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All telephone numbers are 01903 unless otherwise stated.

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Making Time

Those of you who have read any of Jacquie's *Thought for the Week* will know how much we enjoy and value our walks on the Downs. One memorable day in April, we had a lovely sunny day with all of the fresh greens of spring. The birds were wonderful with so many Sky Larks. A Yellow Hammer showed off his colours and a hare ran a vast distance as it obviously feared the Red Kite circling above it, and we think

we even heard the spring call of a Curlew. Then the following week it was thousands of Cowslips, numerous Goldfinches, two Lapwings and the tracks of many different small animals in the drying mud. How wonderful 'me time' is, AND how important!

In the Old Testament we are told there is a time for everything, and this must include such 'me time', to recharge the batteries. We do need, though, to look, at times, at the way we apportion our time. There is, and must be, a time for all things: family or friends, that neighbour down the road AND God. It is so easy to be too busy to get the proportions right. I am told you need to get the proportions correct to make a good cake (I fear it is a long time since I tried!). Surely the same is true of life? We need a balance of all of those things I have just mentioned.

I was discussing visiting with someone recently. Are there members, or former members, of the congregation who could do with a visit? Do let us know, or even visit them yourselves. I can hardly imagine the pain of loneliness and isolation some housebound folk must feel. This is just one example of valuable use of time.

The Preacher, Ecclesiastes, does indeed say in Chapter 3 that "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under Heaven"; what wise words, written well over 2000 years ago.

Do make sure that there is a time for everyone and everything in your lives; it just needs planning! AND do realise you need time for yourself as well.

With love,

JOHN PEAL

Retired Priest, St Mary's Church, Storrington

A PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

Christ has no body now on earth but ours,
no hands but ours,
no feet but ours;
ours are the eyes through which is to look out
Christ's compassion to the world,
ours are the feet which he is to go about doing good,
and ours are the hands with which he is to bless us now.

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The series is hosted by Revd Canon William Gulliford, Director of Ordinands in the Diocese in Europe and Vicar of St Mark's, Regent's Park and the Vicar of St John's Wood, the Revd Dr Anders Bergquis. The podcasts are produced by Revd Emily Kolltveit, Wayfarer podcast producer and Priest in Charge designate of St Jude on the Hill, Hampstead Garden Suburb, London.

For more details of the podcast and various different access channels, go to: <https://buff.ly/3UtlLET>.

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Please contact Church Warden, Gail Kittle to make arrangements for Baptisms, Weddings and Banns of Marriage.

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

BE CAUGHT OUT! CHECK TIMES OF NEW SERVICES ON PAGE 18

100 CLUB

The PCC is planning to launch a *100 Club* monthly draw in order to raise funds for the Church.

This is an easy way to support St Mary's and there's the chance each month of winning a cash prize.

The cost of each number will be £5 per month and we will be asking each subscriber to commit to at least one year's membership. Subject to availability, more than one number can be bought if desired. We hope there will be 100 numbers in every draw, but there will be a draw each month regardless of how many numbers are bought.

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Please contact David as soon as possible if you are interested in taking part in this fundraising initiative.

We are registering the *100 Club* as a Small Society Lottery so that membership will be open not only to people who are on our Electoral Roll, but also to any of their friends and relations who would like to take part.

If you have any queries please speak to Gail Kittle.

David Baxter
Email: dbax49@gmail.com

Dates for your diary St Mary's Church, Sullington

20 September

Cheese and Wine evening

- more to follow

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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: Michael Taylor (742218)

Bellringers: Fridays, 7.45pm – 9.30pm.

Church & Churchyard Maintenance: John Butler (745091)

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 Barbara (741236)

STORRINGTON REGISTERS

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

22 Apr John Richard Bell (100 years)

EVENSONG is usually held at St Mary's, Storrington, on the first and second Sundays of the month. **6pm April to October.**

St Mary's Church, Storrington

Cafe in the Church
2nd and 4th Wednesdays

Wednesday 12 June
10am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30 Cafe in the Church

Wednesday 26 June
2pm Holy Communion (BCP)
2.30pm Cafe in the Church



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

TRAILS IN THE CHURCHYARD

Pentecost TRAIL

Pentecost Trail is now running until 16 June, and the *Small but Mighty Trail* from the end of July to early September. These are 'off the shelf' trails designed by Muddy Church and Sunhats and Wellie Boots. This will be our third summer of churchyard trails, post-pandemic, and it would be good if we could design our own trails at some point, but in the meantime we shall work with these to gain visibility and community interest. The Pentecost Trail takes us through verses from the Book of Acts, the Day of Pentecost, and concludes with encouraging participants to enter our open church building to offer thoughts and prayers by writing on a red dove and offering it on the Pentecost 'dove tree' in the Lady Chapel. The Pentecost Dove Tree will be up for most of the Trinity Season for all to offer dove prayers asking the Holy Spirit to be at work in our lives.

To take part, you simply turn up. It's a poster trail so just follow the posters around the churchyard.



PARISH VISITING TEAM...

The contact for St Mary's Parish Visiting Team is Christine Tuson. Please contact her on 905932 if you would like to arrange for someone on the team to either speak to you or visit you.

10am ZOOM SERVICE AT ST MARY'S, STORRINGTON

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Before we went, my prayer partner Ella asked me to take all the information we had about the saving activities with me, as well as some music manuscript paper. She later denied this conversation, but believe me, I have never taken anything like this on holiday before, or since, in my life, and I didn't know why, but I packed it.

We (the Kersleys) had some light duties in the Church, services of course, keeping the Church clean, counting money, being available to talk, etc. but most of the time we were free to enjoy ourselves. The landscape was so inspiring I started to hear music in my head. We saw fjords, mountains, waterfalls, snow, ice, forests, even a glacier and it was all so vivid, I had to write all the music down. Every day I wrote a different song and matched it to one of the saving areas in Kingston Buci. The hotel had a piano that they allowed me to use so I worked there too.

A holiday like no other!

On returning home I played the songs to Ella, and she became very excited and said WE must do it immediately. Who needs another composer? A daunting prospect.

We also had an expedition to Normandy that month. Five of us from Kingston Buci went to find Buci, as it was 50 years since the D-day landings. Buci is now called Boucé!



Crystalle Kersley

ST MARY'S, STORRINGTON

GRAND DAY OUT

Saturday
22 June

St Alban
Pilgrimage



St Mary's, Storrington are organising a grand day out to St Albans by executive coach from Storrington. This special festival commemorates the first Christian martyr on British soil, the Roman soldier, Alban, who was killed for harbouring and offering hospitality to a Christian priest, Amphibalus. The story is acted out using giant puppets in procession through the streets of St Albans. There will be a Festal Eucharist at 12 Noon with Pilgrimage Preacher, The Right Revd Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani, Bishop of Chelmsford. The day concludes with Festal Evensong at 4pm with a grand procession with red roses to the Shrine of St Alban in the Cathedral.

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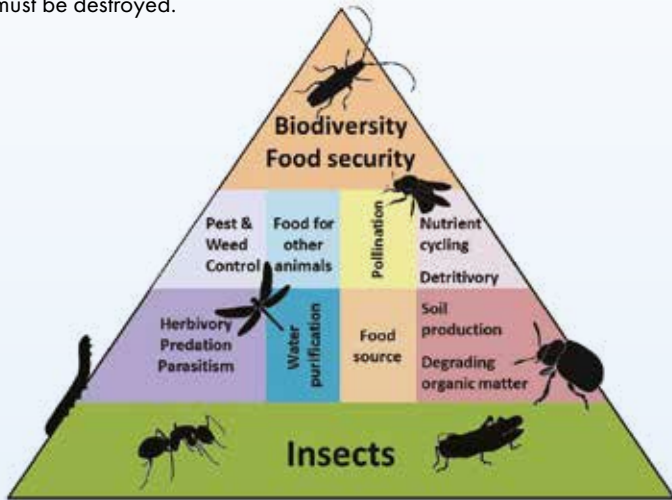
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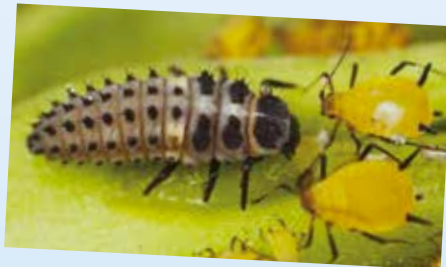
Last month I wrote about spiders. I'm still thinking of creepy crawlies this month. There's a picture going around Facebook which is a photo of a daddy-long-legs and a narrative around "please don't kill me; I'm useful; I pollinate things". Is it my imagination, or has it become an automatic response in many (even most) people to think that 'insects' must be destroyed.



The home page of *Buglife* has a quote from David Attenborough, "If we and the rest of the back-boned animals were to disappear overnight, the rest of the world would get on pretty well. But if the invertebrates were to disappear, the world's ecosystems would collapse."

I find that a startling thought until I stop to think. Almost all pollinators are invertebrates; ants for example. Many biological controls involve invertebrates. Did you know earwigs eat the eggs of apple codling moth? Neither did I.

Do you know what the bug in my picture is? It's a ladybird larva. To many it may look like a bad thing, but ladybirds are natural predators on aphids, and so protect your plants. And there is honey of course.



Our two hives are thriving despite the cold, wet spring.

The lifecycle of most invertebrates is completely fascinating. Few other lifeforms goes through such changes. And many are amazingly beautiful, not just butterflies and dragonflies, but the iridescent beetles, of which there are many: green tiger beetle, rose chafer beetle and agelastica, to name just three. Look up the pictures. They are stunning.



Buglife is a great charity. It started in 2000 when it was realised that, although there was a UK Biodiversity Action Plan, created in 1994, there was no organisation flying the flag for invertebrates. The snappily named Invertebrate Conservation Trust was formed. It became *Buglife* in 2002. I recommend a visit to their website, www.buglife.org.uk.

From that I learned there are over 100 Important Invertebrate Sites in the UK, including the South Downs.

Churches Count on Nature

Your garden may be an important invertebrate site. I'm sure our churchyard is important, not just for bugs, but also for flowers, trees, grasses, birds and all sorts of wildlife. From **8 to 15 June**, we're joining the Churches Count on Nature week. Why not come along and join in? Here are some things you can do.



- Spend half an hour sitting on a bench noting all the wildlife you see – birds, insects, mammals (other than humans and dogs!).
- Take a walk around the churchyard and list all the different plants growing.
- Use the Merlin birdsong app to note all the birds you can hear.
- Measure out a square metre on the ground and count all the bugs just in that space.

There'll be record sheets for you to use, and books to help you identify what you see.

Just one thing

Did you vote in May? Or do "no mow" May? Our 12 year old washing machine started leaking water. A bit of research produced a local engineer who came and fixed it for a very reasonable price and a lot cheaper than a new washing machine. So, my just one thing is repair, don't replace unless you absolutely have to!

Christine Tuson, ctuson@lineone.net



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WEST CHILTINGTON AND STORRINGTON MOTHERS' UNION

On Thursday 2 May we welcomed our speaker, Brenda Bull, at West Chiltington, who gave us a very informative and interesting talk about her flower arranging experiences. She was part of a team for a floral display at Westminster Abbey and also took part in the flower arranging for the Flower Festival at Lancing College. Brenda gave us a demonstration on making a lovely mixed posy by stripping the lower leaves and twisting each stem to hold them together. It was well-attended.

Thank you to Chrystalle for piano accompaniment to our hymns during our service.

On Saturday 4 May Jeannie Bell, our Branch leader, and myself attended The Spring Gathering and AGM. Also attending were Maria and Adrian Radford, Maria edits the West Chiltington Parish Magazine and will also now be editor for The MU Link Magazine, with Adrian's assistance.



Reverend Emma, standing, with Karen Hill and Hayley Cole seated

Reverend Emma Ham-Riche welcomed us to her Church, St John the Evangelist, and introduced us to Love Matters, the Report of the Archbishops' Commission on Families and Households (Archbishops of Canterbury and York).

Katherine Anderson, our President for Canterbury Province, did a hard hitting presentation for the MU Rise Up campaign which continues against domestic and gender violence. It is very common and we should all look for signs in our community and act if we are worried. Most victims are abused by family members or someone they know. We made Origami doves to pin on the sky board as a Rise Up symbol.



Take action!

RISE UP: Respond, Inform, Support, Empower, Unite and Pray.

Michelle White was welcomed as our new Diocesan President for Chichester. Karen Hill is standing down having completed her three years.

We finished the day with our Eucharist which included prayers for support for all those who have suffered abuse.

Dates for your diary:

6 June

Role of a Provincial President, Kathryn Anderson.

4 July

Garden Party in Sally and Norman Boyland's beautiful garden at Tanglin, West Chiltington.

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South Downs Film Makers all started in 1989, when the era of cine cameras was coming to an end and a new club using video was announced locally. The Club meet at Ferring Village Hall throughout the year, usually on the third Wednesday of the month. Today they have around 25 members who meet to participate in an interesting programme of activities, making comedies, dramas and local documentaries. As part of the commitment to the community, they welcome the opportunity to make promotional films for local charities and institutions.

The film show will comprise *The Christmas Tree story*, *Life on a cruise ship*, *This is Lancing*, *Trip wire*, *Krimmler Waterfall*, *Worthing Light Festival* and *Oh George*.

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NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS OF WARMINGHURST CHURCH

Harpichord Concert

by keyboardist **Jack Gonzalez-Harding**
Saturday 3 August at 7pm

Hear this well known harpichordist play in the beautiful acoustics of Warminghurst Church. The programme is planned to include music by Bach, Couperin, Gibbons and Byrd. Information on tickets to be released soon.

For more information about this event,
or information about the church, which is
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ECB Clubmark Accreditation Retained

The Club is proud to announce that it has once again met the requirements of the ECB's Safe Hands Management System in order to retain the important ECB Clubmark Accreditation. To quote the ECB's Safhands and Clubmark manager, we have demonstrated that we are a well-organised and welcoming Club that is vital for the future of the game.

By the time this report is read, the 2024 outdoor playing season will be underway. In fact, for some of our juniors it will have been a seamless conversion from indoor to outdoor matches.

Our U13 boys played their first game at home on 24 April, a Sussex Cup match against Southwater. Owing to poor light, play was limited to 16 overs. We won the toss and elected to bat scoring 118 runs mainly thanks to the openers Thomas and Fraser both reaching 30 runs when they had to retire. Thomas had plundered five boundaries including a six while Fraser scored three fours. Massimo and Josh also scored quick runs. Bastiaan, after striking a four, was unlucky to lose his wicket to a shocking beamer that should have been called a no ball! Despite starting solidly, Southwater were unable to match our run rate owing to excellent fielding and wicket keeping and their innings closed on 88 to give our side a 30 run victory.

The U13's first League match was away to Barns Green on 1 May. We were put in to bat and quickly lost two wickets but Massimo and Josh, backed up by Will, steadied the ship to get the score up to a challenging 115-8 off 16 overs – a good score on a soft sticky outfield. Josh had made 36 when he had to retire. The Barns Green openers faced quick bowling from the start of their innings and Ben took successive wickets but couldn't make it a hat trick. Rowan, playing up two age groups, also bowled well. Tight fielding and great catching ensured that the home side was restricted to 89-3 producing a 26 runs victory. The U13s next travel to Glyndebourne for their first round match in the National Cup competition.

Our U12 boys started their League season at home with an emphatic win against Southwater on 4 May. The visitors won the toss and elected to bowl and soon had our batters in trouble with 3 quick wickets for just 11 runs. Then Leuen and Massimo had a stabilising partnership to take the score to 85-5 before the innings closed on 112-6 off 20 overs after Jake and Finlay had scored quick runs. Southwater also lost early wickets but were unable to recover and were bowled out for 65, a victory by 47 runs thanks to all round excellent bowling and fielding, seven bowlers taking wickets plus two run outs. Bastiaan was the pick of our bowlers with two wickets in three balls. The week before this match the U12s had met Southwater in a friendly pre-season game. We batted first and scored 123 runs, Massimo and Casper being the main contributors. In reply, Southwater scored 109 runs.

An U9 mixed boys and girls side, playing their first match at home against West Chilington & Thakeham, decided to field first only to see the visitors rack up a big score of 183-2. In reply we were bowled out for 51 runs.

An U11 mixed boys and girls side had their first outing on 30th April away to St James's Montefiore whom they beat by 35 runs. Batting first we made 80-3 producing a net score of 256 runs with Archie and Alfie both reaching double figures. The home side's reply was 77-7 or a net score of 221 runs, Alfie taking 2 wickets for 11 runs off two overs.

Chris Winter

STORRINGTON FLOWER CLUB

Wednesday 26 June 2.30pm
Sullington Parish Hall

Demonstrator: Dennis van Wonderen

Theme: 'Joy of Summer'

Competition: 'European Style'

New members and visitors welcome



On what was a spring-like evening, quite different to the weather we had all been enduring, members of Sullington Windmills WI met for their April meeting. Following the opening of the meeting by the President, the speaker for the evening was introduced, Mimi Bogelund, her talk entitled *Wardrobe Edit and Organisation*. Mimi explained she had come to live in the UK from her native Denmark when she was 18 years old. On arrival in the UK, apart from two breaks on maternity leave, Mimi had worked full time. On being made redundant a few years ago, she had time to spare and decided to read a book she had purchased previously, *The Life Changing Magic of Tidying* by Marie Kondo, about a simple effective way to banish clutter for ever. After reading the book, Mimi was well and truly hooked on decluttering her own home and clothes. She followed this by taking a course in the USA organised by Marie Kondo, and on completion of the course Mimi embarked on her new career back in West Sussex.

She has private clients where she advises them in their own homes on how to declutter and reduce their wardrobes, and also she gives talks to various organisations. Mimi explained we all have the same problem with not wanting to discard clothes, even the ones we have never worn for years, but after listening to this interesting talk we all decided it was time to put into practise what we had learnt during the evening, hopefully with local charity shops soon benefiting from this talk as members embark on their own decluttering campaign.

The business part of the evening followed the talk with the President giving her report and outlining details of proposed outings. The Secretary gave her report which included an invitation for members to join Cissbury WI at their May meeting. The Treasurer gave her report after which she gave members information on the newly formed Book Club. Leaders of the two walking groups gave details of the forthcoming walks. There is always something of interest for everyone at the WI. Following the refreshments, and raffle the meeting closed.

The next meeting will take place on **Wednesday 19 June**, when the speaker will be Chris Desmond, her talk and demonstration entitled *Mini Flower Arrangements*. New members and visitors most welcome.

Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month, at 7.30pm in Sullington Parish Hall. For further information regarding Sullington Windmills please contact the President on 741078.

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SULLINGTON 160 YEARS AGO

EXTRACTS FROM CANON PALMER'S DIARY – JUNE 1864

Wed 1: Warm, dull, and damp. A very nice night's rain, which has freshened up everything very comfortably. Baby improves: Mudd sanguine. A more satisfactory pay day than for some years - got in about £60. Played a single cricket match with Erskine Elliot winning.

Thu 2: Dull, with dropping rain, raw. We are undergoing penance for our prematurely fine weather. Bury plowing and sowing turnips. Dined with the Major after lunching at Highden and visiting Cobden – saw Carew Gibson's mowing machine. Played very slow whist with General and wife and the old man.

Fri 3: As yesterday, neither rain nor fine. Annie returns from Stopham with wedding cake and announces that all went well on the marriage day, gives a poor report of Delphy.

Sat 4: Fine and bright and warmer. Change of moon, so hope for a fine season - finished turnip sowing capially having ploughed for them 6 times! Own team. Fix Wednesday for trying Carew Gibson's machine; weather permitting. Federals beaten once more by Lee.

Sun 5: TRINITY II. Fine, bright with cold wind. Began Evening Service. Preached a sermon on Herod and Herodias, out of 2nd lesson for morning Mark VI: making a running commentary thereon. In evening an old one on the Jewish love for their temple and worship – tracing the Decline and Fall: had a large congregation, but some Storringtonians – a baptism made us late, and the evening was chilly.

Mon 6: Fine and bright, but still cool. George to Portsmouth to take leave of the ship, then to Isle of Wight to see for a house. Emmie with him to Martin's – she returned in evening, 2 big teeth.

Tue 7: Fine, bright, and very warm. Intended beginning my grass cutting tomorrow but Carew Gibson disappointed me about the machine. George returns from his trip and reports favourably of a house on the Isle near Blackgang Chine – also of some lodgings at Shanklin. Mrs Francis lingers, and the family affairs seem likely to go hastily in consequence – poor things they are much to be pitied, no nurse to be got. Dine with the Major, meeting Mr & Mrs Jendwine.

Wed 8: Very fine, bright and warm. Ride with Emmie to Steyning and see a match Steyning v Brighton in which Brighton had won the first innings, but Steyning had got in the 2nd only 17 runs for 8 wickets: Napier playing. Baby is brought down in the library and improves.

Thu 9: As yesterday but unsettled towards evening. Glass has fallen today, but only a few drops of rain. Visitation at Pulborough: the Archdeacon in his usual plaintive style seeing the fall of the Church, did not dine but came home for Elliot with whom a scene this afternoon.

Fri 10: Very hot and glaring but tempered by a fine NW. George Gibson goes with the Storringtonians to play against Broadwater. Charles Goring comes over to try his mowing machine: the little field was the scene of the appointment, but what with a fractious team and inexperience, we did not manage well. However, I think the machine is a good one, and with 2 steady horses, careful driving, and one other attendant with the rake to clear, would be very well worth possessing. Gibson returns.

Sat 11: Cool SW with a showery look towards evening. Carew Gibson took me into Worthing, then got haircut, bought a round hat and paid Queen Anne's (Bounty) per the bank there. My mother presents me with this money.

Sun 12: TRINITY III. Fine and very warm, Glass falls. Preached 2 new sermons on Herod and Herodias – 2nd & Outward observances in church: evening service well-attended by parishioners, and few else. Edward sends letter, and miniatures of himself, and photos of my father and mother to me, spoilt by a native artist, who has missed the expression.

Mon 13: Gloomy morning, heavy shower after bright and brisk wind from S and SW. Glass low. My lengthy record of the weather shows as

anxiety indeed, this morning, was in a depressed state, but with the sun came hope, and we carried our first load of hay today from the middle meadow. Annie goes to Town for a pleasure trip to the Vesey's, George with her as far as Reigate, house seeking. In his absence walked with Ellen. Mrs. Francis, whom I visit nearly every day, is in a very exhausted state.

Tue 14: Showery morning, fine afternoon. Thoroughly wet evening. The weather tonight seems very decided; indeed, a gradually falling glass for 7 days. (29.9 to – 29.57) with a strong S. has prepared us, but it finds me in the midst of haymaking, receiving however, as little damage under the circumstances as could be expected: 2 loads on waggons and 2/3 of first field uncut. Moreover, *sunt nihi tria jugera radicum*. Annie is supposed to have been at Harrow today with FGV (Gerald Vesey) and crew. Read Macaulay's essay on Gladstone's Church and State, and like his remarks with certain qualifications.

Wed 15: Heavy, washing, storms of rain at intervals. Bright and warm between. W. Glass rising. Unfortunate for hay and cricket, but if we have no more with what has fallen will immensely improve both turnips and aftermath. George Carew Gibson, Erskine Elliot and I start for Wiston at 10.15 in a drenching rain, which lasted till we arrived on the ground. We got 20 together, fortunately, and a very good piece of ground, and, although now then we had a scud, we had a capital team on the Sussex side, which licked the World by 45 runs in one innings. John Goring gave us a capital luncheon in the tent and everything went off well.

Thu 16: Very unsettled sky, but clouds lighter, slight shower. Today has been a 'clearing' day – glass rising and things looking up: got in some hay and began to unload. Picked plenty of strawberries. George and Ellen to Worthing to look for a house, prefer the Marine Hotel.

Fri 17: Unsettled, but no rain till night, when heavy. How shall I tell of the 'Sandgate Club' wasted in one innings and 33 runs by the eleven of Lancing College. Let us be silent over it, and merely say that putting the fact of defeat on one side the day was most pleasing.

Sat 18: Fine and warm - but sky unsettled. No hay carrying today, after last night's rainfall. Poor Mrs Francis, not sensible today. Called with George and Ellen on the Major; the old boy dined at Wiston last night. George presents me with a copy of his sketch of the action off Heligoland. Annie accepts the invitation to Harrow for Emmie and self.

Sun 19: TRINITY IV. Very cloudy also misty from W. Preached in the morning on the Request made by Israel for a King – an old one in evening on the Life of John the Baptist.

Mon 20: Fair with brisk wind from W. Generally bright. A merry day for haymaking, but wind blows fresh tonight, sky looks keenly clear and glass falls. Emmie paid a second visit to Portsmouth in charge of Anna Murdoch, and George and Ellen go to see their house at Dorking. They bring back a paper containing the defeat of the 'Alabama' off Cherbourg – of her sinking and of the saving of Seamen and others by the yacht 'Deerhound' – also of Grant's defeat again by Lee on the Chickahommy.

Tue 21: Sharp scud in early morning. Then fine and fresh from W. The rain this morning delayed our making for an hour or two, but managed two good loads from front meadow. George and Ellen depart with the infant for the Marine hotel, Worthing. I am truly glad that they have ended a visit so happily: the baby looked quite jolly this morning. Am reading Havelocks' memoirs by Marshman and am deeply interested in it. I must try and get Erskine Elliot to follow me, but, perhaps, it will only increase his soldiering and over already aflame.

Wed 22: Fine in afternoon generally lowering and scuddy. Today to Midhurst with George Carew Gibson, Erskine Elliot and Bigg we drove in the pony tandem, leaving this at 8.10 and getting, per Burton, Lavington, Selham to the ground at 10.20. Had a nice game, but were far overmatched – our finish innings being 66 and theirs 80 – our

second 74, and the finish being 2 wickets down with about 35 to get to win – teaed with the Colonel Sandham, had a short sight of C and H and Doddy and so home very merrily by 11.30.

Thu 23: Cloudy with some showers in the morning. Afternoon fine and brisk. Evening windy W and cold. Finished Havelock's memoirs and have been charmed with them, the story is a perfect romance. A capital book to put into the hands of any young officer. Visited Mrs Francis today and was told that she would not know me, but she did so and answered a question I put to her, but soon sunk back into a heavy doze.

Fri 24: Heavy, cold W and SW fine in morning dull afternoon. A lagging day for the hay, but one more fine day will finish all. Erskine Elliot goes to play cricket at Henfield. The conference has come to an end, though what end we cannot yet say; at all events, unsatisfactory.

Sat 25: Dull and thundery till late evening, when bright. Put my hay on waggons, and so made a finish, though not a very satisfactory one, the day being so dead. Poor Mrs Francis dies after a long illness. Dined with Erskine Elliot at the Major's meeting General Sandham and Wilde – the latter a deaf old gentleman, but a pleasant one, he was a great friend of the Prince Consorts'.

Sun 26: TRINITY V. An unsettled, thundery sky, but pleasant, fresh day wind still. Annie goes to play the 'music' for Lady Goring at Washington, my mother goes with her, they lunch at Rowdell. I preach from 1 Samuel XII a sequel to last Sunday's, on Samuel's Farewell – and an old one from the CXIX Psalm. "I have seen the end of all perfection..." Freddy appears for holidays from Yorkshire 2 inches taller than when last here.

Mon 27: Fine and bright with occasional heavy clouds. Took Emmie and Bertha to Parham, where had an interview with her ladyship and Miss Doria Curzon, a pretty, piquant, little thing of 3 years old.

Tue 28: Fine till afternoon, when some rain, thundery. Tried a croquet party with Whitings and Gibsons, but Mr Coles and the rain were too strong for us.

Wed 29: Fine with rain as yesterday. Drove Emily to Worthing and put her into the 12.58 London train there – then visited George and baby at Marine Hotel. Took Erskine Elliot home – he having walked in, leaving Nelson with George. Buried Mrs Francis.

Thu 30: A lowering early morning but fine day. To be marked with red for ever. With Erskine Elliot and George Carew Gibson in 2 traps to the station by 7.20. Town at 9.30 then to Gloucester Road, Hereford Square: where breakfasted with the Elliots; at 10am started for Harrow, my 2 companions in a Hansom. I with Mr Elliot on the box of an open landau, inside of which were Mrs Elliot, Miss Elliot, Miss Deeds and Emmie. Signs of approaching Majesty everywhere, groups loitering about at every corner, now and then an arch and a flag, one we found with the Union Jack turned 'upside down'! At Harrow the picture was very fine, a sea of boys in black tails, gloves and lilac trousers. intermingled with a crowd of ruffians turned out of London for the occasion: then schoolchildren marshalled on each side, then Volunteers and so on under a pretty Gothic little archway to the headmasters' house. Most fortunately Bowen was the doorkeeper of the speech room on the occasion and gave me an entrance and Emmie a ticket. Emmie mounted up over a rising breadth of heads to an extreme corner, while I remained under.

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DATE	FESTIVAL OR SUNDAY	STORRINGTON	THAKEHAM	SULLINGTON
2 June	Trinity 1	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Family Communion 6pm Evensong	10.30am Joint Thakeham/ Sullington Church for All Service	8.30am BCP Communion 6pm Evensong
9 June	Trinity 2	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion 6pm Evensong	10.30am Morning Prayer	10.30am Holy Communion
16 June	Trinity 3	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion with Prayers for Healing	8.30am Celtic Communion	10.30am Joint Thakeham/Sullington Holy Communion
23 June	Trinity 4	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion	6pm Songs of Praise	10.30am Morning Prayer
30 June	Trinity 5	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion		10.30am Special 5 th Sunday Joint Holy Communion
7 July	Trinity 6	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Family Communion 6pm Evensong	10.30am Joint Thakeham/ Sullington Church for All Service	8.30am BCP Communion 6pm Evensong

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

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Sun 2 Trinity 1	
Mon 3	
2.30pm	Reading Friends – Storrington Library – p21
2.30pm	Sussexdown Care Home Communion Service – p5
7pm	Storrington Slimmers – p22
Tue 4	
10am	Inter-Church Prayers – RC Church – p10
12 noon	Visiting bellringers from Warnham at St Mary's, Storrington
2pm	SPACE – Arts & Craft Club – p 14
2pm	Arts Society of Sussex – Meeting – p23
7.30pm	Storrington Museum – Talk – p14
Thu 6	
11.30am	Storrington Pop-In Lunch Club – p18
2pm	MU Meeting – p14
Sat 8	
	Churches Count on Nature – to 16 June
3pm	Pet Service – Trinity Methodist Church – p33
Sun 9 Trinity 2	
1pm	Sunday Lunch Club – Old School, Storrington – p 18
Mon 10	
7pm	Storrington Slimmers – p22
7.30pm	Thakeham Gardeners' Club – Meeting – p22
Tue 11	
10.30am	Wardens' Meet and Greet – p23
7.30pm	Storrington Deanery Synod – St Mary's, Storrington
Wed 12	
10.30am	Café in the Church (Communion at 10am) – p6
7.30pm	<i>The Dressing Book</i> – Rude Mechanicals Performance – p33
Thu 13	
2pm	Memory Moments Café – Guide and Community Hall – p26
Sun 16 Trinity 3	
	Sussex Day – Parham House – p21
Mon 17	
7pm	Storrington Slimmers – p22
7.15pm	Play Reading for Fun – p20
Tue 18	
10am	Autism and SEN Group – p23
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Wed 19	
7.30pm	Sullington Windmills WI – meeting – p 15
Thu 20	
10.30am	Cuppa and a Chat – Chanctonbury Leisure Centre – p17
Fri 21	
10am	Thakeham Flower Festival – p9
7.30pm	Storrington Horticultural Society – Meeting – p26

Sat 22	
	St Mary's Storrington Grand Day Out – p10
10am	Thakeham Flower Festival – p9
7.30pm	Ceilidh Band & Curry Night – p 4
Sun 23 Trinity 4	
10am	Thakeham Flower Festival – p9
Mon 24	
7pm	Storrington Slimmers – p22
Tue 25	
2pm	Storrington Macular Group – p10
Wed 26	
2.30pm	Café in the Church (Communion at 2pm) – p6
2.30pm	Storrington Flower Club – Meeting – p15
2pm	Memory Moments Café – Guide and Community Hall – p26
Sun 30 Trinity 5	

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

JUNE	
4	<i>Petroc</i> , 6th century, one of the patron saints of Cornwall
5	Boniface (Wynfrith), 754 , Bishop, patron saint of Germany, Martyr
6	<i>Ini Kopuria</i> , 1945, founder of the Melanesian Brotherhood
8	Thomas Ken, 1711 , an English cleric considered the most eminent of the English non-juring bishops
9	Columba, 597 , abbot and missionary traditionally credited with the main role in the conversion of Scotland to Christianity <i>Ephrem of Syria, 373</i> , revered as one of the most notable hymnographers of Eastern Christianity
11	BARNABAS, APOSTLE
14	<i>Richard Baxter</i> , 1691, puritan church leader
15	<i>Evelyn Underhill</i> , 1941, an English Anglo-Catholic writer and pacifist known for her numerous works on religion and spiritual practice
16	Richard, Bishop of Chichester, 1253 , patron saint of Sussex <i>Joseph Butler</i> , 1752, Bishop of Durham, philosopher
17	<i>Samuel and Henrietta Barnett</i> , 1913 and 1936, social reformers
18	<i>Bernard Mizeki</i> , 1896, apostle of the MaShona (South Africa), martyr
19	<i>Sundar Singh of India</i> , 1929, Sadhu (holy man), evangelist, teacher of Christianity
22	Alban, c.250 , venerated as the first-recorded British Christian martyr
23	Etheldreda, c.678 , Abbess of Ely
24	BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST
27	<i>Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria</i> , 444, teacher of the faith
28	Irenaeus, c.200 , Bishop of Lyons, teacher of the faith
29	PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

STORRINGTON FLOWER CLUB



Storrington Flower Club are now enjoying the much-awaited spring season following all the rain we experienced this winter. We resumed our New Year with Stephen McDonnell-Daly's *Just in the Moment*, with fabulous arrangements, and February brought us Alison Gillot's *Pocketful of Posies* with her flowers depicting nursery rhymes throughout the centuries. Our March meeting was with popular demonstrator Nina Tucknott, her title being *Green Inspiration*, and Nina's designs were indeed inspirational, giving us many of ideas to take away with us and create ourselves.

Recently, our competition table looked wonderful with Club members' interpretation of the title *Five Flowers plus Foliage* quite a challenge! The results speak for themselves in these stunning photos.

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

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



Chrissy Desmond
Chairman, Storrington Flower Club, phone 742102

SUMMER TERM FOR 2ND STORRINGTON GUIDES



Summer term for Guides, and Rangers, always starts with preparation for the annual district Petworth Park Guide and Scout camp. This is a Guiding and Scouting District camp held in the grounds of Petworth Park. With the house just in view we camp in the grounds and many activities are run for the participants.

In the meeting before our camp weekend, we practiced the tradition of making our bedding rolls. This is very important, especially at Petworth Park as we do not have shelters before pitching tents or on striking, so bedding needs to be packed in a waterproof way.

We were lucky with the weather as after raining, and a thunderstorm, all week, the sun and warmth arrived for our set up. The girls were enthusiastic about pitching their tents and threw themselves into the first activities. Sunday brought the adventurous activity day with axe throwing, rifle shooting, archery, crossbows, paddle boarding, mountain boarding, inflatable ninja warrior and skills such as fire-lighting, backwoods cook, da Vinci bridge and cake making.

Sunday also brought a famous visitor. Tim Peake visited the camp and there was a sudden buzz in the air at his sighting which then brought about many autographs and photo opportunities for the guides and scouts, getting jumpers, wristbands and neckerchief/scarf signed.

The evening activities were a silent disco, which was not so silent, and a campfire, depending which sub camp you were in.

Monday brought rain and sadly was our day for striking camp. This made it easier for the weary girls but harder for leaders who have to dry out and pack away equipment once dry; not an easy task. We held a promise ceremony for our new girls and then very happy, if tired, girls returned home wanting to join in again next year.

After the excitement of the camp we now have further fun this term.

After a visit to Horsham's new Fire Station and training centre, where we learnt about what the engines held and watched some training and an actual call out, we are supporting Deaf awareness week with an educational visit learning sign language. We are getting out and about trying out geocaching and trail laying and a swim session at Arundel Lido. We finish our term with a BBQ and a sleepover with the districts brownies at Ninja Warrior in Guildford.



West Chillington Dramatic Society



Having just completed our May production of *Dark Lucy*, by Philip King and Parnell Bradbury, we are straight onto our next activities. First we will be taking a day to clean and sort out our storage hut (either side of a bring-and-share picnic!). Then it will be our Summer Play Reading for Fun.

Play Reading for Fun

Monday 17 June at 7.15pm for prompt 7.30pm start

At The Five Bells, West Chillington

We will be reading the comedy *Blithe Spirit* by Noël Coward, just for fun! You can join in the reading or just sit back with a drink and listen; just contact Angela Sloan at vicechair@wcds.co.uk to book a place. Open to members and non-members.

We are a very friendly Society with two full productions a year, regular newsletters and at least three Members' Evenings with entertainment and supper. Other social events include the Play Readings for Fun. There are roles waiting, not just on stage, but backstage and front of house. Anyone of any age can join, so please contact membership@wcds.co.uk or visit our website at www.wcgs.co.uk.

Angela Sloan, Vice Chair



PARHAM HOUSE & GARDENS

The season is in full swing for Parham House and Gardens and much of the hard work created by the Garden Team over the winter and spring is now flourishing around the Four-Acre Walled Garden.

The Flower Team at this historic house plays a vital role in maintaining the beautiful floral displays that grace the property throughout the week. Beginning each Monday in the walled gardens, the team carefully selects an assortment of flowers to be prepared the following day, ensuring the arrangements are fresh and vibrant for placement on Wednesday. The weekly ritual of the Flower Team's work is an integral part of preserving the historic charm and ambiance of this beloved property.

We are delighted to be hosting another Sussex Day at Parham. This delightful event will be a showcase for local produce, crafts and art in the picturesque setting of the Pleasure Grounds at Parham House. Taking place on Sunday 16 June from 12 noon to 5pm, guests can enjoy the festivities without any additional charges as the normal Garden admission grants access to the event.

Needlework artist and tutor Chrissie Juno Mann has lent Parham her latest creation; an embroidered stumpwork box. Chrissie selected Parham as the venue at which to display this piece because of the extraordinary quality of the rest of the historic needlework collection. The stumpwork box will remain on display in the Long Gallery for the entirety of this season. Chrissie is also holding a workshop at Parham House & Gardens on 20 June, stitching a wonderful pastoral landscape embroidery.

Parham will also be hosting Artist Demo days on 13 and 28 June.

Further details available via the website.

SEASON OF EVENTS FOR 2024

10 July • 5 September at 11 am

Tour of the Gardens

23 May • 5 July • 18 September at 11 am

Tour of the Needlework

12 July • 12 September at 11 am

Tour of the House

Sun 16 June

Sussex Day

Sat 13 & Sun 14 July

Sussex Steam Rally

Sun 4 August

Jaguar Enthusiasts Club Visit

4-22 September

Horsham School of Botanical Artists

11 September at 11 am

Tour of the Clocks

Mon 23 September

Botanical Workshop – Leigh Ann Gale

2-13 October

Autumn Flowers at Parham

on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, Sundays and Bank Holidays from Easter Sunday to early October.

Tickets for advance bookings are on sale now.

For more information, please visit www.parhaminsussex.co.uk.



www.westsussex.gov.uk/libraries West Sussex Libraries @WSCCLibraries

Are you interested in meeting new friends, 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



ON 3 JUNE THIS MONTH!



Storrington Library

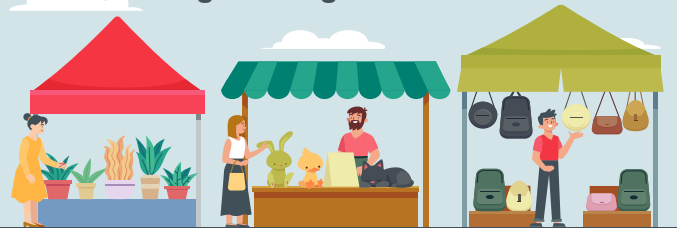
Ryecroft Lane, Storrington, RH20 4PA
01903 839050

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 COMMUNITY MARKET

Storrington Village Hall, West Street



EVERY FRIDAY 9.45 – 11.15am

FRESH LOCAL PRODUCE

Homemade Cakes, Quiches and Biscuits
Sausage Rolls • Fruit • Veg • Plants
Homemade Marmalade, Jam, Chutney and Honey

PLUS

Carol's pet rugs, cushions, quilts and bunting
Books and free magazines • Locally produced cards
Katie's Forever Living Aloe Vera • Velda's aprons
Elaine's Glass Art and Jewellery • Rich's woodcraft gifts
Sussex Green Living recycling collection point
Cafe – tea, coffee and biscuits

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!



WEDNESDAY

Bible Encounter – 10am to 12pm

This is a great group for those wanting to pray and learn more and explore the Bible.



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 £3 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 1pm

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 £2 per child and £1 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.



THAKEHAM GARDENERS' CLUB



Ben Cross of Crosslands Flower Nursery in Walberton was our guest speaker at the April meeting. Ben grows *Alstroemerias*, also known as Peruvian lilies.

The nursery was started in 1936 by Ben's family and is one of the last flower nurseries in the UK. *Alstroemerias*, in a full range of colours, are grown year-round and they are known as a 'cool and dry crop' which means minimal heating and watering. Winter heating of just 13°C is achieved with

a biomass boiler and the crop is watered for just 20 minutes once a month in winter and 20 minutes every 10 days in summer.

Ben is an enthusiastic supporter of British flowers rather than imported flowers grown in warmer countries which therefore need a lot more water and cooling. If Ben's flowers need to be stored in the summer they are only chilled to 6°C, unlike imported flowers which are put in freezers, and his are a lot fresher as they are with customers soon after picking. He also said they were picked when the bud was ripe, meaning big and fat, so the resulting blooms were more vibrant. Imported flowers are picked in tight bud so that more stems can be packed into boats and planes. Ben also said his flowers were not sprayed with chemicals and packing was in recyclable reusable boxes. Some of the beds in the greenhouses were over 20 years old and still producing quality stems. Only about 5% of the beds were replanted yearly so soil sterilising was kept to a minimum.

Ben employs local people and does apprenticeship schemes with local horticultural colleges and he has won the Grower Award in both 2019 and 2022. Ben sells flowers and you can arrange for the nursery to deliver flowers locally. He had brought buckets of wrapped flowers with him which members were able to purchase. Members of the Club will be visiting his nursery for a tour in October.



The next meeting is on **10 June** when Graham Bowring will talk about *The Secret Life of the Hedgehog*. The Club competition is A Rose.

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 SLIMMERS

MONDAY EVENINGS from 7pm to 8pm

St Mary's Church,
Storrington

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



NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDEN UPDATE

This month we would like to share the following:

We have procured funds to hold this summer's free Fun Day event at Chanctonbury Leisure Centre on Monday 19 August. There will be a mobile climbing wall, bouncy assault course, junior bouncy castle, and lots more.

We will be holding another Dog Behaviourist event at Sullington Warren later in the year, following the success of the previous event.

Our Autism and SEN Group for parents and carers has been a great success and our colleagues in Ashington, Pulborough and Billingshurst have now also set up groups so there will be a group every week of the month, culminating in a free Fun Day in August for Autistic and SEN children (date tbc).

Numbers are increasing for our Cuppa and a Chat sessions. We have managed to fund the community minibus and are picking up residents to come to the event.

With the Parish Council, we have set up a Youth Forum. It's refreshing the young people of Storrington and Sullington are keen to make where they live a better place. Some of the ideas were a Community Litter Pick (first one in June), designated walking and cycle routes with more crossing points, and a revamp of the skate park.

The following free events are taking place at Chanctonbury Leisure Centre this month:

Tuesday 11 June 10.30am – 12.30pm
Wardens' Meet and Greet

Thursday 20 June 10.30am – 12:30pm
Cuppa and Chat

Tuesday 18 June 10am – 11 am
Autism and SEN Group



Chris and John
Chris Poore: 07795 046743
John Sampson: 07789 943201
Storrington-sullington.warden@horsham.gov.uk

TRINITY SUNSHINE CHOR



A Community Choir in Storrington

Are you experiencing memory problems? Music can make it easier to recall memories when we hear pieces that are significant to us, like a particular song. Singing can improve one's brain activity, well-being and mood (Dementia UK).

The Trinity Sunshine Choir is a dementia friendly choir, but open to anyone.

Future dates fixed for 2024 are:

3 July, 31 July, 28 August, 25 September, 30 October, 27 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 robertgamble@gmail.com or 07958 232874.



Tuesday 4 June

Andrew Prince will give a talk on
Catherine the Great: The World's Greatest Collector
Empress Catherine II, became the sole ruler of the Russian Empire. With seemingly inexhaustible wealth, she created the most glittering court in Europe.

Tuesday 2 July

Andrew Hopkins will talk on
The Perfect House – Andrea Palladio's Venetian Villas
This talk examines Palladio's villas, his most celebrated accomplishment because of their beauty, practicality and iconic images.

Talks held at 2pm in Fittleworth Village Hall RH20 1JB
Doors open 1.15. Coffee & tea afterwards
Non-members welcome for £8
Contact Jackie Buckler on 01903411086
or email westsussex@theartsociety.org
www.theartsocietywestsussex.org

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.

ACTIVITIES

Monthly Coffee meets, Hints and Tips sessions along with Photoshoots at various locations. Please see the website for details.

MORE INFORMATION:
www.storringtoncc.org.uk or
contact Janet Brown
T: 07812 107571 • E: chair@storringtoncc.org.uk

SOC Storrington
Camera Club



SUMMER CONCERT

Saturday 13 July at 6pm
St Mary's Church, Storrington

Free entry; donations to the Church.

Penny Jenkins with friends and special guests.

Penny Jenkins trained as a ballet dancer before studying music at Trinity College of Music. She has sung in oratorio and opera across the UK and recorded for the BBC. She taught at the Guildhall College of Music.

Penny has put together this special summer concert for St Mary's Church. Performers include her students, friends and specially invited guests.



STORRINGTON & SULLINGTON - REFLECTIONS OF THE PAST

REVD HENRY PALMER AT SULLINGTON – PART 24

Continuing his Italian sojourn

“Sabato Avrilo 13. To the Uffizi this morning early and saw two rooms, the Niobe and the Carroccio well; ... [statutes and paintings]. The last part of the third corridor was shut off from us on account of repairs, so I suppose we shall not see those rooms at all. We then walked through the long gallery, and wondered at the marvellous tapestry... and so out at the Pitti.” “Tried to get some apartments at two or three places on the other side of the river, but utterly failed, all were full! Am sorry, as the rooms and attendance in this place is indifferent from the money we pay.” “In afternoon Annie was photographed by Alinari in the Via Nazionale; ... he is dear, despotic but good. Then to the quarter of Santa Croce, on the lookout for rooms, but found none.”

“Domenica Av. 14. A. quite invalided with her foot, so she did not attend morning service. Holy Communion, but very few attendants. Mr Pendleton preached from Luke 19.14 in the afternoon from Ro.12 part of 9.”

“Lunedì Av. 15. A’s foot did not admit of her doing much today, but she had her first music lesson from the Abbé who seems to sing well himself. I could not say much for his teaching – a sly-looking little man, about 60 with decidedly black hands, etcetera, much amused by my carrying a pencil! Took a drawing lesson from my American, who was very attentive and very anxious to put me into the right way of doing things: began a charcoal outline of a cast from a flower. Went for an hour this morning to the Uffizi and had a look at the portraits of painters by themselves – was much interested in seeing some of the more famous ones: more especially of Rubens and of Benvenuti Cellini: of the latter have got a photograph. Have determined to change our quarters on Wednesday and to put up with a certain Mrs Craft which ominously named lady lets lodgings at 7 Via Vittorio Emanuele; we shall stop with her a month and then shall have the last two or three weeks in Switzerland.”

“Lunedì Av. 15. Visited the church of the Santissima Annunziata – and first impressions are not altered: a great over-decorated sort of Salon, with a profusion of gilt, some few paintings, and a dome under which is a circular sort of pit, enclosed by a wall of rich marbles, wherein a service is conducted, unseen by mortal eye. The tomb of Giovanni of Bologna is here, and some fine frescoes by Andrea del Sarto, especially the famous Madonna del Sacco, over the doorway by which the cloisters are entered. The Arundel Society are now publishing this very fresco. The Infant asylum, which forms the right wing of the Piazza, is a quaint old place; we were told by the portress that some 14 to 20 infants are left every day, but much doubt the accuracy of such a statement or the right understanding of her words: they are sent out into the country to nurse. My neighbour, Mr Baird, publisher of mechanical books in Philadelphia, leaves us this evening and the lights are quenched on him forever! He brings us to the Northern view of the slave question and shows us the pluck of his country.”

“Martedì Av. 17. Changed our quarters from the Pension in the Via Palestro to the V.Vittoria Emanuele No.7 2 o p o lodgings, kept by a Mrs Craft who seems thoroughly clean and respectable, at all events even the first day has given us proofs of our wisdom in leaving the Italians for the English. Went to the Church of the Annunziata, to hear the music at 5 – within the ‘pit’ were gathered a ring of ecclesiastics, and a herd of fiddles, and trumpets and singers. The performance seemed to consist in the drawing, monstrous, intonations of certain psalms, between which Responses (or Glorias) were elaborately and effectively given by the musicians. We had our seats well in the body of the church and so got the full effect of the Rich Resound of the Dome, under which the music was carried on – the result was very fine and perhaps enhanced by the contrast between the beautiful cadences and softness of the string band with the voices and the almost harsh shout of the Intona. A large number of people were present, almost all with books, following the words, and much confession on all sides, this being Holy Week.”

“Av. 18. Found the churches thronged with people, who were paying much adoration to chapelles ardentes where was to be seen a life-size figure of the Saviour, as a giant crucifix on some other object not generally

displayed, to share their emotions: in the street all seemed in holiday dress... We saw a good many girls dressed in white, like our young ladies at their confirmations... we suppose it is to be a favourite time for the Premiere Communion.”

“Av. lo 19 Santo Venerdi. Our first business today was to see ‘Garibaldi’ (Galiebardi) who left Florence this morning by train having got scent of this through our landlady, whose other lodgers (Finlays) were introduced to him yesterday; we took the station on our way to church, and as his going was private and unknown, got a capital view of him as he left his fly and stood waiting, amid an admiring circle, for the departure of the train. A kind, noble face, with plenty of sparkle in the eye, an almost English build of feature; light hair and beard; his dress very picturesque; a red shirt, over which a striped poncho, and all topped with a very handsome smoking cap, purple velvet, with embroidery of gilt flowers: I am very glad that we have seen him, and hope that the good, noble-hearted old boy will see the wisdom of waiting to strike his next great blow until the iron is hot; it is wonderfully cool at the present with this bankrupt nation. In church in the morning, attended the Holy Communion, where there was a large number. Mr Pendleton preached us a good sermon [F.H. Snow Pendleton – Station Florence – chaplain] from the Gospel... Christ the witness to truth. I remained at home in the afternoon, as I have a bad touch of cold and an inflamed throat, the consequence of the sudden changes we experience in going from blazing sun into dark, draughty streets – no more in the R.C. churches today, on the same principle that the high church party object to the Communion. Looked in at S. Lorenzo’s this morning and saw a curious ceremony, the priests seemed blessing a silver Crucifix, which was treated much as if it had life, and laid on the steps of the altar, and then there were many and various prostrations before it.”

“Av. 20 Sabato. Volucrum trajecto in fume columban Vers. v.488. Cold made me idle today: did not take my drawing lesson and stayed at home after our early dinner at the Tenice restaurant in the Via Calzaiuoli which is quiet and good, tho’ not so good as the Luna. This morning at 12 is the curious annual show of the Scoppio del Couro (gun of the cart). Murray gives the history of this quaint ceremony which dates from the crusade of 1088 when Pozzino made good his entrance into Jerusalem by feigning to be a madman (Pazzi) and got a piece of the holy sepulchre, which piece of stone is now used to strike the fuse by which a rocket is let off and sent right away down the length of the Duomo into the Piazza through the centre door, and sent back again carrying a semblance of a Dove with it: the means of keeping the rocket in order of its course is simple – a pole in the choir to which is attached a cord, which runs the whole length of the Cathedral into the Piazza and there is made fast to an ugly Triumphal car, in and over which are a whole magazine of 5th of Nov utensils – the dove ignites there and a roar of explosions shakes the whole area of the Duomo. The car is then drawn by white oxen to the Pazzi Palace, where a similar ceremony is gone through; the large space was crammed with people – (there must have been from 8 to 10,000) of all ranks and classes, from the fashionable, who brought her children as she would to a pantomime, to the staring, sunburnt Contadina out from the country with her fine-looking bambino. As we entered about 11.30 a procession was formed to the Baptistry, and what with the old candlesticks, old flag and Bishop crowned with a tinselled mitre, add to this the fireworks, reminded one irresistibly of our Guy Fawkes and his day; there was some good music, but not powerful enough to fill the enormous space, crowded as it was: the curiosity symbolises the beginning of the Resurrection, since at noon the 24 hours begins – the dove glides from the Sanctuary into the outer world to announce the tidings, whereupon the fireworks go off, the bells ring and the populace shout: it is evident that there is no Charity Commission in these realms.

Annie loses her purse among the crowd (?) and makes two dear purchases, so she does not seem likely to forget the great Holy Saturday and the Duomo of Florence.”

Joan Ham (Village Historian)



EVENTS AT THE OLD WORKSHOP, SULLINGTON MANOR FARM

Spirit of Place

6 June – 16 June

10am – 4pm

Abstract textile exhibition curated by established group, Curious Threads, with all pieces for sale. A true celebration of texture, colour and artistic ingenuity as the Curious Threads textile art group respond to their chosen title. Café open daily.

Under One Roof

20 – 23 June

10am – 4pm

An exciting chance to go to a home interior's fair with specialist companies who might just be able to find you that aspect that you have been missing at home. Trusted and local companies who will be present to discuss and bounce ideas off. Café open daily.

Build an Opera

6 – 10 August

Five day children's workshop (ages 8 – 14) with Songbuilders in our 15th century tithe barn. Construct, build, design & compose a piece to perform at the end of the workshop with trained opera singers. Fantastic opportunity for children to really hone their creative side in the summer holidays.

Photography Exhibition

5 – 15 September

10am – 4pm

Photography exhibition curated by local & talented group, Storrington Camera Club featuring traditionalist and current methods of photography. Café open daily.



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Foraging in the back garden

Last month, a colleague sent me a photo of a plant she thought could be very long-lasting snowdrops and is incredibly invasive in her garden. After a bit of research, I told her it was probably Three-Cornered Leek, also known as Snowbell with the botanical name of *Allium triquetrum*. When I explained it was part of the onion family, she said that would explain the garlicky smell when she pulls out great handfuls of the stuff.

It made me think about how many weeds and 'unwelcomes' are snackable. I get a bit annoyed with lists of 'edible flowers' because they're either something you won't kill yourself eating but taste really dull, or are too pretty to pick. Here are some tasty pests I have in the garden. NB: do, do, do check what you're picking to eat is what you think it is. If in doubt, compost it!

Sorrel – we have Buckler-leaved Sorrel which has seeded itself liberally. A zingy addition to a salad with a lemony tang, it's perennial and prolific. But it does contain very high amounts of oxalic acid so if you are prone to kidney stones, you should give that one a miss. I'm trying to encourage Wild Garlic to make a home in a shady area so I can make pesto from it, next year.



Fennel – another one that pops up everywhere. Great to aid digestion as a tea and the seeds feature in lots of recipes. Also, in this category falls Oregano which self-seeds in the gravel garden in vast quantities and Chives which I let flower because they are so pretty, and then reproduce in charming clumps.

Raspberries – this sounds like a cheat, being a cultivated fruit, but honestly, I thought I'd pulled them up and they just keep re-growing and appearing in gorgeous mouthfuls in the flowerbed. Similarly, the one Tayberry and Blackberry we planted along the fence have rooted their way further along the garden and pop up in among the hedge.



Nasturtiums – a brilliant annual that is nearly too pretty to pick, but luckily flowers prolifically, self-seeds and is so peppery that only a few flowers need to be taken at a time.

Cheryl Brown



The Parks and Gardens of Flanders

At the April meeting we were treated to a presentation by Melanie Gibson-Barton on *The Parks and Gardens of Flanders*.

Melanie lived in Bruges, Flanders for several years, and whilst there observed and photographed various aspects of the horticulture of the area. We began with a series of images of window-boxes in Bruges, which were very striking. Despite the small size, often displayed on terraced houses in narrow lanes, they displayed a high degree of perfection, and a common theme of solid blocks of strong colour.

There followed beautiful pictures from a series of public gardens, including the Brussels Botanic Garden, the Het Leen Arboretum, Hoegarden, Kalenther Arboretum, and others. A highlight was the Botanical Garden in Antwerp, Den Botaniek, which was created in central Antwerp in 1825, and although less than 1 hectare in size, holds a collection of over 2000 plants. The Floralia Brussels is a spring flower exhibition in the park of the Castle of Groot-Bijgaarden, and again we were treated to some wonderful images of the spring displays of Dutch bulbs.

Unexpectedly, there were a series of images of tobacco growing in the area known as 'Little Cuba', around Wervik in West Flanders; tobacco has been cultivated in Flanders since 1650. There are also a number of family businesses growing hops, another unexpected crop from the area.

In contrast, we also saw some suburban front gardens showing interesting modern structural / architectural features, popular in Flanders, and very different from most English front gardens.

Overall, it was very interesting and unexpected to see the variety of horticultural aspects of Flanders, and afterwards several attendees said they thought they would like to visit the area.

The meeting closed after a raffle and light refreshments.

The next meeting will be on **Friday 21 June** when Carol Guber will talk about *All Aspects of Fuschias*. Plants will be on sale.

Jo Myland



STORRINGTON CONSERVATION SOCIETY

April brought primroses, bluebells, cowslips, borage, campion and wild garlic, just some of the wild flowers we enjoy, together with the blackthorn and may blossom in the hedges. These are all signs that spring has come, with leaf buds bursting on the trees in a painter's pallet of greens, which is lovely to see and raises spirits after the short winter days. Yet it is concerning as these signs are appearing earlier and earlier each year, due to climate change causing warmer winters. What we have come to think of as normal seasonal weather no longer can be expected, the wettest February on record being a case in point. It has caused real problems, not least for farmers. For example, the flooding and waterlogging fields making sowing impossible, and ultimately resulting in shortages and rising prices. No part of the world is immune from what used to be regarded as freak events. The recent unprecedented April flooding in Dubai, Kenya and Tanzania shows that even the richest places, as well as the poorer, cannot avoid problems. Other parts suffer severe droughts. We have been alerted by weather experts that these events will increase in number and severity unless we change our lifestyle.

Another springtime pleasure is the return of birdsong, the cascade of sound from the skylark or the rich music of the blackbird. Glorious to our ears, yet to the birds they are territorial claims, threats to rivals. The beautiful sound is in fact a warning. The beauty of the early spring flowers is the same for those of us who read the signs. And we know that interim carbon reduction targets in the UK are routinely missed, while being reassured that the long term target will be met. Mr Micawber comes to mind. No wonder that many take action to draw our attention to the dangers we all face. It is not selfish to be prepared to go to prison in such a cause, the need is urgent.

We met on Saturday 27 April for another of our annual tasks, the clearance of the banks and stream in readiness for the duck race. Happily, it was a dry morning as there was plenty to do, with brambles, nettles and overhanging branches in abundance, plus litter to collect. The work party next meets on **1 June at 10am** in Fryern Dell to continue our conservation work in the Victorian Pleasure Garden. All comers welcome to share in the restoration, just arrive! Tools provided, plus half time refreshments.

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WEATHER WATCH

April 2024 was beginning to dry out after the first week as rain became lighter and day light lengthened. But a remarkable rainfall near the end of the month meant that we ended on a familiar saturated condition.

Centred over our part of Sussex a mammoth 46.4mm of rain was measured at my Heath Common Weather Station in just 24 hours, with very high totals from Cootham to Thakeham.

This amounted to about 80% of the long-term average rainfall for the whole of the month, all the result of an area of low pressure that moved slowly northwards over West Sussex. This downpour meant that for the seventh consecutive month from last October we have



exceeded 100mm of rain, April totalling 105mm. Looking at data across the Southeast, and thanks to John Killick of Steyning for providing help with the statistics, only 1960-61 is comparable locally, at least back to the early 19th century.

Temperature wise it was around 0.7°C above par. The first half of April was on the mild side especially at night, but the latter part was rather nippy as the air came in from the North Sea which is distinctly chilly at this time of year. The 22nd proved the coldest night of the month with a touch of air frost.



Unlike some past Aprils, such as 2008 when on the 6th large branches in some local gardens were sent crashing to the ground due to the weight of snow on them, this year the month was flake-free. Nor was any thunder heard and only a slight fall of hail briefly troubled my hail gauge on the 16th.

Sunshine was rather lacking at about 65% of par but the month ended in splendid fashion. The 30th was virtually cloudless and the temperature

peaked at just over 17°C which felt quite warm following a run of cool days. The month's top temperature was just 17.5°C. Compare that to April 2011 when the 3 *Heralds* district recorded 27°C. More recently, 2020 managed 24°C. But with the lack of frost my camellia featured in previous issues was bravely still flowering at the month's end after the first blooms opened in the beginning of February and many trees in the area were adorned in a delicate swathe of spring foliage. Tulips and bluebells I have enjoyed seeing in profusion this April.



Would this be the start of a fine spell of weather? Nature would soon answer in dramatic style during the night of the 1st/2nd of May. What happened will be featured in my next Weather watch.

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



STORRINGTON DRAMATIC SOCIETY

We hope by now that you are all enjoying some summer weather and have your holidays planned. Here in the Dramatic Society our thoughts are for a little later. Unfortunately, our immediate plans were scuppered by our lack of personnel and we had to shelve our hopes for a June production.

This now leaves us free to make a start on our thoughts for pantomime. Yes, it isn't far away! That, of course, brings us back to personnel. We need the support of the community, which we certainly have as shown by our previous audiences, but on stage we need bodies, and that could include you, our readers.

Pantomime gives many young and older people the opportunity to display their talents. If you feel you would like to be given the chance, even a 'walk on' part, please contact either Jeff Myers (741984) or David Chinn (745673) and make yourself known.

The Committee have already started the search for a quality panto and have found one or two possibilities. However, we cannot decide without the knowledge that we can cast it. So please give us your backing and let us know you are interested. Let us show 'Storrington's got talent'!

If acting is not your forte, we welcome designers, seamstresses, carpenters, handymen / women, in fact anybody who has a wish to be involved in producing / presenting our shows.

The pantomime this year, with your help, will hopefully take place in Sullington Parish Hall on 4, 5, 6 and 7 December. Help us make it happen and keep the traditional Christmas alive.

David Chinn



The wet and mild conditions over the past six months has led to abundant wild garlic in our area, especially on the lower slopes of the Downs as this picture between Sullington and Rowdell shows.

The Camera Club competitions are mostly free and easy affairs allowing entry of any print or projected image, regardless of subject matter and providing they are less than three years old. The fifth and final round of the year is different as the subject matter is prescribed, and the photographs must be taken essentially in the year preceding the competition. More challenging, more meaningful and certainly more instructive, and less opportunity to plunder the back catalogue.



Rastafarian Posing by David Seddon

really chose itself. There were many other good entries though, several shown here.

Conversely the subject for projected images was 'High Key'; bright images, often ethereal and low contrast. But large areas of lights or whites must not be too bright, again so that no detail can be seen, which is a cardinal photographic sin for digital work in particular. This is very hard to get right, especially when a projected version of the image is being assessed. Most of us don't have a digital projector at home so this has to be gauged without being able to see the image in its projected format. Nigel Cherry judged this to perfection with his flower picture with its delicate yellows and took the prize.



Luminescent Orchid by Nigel Cherry

So does the prescribed subject make for a better competition than 'anything goes'? Our members seem not to like the former as it usually takes us out of our photographic comfort zones. But the standard of the set subject pictures was higher than usual in my opinion at least. I think you can tell which your scribe prefers; if you always do what you've always done then you'll always get what you always got.



Chris West

Waterfall by Liz Barber LRPS
HIGHLY COMMENDED



Monochrome Rose
by Dean Sephton
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Dried by Martin Tomes LRPS
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This year's subject for prints was 'Low Key'; images on the darker side of the tonal range and usually using the more sombre colours. The challenge here is to avoid large areas of solid black or dark in the print where no detail can be seen. Yet they must still be 'black enough' which requires careful consideration of exposure. The winner chosen by judge Bob Webzell ARPS was David Seddon's picture of a Rastafarian Gentleman, a print so good it



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