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When I was a Mental Health Chaplain one of the problems I was challenged with was that of forgiveness.

I frequently talked with people who had been hurt, physically, spiritually and emotionally, by being abused as children or young people. Many of them wrestled with their inability to forgive their abuser and also found their inability to forgive increased their feelings of worthlessness and guilt.

Abuse, of course, is not just something that happens between an adult and a child, and is not always sexual or physical; there are many different aspects to it but whatever form a person may have suffered it can leave very deep scars. In such a situation, who would find it possible to forgive? It is very difficult to forgive someone who has no sense of guilt and who may feel no need of forgiveness, and who, in the same situation would do exactly the same thing again.

For those who have an understanding of the love of God, there is a way forward and that is to hand the problem to God to deal with. As Her Majesty the Queen wrote at Christmas 2011, "God sent into the world a unique person neither a philosopher nor a General (important as they are), but a Saviour, with the power to forgive It is in forgiveness that we feel the power of God's love."

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"Father, I place into your hands the things that I can't do. Father, I place into your hands the things that I've been through....."

If you are wrestling with an inability to forgive someone, don't beat yourself up about it, don't allow that person to hurt you even more; the problem is God's as well as yours, let him deal with it. With his help, lay it at his feet and get on with living your life free from the sense of guilt and responsibility that was never yours in the first place.

With love, Jacquie

JACQUIE PEAL

Retired Priest, St Mary's Church, Storrington

PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

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



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St Mary's Church, Storrington

Café in the Church

2nd, 4th & 5th Wednesdays this month

Wednesday 9 July

10am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am Café in the Church

Wednesday 23 July

2pm Holy Communion (BCP)
2.30pm Café in the Church

Wednesday 30 July

2pm Holy Communion (BCP)
2.30pm Café in the Church



All welcome to either or both.
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1 Peter 3:8

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PASTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR

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

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



PLANT SALE SUCCESS FOR THAKEHAM CHURCH

Many thanks to all who came to support Thakeham Church's Plant Sale on 17 May.

We were proud to raise over £800 for Church funds, but such events are more important than that! It feels so good, when our Church is *out and about*, and visible within our community. It was lovely to welcome so many who came along, and who happened to be passing. Thanks to all the helpers. It's wrong to single anyone out, but let's be honest, the bacon rolls were amazing!



COFFEE MORNING

St Mary's Thakeham
Church Rooms
Friday 26 September
10am to 12 noon



Please come along and support this charity
Enjoy delicious homemade cakes with tea or coffee
The ever-popular bacon rolls will be available
Further information available from Wynn Lednor
01903 743025

RAFFLE

Dates for your Diary

26 Sep - **MacMillan Coffee Morning** - Church Rooms
5 Oct - **Harvest Lunch** - Thakeham Village Hall
18 Oct - **Murder Mystery & Dinner** - 2pm & 7pm - Thakeham Village Hall
4 Nov - **Bridge Day** - 10am to 2.30pm - Thakeham Village Hall
8 Nov - **Christmas Fayre** - 11.30am to 2pm - Thakeham Village Hall
14 Dec - **Christmas Lunch** - 12.30pm to 3pm - Thakeham Village Hall
3 to 4 July 2026 - **Thakeham Flower Festival and Open Gardens**
Please try not to take your holiday then, as we'll need your help!

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



MURDER MYSTERY DINNER SAVE THE DATE!

Our talented group of actors will be putting on a superb Murder Mystery Dinner event **this coming October**. There will be two performances at 2pm and 7.30pm on Saturday 18 October.
More details will be revealed soon!

Thakeham Knit and Stitch Group

Tuesday 15 July 2pm - 4pm

Thakeham Church Room

Buffet Lunch will be served ~ Everyone Welcome

If you don't knit or stitch you are welcome to come along for company

Further information from Wynn Lednor on 743025



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St Mary's Sullington



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THAKEHAM AND SULLINGTON:

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

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

St Mary's Church, Sullington

Annual Quiz Night

Friday 26 September

In the Sullington Great Barn
at Sullington Manor Farm

Book your table or place by calling
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More details in August



ARRIVAL OF NEW PRIEST – SOON!

It feels as though it was back in the mists of time when the wonderful congregations of Thakeham and Sullington had a permanent priest. However, we are now becoming very excited about the fact that things are about to change!

That said, as we go to press, we still do not know the date when the Bishop of Chichester will come to license the Rev Joel Willmer so he can start in his new role. However, we have learned to be patient and we know that it will be well worth waiting for Joel's safe arrival!

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Dates for your Diary

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

4 to 6 July **Flower Festival**

4 to 6 July **Pop-up Preloved clothing**

27 & 28 September **Pop-up Preloved clothing**

26 September **Annual quiz night**

More details to follow



EVENSONG 6 July at 6pm

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For details contact Muriel Astley on 01798 812706.





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The Rectory Office is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am – 1pm.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Church Services see page 18.

Holy Communion (BCP) and Café in the Church:

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

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

Altar Servers: Michael Taylor (742218)

Bellringers: Fridays, 7.45pm – 9.30pm.

Church & Churchyard Maintenance: John Butler (745091)

Mothers' Union: Jeannie Bell (07875 220426)

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

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

STORRINGTON REGISTERS

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

22 May Frances Rosemary Rogers (81 Years)

Dates for your Diary

Sunday 10 August

Patronal Festival (Blessed Virgin Mary)

10am Patronal Festival Holy Communion

6pm Patronal Choral Evensong followed by Festival of Puddings

Saturday 16 August – Time TBC

Afternoon Concert in Church with tea

Monday 18 August – 11am to 3pm

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

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



PLANT SALE AT STORRINGTON RECTORY

Thank you to everyone who supported and helped at our successful Plant Sale on Sunday 18 May. Also, grateful thanks to St Mary's Church, Thakeham for donating surplus plants from their sale the previous day. Some of our surplus plants were donated to our Church gardening team, some to Storrington in Bloom and some to Storrington Primary School.

Once again, we were fortunate with the weather and everyone enjoyed a sunny afternoon with tea and cake in the Rectory Garden. We raised the wonderful amount of £520 towards Church funds.



PARISH VISITING TEAM...

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

10am ZOOM SERVICE

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

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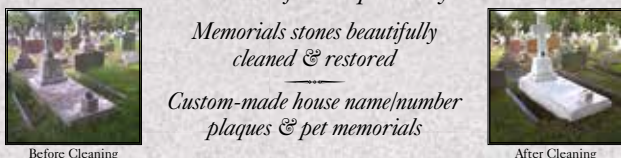
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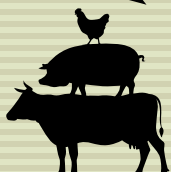


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As part of 2025 National Volunteers' Week, Horsham District Council hosted an evening of celebrations to recognise hundreds of local volunteers who work hard to make a positive difference to communities throughout the Horsham District area. The awards evening took place at Slinfold Golf and Country Club, Horsham, on Wednesday 4 June.



Sonia and family

Sonia Fox, was awarded the Biggest Heart Award for the volunteer who always gives it their all to help make the difference. Sonia's tireless volunteer work with Family Support Work in Storrington was recognised.

Sonia and other volunteers from the Horsham District received awards presented by Tim Fooks, High Sheriff of West Sussex. Sonia was given a certificate and a handmade wooden trophy. Congratulations, Sonia, from all of us at St Mary's, Storrington.



Sonia and other volunteers

Organ Recital by John Bartlett

Saint Mary's Church, West Chiltington

14 September at 3pm

John, a concert organist, will play a selection of romantic music from 19th and 20th century composers for about one hour. The recital is free, but with a retiring collection to help with the maintenance of the Makin organ, and includes refreshments after the concert.

Please attend if you can, and enjoy inspiring organ music and help us support the church organ.

SPACE TRIP OUT!

The SPACE group that usually meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month in the Old School for craft and coffee, decided to have an afternoon out last month. This was to celebrate Ada's special birthday, so a trip to Camelia Botnar, near Nuthurst, was organised, a beautiful garden nursery, where the rhododendrons and azaleas were still blooming in May. A lovely birthday cream tea to celebrate and was enjoyed by all!





St Mary's Sullington

Flower and Craft Festival

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Come and join our SPACE

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



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

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

For more information contact Barbara (741236).



MESSY CHURCH AT ST MARY'S, STORRINGTON

Our first Messy Church on Sunday, 1 June, was such an encouragement. We made kites and flew them in the Rectory garden to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

In July we will be celebrating all God's little creepy crawlies as we build bug-friendly houses.

All are welcome of any age.

Jonathan, Rector of Storrington



DEANERY CONFIRMATION

On Wednesday 22 May the Storrington Deanery Confirmation Service was held at St Mary Church, Storrington.

The Rt Revd Ruth Bushyager, Bishop of Horsham, preached and presided at this service of celebration and dedication. From our own congregation, Katherine Davies and Cynthia Little were baptised and confirmed, and Josephine Edwards and Toby Simpson were confirmed by the Bishop. Our grateful thanks to Revd Jacquie Peal who prepared our candidates for baptism and confirmation.

If you want to explore and enquire about the Christian faith, please speak to Fr Jonathan or one of our retired clergy who will be happy to talk with you.

TRINITY SUNSHINE CHOIR

Are you experiencing memory problems?

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A Community Choir in Storrington

Future dates fixed for 2025 are:

2 & 30 July • 27 August • 24 September

29 October • 26 November

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

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

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



1st Sunday every month 9.30 - 11am
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AUGUST 3RD - Teddy Bears picnic... or any cuddly toy

SEPTEMBER 7TH - Godly Play story telling

OCTOBER 5TH - Harvest Samba Celebration!

NOVEMBER 2ND - Poppy making and remembering

DECEMBER 7TH - Christingle crafting



To find out more contact fr. Jonathan at St Mary's Church

07538 011579

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Christians in Storrington
Monthly Inter-Church Prayer Meetings
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Public Transport – use it or lose it!

I am grateful to Simon Emerson, who is our intrepid Bus Correspondent, for his report of taking the bus up to Shipley. The accompanying pictures are from a cycling adventure we did with Simon and Ann in early May, passing many of the places Simon mentions: Shipley Windmill and Church, and the Tamworth pigs at Knepp.



Inspired by Simon, when I wanted to go to the Dulwich Picture Gallery the following week, I took the train to Clapham Junction and got a number 37 bus, half an hour through South London almost to the doors of the Gallery. Senior Railcard and Bus Pass – sorted!

From our Bus Correspondent – The Stork Express

Many readers will be aware of the rewilding project at Knepp which has resulted in incredible nature recovery among species such as nightingales and turtle doves as well as invertebrates. It is also the main base for the White Stork introduction project. This was featured on BBC1 *Countryfile* on 25 May, along with the Storrington Stork Festival with an appearance by Rev Jonathan. If you would like to visit Knepp you can add to your green credentials by catching the bus from Storrington. I think this should be marketed as the *Stork Express*. On Thursdays, Compass bus 74B leaves the bus stand behind Waitrose at 9.35am on a circuitous route to Horsham, via Thakeham and Shipley Village (see full timetable at compass-travel.co.uk). The bus normally leaves Storrington promptly and should arrive in Shipley at 9.48am. The return bus through Shipley is at 1.22pm. Signal clearly to the driver. This bus can be 10 minutes late.

If you get off in Shipley Village, after the Windmill and sharp bend, you are on the Knepp Estate Red walking route.

If you follow the Red route in a clockwise direction you will come to the Knepp Kitchen / café after less than an hour's walk. From the café the rest of the Red route back to Shipley is about 3.5 miles (without detours). The Knepp map can be found at <https://knepp.co.uk/footpath-maps>. But this map does not show all public footpath across the estate. In particular, it misses out the footpaths which cross the middle of this area linking to New Barn Farm, where the campsite and other activities are based. I would recommend looking at an OS map



in case you want to take a shorter route back to Shipley. If you are on Countrymen Lane intending to take the bridleway back to Shipley, which goes close to the windmill, you will see a West Sussex Council notice saying that the bridleway is closed due to the bridge over the River Adur being in disrepair. However, you can walk down the first part of this bridleway and Knepp have very helpfully provided a clearly marked diversion which brings you back to the lane near the windmill.

By the time you read this article the nightingales and cuckoos will have fallen silent but you might still hear the purring of turtle doves and there should be plenty of butterflies and storks flying.

As well as the hourly Stagecoach 1 bus (Worthing - Midhurst) and the Compass 100 bus (Henfield, Steyning, Pulborough, Billingshurst and beyond), Compass have two other services of value for countryside walking. On Tuesdays the 74 goes several times between Storrington and Horsham via West Chilmington and Barns Green and on Wednesdays the 71 makes a single journey to Chichester and back via Pulborough, Coldwaltham and Slindon.

I enjoy using buses for linear country walks, but there is also a serious point in encouraging greater use of these services. If many more people used these services just occasionally it might help viability and perhaps ensure their continuation for those who rely on them. The Older Persons Bus Pass gives you free travel after 9.30am. For others, the single ticket fares are capped at £3 until the end of the year.

Wildlife on my doorstep



Two or three years ago Sussex Wildlife Trust were offering free reptile mats and we asked for a couple. They are placed in a wilder area of the garden next to some steps that get full sun for much of the day. I also have planted troughs on the steps. So, last week I lifted one of the troughs to clear out tulips and replant it for the summer and look what I found! Slow worms are protected in UK law and are a *priority species*, meaning they're rare, endangered or declining.

Christine Tuson



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PRESENTATION OF THE KING'S AWARD TO THE STORRINGTON AREA HELP SCHEME

The Lord-Lieutenant of West Sussex, Lady Emma Barnard, formally presented the Storrington Area Help Scheme with the King's Award for Voluntary Service at a recent ceremony held at the Old Workshop in Sullington, a few yards away from where the Scheme came into existence 52 years ago. Some 50 invited guests, mostly present and past volunteers, then celebrated with an excellent buffet tea to round off a memorable afternoon.



In presenting the crystal award accompanied by a certificate from the King, Lady Emma paid tribute to the Scheme and expressed her delight that it had been selected to receive this award which is the highest a voluntary group can receive in the UK. In reply, Tony Dell, Chair of the Trustees, thanked Lady Emma for her kind words and paid tribute to all the volunteers who, over the years, have provided such a valuable service that has had a deep impact on the wellbeing of the local community.



In 2024, the Storrington Area Help Scheme, a registered charity that covers Storrington, West Chiltington, Ashington, Washington and Thakeham, received just over 1000 calls for assistance. It helps people who live locally with no transport of their own to attend a range of healthcare appointments within West Sussex. The Scheme is run by a team of around 50 volunteers made up of office staff, operating weekday mornings from an office in the Trinity Centre in Storrington, and drivers, who use their own vehicles to provide transport to the healthcare appointments.

The Help Scheme is always keen to welcome new volunteers. Office staff are the key link between the clients and our volunteer drivers. They answer telephone calls from clients, liaise with drivers to check on availability and keep accurate handwritten records. Familiarisation training is provided for anyone interested in the role. Volunteer drivers do not have to give a regular commitment and as little as a few hours a month is perfectly acceptable. Drivers can always decline a journey request if inconvenient to them and can also specify the locations they are able to cover. A mileage allowance is paid and passengers are asked to make a contribution for the service they receive.

More information can be found on www.sahs.co.uk or alternatively the Help Scheme office can be contacted on 01903 742124 between 10am and 12 noon any weekday excluding public holidays.



ROTARY CLUB OF STORRINGTON AND PULBOROUGH DISTRICT



Special award for Rotary Film Night Manager

Storrington & Pulborough District Rotarian Ken Collins has been recognised with a Rotary Award for his amazing service to the community for nearly 20 years running the Rotary Monthly film night.



Held on the second Wednesday of each month at Sullington Parish Hall in Storrington, Rotary monthly Film Nights regularly attract audiences of 100 and help many local elderly folk and those in isolation enjoy the latest cinema entertainment.

L to R: Ken Collins, Rotary President Elect John Ollerton

With blockbuster movies like *Conclave*, *Paddington Goes to Peru* and *The Critic*, Film Nights have raised nearly £4,500 this season and over the past 20 years some £35,000 has gone to Rotary charitable causes. The next season commences on 10 September so look out for details.

Accepting the Award, Ken said, "This Community project just would not happen if Members did not organise and run the raffle, the bar, the hall set-up, and most importantly the transport, allowing a large number of attendees who are unable to make their own arrangements to get to the venue. And it is an enjoyable evening out for so many."

For more information please visit storringtonrotary.org.uk.

Local charities and good causes benefit from Rotary's Christmas Tree collections

Storrington and Pulborough District Rotary is delighted to announce that, thanks to the generous donations received for their 2025 Christmas tree recycling project, they not only raised £3,335 for Chestnut Tree House Hospice for Children but have distributed a further £3,335 to a variety of local youth and community charities and projects. These include donations to three local food banks covering Storrington, Pulborough and Billingshurst, Family Support Work helping children and families through difficult times, and Little LifeSavers teaching CPR and other Basic Life Support Skills in schools.

Other funds raised by the Rotary Club have gone to local youth groups, including 1st Pulborough Sea Scouts and Ashington Youth Club, contributed to sensory equipment for SEN and Autism sessions at Chanctonbury Leisure Centre, funded activities and events aimed at combating isolation and loneliness in older people, and supported youth development projects at Storrington Primary School, The Weald School in Billingshurst and Steyning Grammar School.

Rotarian Anne Fielding Smith is delighted with the support given to the collection service by two local farms and Brinsbury Campus, and TreeSmiths Ltd of West Grinstead who chip the trees and recycle in environmentally friendly ways. The project is sponsored by King & Chasemore, Martin Lundy-Lester, Guy Leonard and Fowlers estate agents and SivTech garage. Anne says, "The increase in the number of trees collected shows that the community welcomes and appreciates this service and we are grateful to everyone who contributed so that we have been able to support so many deserving causes in the district."

For more information please contact Anne Fielding Smith recyclexmastree@hotmail.com



THAKEHAM GARDENERS' CLUB

Our speaker at the May meeting was Amanda Millar, chairman of the Sussex Bat Group, who told us that bats, wildlife, plants and flowers were the love of her life.



She told us that worldwide there are about 1400 species of bats with 20% of those being fruit bats and the remainder insect feeders. There are about 18 species of resident British bats with Sussex

being home to more than any other county and the pipistrelle being the most common. With climate warming we are getting more migrants.

The aim of the Society is to protect our bats and their habitat and to raise public awareness. This is achieved by providing a rescue and care service for injured bats, a bat hospital, giving talks to groups, recording and monitoring the population of bats, providing bat boxes and protecting the areas where bats roost.

She told us bats have thumbs on the tips of their wings and that the fine delicate finger bones are joined by a thin membrane which is easily holed by being caught on something or cat clawed. These holes will mend. They have extremely sensitive hearing and their eyes only see in black and white. When their temperature is lowered to 6°C they become completely immobile and it takes 15 minutes for their temperature to rise enough for them to move.

Bats are in trouble because there are fewer insects nowadays to feed on and they are losing their habitat due to changes in agriculture practise. Owls are a natural predator, they can be caught by cats, collide with cars or power lines, fly into wind turbines or glass buildings.

As gardeners, we can encourage bats by growing instant attracting plants that flower throughout the year, avoiding double varieties and hybrids. Varieties such as *pulmonaria* and *cotoneaster* are excellent for insects. She also urged us to let hedges bloom before trimming. She then explained that if we wished to make and erect a bat box it should be of untreated wood with an open front and erected to face south /south east, sheltered from wind, well away from artificial light and in sun for part of the day.

As her finale, Amanda lifted the covered cage she had brought with her and we were all able to see the three pipistrelle bats she had brought with her.

Amanda then answered our questions before being thanked for her excellent and enlightening talk.

The next meeting will be on **Monday 14 July** and our speaker will be Andrew Gaunt telling us about the *Role and Work of DEFRA Plant Quarantine Service*. There is no competition this month.

Also 69th Summer Flower Show takes place on **Saturday 19 July at 2pm**. Trophies will be awarded at 3.30pm and refreshments will be available during the show. Entries are welcome from all, not just Club members. Show schedules and entry forms are available from Elizabeth, show secretary, on 01798 815075 or email flowershow@stanmoor.co.uk.

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

Sandra Jenkins

STORRINGTON CONSERVATION SOCIETY

On 5 May we were pleased to have a stall at the wonderful White Stork Festival, a great opportunity for like-minded conservationists and others to celebrate wildlife, especially the return of storks to the area. A number of the many people there showed interest in our work and becoming members. All very encouraging.



Healthy societies do not pollute lakes, rivers, streams, canals, other waterways and seashores. Not a new idea but one that has been ignored for far too long. Despite peaceful protest and much hand-wringing at the unlawful behaviour of our water companies and the inaction of Ofwat, little real progress has resulted. Though water company bosses are now to be held properly to account and plans for investment have been announced (hurrah), constant pressure is still needed to ensure real improvement is made. We can insist as we are having to pay for it. Remind our MPs.

Organised by Fund Britain's Waterways, just recently a 30-strong fleet of canal boats from all around the country cruised past the Houses of Parliament. They were drawing attention to the need for the government to act urgently to safeguard canals and rivers, which are vital to our health. Some of the craft had come 278 miles, passing through 172 locks, quite an achievement. Why was it not widely reported? A sign of a healthy society is that it pays attention to peaceful protest. Even if we don't protest we can do our bit by not wasting water (it comes out of the tap too easily) and not using drains for items (eg medicines, oils, wet wipes) the treatment works can't handle.

The need to achieve zero carbon is well-known, for ourselves and for the sake of younger generations. So it is encouraging to see that the Let's Go Zero campaign has helped thousands of schools to inform and inspire pupils about combating climate change. Since 2020 the campaign has helped those schools to make over 80,000 tonnes of annual CO₂ savings, financially also very worthwhile. Something to cheer.

On 7 June our work party met at The Glade to clear encroaching vegetation from footpaths for the benefit of walkers. Our next work party is at **10am on 5 July** at Hurston Warren SSSI (meet at the Warren off Golf Club Road) clearing highly invasive Himalayan Balsam and bracken. We are well into the Balsam bashing season, having spent Thursday afternoons in June at the work, which continues in July. Gardening clothes, gloves and wellies are suggested, other equipment is provided. A welcome cup of coffee at half time and chat helps the process.

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

Stuart Kersley

Storrington Macular Society Support Group

22 July

**Fourth Tuesday of the month
1.30pm – 3pm**

**Chanctonbury Leisure Centre
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Tuesday 22 July to Friday 25 July

Love Storrington is for all Christians in Storrington to reach out to their neighbours, pouring out the love of God where they are, showing the love of God in their community, and living and sharing our faith joyfully in Faith, Hope and Love.

Tuesday 22 July

Morning Litter pick: invitation for volunteers from all churches to help out – organised by LCCSTOR

Prayers around the square

Wednesday 23 July

Funday on the Green 1pm to 4pm

at Chanctonbury Leisure Centre – organised by LCCSTOR

Fun afternoon for all the family. Free activities for children, games, face painting, and inflatables.

Worship Stage and Immersive Prayer Tent

2.30pm to 4pm Cream Tea for FSW in the churchyard at St Mary's Church, Storrington

Thursday 24 July

Morning Litter Pick: invitation for volunteers from all churches to help out

Prayers around the square

Love Storrington Afternoon trip to the seaside for older Storrington residents organised by LCCSTOR

From 2pm to 4pm at St Mary's Church, Storrington, Love Storrington Bee Trail and Naturewatch in the churchyard and Messy Church inside – summer crafts including butterfly making and prayer heart-making – all free!

Friday 25th July

Cèilidh Evening

7pm In Chanctonbury Leisure Centre – see below

For more information about Love Storrington and LCCSTOR, please contact Nick Peebles – nick@lccstor.org

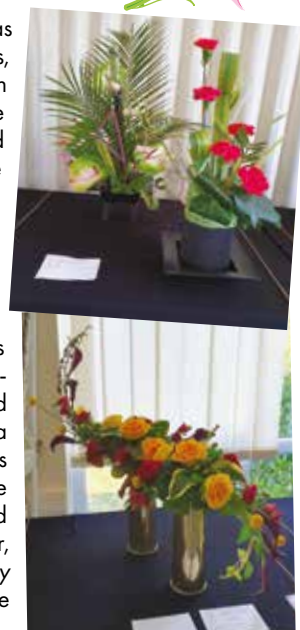
Morning litter picks meet at the Village Hub at 10am

STORRINGTON FLOWER CLUB



Storrington Flower Club's AGM on 23 April was well-attended where, following the business, our traditional afternoon tea was served with delicious cakes and savouries made by the Committee. Nine floral arrangements and two gifts were raffled after tea to round off the afternoon nicely.

Saturday 10 May welcomed the Sussex AREA Show 'All Kinds of Everything' at Henfield Hall. Clubs all over Sussex entered the competitions, and the designs were stunning. Gill Burr entered the Novice Class 'Bold and Beautiful' and was awarded a well-deserved second place. I entered the Imposed Class 'A Bit of This and That' and gained a 'Commended.' Refreshments and light lunches were served throughout the day from the marquee on the lawn and we were entertained in the afternoon by National Demonstrator, Christopher White, with his title *Dublin my City*. His designs were innovative and creative depicting his home town of Dublin.



We were blessed with wall-to-wall sunshine for the Club visit to Salisbury Cathedral, which held its Flower Festival 'The Spirit of Water' from 13 to 18 May. The Cathedral was filled with floral exhibits from the Cloisters to the Altar, ranging from the usual to most unusual in abundance. In the afternoon three demonstrators, Michael Bowyer, Lucy Ellis and Debbie Wadge arranged floral designs to a live piano accompaniment and a lucky person in the audience was given a hand tied bouquet of flowers at the end of the demonstration. A wonderful day was had by all.

The next Club meeting is **Wednesday 23 July at 2.30pm** in Sullington Parish Hall, with Lucinda Knapman's 'More Fabulous Flowers'. There is no meeting in August.

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

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More details please contact Chrissy on 01903 742102.

Chrissy Desmond, Chairman, Storrington Flower Club



CEILIDH

Friday 25th July at 7pm

Come and join us as we wrap up Love Storrington week with a fun evening of traditional music and dancing, with a live band!

Chanctonbury Leisure Centre,
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FUN ON THE GREEN

Fun afternoon for all the family on the green outside Chanctonbury Leisure Centre.

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WEDNESDAY

23RD JULY 1PM - 4PM









EVENTS AT THE OLD WORKSHOP, SULLINGTON MANOR FARM

Much Ado about Nothing & Macbeth

27 July – 5pm – 7.30pm

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Romeo & Juliet

31 August – 5pm – 7.30pm

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STORRINGTON THEN & NOW EXHIBITION

Storrington's MP, Andrew Griffith, opened the *Then and Now* exhibition at the Storrington Museum on Saturday 31 May to mark its 25th anniversary and praised the museum's volunteers for preserving a legacy of local history and heritage for the community.



The exhibition, and its associated new book launch, presents an up to date photographic history of the fabric of Storrington. The idea began with the books of the late Florence Greenfield which included photographs of the village from the 1860's to the 1970's. Florence once lived at Forge House in Church Street and some local people still remember her fondly as Miss Greenfield, the schoolteacher.

Storrington's Camera Club has been actively working with the Museum in helping to bring this exhibition and book to life, some fifty years later, by cleaning up the historic images and producing new photographs. The images show side by side comparisons of notable places in the village, showing how the village has changed and looks today. Accompanying text provides supplementary information to highlight the differences.

While the Exhibition has now finished, the 75 page book on *Storrington Then & Now* is available at the Museum.

Museum Chairman, Stuart Duncan, welcomed everyone to the exhibition, also attended by volunteers, visitors, the parish council, the High Sheriff of West Sussex Dr Tim Fooks, Horsham District Council's Chairman Tony Bevis, and local county councillor Paul Marshall.

In his words of welcome to open the exhibition, Andrew Griffith said:

"Our history is so important. It belongs to all of us. This exhibition and book are a wonderful example of giving us a connection to the past, both in the physical built environment, but also in the memories that so many have captured in words. It is an incredibly important legacy and gives a sense of pride to those who live here."

"I commend the efforts of everyone who have brought everything together for the exhibition for us all to see. I hope more people will take the time to visit and learn a little more about Storrington's past and present and feel that same sense of pride for their community."

High Sheriff Tim Fooks expressed similar thanks to the organisers of the Exhibition and book launch and highlighted the importance of local history in shaping community identity - past, present and future. He referenced the origin of Storrington's name from the Domesday Book and the story of the storks' disappearance due to agricultural changes.

He encouraged the celebration of the successful re-establishment of storks through efforts by the Knepp Estate and acknowledged Storrington's designation as the UK's first European Stork Village.

He also encouraged the audience to volunteer for the Museum and join the Camera Club to ensure continued accessibility and community involvement. There was also a light-hearted note of the High Sheriff's historic role in raising taxes, by inviting regular donations to support the Museum's ongoing work in the present day.

Journey in Storrington & Sullington

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STORRINGTON FLOWER CLUB

Wednesday 23 July 2.30pm

Sullington Parish Hall

Demonstrator: Lucinda Knapman

Theme: 'More Fabulous Flowers'

Competition: 'Floral Hat'

New members and visitors welcome



CHURCH SERVICES AT A GLANCE

		STORRINGTON St Mary's	THAKEHAM St Mary's	SULLINGTON St Mary's
DATE	FESTIVAL OR SUNDAY			
6 July	Trinity 3	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Family Communion 9.30am Messy Church in Old School (ends 11am) 6pm Evensong	10.30am Joint Thakeham/ Sullington Church for All Service	8.30am BCP Communion 6pm Evensong
13 July	Trinity 4	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion 6pm Evensong	10.30am Morning Prayer	10.30am Holy Communion
20 July	Trinity 5	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion with Prayers for Healing	8.30am Celtic Communion	10.30am Joint Thakeham/ Sullington Holy Communion
27 July	Trinity 6	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion	10.30am Holy Communion	10.30am Morning Prayer
3 August	Trinity 7	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Family Communion 9.30am Messy Church in Old School (ends 11am) 6pm Evensong	10.30am Joint Thakeham/ Sullington Church for All Service	8.30am BCP Communion 6pm Evensong

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

Midweek Holy Communion Service at St Mary's Church, Storrington, on 2nd Wednesday at 10am followed by Café in the Church, 4th and 5th Wednesdays in the month Holy Communion at 2pm followed by Cafe in the Church

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TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH

Thakeham Road

Sunday Service 10.30am

Minister: Revd Steven Donnison Tel: 245799

Email: trinitychurchstorrington@outlook.com

www.facebook.com/TrinityStorrington

Our building is now registered for same-sex marriage

WEEKLY EVENTS

Wed 9.30am Registrar of Births and Deaths – Storrington Library – pre-booking only – 01243 642122

Fri 9.30am Storrington Community Market – Village Hall

STORRINGTON LIBRARY – Tel. 839050

Opening Hours

Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm, Saturday 10am – 4pm

Knit and natter Adults Wednesdays 2pm-3pm

Toddler time Under 5s Thursdays 10am-10.30am

Rhyme time Under 5s Tuesdays 10.45am-11.15am

STORRINGTON

POP-IN LUNCH CLUB

Storrington Village Hall

11.30am until 2pm on the first Thursday of each month except January and August

Enjoy a nourishing meal with dessert

ALL ARE WELCOME

Buy a ticket at The Hub in Storrington

Co-ordinator: Penny Barnes (01798 815129)

Come and meet old friends and make new ones

All for only £3!



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 8 July at 1pm

at the Old School, School Lane, Storrington

Tickets £4.00 are available from

Louisa Austin, Church Street, Storrington



WHAT'S ON

JULY	
Tue 1	
9.15am	Inter-Church Prayers – Storrington Priory Library – p10
1.15pm	The Arts Society West Sussex – Talk – p25
2pm	SPACE – Arts and Craft Club – p9
7.30pm	Storrington Museum – Talk – p25
Wed 2	
9.50am	The Arts Society South Downs – Talk – p33
10.30am	Trinity Sunshine Choir – p10
Thu 3	
11.30am	Storrington Pop-In Lunch Club – p 18
Fri 4	
	Sullington Flower Festival – p9
6.30pm	Taylor Maid Concert – p30
Sat 5	
	Sullington Flower Festival – p9
10am	Storrington Conservation Society – Working Party – p15
11am	Pop-up Preloved Clothing Sale – p5
Sun 6 Trinity 3	
	Sullington Flower Festival – p9
9.30am	Messy Church – Old School, Storrington – p10
11am	Pop-up Preloved Clothing Sale – p5
Mon 7	
11am	Storrington Community Café – p34
2.30pm	Reading Friends – Storrington Library – p24
7pm	Storrington Slimmers – p26
Tue 8	
10am	Autistic & SEN Children's Group – p17
Wed 9	
10.30am	Café in the Church (Holy Communion at 10am) – p3
Sun 13 Trinity 4	
1pm	Sunday Lunch Club – p18
Mon 14	
7pm	Storrington Slimmers – p26
7.30pm	Thakeham Gardeners' Club – Meeting – p15
Tue 15	
2pm	Knit and Stitch – p4
2pm	SPACE – Arts and Craft Club – p9
Wed 16	
7.30pm	Sullington Windmills WI – Meeting – p22
Thu 17	
10.30am	Cuppa and a Chat – Chanctonbury Leisure Centre – p25
7.30pm	West Chiltington Dramatic Society – Play read-through – p33
Fri 18	
7.30pm	Storrington Horticultural Society – Meeting – p21
Sat 19	
9.30am	Visiting Bellringers at St Mary's, Storrington
2pm	Thakeham Gardeners' Club Flower Show – p22
Sun 20 Trinity 5	
Mon 21	
7.30pm	West Chiltington Dramatic Society – Auditions – p33
Tue 22	
	Love Storrington events – see p16
1.30pm	Storrington Macular Group – p15
Wed 23	
	Love Storrington events – see p16
2.30pm	Café in the Church (Communion at 2pm) with Cream Tea – p3
2.30pm	Storrington Flower Club – Meeting – p17

Thu 24	
	Love Storrington events – see p16
Fri 25	
	Love Storrington events – see p16
Sat 26	
7pm	West Chiltington Dramatic Society – Members' Evening – p33
Sun 27 Trinity 6	
5pm	440 Theatre at Sullington Manor Farm – p17
Mon 28	
7pm	Storrington Slimmers – p26
7.30pm	West Chiltington Dramatic Society – Auditions – p33
Wed 30	
10.30am	Trinity Sunshine Choir – p10
2.30pm	Café in the Church (Communion at 2pm) – p3

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

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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL DAYS

JULY	
1	Henry, John and Henry Venn the Younger, 1797, 1813 and 1873, father, son and grandson, Henry (senior) founded the Clapham Sect of Anglican Church, John was founder of Church Missionary Society
3	THOMAS, APOSTLE
6	Thomas More, 1535, scholar and author of <i>Utopia</i> John Fisher, 1535, Bishop of Rochester, Reformation Martyrs
11	Benedict of Nursia, c.550 , patron saint of Europe
14	John Keble, 1866 , founder of Keble College, Oxford, and Patron of St Mary's Church, Storrington
15	Swithun, c.862 , reputation for posthumous miracle-working and if it rains on his day, it will rain for 40 days!
	Bonaventure, 1274
16	Osmund of Salisbury, 1099 , Bishop of Salisbury
18	Elizabeth Ferard, 1883 , revitalized the deaconess order in the Anglican Communion
19	Gregory and Macrina, c.394 and 379 , Gregory was one of the 3 Cappadocian Fathers, and his sister, Macrina, was a nun
20	Margaret of Antioch, 4th century Bartolomé de las Casas, 1566
22	ST MARY MAGDALENE
23	Bridget of Sweden, 1373 , founder of the Bridgettines nuns and monks
25	ST JAMES, APOSTLE
26	Anne and Joachim, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
27	Brooke Foss Westcott, 1901 , Bishop of Durham and author of many influential writings
29	Mary, Martha and Lazarus, Companions of our Lord
30	William Wilberforce, 1833 , leader of the movement to abolish the slave trade Olaudah Equiano, 1797 Thomas Clarkson, 1846
31	Ignatius of Loyola, 1556 , founded the Society of Jesus (Jesuits)

STORRINGTON & SULLINGTON - REFLECTIONS OF THE PAST

REVD HENRY PALMER AT SULLINGTON – PART 37

Finishing the 4 week Continental Tour [1865]

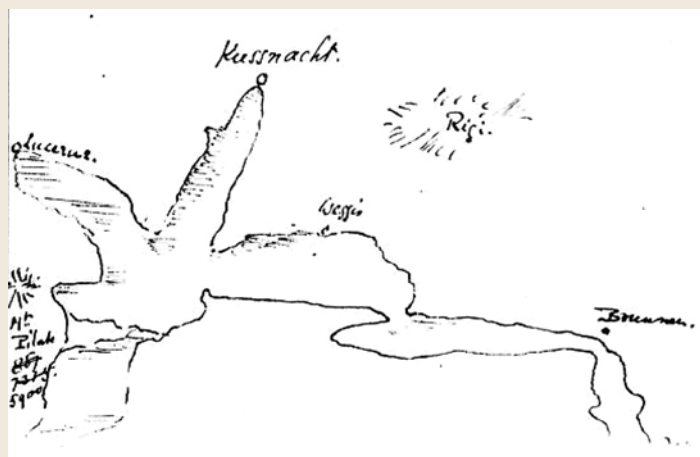
Sept 9 Very hot and bright

Arolo

Left Arolo this m. at 7 and soon commenced a severe zig-zag ascent, which continued without intermission for four hours – we were drawn by 6 horses. The conductor gave us up his seat for 3 francs apiece, so we enjoyed thoroughly the wonderful view and the marvels of engineering which have carried so good a road over so bad a pass. At last we entered a cleft in the bare rocks, and soon reached the summit where stands a Posthouse and Hospice: the view from here is very confined, but grandly desolate, no vegetation whatever, and a dark mountain tarn or two, which supply the Tessin on the one side and the Reuss on the other. This road was opened in 1832, but nearly destroyed in '34 and '39. The height of the summit is 6,808 feet (Snowdon is 3,590).

Lucerne

The descent is tame as far as Andermatt – after passing which you get a grand dash and rush of the Reuss thro' the gorge spanned by the Devil's Bridge and from this point down to Flüelen, situated on the lake of Lucerne, every mile is exquisitely beautiful, increasing in richness and fertility and colour, and possessing much historical interest from the deeds of William Tell – whose statue faces the little marketplace of Altdorf and the battles of the French and Austrians in 1799.



The rest of our journey was done by steamboat, down the lake Lucerne, which fully came up to my expectations – the arm down which we came from Flüelen to Brunnen being the most beautiful of the whole. The mountains slope sheer down into the lake and are well clothed, to the water's edge.

Vier Waldensee

Lucerne lake 1404 above sea level.

The 4 cantons which border are Uri, Unterwalden, Schwiste and Lucerne.

Sunday 10 Very fine and warm.

Attended service at the Lutheran church at 11.00 and 3.30. Some 300 in the am. and 150 aft. They say 6 or 700 are sometimes here. The minister, a Mr White who preached two rather ordinary sermons from Matth V and Revn i.18. Saw the Robertsons in church and had some tea with them in evg. They live in a nice house some little way up overlooking the lake, opposite Mt Pilatus.

Visited Thorvaldsen's famous lion – carved from the living rock, commemorating the heroic defence made by the Swiss guard of Louis XVI in the revolution: the motto:

Helvetiorum fidei ac virtuti

The figure is most noble, and the attitude and expression very touching – he lies with his right paw on a shield bearing the fleur de lis, and a spear broken off in his side together with the expression of anguish – dignified – on his face, declares him to be *Faithful unto Death*

Sept 11 Monday Very fine and warm.

Left Lucerne by the train for Olten, Berne, Thun, thus performing 3 sides of a parallelogram, the Alps being the unpassable fourth. The Hotel Belle Vue is particularly well situated, being in command of the town and lake – it has an English Chapel in the grounds, and a sort of summer house at a slight elevation from which you may get a capital view of the snowy Bernese Alps – the Jungfrau being Queen – next to her the Blüemlis and a bird's eye view of the town, which with its parted river and picturesque pepperbox fort rising as a boss to the shield of which the inn is joined by the mountains – is very beautiful, particularly under the setting sun, as we saw it. Fell in with an amusing old gentleman, who is taking his first holiday at 60 years old; he has but lately retired from his post as registrar of Doctor's Commons in a government pension. He has been abroad three years and is now anxious to return to England and roast beef (Charles Dyke).

Sept 12 Tue Fine, warm and bright, one thundershower at Olten.

Nearly all day in the melancholy Swiss railway; slow, crowded and dirty, add to this unpunctual.

Thun-Bale

Went into Berne early from Thun, and found it was market day; saw in consequence much rural costumes; and beasts and feathered fowl. The streets are arched something like Chester, and everywhere we turned we were fairly clean – the famous view of the Oberland from the Münster Platz was denied us but we saw the great weir over which the Aar rushes, the dreadfully Protestant Cathedral possessing no interest whatever except some coloured glass and a fairly carved porch, representing the 10 Virgins and the Last Judgement, and the Bears – which were very grotesque and amusing. There are Bears everywhere, carved in wood in every conceivable posture, natural and absurd, moulded in bronze, cut in stone guarding the city gates, and rampant on the colours borne by the Canton of Berne – the legend is that the city was founded by a man who had killed a bear on the spot on which it now stands. We came to Olten and passed the Jura by grand tunnel, some 2600 yards long (6 min in passing to Bale, and I am now writing this at the great hotel of the Trois Rois on the banks of the Rhine.

Sept 13 Wednesday Fine and warm.

Miss Veasey's birthday. A day of unwearied travel. 325 miles we have passed over today between 9am and 9.30pm by the Chemin de Fer de l'Est from Basle to Paris. The country we passed thro' is excessively uninteresting, large rolling plains with here and there a boundary of hills; very few trees and thinly populated. The dust lay white in the carriage, and our annual measure of dirt must have been eaten by the time we arrived here this evening. We were punctual to a minute all the way thro' and went at express English pace. Put up at the Louvre.

Sept 14 As yesterday.

With D.H. Hodgkinson doing nothing particular – lunched with him at his little place in the Rue Penthievre – and was introduced to H. Riant who has picked up English marvellously tho' by none of the usual means, Dined at Tissot's, Potage au Bisque, saumon au Hollandaise, Boeuf à la mode, Meringues glacées – and other good things.

Sept 15 Friday

After a pleasant morning with two old Huntingdonians. V and I separated, he for the S.E.R, I for the L.B. and S.C.R. My route was most prosperous – the sea like a mill pond – had very pleasant companions in Mr and Mrs Jones of somewhere near Bury – who know F.G.V. – and nobody was at all ill. Sleep at the Hotel here this evening and pronounce it a very poor place indeed.

Sept 16 As yesterday. Very hot.

Return home by Brighton, calling on my old friend Saumurez Smith en route – reach the Rectory by sundown. I am welcomed by my mother and Emmie.

Joan Ham (Village Historian)



STORRINGTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

At the May meeting we enjoyed a talk by Andrew Humphris, the Head Gardener at Parham. Andrew started off by describing his background as a gardener; his father John was his gardening mentor, and throughout Andrew's childhood held several significant posts, such as Head Gardener at Borde Hill and Sutton Place, and became the President of the Professional Gardeners Guild, where he started a training scheme. He received the RHS Victoria Medal of Honour, the highest award in UK professional horticulture. The young Andrew was therefore surrounded by wonderful gardens and had an expert to discuss and share gardening ideas with.

After previous roles including at Savile Garden, Biddulph, Woollaton Old Hall, and West Lodge Estate, Andrew was appointed as Head Gardener at Parham in January 2021. Parham has been open to the public since 1948; the gardens are renowned for the four-acre Walled Garden, and herbaceous borders, and traditionally the house always has cut flowers from the garden in every room.

There had been an ongoing problem with bindweed for some time, and the opportunity to start to tackle it began during lockdown in 2020. However, it became clear that a radical approach was required. Andrew drew up a 5-year plan, and the family and directors of Parham supported his proposals. This meant a degree of disruption, with beds left fallow, but was considered the right approach to fully address the issue. The plan is now in its fifth year, and the gold border is now fallow, the last area to be treated.

The evening finished with light refreshments and a raffle.

The next meeting is on **18 July**, when Don Fitzgerald will tell us about Carnivorous Plants.

Jo Myland

Sicily: Cultural Crossroads

A talk on
WEDNESDAY
2 July



This lecture looks at the island's historic role as the crossroads between Europe, North Africa and the Middle East.

Speaker:

Richard Whincop

Please be seated by 10.30 hrs. The talk should finish at 12 noon
Coffee from 9.50 hrs.

Visitors are most welcome to attend – Admission £8. No booking required.
Fittleworth Village Hall, School Lane, Fittleworth RH20 1JB.

Following the talk a lunch has been organised to celebrate the Arts Society South Downs' 45th Anniversary. Booking is essential.

For further information please visit our website:

www.theartsocietysouthdowns.org.uk

Or Tel: 01798 813314



WEST CHILTINGTON AND STORRINGTON MOTHERS' UNION

I have had an exciting week! On 4 June I received an award for

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

The Biggest Heart from Horsham District Volunteer Awards, having been nominated by FSW for my work with them. MU works closely with FSW and we have been able to send several of our supported families and Church members on the AFIA holidays. It has been an honour to receive the award for something I love being a part of. Volunteers are always needed in many different roles.



About a dozen of us met at Findon Vale Garden Centre on 5 June for our Annual Outing and enjoyed drinks

and refreshments together and a browse around the plants and retail departments. Michelle White, our Diocesan President, popped in to pick up our cake donations for The Ardingly Show.

On 10 May, six of us set off for Brighton for the Spring Gathering at St John the Evangelist. There were 69 members attending from all over our diocese for the AGM and our Eucharist. It is always a day of fellowship, meeting up with other branch members who we haven't seen for a while, and looking forward at MU future projects and themes.

Members will all have received sunflower seeds to plant for our Summer of Hope Campaign, sowing a symbol of resilience and help women grow a brighter future. Donations will go to war torn Democratic Republic of Congo, where women and children flee their homes with nothing but a packet of seeds! We help rebuild lives through literacy programmes, savings, prayer and communities.

MU members are looking towards the 150th year anniversary in 2026. It will be a momentous occasion for grand celebrations!

Join us, join in! Each new member strengthens our movement and helps spread the message of love, hope and community. We usually meet at West Chiltington Church Hall on the first Thursday of the month from 2pm to 4pm, except August.

Dates for your diary:

3 July: Garden Party in aid of FSW

7 August: Quiet day at St Mary's Church, Storrington, 10am to 4pm

10 August: Festival of Puddings at St Mary's Church, Storrington

4 September: 12 noon Corporate Communion at West Chiltington Church with Ploughman's Lunch

Sonia Fox



WEST CHILTINGTON FLORAL CLUB (AFFILIATED TO NAFAS)

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

Visitors are most welcome - £7 on the door

Sales Table, Refreshments and Raffle

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

Email: wchiltfloralclub@gmail.com

ACTIVITIES AT THE VILLAGE HUB

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

TUESDAY

In Stitches – 1.30pm to 3pm

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



THURSDAY

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

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



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

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



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

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



FRIDAY

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

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



SATURDAY

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

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



CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUPS ON FRIDAYS

Chanctonbury Leisure Centre

Sparks Toddler Group – 10am – 11.30am

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



Fireworks Kids Club – 6pm – 7.15pm

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



Wildfires Youth Group – 7.30pm – 9pm

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



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

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INSPIRING WOMEN

WI NEWS
SULLINGTON WINDMILLS

Sullington Windmills WI held their monthly meeting on 21 May, the speaker being Jan Marsden, a member of Bognor Regis WI, who is involved with the ACWW organisation (Associated Country Women of the World). ACWW work (in conjunction with other organisations) across some 80 countries to help give women living in rural communities a voice to express their issues and concerns. ACWW aim to influence policymakers, hold Governments to account, and they fund projects together with other member societies. Projects fall within three main categories: climate changes and farming, rural women's health, and education and community development.

Jan thanked Sullington Windmills for their past help with fund raising and looked forward to future involvement.

She also talked enthusiastically about Bramber Beeches, an area of woodland within the South Downs National Park. The woodland was planted by West Sussex Federation of WIs and sits within Coombes Farm, owned and farmed by the Passmore family for more than 100 years. The trees were planted to celebrate the Federation's Diamond Jubilee in 1980. There have been challenges: a fire damaged trees, storms have weakened the smaller trees, and there is a constant battle to prevent the nettles and brambles overwhelming the site. However, it is thriving and with the continued goodwill of the Passmore family, the wood is there for all WI members to enjoy.

Sullington Windmills meet on the third Wednesday of each month. At the next meeting on **16 July**, the Shoreham Coastguard will talk about their work in keeping people using our coastline safe.

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

Lynn Harris



Thakeham Gardeners' Club

69th Flower Show

SATURDAY
19 JULY
2pm-4pm

Thakeham Village Hall
Entry open to all
Admissions £1 per adult-
members/children free
Refreshments
Trophies awarded at 3.30pm

Flower Show Organiser
Elizabeth-01798 815075
flowershow@stanmoor.co.uk
Schedules available from
Thakeham Village Hall

Displays and demonstrations from local
Art and craft groups in the Chesswood
Room.



Exciting Finish to President's Match

On a rainless but windy late May Bank Holiday Monday, the Club's 1st XI Captain, Tim Laker, selected a team to challenge a team chosen by Graham Humphries who had been nominated to captain the President's XI. It was to be a 35 overs match with a traditional cricket tea in between innings. Tim won the toss and elected to bat. Openers Jason Clarke and Dan Burgess made a cracking start and had reached 61 runs in just seven overs when Dan was snared lbw by Jem Daley. Enter the skipper who proceeded to hit several fours before being stumped off Steven Livermore's pace bowling. Next in was Massimo Phillips, an all-rounder and one of our U13 Sussex Pathway juniors. Jason Clarke who had been lustily accumulating sixes and fours retired on reaching his half century bringing Frankie Brown to the wicket to suffer a first ball caught and bowled by Steven Livermore. Massimo too was accumulating fours (eight in all) while other batsmen came and went; he eventually succumbed to a straight ball from Bruno Parissi in the penultimate over, four runs short of a half century. The final score was 197 for 6 wickets.

Charlie Brown and Guy McKilligin opened for the President's side. The score was 21 when Charlie lost his wicket and then Guy lost his wicket on 46 to the same bowler, Rin Tomsett, after scoring 33 runs. Thomas Wroe and the skipper then produced a solid partnership with eleven fours and a six before Thomas was bowled by Tim for 32 when the score was 118. Thomas Clarke, another of our Sussex Pathway juniors, came to the wicket and after striking several boundaries was caught and bowled by Tim for 25 runs. At this point in the match calamity struck with Graham having to retire after suffering cramp. Jem Daley and U13 Bastiaan Hawley then began a partnership that took the score to 179 when Jem was caught by Rin off Jess Riching's bowling. The very next ball, Jess had new batsman Bruno Parissi LBW so a hat trick beckoned, but it was not to be. In the penultimate over with the score on 193 after another wicket had fallen, a hobbling and hopeful skipper came back to the wicket to join Bastiaan. Frankie Brown was given the ball for the final over; he gave away a meagre two runs so that the President's XI score finished on 195 for eight wickets to lose by just two runs.

The match was played to raise funds for the pavilion extension project and close to £1,000 resulted mainly from a raffle and bar takings.



All our senior and junior sides were in action during May

A touring club, Halstead near Sevenoaks in Kent, beat our 1st XI in a high scoring friendly at the start of the month. The first League match against Ifield was another defeat when one of the visitor's openers showed exceptional class in scoring an unbeaten century. In the next League match, against Arundel, it was our turn to produce a centurion. We scored 315-4 with Solomon "Solly" Monyamane from South Africa hitting 125, well backed up by half centuries from Charlie Brown and Jason Clarke. Arundel fell short by 88 runs. There followed a six wicket victory over Horsham who were bowled out for 181. Douglas Sopp, Tim Laker and Dan Burgess scored most of our runs. The month ended as it began with a defeat at the hands of Broadwater by 33 runs. The 2nd XI played and lost twice against Serendip in their opening League matches. In the second match, U13 junior Finlay Evans_Walls scored an unbeaten 37 and Graham Humphries took six wickets for 23 runs.

Our mid week T20 Slam side also played and lost twice: to Fittleworth and Eastergate. The Sunday XI had an 8 wicket win over Horsham Trinity when Joshua Hayles scored an unbeaten half century and Massimo Phillips took six wickets for just nine runs.

Our U13 boys, who are now playing in two leagues this season, notched up wins against Eastergate and Balcombe. The outstanding performance in the first match was a hat trick by Massimo (on the ground where he scored his first century). Jake also took 3 wickets in the win by 57 runs. Three of our girls played in the match against Balcombe: a win by 31 runs with Thomas topping our runs.

The U12 boys had a tough month losing to Balcombe, West Chiltington and Lingfield. Harrison top scored in the first match, Chengye took six wickets in the second match and opener Reuben carried his bat unbeaten in the third match.

The U10 boys had wins against Rudgwick and Steyning by the narrow margins of three and six runs. Dylan and Adam were our main wicket takers against Rudgwick whilst Holly top scored and Elliott took three wickets in the Steyning match.

The U9s lost to Southwater and Crawley Eagles in close encounters but finished the month on a high with their first win – by a big 93 runs against Horsham Trinity with Robin and Archie sharing the batting honours. See photo of our victors.

The U13 girls achieved a massive 118 run victory over West Chiltington when Emily, Lea and Tilly each retired after scoring 30 runs. Emily also took two wickets. Unfortunately, their next two games were not played: Chichester Prior Park conceded and then we conceded against West Wittering.

The girls U11, playing softball, lost to West Chiltington by a big margin after both sides had lost three wickets. Bella took two of the West Chilt's wickets.

Chris Winter



STORRINGTON DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Following on from a very successful Talent Evening and our entertaining short play *Conned to Death*, our thoughts now turn to pantomime – Oh Yes they do! We still have a couple of scripts to decide between, but we will be ready with the chosen one for our read-through late July and auditions the second week of August. Meetings take place in Sullington Parish Hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7.30pm to 10pm.

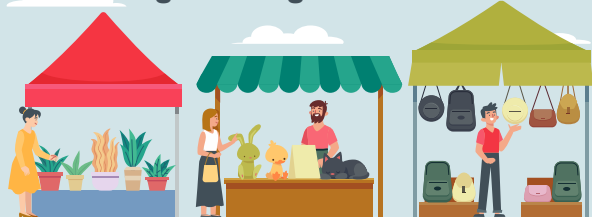
Productions take a great deal of work from many different attributes, not only acting and singing but artists, builders, costumes, sound, advertising and many other areas. We welcome newcomers no matter what area they would like to pursue. We are a very friendly bunch who will guide and help you, should you need it.

If you have watched a show on TV, DVD or live theatre and thought, "I'd like to try that", come along and try it!

David Chinn

STORRINGTON COMMUNITY MARKET

Storrington Village Hall, West Street



EVERY FRIDAY 9.30 – 11.30am

FRESH LOCAL PRODUCE

Homemade Cakes, Quiches and Biscuits

Sausage Rolls • Fruit • Veg • Plants

Homemade Marmalade, Jam, Chutney and Honey

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Sussex Green Living recycling collection point

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having a good chat over a cuppa
and sharing your love of books and reading?



All chit chat
and tall tales
welcome

READING
FRIENDS

Reading Friends
meet first Monday
of the month
2.30pm – 3.30pm

THE
READING
AGENCY

ON 7 JULY THIS MONTH!



Storrington Library

Ryecroft Lane, Storrington, RH20 4PA
01903 839050

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

Reading Friends isn't a traditional reading group. You don't need to be a reader to take part as we use reading, whether books, magazines, newspapers, or anything else, to start everyone chatting and help people get to know each other.

STORRINGTON REVIVAL THROUGH THE EYES OF BBC COUNTRYFILE

The village was bill-clattering with excitement at having the Countryfile film crew on site all day on 5 May at the White Stork and Nature Revival festival. Residents, celebrities, stallholders and artists were all interviewed by the BBC, and it was the stork hats that caught attention in Storrington that cold and windy Bank Holiday Monday.

At the nearby Knepp Wilding Estate, the majestic White Stork deservedly took centre stage on our TV screens. The BBC did an excellent job featuring the storks and also how the pigs and other large animals tell the story of Knepp's achievements for landscape restoration at scale. If you missed the BBC1 television programme on 25 May, grab yourself a cuppa and tune into iPlayer (Countryfile, Storrington).



With a wingspan of over 2 metres and its orange beak and matching legs offset against their distinct white body with black wings, it is a bold and eye-catching bird, even when viewed high in the sky soaring the thermals.

Since 2016 the White Stork Project introduced injured birds from Poland into the UK and they are now enjoying a revival. The continued breeding success in the south-east at Knepp and Wadhurst Park means we can soon expect storks to join the dots from Knepp through to Storrington. The village is surrounded by suitable habitat, protected by internationally recognised wetlands and the National Park along the South Downs. These birds already linger and forage in the Arun Valley. Indeed, storks and Storrington are intricately linked. In Old English, *Estorcheton* or *Storca-tūn* likely pointed to storks being around 'town'. It will be no surprise if the storks once again make this area their home. Our job in 'Storkington' is to offer the storks a warm welcome.

What a privilege to re-discover these birds through Knepp's White Stork Project with its technology and scientific insights. We can all be part of this movement by reporting our sightings when they land in the vicinity, follow their intimate behaviour in the summer on the LIVE webcam, and track their journey as they cross the continents. And so we get to share the daily lives of this iconic bird alongside ours, all for free!

With your help and citizen data we can re-build our cultural and social heritage around these flying emblems of hope. This charismatic species is an ambassador for nature restoration, drawing people of all ages in, who never even thought they were interested in wildlife or nature.

Now that Storrington, together with Knepp Wildland, has been crowned a European Stork Village, we are committed each year to celebrate the safe return of the white stork after its amazing migratory journey to Africa. A festival will be hosted by the Storrington & Sullington Parish Council on behalf of its residents. What an honour. Come on board to celebrate the revival of the white stork and the revival also of the core of our village. If you're interested in participating or offering your help for next year's festival, please contact the Council by email on: storks@storrington-pc.gov.uk.

<https://whitestorkproject.org>

Viviane Doussy, Storrington Resident

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Monthly
Talk

THE WAR OF THE ROSES

by Steve Bird

Tuesday 1st July

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Steve Bird started as an army officer, then worked in Industrial Relations with Ford throughout the 70's and 80s. Subsequent to Ford, Steve worked for a number of companies including Glaxo, Natwest and Trinity Mirror (where he fired Piers Morgan). Steve ended his career with Maersk where, based in the Hague, he was responsible for HR in 60 ports around the world. Today Steve pursues his first love which is the research and study of military history on which he gives a number of talks.



**NO TALK IN
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Tuesday July 1

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STORRINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDENS

We are already halfway through the year, so we thought we would give a recap of the highlights and some of the events so far.

This year Storrington celebrated its new status as the UK's first European Stork Village, a joint designation with Knepp Wildland. Storrington hosted a free White Stork and Nature Revival Festival that was a great success and enjoyed by everyone. This will now be a yearly event.

The annual Duck Race was held on a beautifully sunny day and was enjoyed by all, raising much needed funds for the local primary school to keep their pool running, amongst other things. Well done to the PTA for arranging the day.

Our own events enjoyed a similar amount of success. We held our dog behaviourist event at Sullington Warren and it was good to see and speak to so many dog owners, with the specialist offering advice. Our Cuppa and a Chat is growing and we regularly get 25+ residents coming along to meet with friends. We have also started a Community Café once a month. Other events include our Autism and SEN multi-sports event, Journey group for parents and carers of autistic and SEN children, Dungeons and Dragons gaming club, Bingo at Hanover Walk, and our early intervention work with the schools.

If you want to know more about these, or other forthcoming events, please do not hesitate to contact us and we will be more than happy to chat about them.

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The summer term at primary school is always busy and filled with exciting experiences for the children, and at Storrington Primary School we go above and beyond to enhance the provision for the children that attend here.

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

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

On Wednesday 21 May, the school hall was buzzing with excitement as we held our Science Fair, and what a fantastic event it was! Children from across the school showcased a brilliant range of scientific investigations, experiments, and displays, all designed to spark curiosity and celebrate the joy of discovery. From robots and homemade circuits to fascinating facts about magnets, animals, and static electricity, the children demonstrated impressive scientific thinking, creativity and teamwork. It was wonderful to see so many confident presentations, thoughtful questions and genuine excitement about science.



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

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

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

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



Mr Choate, Headteacher



PARHAM HOUSE EVENTS FOR THE NEW SEASON

Stay tuned for more details on specific dates and activities as we prepare to welcome guests back for another memorable season!

Until October

Cookery & Tasting Demos

Chef and food writer Valentina Harris is joining forces with Bake-Off finalist Miranda Gore Browne in The Old Kitchen, where they will be holding a series of cookery demonstrations, hands on classes, and tasting sessions with local food and wine producers.

Until 6 July

Horsham School of Botanical Artists Exhibition

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WEATHER WATCH

What a remarkable spring 2025 turned out to be with May continuing for the most part with bountiful sunshine, dry conditions and warm temperatures, especially by day. In a period from the 26 February to 21 May, only 36mm of rain was measured in our area and 21mm of that fell in one day, the 21 April. Overall, across England, the recent spring was the warmest and sunniest on record, the result of persistent high pressure.



May had no measurable rain until the 11th and began with the highest May Day temperature ever measured in the UK of 29.3°C at Kew Gardens. At my Heath Common weather station outside Storrington I measured just shy of 27°C. May rainfall was around half the average for May and was the driest May since 2020

when I recorded just 2.8mm. I have a weather instrument called a Piché evaporimeter which measures evaporation and, during May, 81mm of water evaporated from the glass tube whereas only 28mm of actual rain fell. This discrepancy was the result of the exceptionally sunny conditions and the high day temperature values. No wonder the ground dried out and cracks appeared in our fields and gardens. Dust coated my car frequently during the month blown from fields and local quarries.

Whilst it was warm by day with 11 days exceeding 21°C (70°F) clear nighttime skies made it quite chilly around dawn, and I measured on my sandy soil 12 grass frosts, but air frost was absent measured at the standard height of 1.25 metres or 4 feet. There was no snow, sleet or hail but a thunderstorm occurred on the 21st. The last day of the month ended on a sunny warm note, but on the other side of the Downs persistent, chilly fog shrouded the coast that disappointed the day trippers. It made me think of Kipling's poem Sussex which has the lines:

*Here the sea-fogs lap and cling
And here, each warning each.
The sheep-bells and the ship-bells ring
Along the hidden beach.*



A new issue of my Weather eye magazine has just come out. Feel free to contact me for details if you would like a copy. Will the sunny, warm weather continue in June or will the weather saying 'A dripping June brings all in tune' be nearer the mark. See the next 3 Heralds issue.

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

SOUTH DOWNS PROBUS



Our speaker for the lunch at The George and Dragon was Frank Hurst, which is the literary name for the author and ex-HM Customs investigator from West Chiltington. His subject was *Drug Smuggling – the Secret History*. If it sounds interesting, it was.

He began with a background to smuggling in general which took us back to medieval times and then up to the more modern day. It appears some famous literary stars were involved in working for the Revenue, including Geoffrey Chaucer, John Dryden and Robert Burns. In the 18th century, the violence of the South Coast based Hawkhurst Gang was so extreme it finally stirred the authorities into action. But drug smuggling is a more recent activity and as usual was brought about by the opportunity for criminals to make money. There have been some notable smugglers in our time. Until his imprisonment and eventual death in 2016, Welshman Howard Marks once controlled cannabis smuggling on a global scale. Khun Sa, a Burmese warlord, orchestrated South East Asian heroin distribution for decades and was never captured. There appeared to be two main methods of smuggling drugs; firstly by avoidance and secondly by concealment. The latter may involve cling-filming it to your body (pretty funny), hiding it under a wig, or secreting it under the plaster of a not-broken leg. And also by swallowing no end of condoms filled with the powder... 282 was the record! Could be fatal of course! Avoiding the authorities often required speed boats and fast planes, even submarines and presumably now, drones. Frank had had some amusing experiences with people you would never have expected to be involved but were caught up in his stories. A very good speaker, we all enjoyed.



Members at Bignor House

Later in May, a group of us set off for Bignor Park, south of Pulborough. The first wet day for ages but we were brightened up by the tour of the house and then of the garden. The house visit was personally guided by the owner who has lived there since 2010 with his family. The house and estate have been in his family since 1926 but has a much older origin going back to the deer park of the Arundel Estate and rich Cornish tin mine owners. We were shown the range of paintings of ancestors and previous owners, many of whom were great characters. A lot of the furniture had a French theme and had been collected by one wife with connections to Talleyrand of French Revolution fame! We strayed leisurely through the entrance hall and the dining room, then the lounge and into the library where, amongst the books, we were confronted by a magnificent set of drums and a grand piano. The owner explained he is really a composer of pastoral music! He was a charming man and we enjoyed his company. After that we were left to wander around the garden the first part of which was walled and with a sea of box hedging; we hoped it doesn't get the caterpillar or the virus! It was an informal garden in which you could happily spend a relaxing time, preferably on a sunny day!

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Lots of good food stalls for your lunch, catering for all dietary requirements. A vintage tea tent and vintage tea caravan, burgers, wraps, crepes, ice cream, cake, gin cocktails, beer, cider, coffee. Classic cars, singing and dancing and general joyousness!

We are very excited to welcome back Archie with his powerful classical voice to sing and make you cry! Also, Fae as Folk from Brighton and The Lady Garden Ensemble from Cornwall. All this as well as our in-house couple Kerry and Dave who will host the tea tent and entertain you. We have the colourful Duke Box Gentleman hosting the woodland stage, plus Steampunk Morris dancers, Mythago Morris, The Alternative and Retro Caravan Club and much more. See our website for who is performing when and for the cheapest early bird online tickets www.floralfringefair.co.uk.

We are dog-friendly at the fair. Why not dress in style...vintage, floral, Steampunk, just colourful or a big hat!



Our May production, *The Edge of Darkness*, written by Brian Clemens and directed by Ralph Wigg, seemed well-received by audiences, which numbered nearly 250 people across the three evening performances of this mystery thriller. A huge amount of time and effort went into the production, not just from Ralph and the talented cast on stage,



but from the backstage crew (Stage Manager and Assistants, prompt, costumes, hair and make-up), technical team, Front of House teams, and all those involved in preparations in the run-up to the performances, such as publicity and ticket sales. The set for this production was a little more complex than usual. Miq Kelland, in liaison with the director, designed a superb set, which Miq and Robert Ingram (Set Construction Manager) then brilliantly put together, with the help of over 20 members. I would like to thank everyone involved with the production, including the producer, Amanda Hislop, who co-ordinated everything with the skill of a military logistician.

Cast of *The Edge of Darkness* on set. Left to right: Holly Fulbrook, Robert Ingram, Ian Stuart, Lisa Falkner, John Pounder and Stella Russell.

Upcoming Events

Read-through and Auditions for *Nobody's Perfect*

Our November production will be the comedy *Nobody's Perfect* by Simon Williams, directed by Susan Goble. The performances will be on the evenings of 20, 21 and 22 November at West Chillington Village Hall.

Nobody's Perfect is about a shy statistician, Leonard, who dreams of becoming a novelist, much to the amusement of his teenage daughter, Dee Dee and his disreputable father, Gus. Leonard submits his latest manuscript to a women-only contest under a pseudonym but, when publisher, Harriet, offers him a deal, "Myrtle" must make an appearance! Can Dee Dee and Gus save the day?

We will hold a read-through of the play on **Thursday 17 July at 7.30pm** in the Windmill Room of West Chillington Village Hall. Auditions will take place on **Monday 21 and Monday 28 July at 7.30pm**, both in the Main Hall of the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome, whether as cast or crew, or just to get to know the play.

Rehearsals start at the beginning of September, on Monday and Thursday evenings in the Village Hall. For further information, please contact Sue on 01798 812794.

Anyone successful in gaining a part at audition will need to join the Society, if not already a member. Membership fees are £10 a year for an adult and £5 for under-18s/students. New members are very welcome, whether for a role on stage or behind the scenes.

Summer Members' Evening

Our Summer Members' Evening has moved from August to July this year.

We will be holding a Murder Mystery on **Saturday 26 July** with a Ploughman's Supper. This will take place at West Chillington Village Hall; doors will open at 7pm for a prompt 7.30pm start.

Tickets cost £8 for adult members and £4 for under-18s (£12 for adult guests and £6 for under-18 guests).

Details on how to book tickets will be available on our website www.wcds.co.uk nearer the time.

More information about our friendly Society can be found on our website www.wcds.co.uk, including an archive of photos from previous productions and events.

Angela Sloan, Vice Chair



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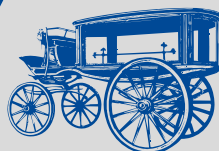
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