

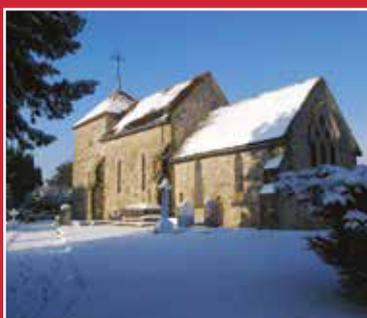
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***Her Majesty's
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6 February 1952***



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PARISH
CLERGY



Our family year kicks off with my niece Rosie's birthday in early January. One of the reasons for mum and I moving back to Sussex was to be nearer to my brother Adrian, his wife Vicki, and daughter Rosie. When we came back, Rosie was still in primary school. In January she celebrated her 18th birthday! Where has the time gone?

February sees more family birthdays, including mine. I can remember being 18 and going to university for the first time. In fact, it doesn't seem that long ago that I was at Uni and enjoying independent student life. However, it is actually 42 years ago as this year I hit 60!!

60 seems so old. I almost have to pinch myself that I have achieved this great age already. When I started work back in 1986 I was planning to retire at 61. In those days women received their state pension at 60 and I would have done my 37 years of ministry for a full church pension by 61. Now I am looking at 67 for my state pension to kick in. It's a different world from the one in which my dad retired at 56, after 40 years in the workplace. Dad was blessed with 24 years of retirement. I'm going to be lucky to have more than 10.

Birthdays and ages have got me thinking about ministry priorities. A lot of emphasis in recent Church of England communication has been focussing on ministry to young people. I understand the importance of communicating the good news of Jesus Christ to a new generation, and I have been involved in a lot of children's and youth work in the past. But, having myself reached the great age of 60, I'm getting a bit fed up of the constant emphasis on youth. Ministry to young people is of course important. But too often it seems to me to be at the expense of ministry to older people.

I often come back to the phrase 'if God gives you lemons, make lemonade'. Well, in Storrington God has given me lots of older people! It is a fact that the population of Storrington and Sullington is significantly older than the norm. It is not really surprising. It is a lovely area to retire to with the South Downs National Park on your doorstep and the coast only 10 miles away. And the village (small town?) of Storrington has lots of shops and a lively community to get involved in. Then Chichester, Horsham and Worthing are only a few miles distant if you want theatre, or bigger shops, or a cinema.

Like all the other churches in the Deanery, we at St Mary's Storrington have been looking at our mission priorities. Chief among these is our mission to older people. As a result we have now made our *Café in the Church* twice monthly, running on the second and fourth Wednesday mornings. There is a Eucharist at 10am if people wish to attend a short, midweek service and then coffee and chat start at 10.30 until 12 noon. Anyone from the community is welcome to come; it is not just for 'church' people. It is a great chance to make friends. On a fifth Wednesday we have *Tea at 2pm*. This is in

response to the comment from some that their medical issues make it difficult to come out in the morning. Again there is first a Eucharist and then tea and chat. It is open to anyone and you can just turn up for Communion, or just turn up for the tea.

February is a good month to think about our ministry to older people. On 2 February we celebrate the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, Candlemas. This story celebrates the ministry of Simeon, who is always pictured as an older man, and the prophecy of Anna, who was 84 or thereabouts. Simeon proclaims Jesus as "a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel". Anna praises God and prophesies that Jesus will redeem Jerusalem. The faith and wisdom of Simeon and Anna are crucial to the story of Jesus Christ. The faith and wisdom of our congregation, many of whom are elderly, are also crucial to the story of Jesus Christ and to the story of our churches in these communities. May we too celebrate our older members, support them and nourish them.

CANON KATHRYN WINDSLOW
Rector of Storrington

PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

O God, give me the strength
to look up and not down,
to look forward and not back,
to look out and not in
and to lend a hand.

Edward Everett Hale



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.

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What's happening at

St Mary's Thakeham



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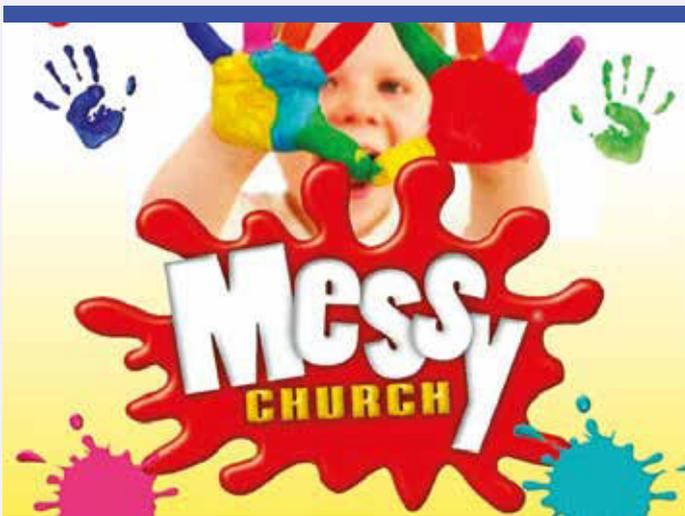
Safeguarding Officer

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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



MESSY CHURCH BREAKFAST

12 February

Start 10.30am

Thakeham Village Hall

ST MARY'S CHURCH THAKEHAM

Invites you to

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday 26 February 9am to- 10.30am-ish

Thakeham Church Room

Good food, good company, a time for you!

Inspirational speakers on different topics

The format is to be informal, with wholesome breakfast fare

Everyone welcome, either bring a friend
or come along on your own

Enjoy some female time, which will boost your weekend

To book your place for catering or further information

Please contact Caroline on 07920 764310

No charge for this event but donations most welcome



Thakeham Knit and Stitch Group



Next meeting is on
Tuesday 15 February
2pm - 4pm

and every 3rd Tuesday of each month

Thakeham Church Room

Further information available from Wynn Lednor on 743025

FRIDAY NIGHT CLUB

Youth Group for
10 to 18 year olds

4 February

7.30pm to 9pm

Thakeham Village Hall

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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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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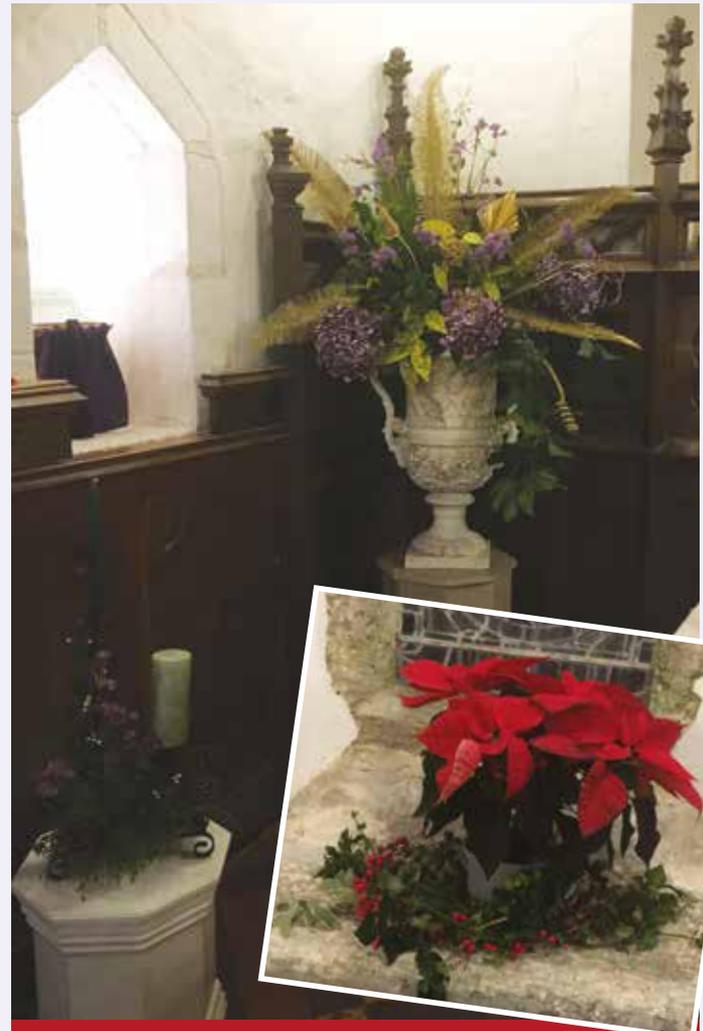
Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in us

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.



On 12 December St Mary's Church, Sullington welcomed Archdeacon Ruth of Horsham, pictured with Churchwarden John Williams.



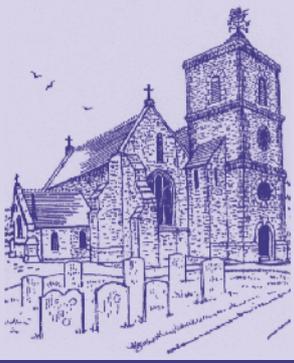
Christmas flowers in Church

Tea with the Vicar

Thursday 10 February 2.45pm,
at Greenacres, Southlands Lane,
West Chilington
Weather permitting!

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





What's happening at St Mary's Storrington

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

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

Verger
 Michael Taylor (742218)

Sacristy Team
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Captain of Bellringers
 John Taylor (745477)

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 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 Jacquie Peal – 743083.
Altar Servers: Revd Jacquie 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)

STORRINGTON REGISTERS 2021

Funerals – we commend to God's nearer keeping ...
 23 Dec Brian George Belchamber (81 years)
Interment of ashes only:
 15 Dec Marion Ticehurst (79 years)

ASH WEDNESDAY, 2 March

The main service to mark the start of Lent will take place on this day at 7.00pm: sung Eucharist with imposition of ashes.

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.

FACE COVERINGS/MASKS IN CHURCH

Out of consideration for others, please wear a face covering/face mask inside the Church building; use the hand sanitiser provided; maintain an appropriate distance from others most of the time; and sing through your mask if there is singing in a service (The Choir will lead singing without masks). These arrangements will be reviewed and adjusted when appropriate.

LENT TALKS AT ST MARY'S, STORRINGTON

During the season of Lent a series of five talks presented by the Revd. Rupert Toovey will explore the themes of Jesus Christ, the Trinity, Creation, Work and Relationship through art. The talks, illustrated with images, will be held at St Mary's, Storrington **every Tuesday evening starting at 7pm from 8 March to the 5 April**. Each session will last approximately 1 ½ hours and all are welcome.

The course will open with a brief overview of Christian art in Sussex over the last thousand years and the revival of church patronage of the arts, particularly in the Diocese of Chichester in the 20th century.

Learning when bound up with worship comes alive in a particular way. The sessions will open with a brief time of prayer followed by a talk and will conclude with a form of Compline. The session exploring work and relationship will include the celebration of a Eucharist.



IN MEMORIAM

BETTY BAZIRE

Sadly, Betty Bazire died on 5 December, 2021, aged 100. Betty was a very dear lady and loved by all who knew her.

She had been a member of the Sandgate Conservation Society since its inception in 1974, when her husband, Peter, and Roy Armstrong organised the creation of the Society.



Not to be put off by advancing years, Betty continued to take an active role in the Sandgate Conservation Society. The highlight of the year was the barbecue in the glade in her Little Coppice garden. In the 25 years it was held, not one was lost to rain, and who can forget sitting around the fire singing our favourite songs, including *Ging-Gang-Gooley*.



In 1948, Betty and Peter were married in Storrington and moved into Sandgate in 1973 after Peter had retired from the Royal Navy as Lieutenant Commander. Peter was the instigator of the Sullington Parish Hall, where a plaque is mounted in his honour.



Betty was a very quiet and unassuming individual and it would surprise many that she led a very different life during the Second World War. She was called up to serve King & Country in 1941, an event that many are unaware of, where women, as well as men, were called up to serve the Nation. She was aged 20, and wanted to be an Army Nurse, but when they found out she had learned to speak German at school, they immediately drafted her into MI919 Combined Services Details Intelligence Centre (CSDIC) in Beaconsfield, where she had to sign the Official Secrets Act. True to form, Betty never discussed any of the work she carried out during that interesting part of her life, other than to say that she carried out general office duties.



It is no surprise that Betty became really involved in computers, digital cameras and the internet, e-mailing, sending pictures around the world and writing to friends and relatives. Betty did it all, and in amongst all of that she kept the German going using one of the earliest Language Apps.

We all loved Betty, and everyone who knew her will really miss her.

St Mary's Church, Storrington

Cafe in the Church

2nd and 4th Wednesdays
9 and 23 February

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

Church@4pm

at St Mary's Church, Storrington

Sunday, 27 February 2022

Theme: Living in God's Creation

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

Three circular icons: "LEARNING ABOUT JESUS" with a baby Jesus, "SINGING" with a girl holding a microphone, and "MAKING THINGS" with a girl at a table.

TRANSPORT

1. Bicycle / tandem
2. Old Ford car
3. Jumbo Jet
4. Penny Farthing
5. Bin
6. Barrow
7. Steamer
8. Pedestrian
9. Slow boat
10. Catamaran

OUR FEATHERED FRIEND LEST BIRDS BE MISCONSTRUED

1. Albatross
2. Owl
3. Sea Eagle
4. Birdie
5. Red Kite
6. Ostrich
7. Eagle
8. Lark
9. Dove
10. Dipper

THE BEGINNING PLEASE – THE END SUPPLIED

1. Tell out my soul the greatness of the Lord
2. Be thou my vision
3. I cannot tell why
4. Mine eyes have seen the glory
5. Away in a manger
6. Born in the night
7. For all the saints
8. Magnificat / My soul doth magnify the Lord
9. Brightest and best

10. Nunc dimittis / Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace

ABBREVIATIONS

1. Répondez s'il vous plait
2. Cambridge University
3. National Trust
4. I owe you
5. Pawn to King 4
6. Financial Times Stock Exchange
7. Poliomyelitis
8. Value Added Tax
9. Xi Jinping
10. Metropolitan Police

SPORT

1. Chess
2. Lacrosse
3. Golf
4. Rugby
5. Liverpool - football
6. Sussex - cricket
7. Hockey
8. Water polo
9. Darts
10. Bridge

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

1. Parsnip
2. Stuffing
3. Mince pie
4. Pigs in blankets
5. Brussel sprouts
6. Gravy
7. Christmas pudding
8. Angel delight / Angels on Horseback
9. Hot dog

10. Brandy butter

GET ONE AND YOU WILL ANSWER THEM ALL

1. Tennis elbow
2. Achilles tendon
3. Housemaid's knee
4. Cold shoulder
5. Sticky finger
6. Headache / heart attack
7. Stomach ache / sprained ankle
8. Two minds
9. Bad temper / brain tumour
10. Bad mood / bacterial meningitis

DINGBATS

1. Once upon a time
2. Under arrest
3. Somewhere over the rainbow
4. Glance backwards
5. Sunny side up
6. About turn
7. Turn up
8. Square root

9. Utopia
10. Inspire

CHRISTMAS ANAGRAMS

1. Bethlehem
2. Santa Claus
3. Candlelight
4. Mistletoe
5. Three Kings
6. Carols
7. Infant Holy
8. Wise men
9. Manger
10. Peace

SIGNS/SYMBOLS

1. Ichthus
2. Pi
3. Disabled
4. Derestricted cross / national speed limit
5. Semi-colon
6. Degrees Fahrenheit
7. Sunrise
8. Thumbs down
9. Approximately equal

We hope you have all enjoyed having a go at this year's Sullington and Thakeham Churches' Christmas Quiz with family and friends over Christmas and the New Year. Thanks go, as ever, to Harold Linfield for setting the Quiz and to everyone who kindly distributed it through the local churches, the Village Hub, Meadow Stores and elsewhere. There were a good number of entries, all incredibly high scoring but the winners are Sheila and Andrew Boulton by just one point from Chrystalle and Stuart Kersley. Congratulations and well-done to everyone. As an added bonus, about £300 has been raised for Family Support Work.



CHRISTMAS CAFÉ IN THE CHURCH AT ST MARY'S, STORRINGTON

We had a really good morning on 22 December.

There were 16 people at Holy Communion, followed by mince pies, mulled wine, tea and coffee, all to the accompaniment of Christmas Carol's, over the PA system.

So many people helped so efficiently to make Christingles that they were all done by 11.30 am!

The morning ended with a splendid raffle, freshly handmade and iced Christmas cake, several bottles of wine including some 'fizz' and a host of other excellent prizes.

There was a lot of laughter and conversation; altogether a good time was had by all.

As well as having a very good time we were able to give FSW £162.00 from the raffle and donations on the day, supplemented by a further £25.00 from SPACE. Thank you to everyone!

Special thanks to Gwen for organising the Christingle production and the catering team for all their hard work.



GETTING TO KNOW YOU...

From Thakeham Church this month, we have Mike and Caroline Beardall, whom I interviewed together as they consider themselves to be very much a team in every aspect of their lives.

Mike had always wanted to be in the Navy and started at the age of three by commanding his own bathtub boat.

Aged 18, he joined the Royal Navy and spent a happy 37 years with them, retiring in 2019 as a Commodore. Between 2003 and 2005 Mike commanded HMS Cardiff, a guided missile destroyer. After this, Mike moved to the MoD and worked mainly in maritime security. From November 2010 to May 2011 he was based on an Iraqi oilrig, commanding a multi-national task group responsible for helping to protect the export of oil, and training the Iraqi navy and marines so they could take over the role for themselves. Apparently, there were not many vicars on the oilrig so a visit from one was always a welcome treat.

From 2011 until his retirement, Mike moved to Defence media and communications, including PR. It was during this time that he and Caroline met and subsequently married.

Since Mike's retirement he has spent much time working for the Royal Navy & Royal Marines Charity, working to support Sailors and Marines, their families and veterans. Mike is also the Chief Executive of the Naval Review, the Navy's professional journal. In his spare time Mike enjoys his lifelong love of cricket and still plays regularly; he is Chairman of the Broadhalfpenny Down Preservation Trust. Broadhalfpenny Down is often referred to as the "cradle of cricket" and 2022 is a special year as it is the 250th Anniversary of the first 'First Class' match which was played on the Down, so a year of celebrations kicked off with a New Year's Day match which was reported in *The Times* and *The Telegraph*.

Caroline is also involved in supporting Mike in both the cricket and their shared love of steam trains, specifically the Bluebell Railway. They were proud to tell me they are now qualified cleaners for the Bluebell Line and intend to progress further by becoming, firstly, firemen, right through to becoming qualified drivers. Caroline has a large and original Hornby "0" gauge tin plate train set.

Their home, found by them on Mike's 50th birthday and two days before their wedding, is their pride and joy with its uninterrupted view of Chanctonbury Ring.

Caroline's working life has, until the last few months, been spent in the NHS, initially as a District Nurse, then working in Management and HR, until her appointment in April 2019 as Regional Chief People Officer for the South East of England. So when the pandemic started in March 2020, she was in charge of 250,000 staff and with the logistical challenge of ensuring those staff were placed most appropriately, bearing in mind the totally unexpected need for Nightingale hospitals during the early weeks of the crisis. Eighteen-hour days became Caroline's normal routine for many months as she and her team sought to fulfil this huge responsibility.

Caroline also spent much of that time setting up a team of NHS reservists who were organised along the lines of the military Reserves, ready to be called on whenever and wherever the need was greatest. Alongside this, Caroline and her team were part of the national logistical organisation of the vaccine rollout, ensuring staff were there to give vaccines, and the vaccines were in the right place at the right time. Caroline is now looking forward to a different type of challenge as she has recently started work as a partner for one of the big four consultancy and management firms, EY.

It is perhaps likely that Caroline will now have more time to pursue some of her other hobbies, amongst which she numbers pottery lessons with Andrew Blacklock, her 'Master Potter'; astronomy, and she has her own telescope and loved a visit to Cape Canaveral; and also enjoys Pilates/yoga, bridge, tennis, gardening, embroidery, good coffee and a bacon sarnie on Saturday mornings!

When asked who / what they are praying for specifically at the moment they said an end to COVID and a return to normality, along with a successful international response to combat global warming.



ECO CHURCH – IS IT INSULTING TO CALL SOMEONE FRUGAL?

I want to rehabilitate the word 'frugal'. Various on-line dictionaries define it as "economical or sparing as regards money or food". I even found a frequently asked question that said "is it an insult to call someone frugal?" The word has a touch of meanness about it, or, at best, and old-fashioned feel – all that 1950's rationing and being careful. However, I want to change how we think about 'frugal'; I'd like it to be a real compliment to say someone is frugal.

So, why all this fuss about a word? Well, let me ask you a question: do you buy too much food? I do. I love to see a full fruit bowl, and to have lots of choice. The consequence is that I often find something mouldy in the bottom, or my apple has gone a bit squidgy and wrinkly and no longer the tempting piece of fruit it was once. In November 2021 the



Office for National Statistics reported that 70% of food waste comes from households. I am one of those people, buying too much and then throwing it away when it's mouldy or gone off! Although I, and others, have got better – we throw away 15% less now than we did in 2007. It's not good enough though; food waste in the UK costs about £19 billion per year, that's roughly £280 per person. It isn't just wrong to waste food when in other parts of the world people are still starving, each thing I throw away uses resources to be produced, packaged and transported to the shop where I bought it. So I'm contributing to all our modern problems associated with climate change.

What can you and I do about it? Here are some ideas:

- Make a shopping list every time you shop and only include what you know you need.
- When you shop try not to pick up something because it 'looks nice'; if it's not on your list, you don't need it! (On-line shopping makes this much easier.)
- Don't be tempted by the "buy one, get one free" deals except for long-life, non-perishable items.
- If you buy non-packaged fruit and vegetables, you can count out exactly the number you need.
- Smaller packets that you actually use up are cheaper in the long run than a large packet that goes way out of 'use by' date and gets thrown away.
- Try to be realistic about how much you need to cook for a meal. ("He who cooks for me" is a notorious over-caterer, but he's working on it!)
- Finally, learn to use up leftovers. My husband's guru, Mrs Beeton, has a whole section called "Réchauffés", a bit posher than leftovers! My favourite on-line site is www.lovefoodhatewaste.com/recipes.

All of this is good for the environment, and good for your pocket and waistline. What's not to like?



Christingle to chocolate pudding

Speaking of leftovers – we had quite a lot of Christingles left over because the combination of Covid and weather caused far fewer people than usual to turn out on Christmas Eve. I'm grateful to Stephen Bloxham (a man who knows his puddings as well as his music) for this recipe that turns a Christingle orange into chocolate pudding.

You need:

- 2 oz sugar (I like to use dark brown, but any sugar will do)
- 2 oz butter
- 1 Christingle orange (Grated rind and juice – take the red sticky tape/ribbon off it before grating it!).
- 1 egg
- 3 oz self-raising flour
- 2 Tablespoons cocoa powder

Beat the sugar, butter and orange rind together. Beat in the egg. Beat in the flour, cocoa powder and orange juice.

Spoon into a microwaveable bowl (or several - 1/2 pint bowls - you could also use mugs or tea cups.) Don't fill more than about half-way.

Loosely cover the bowl/cup with a plate and microwave for a couple of minutes until the pudding is cooked. Smaller puddings will cook more quickly than big ones. You can also freeze them uncooked, and microwave from frozen.

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

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THE ROTARY CLUB OF STORRINGTON & PULBOROUGH DISTRICT



Rotarian Matthew Wykes
loading a delivery of
Christmas Sacks



Rotary distributes Christmas Sacks to families

Christmas is a happy and exciting time but making it special can be challenging for some families, which is why Storrington & Pulborough District Rotary Club distributed Christmas Sacks again this year to families in the area.

Thanks to donations from The Chanctonbury Lions Club, Hanwells of Storrington, Storrington Car accessories and many very kind generous people, £5,500 was raised. Lots of toys, games and soft toys were also donated at a trolley collection at Tesco and Rotary was able to give sacks including gifts, Christmas goodies, clothing and a cash voucher to 57 families in the area.

Rotary ran a raffle for the Christmas Sack Appeal sponsored by Fowlers of Storrington. The draw was made on Saturday 18 December by Rotary President, Paul Weaver, in Place Villerest, Storrington, where Rotary sells books regularly on a Saturday morning.

"It was a real pleasure to bring extra Christmas joy to these families and we thank once again, the generous people in our community for their support" said President Paul. "Leader, June Greenyer, and other Club members worked hard to ensure we were able to spread the Christmas spirit as widely as possible across our district".

For further information contact Paul Weaver pafw@live.co.uk , or 743004.

Mike Lavender

Storrington Macular Group

in partnership with
**Pulborough Sight
Problems Group**

22 February



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



World Day of Prayer

Inter-Church Service for the Storrington Area

**Friday 4 March at 2pm
St Mary's Church, Thakeham**

Theme:

**I know the plans I have for you
prepared by women of England,
Wales and Northern Ireland**

The origins of World Day of Prayer date back to the 19th century when Christian women in the USA and Canada initiated a variety of cooperative activities in support of women's involvement in mission, at home and abroad. It is from such roots as these that WDP has taken its present shape – a worldwide ecumenical movement of Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action.



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 1 February – Chemin Neuf Community will lead

Tuesday, 1 March – Church of England will lead

One in faith and love and praise



CHEMIN NEUF COMMUNITY The Priory, School Lane, Storrington

EVENTS AT THE PRIORY

5 DAY SPIRITUAL EXERCISES OF ST IGNATIUS

13-18 February

Sunday evening to Friday lunchtime • Storrington Priory

Led by members of Chemin Neuf Community

Have time to pray and listen to God

Suggested contribution £260 – £320, but don't let finances be a hindrance to coming

For more details of either event:

www.chemin-neuf.org.uk

Email: storrington@chemin-neuf.org

DID YOU KNOW.....?

Candlemas, 2 February, is the fortieth day after the birth of Christ, and was the day on which the purification of the mother and the presentation of the son should occur. Also known in England as The Wives' Feast.

*"If Candlemas Day be fair and bright,
Winter will have another flight
But if it be dark with clouds and rain,
Winter is gone, and will not come again."*



SULLINGTON 160 YEARS AGO

EXTRACTS FROM CANON PALMER'S DIARY – FEBRUARY 1862

Sat 1: Very, very warm, dull. My mother spent today in town, taking up one domestic Mary Saunders, and bringing down another Annie Johnson, 'Both of Huntingdon' – a letter from there says that both Mr and Mrs Vesey have been very ill, the former with biliousness and rheumatism and the latter with diarrhoea. Had a first meeting (monthly) of school children (7).

Sun 2: Epiphany IV. The weather is as yesterday with dropping fog in the morning. Find that my congregations, when compared with this Sunday last year, small, but I see no cause for complaint as there is much illness about. In the morning from 'Miracle of healing the deaf and dumb' only noticed by S Clarke. Rowley kindly gave us a sermon in afternoon 'What shall a man give in exchange for his soul'. Not so good as last Sunday being a little languid and discursive towards the finish. Today has been very oppressive...glass at 50 degrees. Snowdrops and Herpaticas, blackbirds and thrushes. Annie (sister) began her readings to the servants this evening; they all seem delighted.

Mon 3: Muggy and foggy morning and evening. 51 degrees. Took Annie to Wiggonholt where lunched, meeting Ed Curzons there Mrs Woods. Administered Holy Sacrament to Farmer and Mrs Barnard. Wrote to David King to console him during his family's general illness and to make inquiries.

Tue 4: Very warm with fog. 50 degrees. Letter from Thomas Goltant at the success at 6 Marlborough boys at the Woolwich games. Drove to Ashington saw Mrs B called at Murdoch's *en retourant*. Night school this evening after some 4 weeks closed. Only 5 now and began to read to them 'Gentleman Harry'.

Wed 5: Brisk wind with warm sun. 49 degrees. A day of gardening sowing peas etc. The day was so enchanting.

Thu 6: Fine and warm. 46 degrees. Walked with my mother to Rowdell; had a long talk with the old major, who is getting around very comfortably, to all appearances. Dined at Wiggonholt meeting some new people and old. Father, Barttelot, Brown, Gorings, Mr and Mrs Arbuthnot, Mr Ryecroft (author of the clerical books that have had such a good run) and Captain and Mrs Montgomerie: a little fresherate is enlivening. The author was a handsome but weakly looking man...among other things he remarked that 'he would not give a ha'penny for a life spent by the measure of perpetual, cold, prudence'!

Fri 7: Fine bright but very cold north easterly. 36 degrees. Nothing of consequence done today. To Storrington in afternoon wind searching.

Sat 8: Light showers of snow from North. Gleaming intervals. Drove to Stopham where lunched; after lunch to the Rectory, inspected new house which looks to me very cleverly designed. Saw the M.P. who had just come down from the Opening: says Palmerston looks very hearty. 4 to the station to meet Drake (pupil) who on arrival was whirled off by me 'as 'twas passing cold'; seems quiet and amiable.

Sun 9: Epiphany VI. Fine bright frosty. Glass fell a little about noon. Rather expected the Rev J R to help today, but the wind was so fierce that I could hardly expect him to venture. Walked with Drake and found him interesting and companionable.

Mon 10: Fine and very bright, thaw. Our work day has begun in earnest, 9 – 12, 6 – 7, 8 – 10, making in all 6 hours. Chatfield is laid up, so to Storrington for letters. Wrote to H. Warren of whom Brown reported badly.

Tue 11: My boy very studious. Drove with him to call upon Mrs Bristow at Wiston who has been obliged to part with the girl, short because of family ailment. Chatfield poorly in bed with rheumatism. Edward writes of very severe treatment, even to galvanism for constipation. Our cook announces her approaching marriage.

Prescott poem is engaging me: the conduct of Pizarro foul, foul!

Wed 12: Dull but much milder. Chatty walked, accompanied here by pretty Bob on his Shetland, (Mac) Chatfield's grandfather died suddenly on Sunday night. The boy himself is better but still confined to the cottage.

Thu 13: Occasionally overcast, otherwise fine. Burne writes that he will preach for me in May. Annie is not coming from Stopham until tomorrow when she will bring Charlie (Charlotte). Walked to Cobden with Drake who, being new to it, enjoyed all much – a bright dash of sun over the sea by the bill might have been taken for veritable sky, had not a ship not been desired in the middle of it – round by Parham and so down the Storrington track.

Fri 14: Fine but dull. NW to E wind. A good letter from H W, saying that he is not so poorly as Maria makes him out to be. Walked with Drake to Threales in North West cottages. Mrs Saunders and 1 child (2), in other Mrs Cooper and one with 'love child' of her husband's aged 12 named Elizabeth Linfield. Charlie and Annie arrived from Stopham.

Sat 15: Fine with cold NE wind. Drove Annie and Drake to Parham; we to the house he in the park meantime; the old horse behaved childishly. Makes my subjects pretty easy by an exam paper of the subject of the week. Music this evening for first time for many months. Old Bob yesterday entered his 88th year.

Sun 16: Septuagesima. Fine and brisk. Preached for the miracle of the epileptic boy, Mark and Luke IX. In afternoon from 'The Reasons Why Good and Bad are to remain until the Harvest' meaning the Day of Judgement. Walked to Fryen after Church to bear a note from Charlie, who is unable to get there through cold. A melancholy letter from Edward, who seems to get no better.

Mon 17: Rain and fog. Pig slain. Mrs Woods, Major Sandham were called on. Music in evening.

Tue 18: Fine, sea drift about 11am. Drove to Worthing with Chatfield leaving by the 11.40 train for Portsmouth. (Second class 5/6) took an hours walk to have a look south seawards and started again at 2.15 (first class 5/-) Got to Winchester at 3.30 and found poor Ned on the sofa with his swellings but cheerful: not able to move about at all yet. Godwenna is attending him. In evening 3 friends dropped in: Van Deleur the Irishman, Harington a boy whom V was not enthusiastic: Warren and Bouchier the lucky: this latter is now Major; he was in the rifle pits with Tryon and got his honours. After a long talk with V got away at 11 – past the sentry and away to the George Inn – a gloomy old fashioned hotel.

Wed 19: Breakfasted at the antique coffee room of the George at HAM. Then to Ned's rooms, he hopes to get away in a week to ten days. Off by the 9.54 for Havant. Then at 11.22 waiting about 5 minutes for Angmering arriving at 12.22 then to my legs. Through Angmering (a short mile) ; then to the Shoreham Road to Patching turning up by the 'Racehorse' to the right to the church, thereby field into the copse path which brought me out against Michelgrove clock tower and so by Blackpatch home: I should guess a distance of about 7 miles, a fair two hours of moderate walking, for the last four and a half miles rain.

Thu 20: Very warm 51 degrees at 9 am! Letter from Hartley at the 'Agricultural'; wants me to go down there at Easter. To Storrington after lunch with Annie and Drake. Paid some bills. Brown would have me take a pupil, but terms too high, I fear.

Fri 21: Drove Annie and Charlie to Highden Drake went up to Chanctonbury Ring.

Sat 22: Very warm bright morning dull afternoon. Bill carried in the Common's by 11.

Sun 23: Sexagesima. Damp and foggy. Felt my throat much relaxed from this extremely mild weather: After church sauntered down to Storrington Common and lounged amongst the clump of trees as one would do on a summers day!

Mon 24: Cold wind from NE Henry turned up riding from Down Place. Drake fills the front bed with wild flowers *Pro Tem*.

Tue 25: Fine and brisk, very cold NE and strong. Drove Harriet and Charlie (she in the Cabriolet) to Fryen to lunch then took a funeral for Whiting (Storrington) and so back to Fryen and home. Harriers intended upon my garden with THAT master of theirs. Put in peas being in fair time this year when compared with second week in March in '61.

Wed 26: Dull and sweeping strong wind from NE. This is a very strong day, can hardly keep ones hat on one's head and so cold. Dig hard to put in some potatoes and so kept warm but had a bitter drive at night to Wiston and where met a family party of Thomas. These are Rottingdean and Wrattton party: also the Charles Gorings. The bride is certainly very pretty, but wants mind, at least in her face – she is without any disrespect a moon faced beauty of Millais type with auburn hair.

Thu 27: As yesterday but colder. An amusing scene in the House on Monday. Breach of privilege by the O'Donoghue, who had challenged Robert Peal to single combat for certain words which he deemed insulting. They referred to the meeting in the rotunda at Dublin by 'manikin traitors' just at the time of this American question at which the O'Donoghue was present – snubbed by Palmerston and the speaker and the House and the 'Times'. Long walk with Drake to Storrington, Wantley and Greenhurst – egg hunting! Plenty of warm weather cloudy and dull. Walked to Cobden in forenoon. Drove to Wiggonholt in afternoon with Annie calling at Whitings.

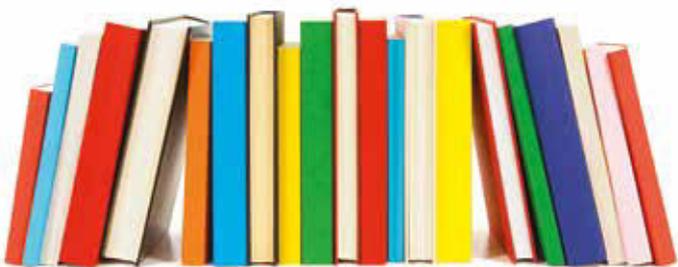
Fri 28: Frost but bright morning with the old NE wind. Today's cold slightly tempered by a fair sun. Walked with Clark to the Major, he glad to see us. Clark interpreted his carpet. Then I to the Union where took Blakeston's service – gave them an *extempore* address from Lesson from Ephesians. Shepard leaves my night school, and thanks me warmly.

BRINGING THE LIBRARY TO YOU

Is one of your New Year's Resolutions to read more, but you're unable to go to the library? Perhaps you know someone who would love to have access to library books but struggles to leave their home.

We don't like the thought of anyone missing out on the latest thriller, seasonal cookbook, or comforting saga!

Remember we can choose and deliver books and audiobooks to you with our Essential Delivery Service. To find out more, simply contact Storrington Library on 839050. A member of staff will have a chat through the available options.



WEST CHILTINGTON AND STORRINGTON MOTHERS' UNION

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

On 6 January, 14 members met at The Crown, Cootham, where we enjoyed a New Year Lunch.

Our AGM will be held on **3 February** at West Chiltington Church Hall at 2pm. This will be followed by 'Who is the baby face?' so all members are asked to bring along a baby photo of themselves.

Any outstanding subscriptions should also be paid at this meeting, and collecting boxes returned for counting.

Jean Hunt



STORRINGTON LIBRARY TO HOST NHS HEALTH CHECKS

Even though you might be feeling great, if you are over 40 you may be at risk of heart disease, stroke, kidney disease, diabetes and dementia. If you are aged 40-74, a FREE NHS Health Check can help you reduce the risks and stay healthy.

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For eligibility please see the following criteria:

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- High blood pressure
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- Kidney disease
 - Stroke
- Diabetes
- Heart disease
- Atrial fibrillation

Please call 0330 222 6999 for further information, to check your eligibility and book an appointment.

STORRINGTON FLOWER CLUB

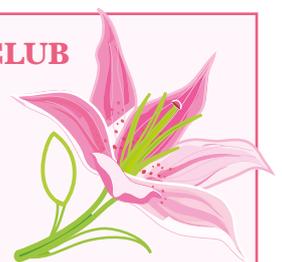
Wednesday 23 February 2pm
Sullington Parish Hall

Demonstrator: Barbara Caldecourt

Theme: Calendar Moments

Competition: Box Clever

New members and visitors welcome



CHURCH SERVICES AT A GLANCE

DATE	FESTIVAL OR SUNDAY	STORRINGTON St Mary's	THAKEHAM St Mary's	SULLINGTON St Mary's
6 February	Fourth Sunday before Lent	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Family Communion 6pm Evensong	10.30am Joint Thakeham/ Sullington 'Church for All' Service	8.30am Traditional BCP Communion 3pm Evensong
13 February	Third Sunday before Lent	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion 6pm Evensong	8.30am Celtic Communion 10.30am Morning Prayer	10.30am Holy Communion
		10.30am Joint Sullington/Thakeham Zoom service – for those who cannot attend in person. Log in details on the website calendar.		
20 February	Second Sunday before Lent	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion with Prayers for Healing	8.30am Celtic Communion	10.30am Joint Sullington/ Thakeham Holy Communion
27 February	Sunday Next before Lent	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion 4pm Church@4	10.30am Family Communion	8.30am Celtic Communion 10.30am Morning Prayer
2 March	ASH WEDNESDAY	7pm Ash Wednesday Eucharist with Imposition of ashes	6pm Ash Wednesday Service	
6 March	Lent 1	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Family Communion 6pm Evensong	10.30am Joint Thakeham/ Sullington 'Church for All' Service	8.30am Traditional BCP Communion 3pm Evensong

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

Midweek Celtic Communion Service at St Mary's Church, Sullington, on Wednesdays at 10.30am
 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 Opening Hours – Tel. 839050

Please call or see website for current information

STORRINGTON POP-IN LUNCH CLUB

**SUNDAY,
13 FEBRUARY**

For further information
contact Pat Webb on 893145



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, 13 February, at 1pm
at the Old School, School Lane, Storrington

Tickets (£4.00) are available from
Louisa Austin, Church Street, Storrington



WHAT'S ON

FEBRUARY	
Tue 1	
10am	Inter-Church Prayers – RC Church (side chapel) – p15
2pm	SPACE – Arts and Craft Club – p23
Wed 2	
10.30am	Midweek Celtic Communion – St Mary's, Sullington
Thu 3	
2pm	Mothers' Union – AGM – p17
7.30pm	Storrington Camera Club – Meeting – p30
Fri 4	
2.30pm	Storrington Museum – Talk – p27
7.30pm	Friday Night Club – Youth Group – p4
Sat 5	
10.30am	Storrington Conservation Society – Working Party – p24
Sun 6 4th Before Lent	
3pm	Storrington Cricket Club – Development Squad & Seniors – p23
Mon 7	
7pm	Storrington Slimmers – p23
Wed 9	
10am	Midweek Communion – St Mary's, Storrington
10.30am	Café in the Church – St Mary's, Storrington – p9
10.30am	Midweek Celtic Communion – St Mary's, Sullington
7.30pm	Rotary Film Night – <i>The Last Bus</i> – p33
Thu 10	
2.45pm	Tea with the Vicar – p4
Sat 12	
9.30am	Sandgate Conservation Society – Working Party – p26
10.30am	Messy Church – p4
Sun 13 3rd Before Lent	
1pm	Sunday Lunch Club – p18
3pm	Storrington Cricket Club – U9 & U10 – p23
Mon 14	
7pm	Storrington Slimmers – p23
Tue 15	
2pm	Knit and Stitch Tea – p4
2pm	SPACE – Arts and Craft Club – p23
Wed 16	
10.30am	Midweek Celtic Communion – St Mary's, Sullington
7.30pm	Sullington Windmills W1 – Meeting – p24
Thu 17	
7.30pm	Storrington Camera Club – Meeting – p30
Sun 20 2nd Before Lent	
3pm	Storrington Cricket Club – Girls – p23

Mon 21	
7pm	Storrington Slimmers – p23
Tue 22	
2pm	Storrington Macular Group – p15
Wed 23	
10am	Midweek Communion – St Mary's, Storrington
10.30am	Café in the Church – St Mary's, Storrington – p9
10.30am	Midweek Celtic Communion – St Mary's, Sullington
2pm	Storrington Flower Club – Meeting – p17
Sat 26	
9am	Women's Breakfast – p4
10am	Sandgate Conservation Society – Working Party – p26
Sun 27 Sunday Next Before Lent	
3pm	Storrington Cricket Club – U12 & U14 – p23
4pm	Church@4 – St Mary's, Storrington – p9
Mon 28	
7pm	Storrington Slimmers – p23

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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL DAYS

FEBRUARY	
Tue 1	PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE (Candlemas)
Wed 2	Anskar, 865 , known as 'Apostle of the North' (Europe)
Thu 3	<i>Gilbert of Sempringham, 118</i> , founder of the Gilbertine Order
Fri 5	<i>Accession of Queen Elizabeth II, 1952</i>
Wed 9	<i>Scholastica, c.543</i> , Roman Catholic Saint
Mon 13	Cyril and Methodius, 869 and 885 , brothers, Greek, principle Christian missionaries for Slavic people <i>Valentine, c.269</i> , associated with love since high Middle-Ages; this day also remembers other saints called Valentine
Tue 14	<i>Sigfrid, 1045</i> , apostle of Sweden, second 'Apostle of the North'
Wed 16	<i>Thomas Bray, 1730</i> , founded the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in 1701
Tue 22	Janani Luwum, 1977 , Archbishop of Church of Uganda, one of the most influential leaders of the modern church in Africa. Murdered in 1977 by Idi Amin
Sat 26	<i>Polycarp, c155</i> , a disciple of the apostle John, who ordained him bishop of Smyrna. According to David Trobisch, Polycarp may have been the one who compiled, edited, and published the New Testament
Wed 26	George Herbert, 1633 , Welsh-born English poet, orator and Anglican priest, important British lyricist

STORRINGTON & SULLINGTON – REFLECTIONS OF THE PAST

TWO REVEREND DYNASTIES – THE PALMERS OF SULLINGTON

– HENRY PALMER – PART 4

We left the newly-ordained Revd Henry Palmer at the beginning of October 1859 being inducted into his parish of Sullington by the Revd Henry Warren who had 'held the fort' for him since the death of his father, the Revd George Palmer, as the year 1859 turned.

The Revd Henry Palmer heard that his brother, George, had their names, his and his fiancée, Ellen Douglass, "proclaimed three times and then registered", and he was then making arrangements to travel to Scotland, the bride's home, to perform their wedding ceremony. Edward, his younger brother, had given up all chance of a first leave, hinting at "many changes soon." The Revd Henry paid his first Sullington parochial visit to "... poor Mrs Lindfield at Pigland" who seemed very glad to see him, "the poor woman is dying with heart and dropsy". From Sullington it was a journey to Town, to end what he called 'his Ordination, Institution and Induction Expedition' before returning to Huntingdon to complete his obligations to the Revd Gerald Vesey as his curate. His journal sums up this chapter in his life with a verse, entitled "Huntingdon Gossip".

How it ever could be

Few people could see

That he

In two short weeks sh^d be so metamorphosed

All the gossips in H – nt - - n neer were so sore posed

From deacon to priest, from Curate to Rector

Such a draught of Ecclesiastical nectar –

Would sure turn his head – how c^d he endure it?

So doubtless his friends

With the wisest of ends –

Wish to temper the cup with a little more curate.

The first thing the returned curate noticed was how much the church "... had got on swimmingly since I left", and then in his usual way, straight back into his duties and activities, the first of which was a militia review by a Col. Cox. Henry took a great interest in the militia and taught them in a specially-arranged night school. Many were almost illiterate or innumerate. He was also now teaching Challis Hebrew, reading parts of the bible. In the news, there was supposition of a war with France, and more locally and very much October weather, a terrible gale. On the 25th the ship *Royal Charter* bound from Australia to Liverpool was wrecked off Holyhead within one day's sail of its home port, with the loss of 470 lives.

A post-wedding letter from Annie said how much they all liked Ellen ... and in Huntingdon Mr Bailey "... my probable successor is trotted out." After preaching in the evening service, Henry "... supped with the Rector, Mr Bailey there – don't much like him." A letter from Edward complained, "... getting so fat he does not know what to do – a walk of 18 miles to Chichester only increased his weight." The Revd Gerald Vesey, G. and the Revd Henry Palmer went to Cambridge to attend a great meeting held to excite attention and interest in the Central African Mission originated by the suggestion of Livingstone. Henry describes the meeting and those "the notable attendees including Gladstone and Sir George Grey" who spoke.

The catastrophic gale was still filling the papers. At Newport in Monmouthshire it destroyed entirely the theatre. There was an interesting meteorological report. "During this month [October] we have experienced alike excessive heat and cold. The heat on 24th has been unequalled during the same period except in 1836. On

occasion has it been recorded that such vicissitudes as we have lately felt occurred in one month".

There were still books to be read and discussed. "... Finished Mrs Stone's, her work – *The Minister's Leaving* – admire her talent displayed and her evident knowledge of 'feeling' – but the tale is too long, too heavy in parts and few, I should imagine, would go *ab evo usque ad malum* of the book – at least it would require much courage and perseverance. "... He still does not think highly of female authors.

The next stage of his introduction to his Sullington Rectory started at 8.30 in the morning when he took a "... Chelsea and Islington omnibus [visiting his grandmother] and then down to the Pimlico station. When I arrived at Pulborough the rain was driving down and the wind was furious, from the S. and S.W. The waters were out, as I have never seen them before and wind made them look quite lake-like – on Marehill I found a baker's cart going Storrington-wards, in which I was thankful enough to ride as far as Storrington, then I finished my pilgrimage by getting my umbrella blown inside out, my legs wet through and my coat and trousers spoilt by their contact with wet flour. Found George and Ellen and Annie 'got up' to go out to Parham, Ellen in her wedding dress and Annie in black with a white wreath round her head looking majestic ... very glad to be safe indoors for the storm is raging outside." On 6 Nov he read himself in at Sullington in the morning and in the evening prayers with declaration. The Revd Henry Warren preached the sermon, still officially the Sullington priest, and Mrs Lindfield (née Woods) had her baby christened ... "much disappointed that I did not do it – I would have stretched a point had I known of it." He also muses that "... I suppose the last time in that church as a passive." The presentation was signed by Mrs Palmer, his mother, in the presence of old Mr Gibson and then off to Chichester where he was inducted, returning at 2pm, where his mother "rejoiced" at finding all was right [and her work done]. There followed the formal induction into the church, after which he was "... the legal possessor of all the fruits, members, appurtenances of our good Rectory of Sullington in the County of Sussex." The witnesses were Mr Hardwick, Mrs Palmer, of course, and Annie Palmer.

Travelling to Town he noted that the new Railway to Pulborough would be opened on Monday with four trains each way. One of his Huntingdon parishioners accosted him across the street, "where have you been for the last fortnight? I've missed yer." He was much amused by seeing the name of H Storcks Easton connected with balloon ascents and meteorological experiments. He was also told of an interesting experiment on a small scale with perfect success at the last meeting at Aberdeen – viz – the transmission of the electric current through water without any other medium. A letter from his brother George asking him to preach on board ship on Sunday, and wishing to know "... whether I shall bring my white gown?" Continuing his teaching of the militia (... seem uneducated ... to whom I was teaching addition [simple] was most genuinely and sincerely delighted when he had done right what little Berry would have taught him with ease, and his whole face lighted up, when at his saying "two and two – let me see – that's four, and three – that's seven – and four – that's eleven, put down one and carry one," I said "Quite right." "Messed with the militia at the invitation of H.R.M. Jones. NB They are a set of empty-headed chaps – Jones excepted." Wrote account of the wedding to all concerned, great bore but duty."

"Marshall O'Donnell is on the point of selling out with the Spanish armament against Morocco, the English government have been rather anxious about Gibraltar from a correspondence which

appears to have taken place between our plempo at Madrid, Mr Andrew Buchanan, and the minister for foreign affairs of H.M. the Queen of Spain – Signor Sartornio Coldena Coloarts – the Spanish to make none but a temporary conquest of Tangier. They seek for a conquest in Africa but only propose to obtain reparation for offences which have been offered to them by the Moors of Ceceta and security for the Sultan for that fortress and her Catholic Majesty's other possessions in Africa." George, who was with Ellen at Down Place, which he says is a 'lively spot' where he would fain live if he was armless and legless, or totally incapable of serving H.M. They move today up to Dacre Lodge, Penrith, Cumberland, the seat of Admiral Wanchops.

On 14 November the Revd H Palmer recalled that it was "... the anniversary of his ordination and coming here. Brierley came down today – he was ordained at Ely yesterday with my deacons." On his parochial duties he wrote of "... a most wretched case in Mrs Thong of Shakespeare Place who is a widow of a burgess, sufficiently proud to prevent her accepting Parish Relief and yet to do without a penny – she is dropsical, cannot lie down." Thinking forward about his farm and rectory he chose some fowls that he wanted, a very fine hen, two bantams and two ducks. The news from Italy was that Signor Buoncampagni had accepted the presidency of the Italian duchies by the Prince Carignam. Still with Italy, "read a book of Mrs Maryat's, *The Story of Italy* giving brief and lively sketches of the Italian States since their foundation." True to form, he says that they are rather "... too brief and anecdotal to be clear. The whole written in a jerky – gasping – enthusiastic sort of way which makes one think of an imitation, however the book is well worth reading and indeed putting in a library – it brings things down to the last war."

He found his days now passing quickly and furnishing "... little matter for history."

A letter from Charlie said that she was getting quite attached to Down Place – but Henry wondered "... will they have the strength of mind to buy it?" Still 'curating', he took a lecture for his rector in the schoolroom where over 30 people attended, "... all very attentive – some of the lowest of our poor were there." Farrar had written to him asking him to take a young Baronet, Sir Bruce Chichester, aged 14, for the Harrow holidays under terms "... almost as I please." Unfortunately as those holidays began about 6 December, he could not accept. The Revd G Vesey thought it would be a fine thing for his future pupil prospects, as Butler was now the Head of Harrow. He also received a very nice letter from Mrs Butler about her son's appointment, adding that if health was given to her son, half of England will rejoice at his appointment ... "pray excuse a doating [sic] mother ..." He and the rector went off to Cambridge to breakfast with Butler, at a party to congratulate him. "Our new rector of Sullington has been making some very useful contacts."

Jane Vesey had heard that Emmy was ill again at Brighton. Henry added his comment, "I trust that homeopath will not experimentalize upon her." Only about a fortnight previously Emmy had written to her sister from Brighton and ... "says nothing about her health – which is a good sign" ... Annie remarked. A week into December Henry's throat was giving trouble again, combined with a bilious attack. After another 'caustic' application by Dr Carver, by evening he was drinking "... gruel with a dash of rum and salt in it." Apparently this did not work and a further administration of caustic was applied. He carried out his duties, burying poor Mrs Thong, a year after burying her husband and attended a good meeting of his beloved Boat Club, as well as starting the first day of examining the school, and the night school. When the river froze on 19 December, he could not wait to get his skates out, recording, "... The ice was quite beautiful. The scene was quite Dutch-y and the red ball of the sun reflected upon the ice was a most glorious picture." A letter from home said they had had no snow.

"Thursday, December 22: This is a great day in the Annals of All Saints and St John's parishes, Huntingdon. The church was re-opened after having been closed for 8 months – those who

had never been into the church since the day they last attended service there were hardly able to recognize the building as the same – all changed – galleries and pews and old tumbling roofs and pavements and pillars and chancel – all changed. The great feature, perhaps, was the substitutions of chairs for pews – and so well did they answer all purposes that the churchwardens declare that the congregation who assembled that evening was greater and better accommodated than ever in the old establishment with all its galleries – we hear that there were 600 in the evenings." He goes on to describe in minute detail the new interior.

It was still bitterly cold, and people were enjoying being able to skate for long distances on the frozen river. Curzon, from Parham, wrote that there had been a meeting there by a Rifle Corps.

But for Henry, it was time to start paying some farewell visits. On Christmas Day he wrote, "I have a good deal to say tonight – but I won't write it – I can't – I did not know this place had such a hold on me." He administered the Holy Communion sacrament to more than 60 people, then dinner at Castle Hill as he had the previous year where everyone was most kind. The church then had about 600, which the Revd H Palmer found had a wonderful effect with everyone seated on chairs. He preached his last Sunday sermon, wondering whether he would ever preach to such a number again? He commented that he did not know that anything in his whole life gave him such a thorough stirring up of, and hope no bad feelings." He added that the Revd G Vesey said something that evening which took his fancy – unfortunately he did not record what it was. A walk with Bird, during which they discussed his farm, with Bird promising him fowls, pigs and carrier pigeons!

The next time we meet the Revd Henry Palmer will be in the new year, 1860, in his own parish of Sullington.

Joan Ham (Village Historian)

STORRINGTON COMMUNITY MARKET

EVERY Friday 9.45-11.15am
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For your fresh local produce:

- Fruit • Veg • Plants • Free Range Eggs
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- Sussex Green Living recycling point
- Cafe - tea, coffee and biscuits



THE OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY

Nestled in the Bavarian Alps in Germany, between Munich and Innsbruck, is the small town of Oberammergau. It is known for its woodcarvers and woodcarvings and is home to the Bavarian State Woodcarving School. The streets are lined with woodcarving shops, and many homes and buildings are decorated with attractive 'Lüftlmalerei' or frescoes, often featuring religious scenes, that are common in Upper Bavaria and the Tyrol.

Oberammergau is known throughout the World for its Passion Play. In German it is called the Passionsspiele Oberammergau, and thousands of visitors descend on the town every ten years to witness this amazing spectacle. The Passion Play has an intriguing history linked to the plague that was raging across many parts of Europe in the early 17th century. In 1633 the villagers of Oberammergau made a solemn vow to perform the suffering, death, and resurrection of Christ every tenth year to spare them from the bubonic plague. According to tradition, after their vow was made not one more inhabitant died from the plague and all the people suffering from the plague recovered. The first play was staged in 1634 on a simple wooden stage in the village cemetery by the graves of the plague victims. In 1830 the performance relocated to the northern edge of the village, where it remains today.

There are about 4700 seats in the auditorium which was given a roof in 1900 and fully renovated in 1997. The innovative wrought-iron lattice construction provides an unobstructed view of the open-air stage. There is an exhibition depicting the history of the Passion Play and visitors can take a guided tour.

The Passion Play has strict rules that are rigorously enforced. To be considered as one of the performers, you must have either been born in Oberammergau, married to a local for at least ten years, or have lived there for at least twenty years. Costumes are made by the villagers, and no wigs are allowed. To give an authentic biblical appearance, anyone who is chosen for a role must grow their hair and beards from Ash Wednesday onwards and villagers involved in the play are banned from getting haircuts! There are about 124 speaking roles as well as hundreds of 'extras'. For each speaking part there are two actors, and the playing of different parts often

A house in Oberammergau
Photo by Diego Delso

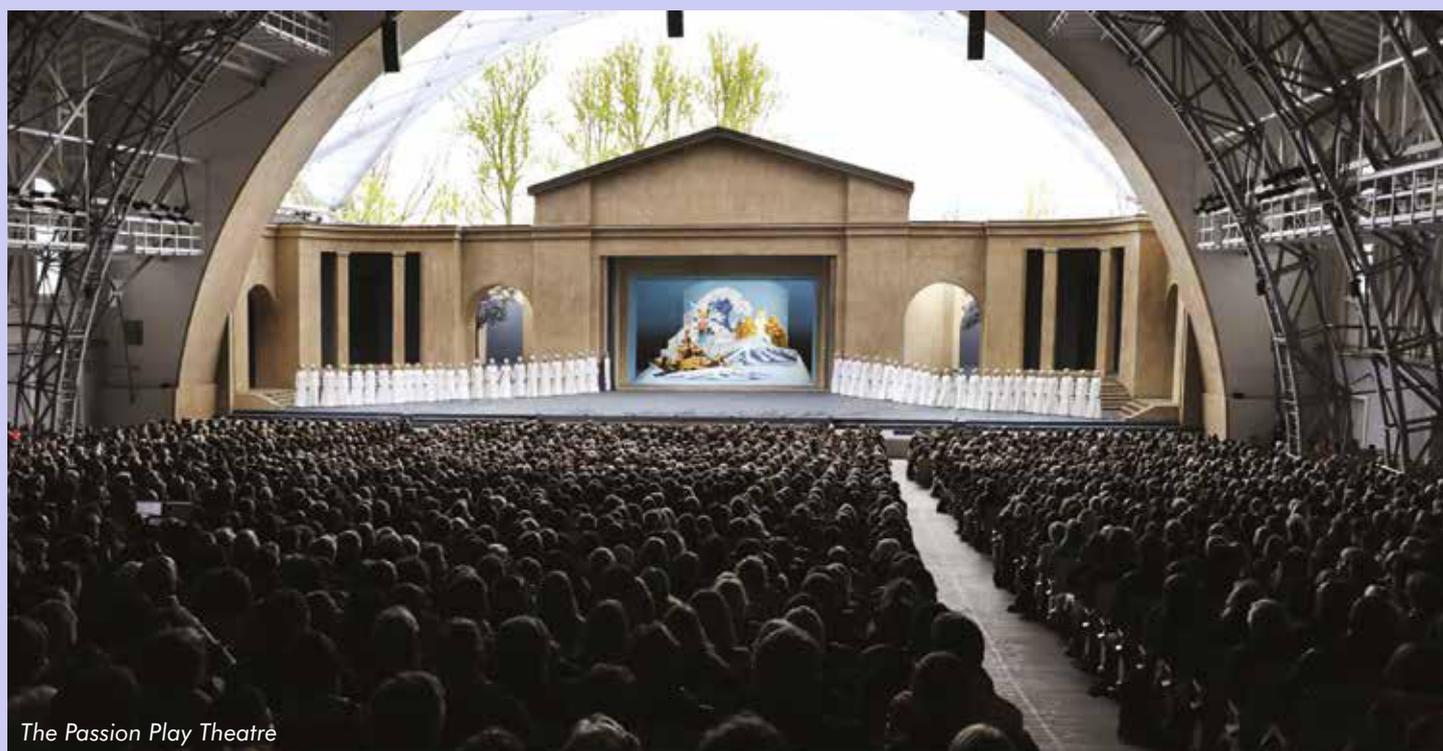


runs in families, with actors taking the same parts that their fathers and grandfathers performed before them. The orchestra is fifty-five strong and there are sixty-four singers. The play is spoken and sung entirely in German, with translations made available into other languages. It lasts five and a half hours with a long interval during which the audience is served a meal.



For the first time in its history, the Oberammergau Passion Play was cancelled in 2020, and it is estimated that the lost revenue for the village amounted to around fifty million Euros. The postponed event will now take place between May and October 2022 with 103 performances scheduled. A ticket costs between €30 and €180.

Roadmark Travel of Storrington still has some spaces on its 10-day coach tour to the Oberammergau Passion Play leaving on 13 September 2022. Full details are available by calling Roadmark on 741233.



The Passion Play Theatre

CRICKET IN STORRINGTON



Indoor nets and more of the past

Indoor nets continue in the Leisure Centre on Sundays from 3pm to 4.30pm, as below:

U9 & U10 – 13 February

Girls – 20 February

U12 & U14 – 27 February

Development Squad & Seniors

6 February and 6 March

The cost is £5 per session.

All enquiries should be made to storringtoncricketclub@gmail.com.

During the author's researches into Storrington's 19th century cricket history, records of matches played on the Club's ground, but not involving the Club itself, appear from time to time. For instance, on Friday 2 August 1872, a match was played between a team called Fryern and a team from Worthing. At the time, Fryern was a large estate stretching from Storrington to West Chilington, and it included parts of Thakeham and Sullington. A Georgian mansion known as Fryern Hall was then owned by Frederick King Esq. The Fryern team included two King family members, W and H, as well as the Rev H Palmer and J Linfield, both of whom did play for the Club. The Fryern team batted first and scored 148, with F Fyler and W King scoring 44 and 25 respectively. In their first innings Worthing were bowled out for 79, F Fyler taking 4 wickets and C W Powell 3 wickets. Worthing batted a second time and scored 69 runs, the all-rounder F Fyler taking 8 wickets plus a catch off Linfield's bowling. Victory therefore went to Fryern on the first innings by 69 runs.

In 1864, so many of the tradesmen in Storrington played cricket that on Thursday 11 August two teams came together representing the East and West Ends of the village to play what was styled as a social game of cricket. The West End scored 47 and 53, and the East End scored 42 and 40 to give the former a victory by 18 runs; that was attributed to the fact they had many more young players than the East End. After play was over, all retired to the White Horse Inn, where a first-rate hot supper was served up, provided by Mr J Andrews, who had played for the West End, after which songs and the usual loyal and patriotic toasts were the order of the evening, bringing a very agreeable day to a close.

Would Storrington's current tradesmen be able to mount a similar match?

Chris Winter

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.



HOW TO PREVENT A DENTAL PROCEDURE!



Hello I'm Sophie Hall, vet and owner of Meadow Hall Veterinary Practice. I'm passionate about keeping your pet healthy and as with most things in life, prevention is better than cure! The best way to avoid a costly dental procedure is to brush your dog's teeth daily!

Here are a few tips on how to start:

Choose a time when your dog is comfortable and relaxed; take it slowly, a step at a time; keep the sessions short; and only move on to the next step when your dog is happy.

Step 1 – Stroke your dog's cheek gently back and forth to get them used to your hand being by their mouth.

Step 2 – Introduce the dog toothpaste on a soft toothbrush allowing your dog to lick it off (avoid human toothpaste as it contains chemicals that are toxic to dogs).

Step 3 – Start by running the soft toothbrush along the inside of their mouth following the gum line.

Step 4 – Gently brush their side front teeth.

Step 5 – Gently brush their back teeth.

Step 6 – Gently brush the teeth under their nose.

If brushing their teeth is not possible, special dental chews and diets can certainly help. Dental chews can be high in calories so you may need to reduce their normal food allowance to compensate.

Should your dog's teeth look like they have a large build-up of plaque and tartar, do get in contact with your vet as they may need a dental procedure.

Dr Sophie Hall B.V.Sc., M.R.C.V.S.

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1 and 15 February

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).

In December, Sullington Windmills WI enjoyed two meetings, the first held via Zoom on 2 December, where members were entertained by Jane Napper. Jane, a WI member in Kent, gave a talk and presentation on chocolate tempering, which included making some very tempting Christmas gifts. Regular readers of this magazine may recall in the August edition I wrote a report about Jane giving a presentation, again via Zoom, on a particular hot summer's evening, which made the task of a chocolatier rather difficult, so it was decided to invite her to speak and demonstrate at the December Zoom meeting when the temperature was more favourable!

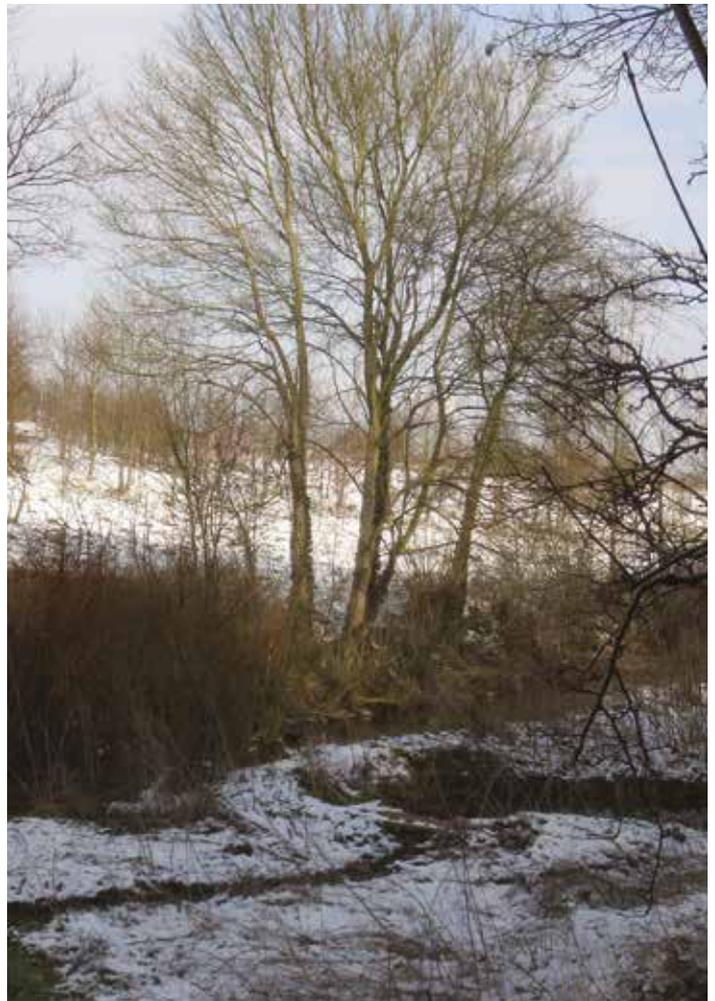
The second meeting was face-to-face in Sullington Parish Hall on 9 December. Members were welcomed with either a glass of wine or a soft drink, and the retiring committee provided a delicious buffet for all to enjoy later in the evening. No speaker was arranged for this evening, as it was a social gathering when members could meet and speak to friends old and new. During the business part of the evening the President, Erika Brichta, informed members that the poppy display made by Sullington Windmills members was now on loan to Storrington Museum as part of the World War II exhibition. The poppies had previously been displayed in Place Villerest in Storrington.

Members enjoyed many games during the course of the evening including shuffleboard, shove halfpenny, Jenga and a version of pass-the-parcel few members had witnessed before. Maureen Sherwood organised everyone expertly and ensured members played with people they may not have known well before.

The evening concluded by announcing Irene Holmes as the winner of the wrapped parcel competition (these parcels are collected each year and donated to FSW). The raffle was drawn and everyone joined in the singing of festive songs leaving everyone feeling more festive and happier than when they arrived. Members all received a bag of delicious chocolates made by Jane Napper.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 16 February**, the speaker at this meeting will be Ian Currie, his talk entitled 'Feathered canyons & ice-cream castles in the air'. New members and visitors are always most welcome; meetings are held in Sullington Parish Hall on the 3rd Wednesday of each month (2nd Wednesday in December) at 7.30pm. Should you require further information please contact Erika Brichta, President, on 742039.

Pat Snape



STORRINGTON CONSERVATION SOCIETY

Late December and early January saw record high temperatures for the time of year, further evidence of climate change, though perhaps also keeping heating costs down. At the time of writing, more seasonal colder weather is forecast; all of which might have serious consequences for wildlife. For example, hibernating animals may have been awakened by the unusual warmth and then be unable to cope with the subsequent icy conditions.

The turn of the year is always a time to reflect on the previous 12 months and to express hope for the coming 12. We very much hope the programme of work and other events planned for our Society will be able to be fulfilled this year, adapting to circumstances when necessary. On the national and international scale, the implementation of the COP26 resolutions will be vital. All the commitments that were made provided some good news; positive action is needed if hopes are to be fulfilled. Leaders must be constantly reminded delay is not acceptable. Hopes express what we want to happen, honesty requires us to be involved in fulfilling them.

The work party on 8 January met at Hurston Warren to further clear the heathland SSSI of invasive birch trees from the heathland and good progress was made. We meet next at 10.30am on **5 February** at Dyke Farm (on the West Chilmington Road) to plant trees and shrubs for the benefit of wildlife and biodiversity, much needed conservation. All welcome to take part.

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

Stuart Kersley

STORRINGTON AND DISTRICT PROBUS



It has been two years since the Storrington and District Probuss Club held its Ladies Night, but 46 members, partners and friends met at the West Sussex Golf Club for a wonderful evening of good food, company and merriment.

The President, Roger Overton-Smith and his Lady Sue, welcomed everyone on arrival. The company sat down to a meal of the usual high standard and afterwards the President proposed a toast to the Ladies, which Sue sincerely replied.

The evening continued with everyone thoroughly enjoying, listening and dancing to the music provided by Kerry le Bern.



President, Roger Overton-Smith and his Lady Sue



SANDGATE CONSERVATION SOCIETY

The above photo was taken during December, the last Conservation work party of the year on Sullington Warren, where everyone was in the festive mood and it wasn't raining.

On Wednesday 23 February at 7.30pm there will be a presentation in Sullington Parish Hall given by the RSPB covering the habitat management for birds and other wild life.

The Conservation days will be on **Saturday 12 February** on Sullington Warren, from 9.30am till noon and on **Saturday 26**

February in Sandgate Park, from 10am till Noon, so do come along and join us; you will be most welcome.

Because of the Covid-19 situation it is advisable to check our website 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 website www.sandgate-conservation.org.uk.

Brian Burns

FRYERN LADIES' PROBUS



The day was cold on 6 January but everyone was well wrapped up, as windows were set ajar to encourage good ventilation for the ladies lunchtime meeting and speaker at The Roundabout Hotel.

The meal was excellent and it was nice to see that chef Mark had returned and we were all very well looked after by Kevin, the manager and his team of staff.

The Speaker of the day was none other than our popular and well-known local vet, Julian Hoad, from Crossways Veterinary Practice, Storrington, whose talk title was "A Day in the Life of a Vet".

He showed us various slides of sad, pitiful and neglectful cases he had personally managed, and outlined the immense dangers when dogs and cats got into trouble, for example, swallowing a plastic bag!

He spoke of the real need to see the owner when pets are brought into the surgery, to ascertain what really is going on and to put in place protective measures if at all possible. Apparently, when COVID started the staff tried taking the animals in on their own, to avoid any human contact, but quickly decided that this wasn't the best way of understanding what was really going on. He said COVID had made them rethink the best way forward for dealing with owners and animals and is a continuous, but greatly positive, learning curve.

Julian works almost exclusively at the main clinic in Storrington. He qualified from the Royal Veterinary College in 1996, having previously obtained a degree in microbiology and biochemistry and he was awarded MBVNA Hons Degree in 2014 for his services to the veterinary nursing profession. When he's not

vetting or lecturing, Julian enjoys spending time with his family and is a keen rock climber and amateur dramatist, having accomplished a successful attempt of Mont Blanc and Macbeth in the same year!

Julian has a great sense of humour and had us laughing many times during his talk which was entertaining and informative. He said that our generous donation would go to Vetlife which is an organisation that helps Vets with mental health problems; sadly he explained the amazing fact that vets still have the highest suicide rate amongst professionals.

Thank you, Julian, for your time, which was greatly appreciated and for sharing all of this with us; we found your talk most informative.

Russ Fry



Julian Hoad

Storrington and District Museum MONTHLY TALK



Race to the South Pole by Mike Smith

Friday 4 February at 2.30pm
at the Old School

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Michael Smith is an authority on Polar exploration whose 10 books have sold over 250,000 copies worldwide. He has appeared in TV and radio documentaries and lectured at many prestigious venues, including: The Queen's Gallery Buckingham Palace, Royal Geographical Society, National Maritime Museum, National Museum of Ireland, Princess Grace Memorial Library Monaco, the Royal Scottish Geographical Society and Scott Polar Research Institute Cambridge. Michael has appeared at many literary festivals and is a regular speaker to local history and literary societies.

Entrance fee is £5 for members and £6 for non-members.

SOME HISTORIC BIRTH DATES IN FEBRUARY

1
1915 Sir Stanley Matthews, the first ever soccer player to be knighted. He made 880 first-class appearances playing 54 times for England, spread over an amazing 22 years.

2
1650 Nell Gwyn, actress and mistress of King Charles II by whom she had two sons. She began her theatrical career selling oranges at the Theatre Royal in Drury Lane, London

3
1928 Frankie 'Mr Moonlight' Vaughan, Liverpool-born crooner famous for his tuxedo, top hat and cane. Born Frank Abelson, he took his stage name because his Russian grandmother said he would be her "number vorn" singer.

4
1920 Sir Norman Wisdom, one of the true greats of British comedy and international star of stage, television and the silver screen.

5
1788 Robert Peel, Lancashire-born Conservative politician and Prime Minister, as Home Secretary he reorganised the London police force who are still referred to today as the 'Peelers' or 'Bobbies'.

6
1665 Queen Anne, the last Stuart ruler of Great Britain and Ireland. A golden age for Britain in the fields of science, literary output, architecture and war, it was also during her reign that the Act of Union with Scotland was passed in 1707.

7
1812 Charles Dickens, the most widely known English writer after Shakespeare, his many novels present a vivid portrayal of social life in Victorian England.

10
1894 Harold 'Supermac' Macmillan, Conservative politician and Prime Minister 1957-63. Famously led his party to victory in the 1959 elections with the slogan, "You've never had it so good".

12
1809 Charles Robert Darwin, scientist and founder of the modern theory of evolution. His book, *On the Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection* in 1859, aroused bitter controversy as it disagreed with the Book of Genesis in the Bible.

18
1517 Mary Tudor, Roman Catholic daughter of Henry VIII, King of England, and Catherine of Aragon, she was also known as "Bloody Mary" because of her relentless persecution of Protestants.

22
1857 Sir Robert Baden-Powell, soldier and hero of the Siege of Mafeking in the Boer War, he is best known however as the founder of the Boy Scout movement (1908) and, with his sister Agnes, of the Girl Guides (1910).

23
1633 Samuel Pepys, the son of a London tailor, his celebrated *Diary* from 1660-69, intertwines the confessions of a man with a distinct love of life, naval administration, court intrigue and the three disasters of that decade.

25
1943 George Harrison, Liverpool-born pop musician and former member of the Quarrymen, who adopted the name The Beatles in 1960. He went solo after the group disbanded in 1970, releasing *My Sweet Lord* that year.

27
1932 Dame Elizabeth Taylor, London-born film star. She moved with her family to Los Angeles in 1939, where she made her screen debut at the age of ten. Famous for her many Academy Award nominations and marriages.

28
1820 Sir John Tenniel, self-trained artist and cartoonist who supplied the original illustrations for Lewis Carroll's *Alice in Wonderland* (1865) and *Through the Looking Glass* (1872).

The thing about photography is that you are never short of subjects. The only limitation is yourself and possibly what is of interest to you. This is always the case when we hold our Club photo competitions as the variety of subjects and locations always makes for an interesting evening.

Our 2nd competition of the season was judged by Paul O'Toole who always provides a good-humoured commentary with anecdotes and helpful hints. The Prints and Projected Images on show represented the variety taken by members, along with the quality, which was complimented by Paul.

For the Print part of the evening, Paul selected three images which he awarded 18 points: *A mother's love* by John Gauvin, *Loch Phlocrapoil* by Martin Tomes and *Reminiscing Autumn Foliage* by Liz Barber. Liz also was awarded 19 points for her image *Autumn Wind Passing Through* which creatively depicted the motion of vegetation in the wind.

He then awarded three with the top mark of 20; *Hoverfly on Weigela* by John Gauvin, which was also selected best print of the evening; *One Cool Dude* by Chris West, an image taken in Cuba showing the cool dude selling bottles with painted images and a young lady watching in the background; the third, from Martin Tomes, showing a Hebridean coastal scene titled *Nisabost*.

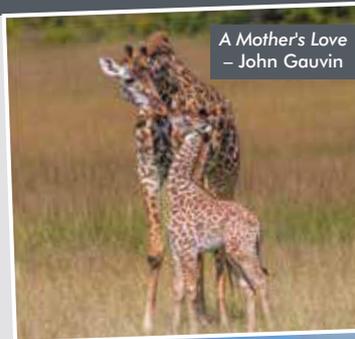
For the Projected Images, two images were awarded top marks: *Parting Company* by Chris West, described by Paul as having a 70's feel, being an intriguing image of a man walking away from a car taken in Cuba. This image was also selected Projected Image of the night. The other top image, that just missed out, came from David Seddon, *Lighthouse at Dusk*, a beautiful, high contrast, black and white image of a lighthouse taken as the light was fading. In the projected image category one image was awarded 19 points, *Cinnamon-chested bee-eater closing in* by John Gauvin, described by Paul as being a skilful image, capturing the moment before a bee-eater reaches its prey.

Five images were awarded 18 points illustrating the high standard of entries submitted. *Room with a view* by Nigel Cherry; *Autumn Tunnel* by Daisy Kane; *Grazing at sunset with Tara Barzei, Romania behind* by Ruth Rusby; *Balconies* by Dean Sefton and *Cheetah in the Masai Mara* by John Gauvin.

If you are interested in looking to improve and further develop your photography in 2022, you are welcome to come and join us. Details of our meetings, photoshoots, coffee mornings and Hints & Tips sessions are available on the website: <https://www.storringtoncc.org.uk>. Please contact us using the 'Contact Us' tab on our website.

Kevin Harwood

NB: Apologies to Liz Barber who kindly supplied the Goodwood images from last month's magazines and didn't receive credit for the images.



A Mother's Love
- John Gauvin



Loch Phlocrapoil
- Martin Tomes LRPS



Nisabost
- Martin Tomes LRPS



Reminiscing Autumn Foliage
- Liz Barber LRPS



Room with a view
- Nigel Cherry



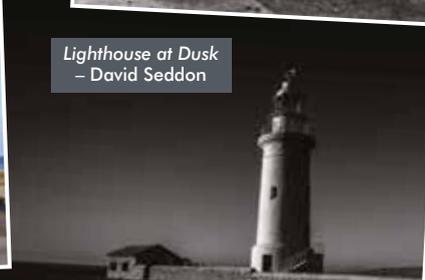
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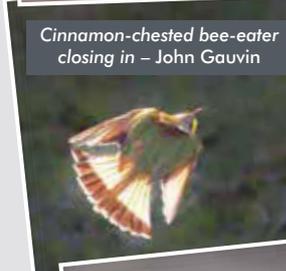
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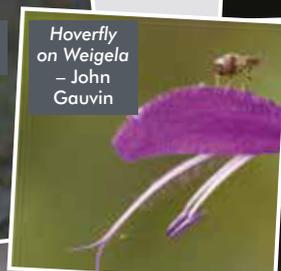
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- David Seddon



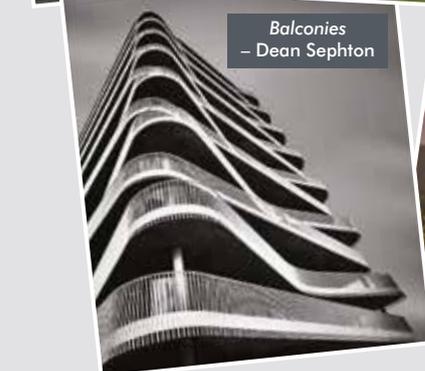
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- John Gauvin



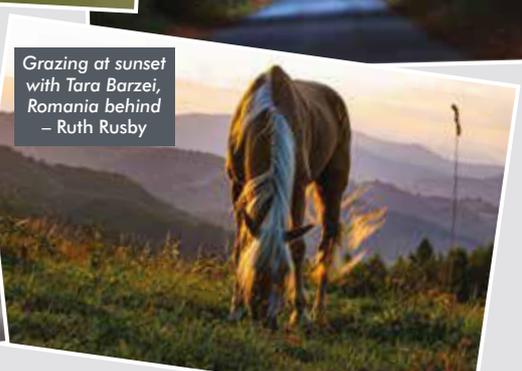
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- Daisy Kane



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- Dean Sefton



Grazing at sunset with Tara Barzei, Romania behind
- Ruth Rusby



PROCLAMATION OF ACCESSION OF ELIZABETH II

Elizabeth II was proclaimed queen throughout the Commonwealth after her father, King George VI, died in the early hours of 6 February 1952, while Elizabeth was in Kenya. Proclamations were made in different Commonwealth realms on 6, 7, 8, and 11 February, depending on geographic location and time zone. The line of succession was identical in all the Commonwealth realms, but the royal title as proclaimed was not the same in all of them.

In the United Kingdom, the Accession Council met twice at St James's Palace: first at 5pm on Wednesday, 6 February, before the Queen had returned from Kenya, to make their proclamation declaring the accession of the new sovereign, as the late king's successor in accordance with the line of succession to the British throne, and, secondly, at a meeting begun at 10am on Friday, 8 February, when the Queen was personally present, to receive her oath for the security of the Church of Scotland and her own personal declaration, pledging that she would always work to uphold constitutional government and to advance the happiness and prosperity of her peoples all the world over. Her declaration for securing the Protestant succession, as required by the 1689 Bill of Rights and the Accession Declaration Act 1910, was to be made later, at the next state opening of parliament on 4 November.

After the Accession Council had completed the formalities for their proclamation on 6 February, it had been issued for publication in a supplement to that day's London Gazette:

WHEREAS it hath pleased Almighty God to call to His Mercy our late Sovereign Lord King George the Sixth of Blessed and Glorious memory, by whose Decease the Crown is solely and rightfully come to the High and Mighty Princess Elizabeth Alexandra Mary:

WE, therefore, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal of this Realm, being here assisted with these His late Majesty's Privy Council, with representatives of other Members of the Commonwealth, with other Principal Gentlemen of Quality, with the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of London, do now hereby with one voice and Consent of Tongue and Heart publish and proclaim that the High and Mighty Princess Elizabeth Alexandra Mary is now, by the death of our late Sovereign of happy memory, become Queen Elizabeth the Second, by the Grace of God Queen of this Realm and of all Her other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith, to whom Her lieges do acknowledge all Faith and constant Obedience with hearty and humble Affection, beseeching God by whom Kings and Queens do reign, to bless the Royal Princess Elizabeth the Second with long and happy Years to reign over us.

Given at St. James's Palace this Sixth Day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-two.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

After the meeting with the Queen at St James's Palace in the morning of 8 February, the accession proclamation was read to the public by the Garter King of Arms, Sir George Bellew, first at 11am from the Friary Court balcony, then in Trafalgar Square, in Fleet Street, and at the Royal Exchange.

CELEBRITY CHRISTIAN QUOTES

Some quotes from celebrities about their faith.

For me and my family, that's definitely the case. If you could see our lives 15-20 years ago to where we are now, it's impossible not to have faith in God and all he does for us.

Marcus Rashford

Christianity is a superb ethical system, and I would count myself as a kind of very, very bad Christian. No disrespect to any other religions, but Christianity makes a lot of sense to me.

Boris Johnson

The success I've achieved comes to me from God.

Justin Bieber

Number one: Put God first. Put God first in everything you do. Everything that you think you see in me, everything that I've accomplished, everything that you think I have – and I have a few things. Everything that I have is by the grace of God.

Denzel Washington

When you align yourself with God's purpose as described in the Scriptures, something special happens to your life.

Bono

You need to have the guidance of someone else. You cannot train yourself. I feel the same way about Christianity and what the church is: The church is the gym of the soul.

Sylvester Stallone

The first thing I do when I start my day is, I get down on my hands and knees and give thanks to God.

Mark Wahlberg

Interested in photography?

Looking for an opportunity to develop your interest and skills?

Come and join us, visitors welcome.

Our programme includes guest photographer talks, demonstrations, competitions, practical workshops and a monthly coffee club.

MEETINGS

Thursday 3 Feb 7.30pm

Guest speaker; Paul Mitchell FRPS 'Woodland Ways'

Thursday 17 Feb 7.30pm

Southern Federation League Competition,
Judge Rob de Ruiter ARPS

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Warming up to winter

You may have heard gardeners talk about tackling the “June gap”, when the spring blossom and bulbs have faded and the fiery summer blooms are yet to open. No doubt I’ll puzzle over that later, but I’m increasingly interested in basing the design of a garden on what it will look like in winter. Creating a garden that looks attractive in January and is worth lingering in on a chilly afternoon, feels like a real challenge, but one worth taking up.



I’m a long way from achieving it in my own garden, but each year I add a few more elements. The fennel stems that I left to shelter insects, for example, have held up to the wind and rain and look stunning in the morning frosts. One gloomy afternoon in February, I will look out the back door, critically appraise the bare bones of the borders and plan what else I need to add to bring a bit more drama and charm into the picture.

For inspiration I recommend exploring the Winter Walk at Wisley. It will show what you can achieve on a grand scale but there are plant combinations that you can copy at home, such as snowdrops growing through the scarlet stems of dogwood (eg *Cornus alba* ‘Sibirica’) or the white bark of *Betula utilis* var. *jacquemontii* against a backdrop of evergreens leaves. As you wander around, notice which scents catch your attention and see if they come from plants that would suit your garden. I’ve got a winter honeysuckle (the shrub, *Lonicera fragrantissima*) and a Christmas box (*Sarcococca confusa*) but you might prefer the sweet perfume of *Daphne odora* or the spicy smell of witch hazel (*Hamamelis*).



Alternatively you could take a tour of Bressingham Gardens from the comfort of your armchair in the company of Adrian Bloom, an

expert in planning all-season gardens that look particularly colourful in winter. Visit www.thebressinghamgardens.com/videos and look for the video ‘Bressingham Winter Garden’.

Cheryl Brown





Rotary

Film Night in Storrington

Wednesday 9th February 2022



Sullington Parish Hall

Performance commences at 7.30pm with 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
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The film on Wednesday 9 March, will be *No Time to Die* starring Daniel Craig, the latest James Bond thriller.



Two weeks after our production of *Theft* by Eric Chappell (outlined in January's edition; photo below), we finished 2021 with an enjoyable Members' Evening on 11 December. At this, we were treated to festive music and songs, a couple of sketches written by member Jean Trew and a reading from *A Christmas Carol*. We dined on locally-made pies and rounded off this enjoyable evening with a short topical quiz.

Our next event is a Members' Evening on 26 February at which we will premiere a one-act play, *Jimmy*, written by one of our members, Ralph Wigg (director of *Theft*). There will be a fish and chip supper after the entertainment.

On 23 March we hope to hold a play reading at The Five Bells, Smock Alley, West Chillington. More details to follow.



A scene from *Theft* as the alleged police officer is revealed as the actual burglar, Spriggs (seated, played by Julian Hoad). Other characters from left to right: Barbara Miles (Angela Sloan), Jenny Farrington (Sue Burroughs), John Miles (John Pounder) and Trevor Farrington (Clive Greig).

It is at this time of year we renew our membership of West Chillington Dramatic Society, and, as at any time, we welcome new members. If you fancy joining us, whether to get involved on or off-stage, please see our website www.wcds.co.uk for details. It is 'a very good value' £10 for an active adult membership and £5 for a junior member (under 18 or in full time education). Alternatively, you can be a Patron for £15.

We look forward to welcoming you!

Angela Sloan, Vice Chair WCDS
vicechair@wcds.co.uk

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>



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