society, who has been a meteorologist for the BBC for many years and also for BBC Radio. He is into climate change and has written many books, has an interesting Twitter account: FrozenEarth.com, is Editor of *Weather Eye Magazine*, and also has a programme on Radio Sussex where he gives forecasts, especially for gardeners in our area.

His talk was about clouds and their meanings, and was entitled, "Feathered canyons and ice cream castles in the air"! He showed us beautiful slides of clouds, told us their names, and exactly what it meant if you saw them in the sky; for example, *cirrus* means 'curling lock of hair'. We certainly brushed up on our Latin, as most of the clouds had Latin names. Ian had a great sense of humour, giving a most interesting talk, at the end of which Maureen thanked him.

Before leaving, he had one last thing he particularly wanted to add, and that was to warn us that we should not venture out on Friday. This was absolutely essential as, in the local area, we should expect exceptionally dangerous life threatening weather, with power cuts, trees falling, flying debris and winds of up to 70/80 miles per hour.

Oh how right he was! We were hit by Storm Eunice and further high winds!

We then had our usual break for refreshments, while settling down to drawing of the raffle, and a really unusual quiz, until it was time to say our goodbyes.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 20 April** at 7.30pm in Sullington Parish Hall, when the speaker will be Michael Joseph, his talk entitled "planting a wild meadow". Should you require further information please contact Erika Brichta, President, on 742039.

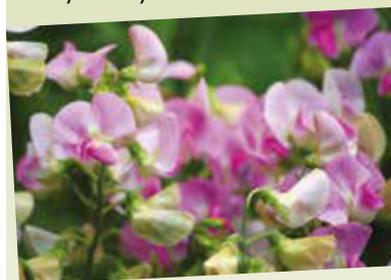
Pat Beard



Grow your own birthday

Do you know what your birth flower is? I couldn't have told you before sitting down to write this column but apparently mine, being April, is either the sweet pea or the daisy. They're not the most practical choices for a bouquet this month. Sweet pea plants are little more than a few green stems this time of year and I'd need to use an eggcup if someone gave me a birthday bunch of daisies but I can't think of two flowers more appropriate for a school gardener.

Daisy, or *Bellis perennis*, is small but mighty. As a low, broad-leaved perennial, it can survive the lawnmower, lunchtime football and regular harvests for daisy chains and 'loves me loves me not'. The name daisy comes from the words 'day's eye'. Those delicate pink-tipped white eyelashes open each morning to reveal the daisy's flower and then close again at night. When I read the adventures of Enid Blyton's *Five Find-Outers* as a kid, the unsolved mystery for me was why one of the characters, Margaret, was called Daisy for short. Later I did some find-outing of my own and discovered that her equivalent name in France, Marguerite, is the name for the Oxeye daisy. Case closed.



The sweet pea (*Lathyrus odoratus*) is also tougher than it looks. They can be sown before, during or after winter, depending on if it's in a cool greenhouse, indoors, or direct in the garden and some people recommend

soaking them for 24 hours beforehand. The earliest and strongest plants I've ever had however, were those that fell from pods the previous autumn and grew where they landed. Children love presenting flowers as gifts and sweet peas are perfect for the job. If you've grown sweet peas yourself, of course you'll know that they simply have to be picked to keep the flowers coming and I've never yet seen anyone (male or female) turn up their nose at a posy of them. Far more often sweet peas are greeted with a cry of 'Oh, these are my favourites!'

If you would like to learn about your birth flowers, Petal Republic's website has a detailed guide for every month at www.petalrepublic.com/flower-occasions/birth-flowers.

Cheryl Brown

HELP WITH ACCESS TO UNIVERSAL CREDIT

One of the consequences of Covid has been its massive impact on the economy. More and more people are having to seek help, often for the first time in their lives. Understanding the workings of Universal Credit, however, can be a bit of a battle. Fortunately, the **Together in Sussex** website has put together some very helpful information:



<https://togetherinsussex.org.uk/whats-new/universal-credit>

How you take a photograph is as important as the subjects you choose. Changing your viewpoint or focus usually impacts the type of images produced along with your experience and how you may look at and feel about the image.

Photography provides opportunities to keep exploring the same landscape or subjects. These places don't necessarily require travelling to faraway places. As the last two years have shown, people have been exploring what's available in their local area.

This was proved true from a recent presentation given by Paul Mitchell, FRPS. Paul's talk titled 'Woodland' was both informative and enlightening. Based around Paul's favourite woodland locations, such as Burnham Beeches and Savernake Forest in Bucks, along with various others, he showed images throughout the four seasons.

His approach showed how by selecting a subject and visiting it many times during the seasons how light and detail can influence and change the perspective of what you photograph. This is something Club members have been doing, especially over the last two years, and through Club photoshoots.

Visiting the same place provides the opportunity to look for interesting features, play with different angles and perspectives, try different camera settings, or try something new just to see if it works.

For some, trying to capture everything often means rushing around constantly taking images without really looking or thinking what is really being captured. This was something Paul shared. He advised when you first arrive at a scene such as a woodland, but equally could be any scene, take a moment and look around. Experiencing the scene will often mean you see elements that you didn't notice before.

Knowing what you're photographing and why is often the hardest part of photography. Changes in a scene can happen very quickly because of weather changes, time of day and light, for example. These can all have an impact on what are the important aspects of a scene and what story either it or you are looking to show.

With today's digital and phone cameras you don't have to worry about the number of photos you take. The ability to practice using the same or different camera settings in different conditions allows exploration of all sorts of compositions, even those you may well think are pointless. Your photographs reflect what you see, what you are trying to capture in terms of your interpretation. If looking for something different, try capturing the image from a new perspective, or something rarely seen.

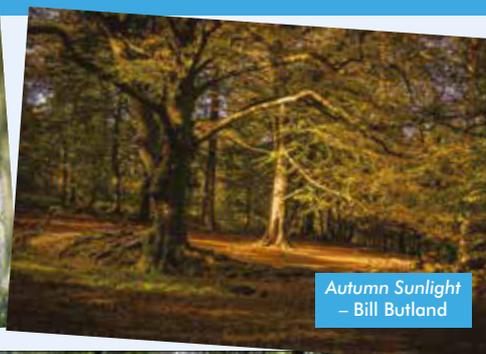
So next time you are going out into your local area, look around to see what others may have overlooked.

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Kevin Harwood



Spring Burnham Beeches
- Suzanne Frossard



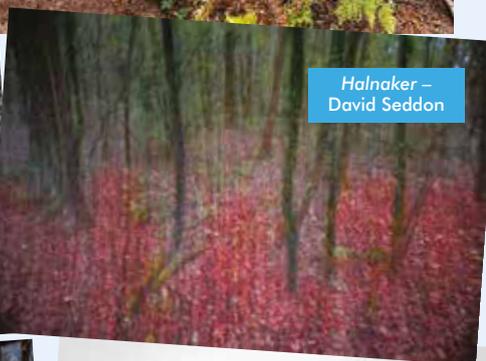
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Woodland -
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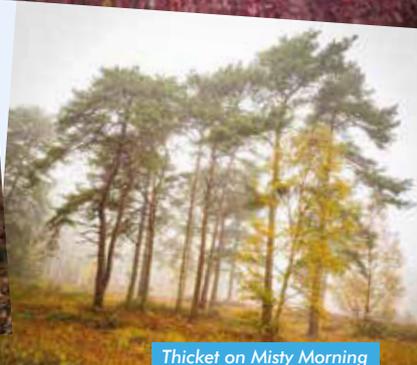
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FRYERN LADIES' PROBUS



With the lowering of restrictions and no face masks worn for our first monthly lunch, we saw each other 'face to face' for what seemed like forever at The Roundabout Hotel on 3 March. An excellent prediction for International Woman's Day on 8 March and in the words of Serena Williams "Every woman's success should be an inspiration to another. We're stronger when we cheer each other on." Indeed there was much cheering when our President Ida thanked and praised many of us for our support and resilience over the past two Covid years and at last we were back in the business of Probus sisterhood and friendship.

This meeting would host our AGM and complete the business over the past two years where the Committee would stand as one. We were grateful for this unity as the continuity into a Covid-free year sounded natural and supportive to the membership, who were more than appreciative to the ongoing Committee.

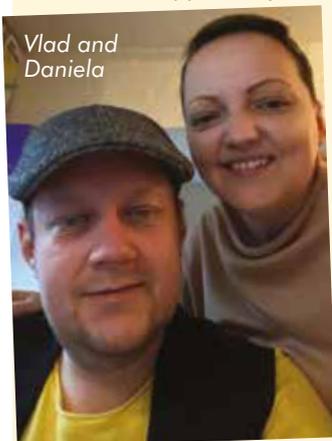


The Committee

This Committee consisted of Ida Rushworth (President), Jackie Buckler (Vice President/Speakers' Secretary), Gloria Whittick (Secretary), Elizabeth Kenyon (Treasurer), Muriel Astley (Membership Secretary) and Susanne Carter (Meetings Manager). Thank you one and all for standing again.

Once the Agenda had been completed it was down to the arduous task of partaking in an excellent lunch which was not so arduous after all and was prepared and undertaken by the new management of The Roundabout Hotel, a charming husband and wife team, Vlad and Daniela, who have many years in the hospitality industry and working in such places as Windsor, London and Henley on Thames; their son is currently studying at Oxford University.

We welcomed them into West Chilmington and they similarly welcomed the new challenge and potential of The Roundabout Hotel. The opportunity to develop a new menu that offers wholesome meals made with whole hearted dedication such as 12 hour Braised Beef, Chicken Supreme and Char Grilled Pork Chop, to name just a few, seemed encouraging and, judging from the standard of today's meal, highly probable. We wish them well and hope that they will be well supported by our local community.



Vlad and Daniela

Our next talk on **7 April** will be 'A Happy Life', by Maureen Osborne, including about being a script writer; sounds interesting.

So should you wish to join our vibrant and social membership, please contact our Membership Secretary on 01798 812706.

Russ Fry



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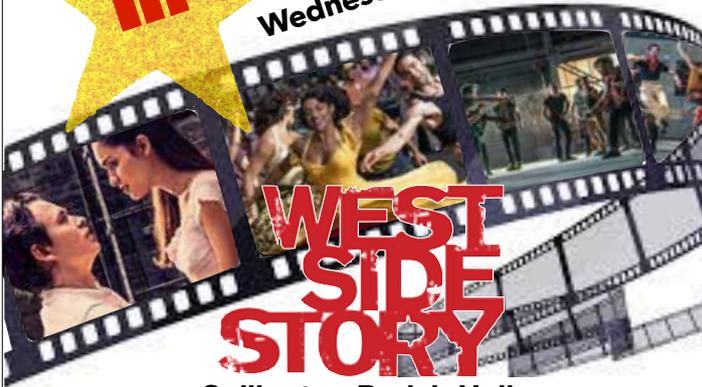


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Rotary Film Night in Storrington

Wednesday 13 APRIL 2022



WEST SIDE STORY

Sullington Parish Hall
Performance commences at the new time of **7.00pm**

There will be an interval and Bar & Raffle.
Government Covid guidance will be observed.
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 Roger Jamieson on 01798 813956

Rotary Club of Storrington & Pulborough District
All proceeds go to charitable causes supported by Rotary. Registered Charity No. 1029115



STORRINGTON CONSERVATION SOCIETY

The planned visit to Hurston Warren for 5 March was brought forward to Thursday 3 March. The work there involved restoration of the SSSI by removing invasive saplings. The change of the work programme was to enable the planting of native trees and shrubs on Saturday 5 March at Dyke Farm, all part the rewilding scheme there, which had been delayed by bad weather. Good progress was made.

On Saturday 26 February we welcomed Dr Tony Whitehead as guest speaker at our Talk and Tea afternoon. It was a well-attended occasion, and the illustrated talk by Tony was both informative and entertaining. His subject was 'What have plants ever done for us', highly topical in the light of the ongoing need to protect our precious ecosystem, essential for making life possible and worthwhile.

He pointed out that plants are indispensable parts of the world's natural capital and need to be valued as vital to the food cycle. Not only that, they absorb pollution and are necessary for the reduction of CO₂ and the production of oxygen. For a stable climate there needs to be a balance between the CO₂ caused by mankind, and other life, and the production of oxygen. At present there is considerable imbalance. In short, human life is only possible because there are plants. Hence the imperative need to cherish them.

We next meet on **2 April at 10am** at the Leisure Centre Car Park. The plan is to clear litter and other rubbish along popular paths and verges in the village. Mundane work, but important for the enjoyment of our neighbourhood. It will not be all work as a coffee break is included. Join us if you can.

For information about this and our other activities, or on becoming a member, (no subscription is required, donations welcome) please get in touch with Chairman, Mick Denness, on 745971, or see our website. www.storringtonconservation.org.uk.

Stuart Kersley

ROTARY ENABLES LODGE HILL TO OFFER NIGHT SKY ACTIVITIES

The ambition of the Lodge Hill outdoor Activity Centre for schools and young people to introduce night sky star gazing to the Centre's activities programme owes much to its hilltop location near Pulborough in the South Downs National Park, designated as an International Dark Sky Reserve.

When the Storrington & Pulborough District Rotary Club learnt of Lodge Hill's ambition, the Club agreed to finance £3,000 to purchase an on-site telescope. This came largely from its own charitable funds, topped up by contributions from Rotary clubs in Arundel, Billingshurst and Chichester Priory, plus a grant from the Rotary South District to which these Clubs belong.

With guidance from Dan Oakley, who leads the Dark Skies team at the South Downs National Park, as well as involvement from the Chichester Planetarium, a Celestion CPC Delux 800 telescope was selected. This model not only has excellent optics to enable easy viewing of celestial bodies but is also one with a "go to" design, containing navigational software compatible with those optics. This is a great help for beginners as it quickly helps them find and track objects they would not otherwise see.

Storrington & Pulborough District Rotary President, Paul Weaver, (pafw@live.co.uk) who assisted with the inauguration of the telescope commented, "It has been good to work with our neighbouring Clubs to support the purchase of this telescope, which should I hope bring much enjoyment to Lodge Hill's astronomers."

Lisa May, CEO of Lodge Hill (www.lodgehill.org.uk) said, "I am extremely grateful to the Rotarians who raised the funds to purchase this wonderful telescope for Lodge Hill. It will be a superb addition to our outdoor educational activities. Children, young people, and adults of all abilities will be able to enjoy not only learning about our solar system but actually using the telescope to view it for themselves. The activity sessions will also include education about the importance of protecting our dark skies environment here in the South Downs National Park."



L to R - Sir Brian Barttelot (President of LH Trust), Dan Oakley (Dark Skies), Ann Clark (Billingshurst), Barry Hopkins (Arundel), Gordon Jones (Chichester Priory) and Paul Weaver (Storrington & Pulborough District)

Rotary Club of Storrington & Pulborough District



EASTER AND EARLY MAY BANK HOLIDAY CAR BOOT SALES

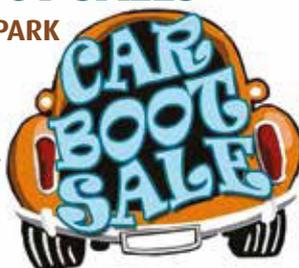
STORRINGTON LIBRARY CAR PARK

Monday 18 April
and 2 May 2022

Lots of bric-a-brac, plants, books, clothes & curios will be on sale at Storrington & Pulborough District Rotary

Pitches available at £7 per car and from £10 for vans.

(Vendors to set up from 7.15am to 8am)



With temperatures needing a few layers or two, the ladies gathered at West Chiltington Village Hall for their 101st birthday meeting. Granted that some of them didn't fit the centenary bill, age wise, but nevertheless almost the entire membership had arrived at the celebratory lunch to acknowledge this remarkable event which goes back to the Suffragette age and Women's Right to Vote!

The atmosphere was fantastic with plenty of chatter and in the meeting of old friends, sadly curtailed by COVID restrictions, but gladdened by the reuniting and catching up of health, wealth, politics and family issues.

The welcome drink, eleven festive tables, a spectacular birthday cake, made by past President Ida Rushworth, an attention seeking raffle table and the promise of a tasty lunch, courtesy of Kathy Roberts Outside Catering, proved to us all that this was going to be an event to remember for years to come!



Indeed with the introduction of Margaret Watson, and the rendition of Jerusalem, the event prospect was secured. Margaret was a professional, experienced, concert harpist who has delighted numerous audiences throughout the UK and was now here to delight us, which she did for two hours or so during pre-lunch and apres lunch drinks.

Lunch was sensational, with two courses of tasty and imaginative dishes, and Kathy's team attended to all matters of service and requests. The wide choice menu allowed for all diet restrictions and was finished off with coffee and the gorgeous sparkling birthday cake; quite overpowering. Naturally a photo shot was taken of this plus the six past Presidents, who were present at the lunch.



After brief meeting notes by our President, Angela Reynolds, we indulged in an emotional and nostalgic recollection of past times, with a short slide show conducted by Mary Burn. This took us back to the start of The Women's Institute, Women's Rights and The Suffragette Movement and how it all began. Not a dry eye in the house as one might say. We also saw shots of our own centenary year with in-house presentations, wine

tastings and a croquet introduction afternoon; a busy time indeed and it kept us united.

Lastly, the four birthday girls, Maggie, Tricia, Maureen and Jackie, received floral displays, and the bumper raffle with double the amount of prizes, courtesy of Stephanie C, took place. This was followed



by a sad goodbye but a look forward to seeing everyone again at the next meeting on the second Thursday of the month, as usual, at 2.15pm in West Chiltington Village Hall. So if you are interested in joining our friendly WI, please call our President, Angela Reynolds, on 746648. We'd love to see you.

Russ Fry



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