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PARISH
CLERGY



"To clasp the hands in prayer is the beginning of an uprising against the disorder of the world."

Karl Barth

It used to be said that the problem (one of them...) with the C of E was that you had Guardian readers preaching to Telegraph readers! I'm reminded of the quote from Mark

Twain: "Never discuss politics or religion in polite company. Save those discussions for respectful company."

It could be said that the church family gathering Sunday by Sunday is a rather polite affair – we're all terribly conscious of being on our best behaviour for God – and accordingly we put on our best Sunday suit for the soul. This 'polite company' can become an all too safe and introspective space concerned primarily with 'churchianity' with little thought for the reality of our religious commitment to live intentionally and expectantly for God's Kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven.

Recently, I attended a public consultation on the vexed issue of traffic in our villages. As with most meetings like this, it attracted the more invested, both for and against. I would describe the meeting as informative but 'scrappy'. It all got a bit 'binary' with the yaes and the naes facing off and getting more and more irritated with the process and each other. The issue that was to be discussed '20 is plenty' seemed, in principle, to be a reasonable response and, with the limited options available to the community, one which could help to alleviate some of the problems we're all too aware of. Ironically, it felt that the principle was lost in the consultation. Personally, I'd give it a go.

As I sat in the meeting, wearing my blackest clerical shirt, I was encouraged to see other members of the St Mary's Storrington Church family. As a church we make a claim to be a source of 'faith, hope and love at the heart of our village'. It's a powerful, outward looking strap line and a vision that has the potential to be lived out with real impact through our mission.

However, it may mean that we have to be a less polite company as we speak to what we believe are the priorities of God's kingdom and lifestyles that will lead to the fullness of life we have in Jesus. Importantly, Mark Twain helps us to remember that the means we use should always be 'of the kingdom' and a sign of our deep respect for the value of all the folk in our community.

I've been left reflecting on what it means to be 'at the heart of our community'. As I write early copy for the August 3 *Heralds*, I'm really excited that I will have been sharing with Christians across the village in the LOVE STORRINGTON initiative the week of 21 July.

I hope and pray all churches will be able to share in this as part of their mission. We are all called to make known in our worship, work and witness the good news of the Christ-life. Dare we believe that when we are next called to pray on a Sunday morning it will be what the great 20th century Swiss theologian Karl Barth believed it to be?

Yours in faith, hope and love

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Rector of Storrington

FANCY BEING AN EDITOR?

After over 11 years, I am hanging up my hat as editor of this magazine, and so we are looking for someone to take over.

No previous experience is needed as all the layout and artwork is done by our graphic designer, and it only takes a few hours a month.

It is not an onerous task and I have enjoyed it immensely but it's time for me to move on.

Want to know more about what's involved? Then do contact me on 07702 945960 or email 3heralds@gmail.com.

Let's ensure this valued magazine, with its outreach to the community, continues.

Amanda Hislop



PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

Bless to me, O God, the earth beneath my feet.
Bless to me, O God, the path on which I go.
Bless to me, O God, the people whom I meet.
O God of all gods, bless to me my life.



Christians in Storrington

Monthly Inter-Church Prayer Meetings

Everyone welcome

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

Tuesday, 5 August – Trinity Methodist Church will lead

Tuesday 2 September – Life Community Church will lead

One in faith and love and praise

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PASTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR

Please contact Arabella at the Parish Office to make arrangements for Baptisms, Weddings and Banns of Marriage.

Parish Office open Tuesday and Wednesday from 9.30am to 5pm.



CARIBBEAN EVENING

Thakeham Church's Caribbean Evening on 21 June was simply amazing! 120 people enjoyed a beautifully decorated hall and wonderful music, played by the Worthing Steel Band. Everyone made a great effort to wear bright colours and to look exceptionally jolly. There was also great food, and some spectacular dancing!

Congratulations to Barry and Barbara Laker who were the inspiration behind this wonderful event. Thanks to their team's tremendous efforts, we raised £2440. This will be used to provide cushions that will make all of us feel a little more comfortable on those hard wooden pews. Perhaps some of them should be decorated with pineapples!



Dates for your Diary

26 Sep - **MacMillan Coffee Morning** - Church Rooms

5 Oct - **Harvest Lunch** - Thakeham Village Hall

18 Oct - **Murder Mystery & Dinner** - 2pm & 7pm - Thakeham Village Hall

4 Nov - **Bridge Day** - 10am to 2.30pm - Thakeham Village Hall

8 Nov - **Christmas Fayre** - 11.30am to 2pm - Thakeham Village Hall

14 Dec - **Christmas Lunch** - 12.30pm to 3pm - Thakeham Village Hall

3 to 4 July 2026 - **Thakeham Flower Festival and Open Gardens**
Please try not to take your holiday then, as we'll need your help!

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



Thakeham Knit and Stitch Group



Tuesday 19 August 2pm - 4pm

Thakeham Church Room

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Please contact the Churchwardens to make arrangements for Baptisms, Weddings and Banns of Marriage

Email stwparish@gmail.com. Details of Church Services on page 18

DATE FIXED FOR NEW PRIEST!

We are thrilled to announce that our new priest, Revd Joel Wilmer, will be officially joining us on 5 September. Bishop Martin will be performing his licensing at a special service on that day at St Mary's Church, Sullington, starting at 7.30pm. Members of both congregations are very warmly invited to attend this important occasion!



After such a long period without a priest, and the hard work that's been involved, there might be a tendency to feel that Joel's arrival gives us an opportunity to have a well-earned rest. Clearly, however, this is not the case! We should all be excited about Joel's arrival, and the new journey on which our parishes are about to embark, and so we must be ready to work hard to support him!

Dates for your Diary

We have many exciting events at Sullington to look forward to this year:

27 & 28 September

Pop-up Preloved clothing

26 September Annual quiz night

More details to follow



EVENSONG 3 August at 6pm

This month our continuing theme is Charity and we are pleased to have a speaker from the Salvation Army to talk to us.

All Welcome!

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Annual Quiz Night

Friday 26 September



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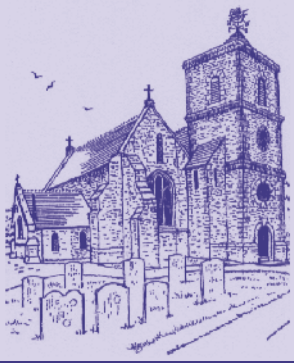
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REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Church Services see page 18.

Holy Communion and Café in the Church:

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

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

Altar Servers: Michael Taylor (742218)

Bellringers: Fridays, 7.45pm – 9.30pm.

Church & Churchyard Maintenance: John Butler (745091)

Mothers' Union: Jeannie Bell (07875 220426)

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

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

Dates for your Diary



Sunday 10 August

Patronal Festival (Blessed Virgin Mary)

10am Patronal Festival Holy Communion

6pm Patronal Choral Evensong followed by Festival of Puddings

Sunday 17 August – 3pm

Concert in Church Songs with a SPARKLE – see p 9

Monday 18 August – 11am to 3pm

Storrington Funday at Chanctonbury Leisure Centre

(organised by the Neighbourhood Wardens – sponsored by St Mary, Storrington and other community organisations).

St Mary's will be there running a cake and squash stall – request for bite-sized bakes much appreciated!

STORRINGTON REGISTERS

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

18 June Rita Margaret Greenfield (93 years)

Interment of ashes only:

20 June Donald Beattie Armour (93 years)

22 June Jean Hampton (99 years)

25 June Alan Douglas Murray (76 years)

25 June Adrienne Murray (81 years)

10am ZOOM SERVICE

We have continued to live stream our 10am Church Service to several parishioners and if you would like to join in our service this way please contact Val Rice (valrice77@gmail.com) for details.

PARISH VISITING TEAM...

The St Mary's Parish Visiting Team contact is Stuart Lee. Please contact Stuart on 01903 743661 if you would like to arrange for someone on the team to either speak to you or visit you.

St Mary's Church, Storrington

Café in the Church

2nd and 4th Wednesdays

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

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

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

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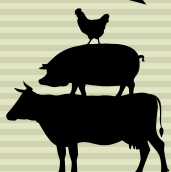


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Patronal Festival Sunday 10 August

10am Patronal Festival Eucharist –
The Blessed Virgin Mary

6pm Patronal Choral Evensong
followed by Festival of Puddings,
with a special collection for
the Mothers' Union.
All are welcome.

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St Mary's, Storrington, will be marking the Patronal Festival on Sunday 10 August (Blessed Virgin Mary 15 August)

At the 10am Eucharist, there will be a special sung communion service with hymns, readings, sermon, and prayers. Followed by refreshments.

At 6pm Evensong, we shall be holding a special Patronal Choral Evensong (BCP). This event has been specially funded by the Choral Evensong Trust. This will be followed by a Festival of Puddings. An opportunity to give thanks in fellowship for the first fruits of the summer, and Mary is the patron saint of fruit and herbs!

There will be availability of 10 pudding slots, so please let us know if you're able to make and bring a pudding; list at the back of Church.

There will be a collection in aid of Mother's Union, particularly towards the work carried out in the Chichester Diocese.

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A Community Choir in Storrington

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break in August
and September
and will re-start
on 7 October.

For more information contact Barbara (741236).

In Memoriam

HELEN BARBARA WATKINS

17 May 1946 – 16 June 2025

Helen Barbara Watkins (née Mitchell), aged 79, passed away peacefully on 16 June 2025.

Helen was born on 17 May 1946 in Shipley, West Yorkshire, to Donald and May Mitchell. Proud of her Yorkshire roots throughout her life, Helen carried her heritage with grace and warmth.

A committed and active member of her community, Helen gave her time generously to causes close to her heart. She delivered library books

to the housebound, carried out footpath inspections for the county council, and played an integral role in the St Barnabas fundraising committee. She also spent many devoted years as a cub scout leader with the 1st Sullington & Storrington Scout Group, inspiring countless young people along the way.

Helen was a lifelong church member from her early years in Yorkshire, her time living in Horsham as well as the 36 years she spent in Thakeham. She always applied her Christian values to every aspect of her life.

She will be deeply missed by many, especially her devoted husband Stephen; her children, Iain, Iona, and Jamie; and her nine beloved grandchildren.



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Idle travel

I have a book called *The Idle Traveller*, but it's not really about travelling idly; more accurately it's about travelling slowly. It's about taking time to notice little things as you pass through an area. Travelling idly, or slowly, really fits in with my eco-minded life; we've just returned from a holiday cycling from Amsterdam to Bruges. We took six days to travel 160 miles or so, which in a car could be achieved in something like three hours.



Actually, to get there we first went very, very fast. We took the Eurostar train. I'm not sure why it's taken us over 30 years to try Eurostar. It was a first-time experience for both of us, and so painless. We got a train direct to St Pancras from Billingshurst, and then through security onto Eurostar, and about three hours later we were in Amsterdam. So much nicer, and I think greener. I read that Eurostar emits 90% fewer carbon substances than a short haul aircraft. We can plan that Paris trip to see the rebuilt Notre Dame with a clear conscience.

Anyway, back to slow travelling. Our great adventure was made possible by joining a floating hotel. Each morning, we got onto our bikes, and cycled, and later in the day rejoined our boat wherever it had got to as it made its way along the canals.

There were about forty of us on board; while the boat's carbon footprint would not have been zero, that's at least twenty fewer cars on the road. Chatting to our fellow travellers, we all felt we'd had a brilliant few days.

It was completely refreshing to be in countries where cycling is absolutely normalised. Everyone cycles! In all the towns the main roads had separate cycle lanes,



and large areas for parking your bike. Bruges and Amsterdam even have underground cycle garages, although I think the ultimate nightmare might be forgetting where you parked your bike in a bike park that accommodates 600. The paths along the canals were delightful to use. And we had every opportunity to stop and stare at details. A gem that would have been missed in a car was a strawberry vending machine. It was at the entrance to a strawberry farm; polytunnels with thousands of strawberry plants being grown commercially. You paid your money and selected the size of punnet you wanted, and the machine delivered it to you, just like a chocolate bar but healthier.



Hope for our trees



One thing I noticed was that the species of tree that lined the Dutch and Belgium streets and along the canals is the elm. I'm of a generation that barely remembers English elms, but I know that there are pockets of elm around the UK that showed resistance to Dutch elm disease. Similarly, I heard on the radio this morning that there are ash trees showing resistance to ash dieback. Nature is more resilient than we think. Another snippet from the morning news was that the UK is not

meeting its tree planting targets. I have to say the news that we even had tree planting targets had washed over me. However now I know, I shall be doing my bit come the autumn when it's good to plant trees.

Rubbish

Not really rubbish but recycling. I got an email from West Sussex County Council inviting me to participate in a survey about recycling. Quite a few of the questions concerned whether I am confident I know what items can be put into the recycling bins (blue topped) and which must be taken to the tips for recycling there. I think I know, but then again the labels on some things don't help. For a future column I shall do some research and try to decode some common symbols. You may still be able to complete the survey by putting West Sussex Recycling Survey into a search engine.

Both Holland and Belgium appeared to be on top of recycling. In our hotel in Bruges there was a notice in the bedroom saying something like "Please put your waste paper, bottles and drinks cans onto the desk in your room, and we will sort it and ensure it goes into the correct recycling bin." Excellent!

Christine Tuson, ctuson@lineone.net



Club members enjoyed a talk from Elizabeth Sawday of Apuldrum Roses in June.

She told us the nursery was started by her mother-in-law who was also instrumental in the setting up of the Hampton Court Flower Show prior to RHS taking it over. This lady had started with a farm shop and when that business started to decline decided she would grow roses. Elizabeth said it was a very hands-on occupation and physically very hard work. She explained the various types of roses of which she'd brought examples to show us and explained the differences. She also showed us how to read the plant labels so you knew which breeder the rose came from.



Growers such as herself are becoming fewer; at one time they were over 100 growers in the UK but that is now down to 40, and the number of roses grown was once 60,000 but now down to no more than 18,000. She said growers, such as herself, had to pay breeders rights to grow their roses and these costs

had increased dramatically to over £3 per plant.

Some of the various rose types are hybrid tea, floribunda, rambler, climbing, bush, patio and ground cover, which all need different pruning methods. What she really stressed was the importance of watering and feeding which affects the health of the rose and its resistance to black spot. She also emphasised that granular feed should be watered in not just sprinkled around the rose. Regular deadheading is also essential, not just nipping off the head but going down to the 5th leaf emergence. A product she mentioned was Sulphur Rose which helps deter black spot, rust and aphids. Roses like to have a little space around them so don't plant companion plants too close to a rose base and never use wood ash or bark chips near roses.

This was an extremely informative and enjoyable talk and Elizabeth was warmly thanked. The Club is paying a visit to her nursery later in the month which participating members are looking forward to.

The meeting on **11 August** is when Jacqui Aviolet will explain about Greek/Latin plant names in her talk *Botanically Speaking*. The Club competition is a *Vase of Summer Flowers*.

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

Sandra Jenkins



New Rotary President

John Ollerton is the new President of Storrington & Pulborough District Rotary.

John was born in Cumbria and grew up in Poulton-le-Fylde, Lancashire. He lived in Watford, retiring to Thakeham in 2021. He studied Fabrication and Welding Engineering at Swansea Metropolitan University and subsequently worked for 45 years in Capital Cost Estimating in the power generation, shipbuilding, water treatment, oil, gas and pharmaceutical industries in London and around the world. Prior to retirement, John was Europe, Middle East and Africa Cost Estimating Manager for Shell in The Hague, The Netherlands and Global Cost Estimating Manager for ENI in Milan, Italy.



He has been married to Helen for 36 years and they have four children: Andrew, Michael, Louise and Richard.

John and Helen love living in West Sussex particularly enjoying local nature and birdwatching where they are fortunate to be able to regularly see among other things the recently re-introduced white tailed eagles and storks.

John joined Rotary in 2021 after moving to Thakeham and was particularly impressed with the energy and enthusiasm of the members of Rotary who help both local people and people in need around the world, raising funds through Christmas tree recycling, a weekly book store in Storrington, monthly film evenings, car boot sales and fund raising collections.

John said, "The continued generosity of the local people who donate and support these fundraising activities is truly amazing and I am proud to lead the Club this year. The Club welcomes enquiries from potential new members who would like to find out more about what Rotary does and the charities it supports."



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STORRINGTON CONSERVATION SOCIETY

The majority of us are meat eaters, grateful to farmers who produce our favourite cuts of meat. However, a visit to the supermarket or a glance at a restaurant menu show more and more vegetarian dishes are now being made available. The term vegetarian was probably first used in reference to a school in London in 1838 and used by the Vegetarian Society in Manchester in 1847. But vegetarianism is far from new; for example, it was practised in the 9th Century BCE by Jainists in India. Today, parts of many countries, especially in India, are totally vegetarian.

There are well-known degrees of vegetarianism. Vegan, and many others less strict, such as those which allow eggs or fish. Faith and health have always been among the reasons for a veggie diet, but now climate concern is another. Many studies show cattle farming produces much more methane (a major greenhouse gas) than arable. So what are concerned meat eaters to do? One option is to stop eating meat, hard for those who enjoy a well-cooked roast! Another is to choose to eat less meat, perhaps to have one or more days a week as veggie days. Or maybe to choose a veggie meal when eating out. There are many good recipe books that describe tasty non-meat dishes for home cooking. Note that dairy products are not very climate friendly.

A balanced diet is good for our health, so a strict veggie diet relies on food like nuts, pulses and quinoa for protein. (Dietary advice is available if needed). Veggie eating is a way of reducing our carbon footprint, earning Brownie points. Give it a try if not already doing so.

Our work party met on 5 July at Hurston Warren SSSI, removing invasive bracken to benefit the heathland. Balsam bashing this year in various locations in June and July showed last year's efforts were effective in reducing the spread. Good news.

We next meet on **2 August at 10am** at Dyke Farm, West Chiltington Road, meadow hay raking and weeding the hedge trees planted last year, the aim to provide for small mammals and birds. Gardening clothes and gloves are suggested, other equipment is provided. Working in the open air makes the break for a cup of coffee at half time well earned. Come and join us, and do share transport for more Brownie points.

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

Stuart Kersley





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STORRINGTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

At the June meeting we had the pleasure of Elizabeth Sawday from Apuldram Rose nursery speaking to us about roses. Elizabeth said the nursery now produces between 15 – 18 thousand roses a year varying in type from hybrid tea, shrub, patio miniatures, floribunda, damask, ground cover, floribunda, bush type, climbers and ramblers. The most fragrant roses are the older type of Damask which was originally used by monks centuries ago. The use then spread, being used for perfumes, rose oil, cooking and sweet making.

All the roses at Apuldram are grown from budding onto the root stock. This is done once a year; a talented budder will arrive and spend two or three weeks bent over budding several thousand rose bushes. He is accompanied by a patcher who follows him along the rows securing each new graft. The grafting buds are meticulously prepared by Elizabeth, her mother-in-law and maybe a third person. This is done by cutting a rose with a good stem, and the flower is discarded along with all the leaves, leaving just a bare stem with four buds; this is now called a stick. Then each stick must have every thorn removed so that the budder does not have problems. The sticks have to be very carefully labelled so the correct bloom will develop.

Elizabeth then answered many questions from the floor and said that roses that are well looked after, with water and feed, are more resistant to rose problems, especially black spot.

The evening finished with a raffle and light refreshments.

We have our Summer Show on **2 August at 2pm** in Storrington Village Hall. New exhibitors and visitors are very welcome. The schedule is on our website or hard copies can be collected from any committee member.

The next meeting is **15 August** and is all about Sussex beekeeping.

Janet Webber

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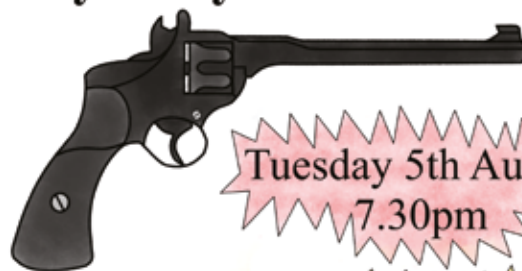
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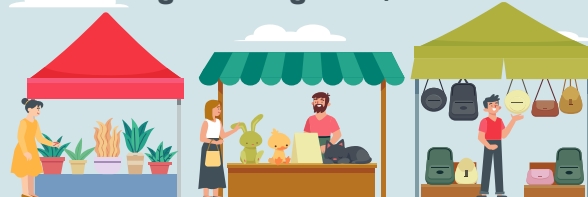


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Tony Gledhill is the Treasurer of the Victoria Cross & George Cross Association. After leaving school Tony joined the Metropolitan Police. Tony was promoted to Detective Sergeant in 1976. When he retired from the Police in 1987, he joined the Royal Mail (Post Office Investigation Department). Tony is now retired.

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One of the biggest events this term was the annual Storrington Duck Race which is organized by our Friends of Storrington School (FOSS). As this was the first time I had been part of this event, I was thrilled to see how the community comes together to support the school. We were blessed with glorious weather, and it was lovely to see so many families from school and the wider community there. Thank you for your support.



Year 1 did some fantastic work in music creating their own graphic scores in response to a piece of music called Nautilus by Anna Meridith. They thought about how music can be represented using shapes, colours and symbols to show when different instruments play and if they play loud, soft, fast, slow, high and low and then followed their scores along with the music.

On Wednesday 21st May, the school hall was buzzing with excitement as we held our Science Fair, and what a fantastic event it was! Children from across the school showcased a brilliant range of scientific investigations, experiments, and displays – all designed to spark curiosity and celebrate the joy of discovery.

From robots and homemade circuits to fascinating facts about magnets, animals, and static electricity, the children demonstrated impressive scientific thinking, creativity and teamwork. It was wonderful to see so many confident presentations, thoughtful questions and genuine excitement about science.

At Storrington, we believe science should inspire, challenge, and empower – and this year's fair did exactly that!

Year 4 had a leisurely, sunny walk along Stor River as part of their Amazing Amazon River topic. They noticed parts of the river that matched



the new vocabulary they have gained, such as current, meander and rapids, before stopping at Fryern Dell to sketch some landscapes or beautiful vegetation that they saw growing on the riverbanks. They even had their own Amazonian experience, hacking through some of the Storrington jungle (overgrown undergrowth) causing some Howler Monkey-like noises to erupt from the children!



As part of their learning about endangered animals, Year 5 have been busy designing and creating their very own soft toys during Design and Technology lessons. We're thrilled to share that the Teddy Bear Sale is now complete – and what a success it's been! The children's wonderful work has helped raise funds for the World Wildlife Fund (WWF), supporting their essential mission to protect endangered species around the world. Thank you to everyone who supported the project by purchasing a teddy. The children are very proud of their creations and are excited to be bringing them home.

Mr Choate, Headteacher

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26 August

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10 August	Trinity 8	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion 6pm Festal Choral Evensong with Festival of Puddings	10.30am Morning Prayer	10.30am Holy Communion
17 August	Trinity 9	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion with Prayers for Healing and Wholeness	8.30am Celtic Communion	10.30am Joint Thakeham/Sullington Holy Communion
24 August	Trinity 10	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion	10.30am Holy Communion	10.30am Morning Prayer
31 August	Trinity 11	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion	10.30am Joint 5 th Sunday Service	
7 September	Trinity 12	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion 9.30am Messy Church in Old School (ends 11am) 6pm Evensong	10.30am Joint Thakeham/Sullington Church for All Service	8.30am BCP Communion 6pm Evensong

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WHAT'S ON

AUGUST

Sat 2

- 2pm Storrington Horticultural Society Summer Show – p16
2pm Storrington Conservation Society – Working Party – p15

Sun 3 Trinity 7

- Jaguar Day – Parham House – p30
9.30am Messy Church – Old School, Storrington – p10
12 noon Baptism at St Mary's, Storrington: Charlotte Toni Osbourn (daughter of Catherine and Mathew)

Mon 4

- 110am Community Café – Storrington Library – p16
2.30pm Reading Friends – Storrington Library – p21
7pm Storrington Slimmers – St Mary's, Storrington – p21

Tue 5

- 9.15am Inter-Church Prayers – Storrington Priory Library – p3
7.30pm Storrington Museum – Talk – p16

Thu 7

- 10am MU Quiet Day and Holy Communion – St Mary's, Storrington (to 4pm)
11.30am Pop-In Lunch Club – p18

Sat 9

- 3pm Wedding at St Mary's, Storrington: Sam Aldridge and Jemima Roblin

Sun 10 Trinity 8

- 12 noon Baptism Service at St Mary's, Storrington: John Michael Jason Brown (son of Laura and Mark)
6pm Patronal Festival Choral Evensong and Festival of Puddings – p9

Mon 11

- 7pm Storrington Slimmers – St Mary's, Storrington – p21
7.30pm Thakeham Gardeners' Club – Meeting – p14

Wed 13

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

Fri 15

- 7.30pm Storrington Horticultural Society – Meeting – p16

Sun 17 Trinity 9

- 3pm Songs with a SPARKLE Concert – St Mary's, Storrington – p9

Mon 18

- 11am Family Fun Day – Chanctonbury Leisure – p6
7pm Storrington Slimmers – St Mary's, Storrington – p21

Tue 19

- 2pm Knit and Stitch – p4
7pm West Chiltington Floral Club – Meeting – p25

Wed 20

- 7.30pm Sullington Windmills WI – Meeting – p23

Thu 21

- 10.30am Cuppa and a Chat – p34

Sun 24 Trinity 10

Mon 25

- 7pm Storrington Slimmers – St Mary's, Storrington – p21

Tue 26

- 2pm Storrington Macular Group – Meeting – p17

Wed 27

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

Sat 30

- Floral Fringe Fair – Loxwood – p33

Sun 31 Trinity 11

- Floral Fringe Fair – Loxwood – p33
2.30pm Croquet and Tea – Storrington Rectory Garden – p10
5pm Romeo & Juliet – Sullington Old Barn – p22

Details of all church activities on pages 4,5,6, 9 and 18.

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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL DAYS

AUGUST

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

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

6 **THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD**

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

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

9 **Mary Sumner, 1921, Founder of Mothers' Union**

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

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

13 **Jeremy Taylor, 1667**, best known as a prose stylist
Florence Nightingale, 1910
Octavia Hill, 1912 – social reformer. Joint founder of National Trust and pioneer for modern social work.

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

15 **THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

20 **Bernard, 1153**
William and Catherine Booth, 1912 and 1890 – founders of Salvation Army

24 **BARTHOLOMEW THE APOSTLE**

27 **Monica, 387**

28 **Augustine of Hippo, 430**

29 **Beheading of John the Baptist**

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

31 **Aidan, 651**

STORRINGTON & SULLINGTON - REFLECTIONS OF THE PAST

REVD HENRY PALMER AT SULLINGTON – PART 38

So, for Mr Palmer, it was back to his parish and picking up where he left it in the hands of his "locum" before his continental tour of a whole month. It was Sunday, and he was pleased with "two very decent congregations in the morning – H.C. 12 attended, which was very refreshing to me after my travels, especially in the afternoon. G.C.G. lunched and we walked and discussed the school." It was arranged that the Rector would see the Inspector of the district as a preliminary step. Then he had to get down to paperwork, accounts, inspections and visiting where some of his traveller's tales astonished his parishioners who, of course, never left their own parish.

The cattle murrain was a main topic of conversation: "it had even come to our gates." The wider news was of the Fenian Conspiracy in Ireland, "being hunted out by the Government... seems to have been a rising in Ireland fanned and supported by the Irish in America."

Cricket, of course, had not vanished from the Rector's social engagements. G.C.G. held his harvest home, "about 30 men and women, early dinner, cricket match (truly rural and extreme fun), and races, cheese rolling..." The start of October also marked the arrival of his fourth pupil, Garfitt, "he seems a gentlemanly quiet fellow, father a banker at Boston." The first day's work with him found him "dull, working up his matriculation subjects." There was news of another new pupil, Mr Grant Dalton wrote about his son whom he wished to send to Mr Palmer, who met the newcomer at Portsmouth in due course. He was soon hard at work with them, and with his sick visiting and regular reading to housebound parishioners.

Family news came in a letter from Jane Veasey at Lowestoft, that Annie, who seemed to be subject to bouts of ill health, had again been seriously ill with quinsy, followed by the doctor being quite alarmed by a threat of diphtheria. "I fear she is much weakened in constitution. My mother fears the winter for her here" although by the time of Jane's letter she was much improved. The pupils were apparently not an easy proposition. "G.D. seems a regular unbacked colt and I will find that Xmas will come to me none too soon." This was after the first day's hard work with "my cubs". Later, he had to talk to G.D. about his manners which he took very well, "he certainly has an element of goodness in him which I must endeavour to work upon." There was sad news from Stopham that dear Miss Smyth had died, and the Rector attended her funeral. "She was 91 and had lived a long life without any cares, yet without idleness, for she worked and thought and prayed for the good of others. The rain came down most perseveringly and the walk from the house to the church was rather dismal – but as the vault opened into the building there was no further exposure. Brown read the service well and afterwards I spoke to him about the night school."

The following day, he rode to Poynings to catch the School Inspector, Mr Koe, but just missed him as he had left a mere half hour before! Not one to waste a journey, the rector had a nice interview with Mr Holland (the rector there) and inspected the church which he described as "cruciform of which the east window is a curious mixture of perpendicular and decorated." He enjoyed his ride there as George had kindly loaned him Comet, who went nicely.

Mr Palmer's friend Barrie Clayton was visiting and he and his pupils went to "view the boat", finding "the waters much out in view of the heavy rains." The weather was bad for his poor old visitor, but they managed a walk in the afternoon. The rain and high wind of October was causing problems. "This equinoctial weather floods us. We could get neither to stable nor yard except under a foot of water". October 30th – "the rain iterumque! We are all wearying of this weather but get through it pretty well." By the beginning of November, "the month has begun well with the weather... took G.D. to Pulborough, where we were disappointed in a regular row, but got a tub of Brand's and went floating about over hedges and ditches for miles. The waters are 3' in most places." [This was in 1865 – not 2022!]

At last as the weather turned and "we a-ratting with the Ballards. We killed 60 in the barn in the afternoon and the men 30 in the morning, and nearly got 2 rabbits from under the faggot stack." The other matter occupying the Rector's mind was the schools project. "My school question came up at the Board today. I had strong support in Gibson and Napier whilst farmers generally were for the status quo. [Schoolchildren were a useful pool of labour at busy times – harvest, beaters for shooting, as the school logs reveal.] They grant the night school room, but must refer all else to the Central Board."

"Has been a refreshing day qua weather – took a parish round and explained to the perturbed Mr Moase [master of the workhouse] the prospects of the night school... he didn't seem to see it at all." "Had a cheerful [Sunday] day: Holy Communion with fair attendance (16) and a thoroughly good congregation in the afternoon, to whom I preached on the subject of Death [a cheerful subject indeed!] being moved thereto by the death of Miss Smyth, Lord Palmerston, James Wood and Gatton, friends, neighbours, a hero and add to this the beautiful dying year..."

Winter – and the Clothing Club found Mr Palmer on his parish rounds distributing Club tickets, taking "the Prim Harrovian with him to Cobden" a salutary part of his education to show how the poor lived, and the contrast to his pupil's privileged life.

The post brought news of Annie's illness, "the doctor will send his opinion soon" and a summons from Charlie [Charlotte King] for Emmie "on a mysterious errand". There were dispatches from parlourmaids which needed to be replied to, so the Rector preached two old sermons for the 22nd Sunday after Trinity. It is interesting to note that at this time there was postal delivery on Sundays. The next day "Emmie goes on her secret expedition." Mr Palmer, meanwhile, went off to Horsham in a carriage full: Knight of Washington, Beck and Garfitt. The other cub to his fat aunt at Worthing.

The ceremony was eminently successful, commencing at 12 o'clock it continued till 3.15pm. The church is most elaborately restored, the whole seeming to be done regardless of expense. The peculiarities of the building lies in its being without a chancel, one great aisle extends from W to E. The E window being a mighty perpendicular structure, filled with rather gaudy and hot glass by O'Connor – the W wall over the belfry is frescoed with a painting of the Last Supper and another subject I could not well make out. The roof is open oak very richly (over?) painted – the two side aisles on either side are very effective with their handsome openwork roofs. The service was given very well: all choral – proper lessons from 2 Sam.xxii and Rev.xxi..." "Hymns A and M. The Bishop of Oxford, who tho' over-theatrical and weak in voice, was not quite heard at times, preached a fine sermon from Exodus xxv from "And there I will meet with thee and I will commune with thee". "We returned before the lunch which was to be at 3 or 4."

The next day Mr Palmer had a funeral causing him to meditate on "the strange procession of clerk, parson, and corpse, as we walked out together down into the furthest corner of the new ground." Later, a social engagement – a dinner at Highden given by Sir Charles Goring, where he went with G.C.G, his sister Bertha, and met the Whitings, Ballards and Capt. Sewell among others. It was here (it seems that the Rector was unprepared and not forewarned) that "G.C.G. declared his suit and I am most vexed but we could not prevent it, when there were 10 to 1 against us – all the family strong in force." It seems a very discourteous action on the part of his friend G.C.G. to make the announcement in front of neighbours, leaving the Rector unaware of his intentions, or apparently of the matter itself. The next day G.C.G. "again pays us a long visit: things look coming to a head. I cannot do otherwise than give my consent. My approval, never!" Bertha came to stay at the Rectory, "in the absence of her brother gone a-courting". The young squire moved things along quickly. The Rector and Bertha rode to visit friends, to Washington and Highden. "G.C.G. declares the thing settled and is ecstatic accordingly.

My mother declares that she can never get through it". "I salute Bertha [Greek word] on speaking to her about this engagement." The following week G.C.G. goes a-courting and leaves intelligence with all his friends. What will they say of him? And what of us?" "Bertha, Garfitt and I walk to Storrington, call on the Whitings to whom "it is no news." "George [G.C.G.] was unfortunate in his one day visit and could not get even to Major Sandham [weather] who has written two remarkably heartfelt notes on the matrimonial subject, tho' it is felt that G's choice must have disappointed them. G.C.G. dines and Feb 1 or Jan 25, Thursdays both, will be the day", and next, "G.C.G. comes in this evening and reports that the day will be fixed by and by when E. comes home. Shd I object to publishing the banns? Certainly not." Emmy returned on December 9, met by her brother, the Rector, at Pulborough, "in fine feather and comes laden with letters." "G.C.G. courting lives on love and tea."

Joan Ham (Village Historian)

Community Safety Session:

Dog Behaviourist Advice

Tuesday 2nd September
9:30am - 11:30am

On the Grass area in Sullington Warren

The Neighbourhood Wardens and Bone Canis will be helping dog owners with keeping their dogs under control when on and off the lead, through providing guidance on training techniques and by raising awareness on community safety issues.

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STORRINGTON SLIMMERS

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

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

£2.50 per week
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STORRINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDENS

August is a busy month for us and we are hosting our annual Free Funday on **Monday 18 August** from 11am to 3pm on the recreation ground outside Chanctonbury Leisure Centre. We have been running this event for the last three years and we raise the funds to pay for the event so that all the activities are free.

This year, by popular demand, we have the mobile climbing wall, two different bouncy castles, archery, sword fighting, football, cricket, DJ mixing booth, the popular cheese toasties and many other stalls and events. The day was designed to be a fun way to occupy young people during the long summer holidays, without the pressure of an expensive day out.

We hope to see you there on the day; why not bring a picnic and make a day of it?

We would like to thank Waitrose, St Marys Church, Storrington, Horsham District Council and Make A Difference Locally for their support in helping us with this event.

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ACTIVITIES AT THE VILLAGE HUB

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

TUESDAY

In Stitches – 1.30pm to 3pm

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



THURSDAY

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

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



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

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



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

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



FRIDAY

Ukraine Drop-in – Open from 10am to 12 noon

We're here to help you with a range of services, including form filling and general help and information, with access to authorities to assist with housing etc. We also offer English language classes.



SATURDAY

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

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



CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUPS ON FRIDAYS

Chanctonbury Leisure Centre

Sparks Toddler Group – 10am – 11.30am

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



Fireworks Kids Club – 6pm – 7.15pm

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



Wildfires Youth Group – 7.30pm – 9pm

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



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



FILM NIGHT

At Sullington Parish Hall
Wednesday 10th September 2025



Timothée Chaiet, Edward Norton & Elle Fanning

Performance commences at 7.30pm

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

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

Rotary Club of Storrington & Pulborough District

The Rotary Club of Storrington & Pulborough District, are pleased to announce that the New Season of the popular Film Nights will recommence on 10 September

The first film, on Wednesday 10 September will be *A Complete Unknown*, starring Timothy Chaiet, and Edward Norton.

In 1961, an unknown 19-year-old Bob Dylan arrives in New York City with his guitar, and forges relationships with musical icons on his meteoric rise, culminating in a groundbreaking performance that reverberates around the world.



EVENTS AT THE OLD WORKSHOP, SULLINGTON MANOR FARM

Build an Opera with Songbuilders

4 – 8 August – 9.30am – 4pm daily

Children (ages 7 – 14) will get stuck into a world of creativity with tips on singing technique, costumes and sets to design, songs to write, sounds to discover and a story to make. Aided by professional opera singer Mark Bradbury, an actor, a scenic artist and professional composer Christopher Hussey, participants devise, compose, design, paint, and perform a brand new piece of musical theatre in just one week, all inspired by their surroundings on the farm. Find out more here:
<https://www.songbuilders.co.uk/build-an-opera-horsham>

Romeo & Juliet

31 August – 5pm – 7.30pm

With original music, fast-paced action, and sharp wit, this production transforms Shakespeare's tragedy into a high-energy, hilarious comedy. This fresh interpretation captures the laughter and love of Verona's star-crossed lovers. Don't miss this unforgettable, high-energy retelling of a classic tale. Book here: <https://boxoffice.440theatre.co.uk/events/440theatre/1560850>

EVENTS AT PETWORTH HOUSE

SHIP AHOY! FAMILY TRAIL

On now until 7 September

Set sail on an artistic adventure through Petworth House and Garden, inspired by JMW Turner's seascapes. Follow the clues and get ready for some nautical fun. Climb aboard our large wooden ships, imagine braving wild waves, and take part in seafaring games along the way. The trail is free but normal admission applies. No booking required.

FUN ART FRIDAYS

Every Friday until 29 August, 10.30am-3.30pm

Petworth House invites young artists to Fun Art Fridays - a series of free, hands-on creative sessions inspired by the legendary painter J.M.W. Turner. Each week, children can explore a different artistic technique. The sessions are free but normal admission applies.



ART CLASSES INSPIRED BY J.M.W. TURNER

9 August – 9 October

This series of courses, in collaboration with West Dean College, will provide an introduction to a variety of mediums, from oil painting to watercolour and charcoal to felting. The courses draw inspiration from Turner's atmospheric paintings and provide a unique opportunity to learn and create in two historic locations. Check our website for the full programme. Booking essential.

PETWORTH LATE: CHICHESTER PRIDE

Thursday 21 August, 7pm-10pm

An evening of performance, creativity and celebration of LGBTQ+ history at Petworth House, curated in collaboration with Chichester Pride. £15 per adult. Booking recommended.

NOCTURNAL WILDLIFE AND PERSEIDS METEOR SHOWER GUIDED WALK

Tuesday 12 and Wednesday 13 August, 8pm-10pm

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theWI WI NEWS SULLINGTON WINDMILLS

The Sullington Windmills WI held their monthly meeting on 18 June, with around 30 members attending. The speaker was Amber, a Project Support Officer from the Sussex Dolphin Project, which was launched in 2018 to build a connection with local communities.

She told our members about the three main species of dolphins that can be found in and around our coast: the Bottlenose dolphin, the Common dolphin and the White Beaked dolphin. We can also see Harbour Porpoises in our local waters. The project began gathering data, using information on sightings from local people in 2022 in order to monitor the types and numbers of dolphins in Sussex.

She highlighted the problem that the so-called supertrawlers cause for the dolphin population as they often get caught up in the huge nets and then die and end up washed up on beaches.

People can join the project to act as watchers, either on land or sea. See the Sussex Dolphin Project Facebook page.

Sullington Windmills meets on the third Wednesday monthly and the meeting on **20 August** is a fund raising bingo evening supporting the work of the ACWW (Associated Country Women of the World).

If anyone is interested in joining our group, please feel free to contact the Secretary, Lynn Harris. Her email is jeharris0902@gmail.com. We would love to hear from you.

Lynn Harris

Summer term has arrived and that means the Annual Petworth division camp.

The early May bank holiday camp has been running annually since 1979 with the exception of a couple of years.

The Guide, Scout, Ranger and Guide units from the Division are given the opportunity to camp in the beautiful green space of Petworth Park. Where deer wander freely around, you hear the sounds of the graylag geese first thing in the morning and black caps, blackbirds and other birds singing. Plus, perhaps not such music to our ears this year, the hounds barking an early morning, wakeup call!!

The theme this year was a 'no brainer'; it had to be VE Day, with the sub camps choosing to be named Spitfire and Hurricane.

The weather for the beginning of camp was beautiful sunshine and tents were pitched and site layouts were re-jigged to fit everyone in.

On Saturday, St George's day was celebrated for scouting, as this is their main celebration whereas Girlguiding celebrates Thinking Day. Everyone re-made their guide or scout promise and took walks across the park. Saturday evening brought a beautiful sunset and then the popular silent (not so silent!) discos. Firstly Spitfire subcamp Guides and Scouts and then an all Ranger and Explorer version. Both as loud as each other.

After a cold night the sun shone on Sunday and the day of activities began. This is when the site comes to life and is full of amazing activities to try. Laser clay shooting, abseiling, inflatable sumo wrestling, a caving

lorry, crossbows, craft, paddle boarding and assault course - just a few examples of the many on offer for the participants, whether already previously experienced or trying for the first time. A deer also appeared during the day and decided to rampage the camp site and join in the activities bringing a bit of amusement to the activity instructors and site first aiders, especially when it 'face planted' in the middle of our site! No photographic evidence of that unfortunately.

The unit campsites were empty as everyone had their session in each zone. Only returning to top up water bottles, lunch or a 'rest break'. That evening the other sub camp



had their disco whilst Spitfire had a camp fire where our Rangers were in their element again in leading many camp fire songs.

No sooner do we have our tents pitched and the site running than we have to strike camp and take it all away again until next year, leaving no trace, only lasting memories.

Here are a few comments about the weekend.

"I had lots of fun at my first camp, I enjoyed doing the archery and caving the best" Ophelia

"I loved Petworth Park so much. Both the people and the activities made it a special time full of lots of fun. My favourite activities were sumo wrestling and grass sledging!" Jess K

"Absolute blast!! I had so much fun, the people there are always lovely, its a great community and some really amazing activities!" Jess B

"It was such an amazing time this year (like always). We had a great time doing a range of activities and had fun with our friends exploring the areas around camp! Can't wait for next year!" Gracie

Until next year.





An Up and Down Month

After rain put a stop to their match against Tilgate, our 1st XI lost the next two matches to Crawley Eagles and Hindu Unity. The 2nd XI were well on their way to beating Petworth when rain caused the match to be abandoned but not before Jason Clarke had made an unbeaten half century and after Rin Tomsett had taken three Petworth wickets for 34 runs. A defeat by West Chilt followed in which returning former skipper Ian Homewood scored 51 and Guy Humphries took 3-22. Ifield were then beaten by 6 wickets with Clarke senior taking 5-36 and Clarke junior scoring an unbeaten 46. In the mid-week T20 competition we beat Watersfield by 3 wickets; junior Massimo took three wickets for 17 runs. The next match against group leaders Fittleworth was lost by 23 runs despite a hard-hitting innings from James Harrington who had to retire unbeaten after reaching 30 runs.

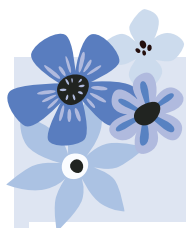
Our U13 boys had early wins against Petworth and Horsham before losing to Haywards Heath and Ifield but were back to winning ways against Worthing. In the match against Petworth, Thomas scored an incredible 32 runs off the last over in his unbeaten total of 55 runs that included four fours and five sixes. Three wicket hauls were achieved by Bastiaan, Noah, Massimo and Leighton across these matches. Both the U12 and U10 sides were unable to chalk up victories but the U9s managed a close win over Slinfold by just 5 runs when Robin top scored with 21.

The girls U13 side, after a tie with Aldwick, beat Petworth, West Chilt and Chichester Priory Park. Tilly, Lea and Christie all scored over 25 runs and Lea bagged three wickets in the Petworth match; in the low scoring match with West Chilt, Emily and Nyah were the main run getters, whilst Tilly and Emily scored well in the comfortable win over Chichester Priory Park. The girls U11 lost their only match to Arundel.

The women's still new softball team had a close encounter with West Chilt, losing by just 6 runs, and then suffered a bigger defeat at the hands of Rustington before gathering at the County Ground in Hove with other women's teams from across Sussex to take part in the Lacuna Sports Women's Softball Festival on Sunday 25 June. Our stand-out players were Luna Nash with the bat and Alice Cunningham with the ball in a win against Roffey and a defeat by Haywards Heath.

On the fund-raising front for the pavilion development project, our Crowdfunding campaign has been progressing well with a race night, a quiz and a Ladies' cocktail evening taking us to over 75% of our £30k target set by our donor Sport England.

Chris Winter



WEST CHILTINGTON FLORAL CLUB (AFFILIATED TO NAFAS)

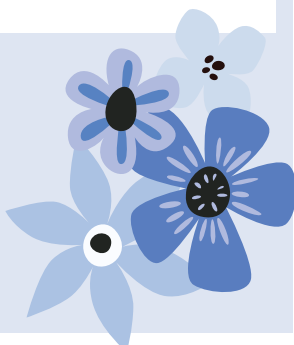
Tuesday 19 August, 7pm for 7.30pm start
We welcome Michelle King with her demonstration
'Once Upon a Time'

Visitors are most welcome - £7 on the door

Sales Table, Refreshments and Raffle

For more information and to book a place, please contact:
Carol on 01798 813608 or Brenda on 01798 813712

Email: wchiltfloralclub@gmail.com



We are looking forward to our November production of *Nobody's Perfect*, a comedy by Simon Williams, directed by Susan Goble. It will take place on the evenings of 20, 21 and 22 November at West Chillington Village Hall. Rehearsals start in September. We are particularly keen to hear from anyone who would like to help out Front of House at performances. Roles include meeting and greeting, ushering, selling programmes, serving tea and coffee at the interval, running the raffle and serving on the bar. You can also watch the show free from the back of the Hall, if you wish. If you are interested in helping, please contact Angela at chair@wclds.co.uk.



Our June Play Reading for Fun at The Five Bells in West Chillington was very popular. *Mixed Doubles* by Lynn Brittney was well-received by 32 members and guests, many of whom had a turn at reading a part. It was a funny play and a very enjoyable evening. Our next Play Reading for Fun is on Wednesday 24 September at The Five Bells. Booking details will be available nearer the time.

More information about our friendly, established Society can be found on our website www.wclds.co.uk, including how to join.

Angela Sloan, Chair WCDS

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STORRINGTON FLOWER CLUB

Storrington Flower Club's May meeting was well-attended and we welcomed a new demonstrator, Jennifer Thompson, with her title *Flowers in Rhyme*. Her flowers depicted her various titles: *Tea for Two* with beautiful tea-coloured carnations, *Ring a Ring of Roses* with gorgeous bi-coloured roses to name but a few. She created ten designs overall, and I was lucky enough to win a hand-tied bouquet in the raffle!

The Club competition was *Teacup and Saucer* with imaginative use of flowers and foliage used by Club members producing an array of charming cups and saucers for members and visitors to view and enjoy.

Our Club's Summer Workshop on 7 June was *An Approach to Ikebana* in the morning and the afternoon *A Pave Design*. Members and visitors coped with the intricacies of Ikebana which is not as easy as it looks, trying not to impale yourself on the Kenzan (pin holder) whilst placing your foliage and

flowers into the precise angles required by the style of Ikebana. The afternoon however was gentler, arranging a *Pave* design. When placed together the *Paves* resembled a carpet of mosaic designed flowers, just a joy to see. Everyone worked hard and the day was delightful.

Do visit our friendly Club where you will find a warm welcome; you do not have to be a flower arranger, just come along to be entertained for an afternoon with flowers, tips on flower arranging, not to mention friendly faces and a cuppa! I look forward to welcoming members to our lovely Club as well as visitors alike.

"Where flowers bloom so does hope" with Fun, Flowers, and Friendship.

More details please contact Chrissy Desmond 01903 742102

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Chairman – Storrington Flower Club



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After England's warmest and sunniest spring, June 2025 had a lot to live up to. And it did for when the month ended the Met Office announced that across England it had turned out the warmest on record. In our district, though I registered a slightly warmer June in 2023 and taking in the UK as whole, this continues to hold the top spot for the warmest June.

June 2025 was another very sunny month, and it was drier than average. I recorded 21 days with no measurable rain. The air pressure was above par too and in summer this tends to lead to clear skies with plenty of sunshine. On the day of the Summer Solstice, the 21st, I recorded a maximum temperature at Heath Common of 29°C and in London it reached 33.4°C, the warmest temperature for this date in our national record.

The month began with a fine day, and I had a pleasant walk through the towering pine woods on Sullington Warren with the dappled sunlight filtering through to the forest floor. But the month did have a couple of stormy moments and one of them provided quite a shock to some residents of nearby Pulborough. On Saturday 7th a band of heavy



showers moved across our area and gave a spell of torrential rain with some lightning and claps of thunder. However, in the Rivermead area of Pulborough a tornado formed over the Pulborough Brooks and swept in from the southwest, a typical direction for tornadoes in the UK. It snapped the tops off some tall willow trees, felled fences and toppled smaller trees and debris was strewn along streets and gardens. It was classified as a T2 tornado on the TORRO Scale which meant that winds could have reached 70 to 90 mph.

Tornadoes favour a flat landscape to form on and Pulborough Brooks was ideal, and the atmosphere was particularly unstable on the 7th. They are more common than we realise, and we have more tornadoes per square mile than any other country in the world, with the exception of Holland.

On Friday 13th severe thunderstorms formed over a very hot France and moved north into the Channel, but they quickly died down in intensity and gave only a distant rumble of thunder for us and a couple of millimetres of rain. The rest of the month was warm or hot with

less than 5mm of rain falling so the monthly total of 35.3mm was only around 60 per cent of the average. Conditions were perfect on the 29th when I visited Findon Place when it opened its gardens to the public as part of the National Garden Scheme for Charity. Their lavenders looked particularly happy as it originates from the Mediterranean and thrives in hot, sunny conditions. Will July continue in similar mode? See next month's Weather Watch.



Ian Currie

*Weatherman, Speaker, Broadcaster,
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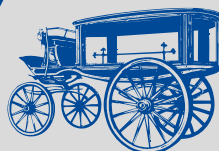
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