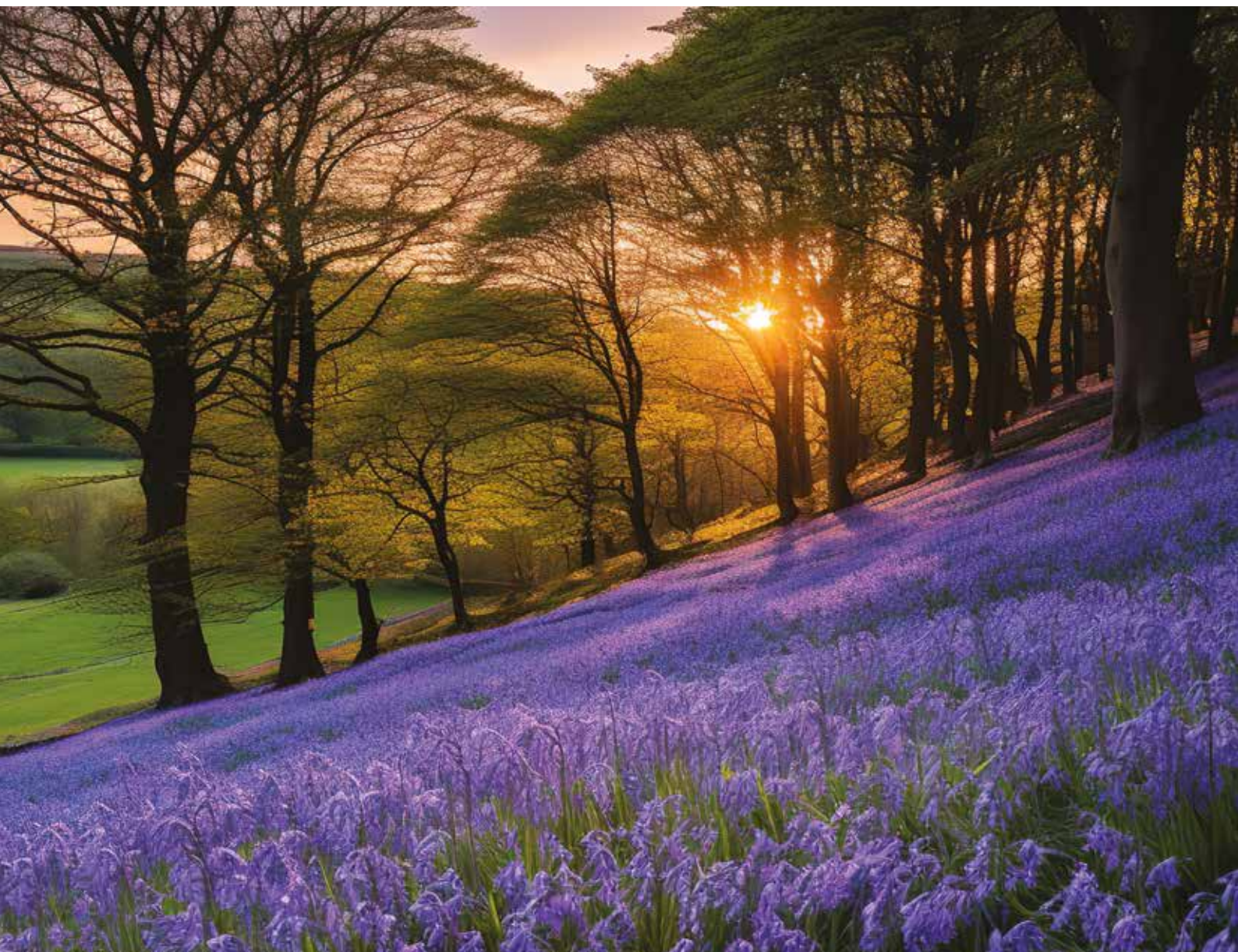


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of Life which I promised to follow when I made my vows to become an Oblate. It provides a generous discipline in my spiritual life so I continue to be shaped and formed by God.

A Benedictine spirituality requires a rootedness in order to still ourselves and wait on the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to discover more fully who we are in the eyes of God the Father as we turn regularly to Him in prayer. You can journey far by remaining in the same place.

Each week I attend to the Prologue and chapters four to seven in St Benedict's Rule. I incline the ear of my heart, in the hope of becoming ever more Christ-like and attentive to his purpose in my life.

Resting from Sunday parish ministry, I have been able to reaffirm in my life the important blessing of stopping to reflect, to be refreshed and to build my inner strength so as to be able to serve God, my family and the church.

I have also been reminded of the importance of recreation in our lives. To prioritise time to be with my family whose love blesses and sustains me. To be creative and to write. To be in creation, to walk in the countryside and by the sea. To rest with God in the stillness and silence of music. To read and to remain questioning.

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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.

The preferred method of subscription will be by monthly standing order.

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)

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.

Rogation Sunday, 5 May

It is all too easy to take our daily food for granted, forgetting that every bit of it is the result of the work of farmers and growers. On Rogation Sunday we ask for a blessing on the land, and on those who work to produce our food.

Ascension Day, Thursday 9 May

Ascension Day celebrates the completion of Christ's earthly ministry. There will be an Ascension Day Eucharist Service at 7pm at St Mary's, Storrington.

Whitsunday or Pentecost, Sunday 19 May

This major festival celebrates the gift of the Holy Spirit – God's energy in the form of inspiration and empowerment.

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.

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10 Apr Michael Patch (91 years)

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14 Apr Peter Buchanan (77 years)

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FAREWELL KATHRYN AND VALERIE

On Sunday 18 February, the First Sunday in Lent, we said farewell to Revd Canon Kathryn Windslow, after being Rector at St Mary's, Storrington for nearly 10 years. It was a very moving service. Kathryn had selected some of her favourite hymns and had asked the choir to sing the Dibley theme tune, which had seemed to accompany her for most of her career! Kathryn's sermon reflected on her four decades of ministry in various places: London, West Sussex, Lincolnshire, and back into West Sussex.



We had presentations at the end of the service. Revd Jacquie Peal, on behalf of the retired clergy, thanked Kathryn for her support and encouragement. Richard Martin thanked Kathryn on behalf of the congregation and used some verses for reflection from Sydney Carter's hymn *One more step along the world I go*.

Kathryn's mother, Valerie, who lived with Kathryn at the Rectory, had

been a big part of our congregation, and was presented with a floral gift. Michael Taylor gave a presentation on behalf of the churchwardens and PCC and reflected on the day to day running of the parish church with all its comings and goings; times of laughter, frustrations, triumphs, and gracefulness of camaraderie.



Kathryn received pottery gifts from Amberley Pottery. Amberley Pottery make our baptism candle holders for every candidate baptised at St Mary's, Storrington. She also received a leaving card designed by Jenny Cowdrey. Kathryn was overwhelmed by the cash gift she received and graciously thanked the congregation.

The congregation were played out of the Church building by Ian Miles playing *Sortie* in Bb by Lefébure-Wély, also requested by Kathryn. The service was followed by a lovely gathering in the Old School for a wonderful feast. A cake had been designed and made by Jane Hermanowski on a garden-based theme. We wish Kathryn and Valerie well as they unpack and settle back on Lincolnshire soil.



St Mary's Church, Storrington

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EVENTS 30 YEARS AGO

A project or two!

Ella, my prayer partner, had been to a performance of *African Sanctus* by David Fanshaw. In it the composer travelled through Africa, writing a song for each location. She wondered if the same thing could be right for sending to Roger Jones as his new musical.

For days we scratched our heads, and Ella then hit upon the idea of 'Saving things' in Kingston Buci, as we were also wondering still about being stiff necked. Obviously, the lifeboat saves lives, and the same could be said of the hospital, and the newly opened swimming pool-called 'Wadurs', had lifeguards. The bank and the post office save money of course, and the supermarkets save time travelling from shop to shop etc.

Then there were, of course, the two churches saving souls. St Julian's, an ancient building, is to the north of the railway line near the harbour entrance, and St. Giles' is Victorian and adjacent to Southlands as it was originally the workhouse chapel. We looked in the Bible and found some obvious connections:

The three men in the fiery furnace (book of Daniel) for the fire station.

The storm on the Lake of Galilee for the lifeboat.

Joseph saving Egypt from famine for shops.

We worked it all out and thought we would send it off to Roger Jones. However, that month was full of exciting events, not the least my 50th birthday, when I flew an aeroplane (I can't even drive a car!), and whole day trips to Wiltshire, Kent and Hampshire. Ella and I also spent four days on the Isles of Scilly, discussing this endlessly. We had so many ideas, questions and puzzles in our heads we didn't know what to write....so the letter to Roger Jones never got sent.

Chrystalle Kersley



AN AMAZING MINISTRY

Daphne Mabbett, a member of West Chilmington and Storrington MU, took up knitting prayer shawls 10 years ago. She is now approaching her 100th shawl. Daphne celebrated her 90th birthday on 3 April 2024, but shows no sign of slowing down her rate of production.

She joined MU on 17 May 1961 and still has her original enrolment card. She began knitting the shawls after hearing a talk at Shoreham MU. Each shawl is knitted for a specific person, usually someone who is ill, bereaved, nursing a loved one or in any kind of distress. However, Daphne has also knitted a shawl for a visiting Bishop's wife at the Lambeth conference. She keeps an album with a photograph of each shawl and the name of the recipient. The pattern she follows is 3 rows of plain knit, then three rows of pearl and the number of stitches is a multiple of 3, which is to represent the Trinity. She prays for the person as she knits and says the mission has been a blessing both to the recipients and to her. She says she has grown enormously and finds the creation of the shawls an uplifting spiritual experience. The numerous letters and cards of thanks she has received are evidence that the shawls are greatly appreciated.



Each shawl is different and takes about 60 hours to knit, plus another couple of hours to make the fringe. The picture shows Daphne knitting shawl number 98 for a friend whose husband has advanced Alzheimer's disease. Daphne is unable to attend many meetings, as she is caring for her husband who also suffers from dementia, but she remains a committed and cherished member of the MU branch.

Jeannie Watton

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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Eco dilemmas

There are times when being a committed and rather public eco champion is challenging. Just last week I had a couple of difficult decisions. My sister is coming to visit shortly, so naturally I want to welcome her. This means house cleaning, at least enough to show I've made an effort! The bath looked dusty, so I started to rinse it; but it wasn't dust. It was the accumulated webs of three spiders who were sitting in the corners under the flannels. Now, I'm relaxed about spiders and by and large I can co-exist with house spiders, but my sister does not share my sangfroid.

Arachnophobia maybe a bit strong, but certainly she doesn't like them and would not wish to share the bathroom with any. However, I will not kill spiders so I carefully caught each one and put it out of the window. I read somewhere it takes a spider about an hour to spin a web and I forced those poor spiders to start all over again.



Dilemma number two was much less difficult. We found that a couple of old shelves under the stairs were riddled with active woodworm. Eek!!!! Woodworm treatment is pretty noxious; the active ingredient is permethrin which is a pesticide. In the garden I avoid all forms of pesticide, tolerating aphids and picking up slugs and snails to remove them from my seedlings. Normally I wouldn't contemplate a pesticide but I hardly hesitated; shelves were stripped out and the whole area sprayed. Incidentally, the infected wood was amazing to see, like a honeycomb.



In the church and churchyard

We have similar dilemmas in the Church and churchyard. Carpet moth is a regular problem in most churches and we're not an exception. We have to arrange treatment regularly or all our textiles would be in tatters.

However the real challenge is in the churchyard. Our fantastic volunteer maintenance team manage the balance between wildness we need there to encourage diversity and support the wildlife that lives in and passes through the churchyard, and tidiness around the areas where people visit graves and memorials. With guidance from Sussex Wildlife Trust, we leave areas unmown, and have put up bird feeders and boxes. Just this month we've acquired reptile mats for slowworms, grass snakes and lizards.

Our biggest challenge is guiding choices people make about what to put on graves. Artificial flowers look pretty for a while, but sunlight degrades them; they blow about very easily or are picked up by foxes and they're not biodegradable and the plastic takes thousands of years to break down. Small mammals try to eat them. Glass, china and plastic vases



get broken and become a hazard to wildlife and people. It's always difficult to raise the question of what's appropriate just at the time when a family has lost someone dear, so it's worth all of us thinking about it in advance. With thought it's possible to choose suitable bulbs or small plants that can help us remember someone and be confident we're not compromising our local environment.

Another shout for Sussex Wildlife Trust

I went to a fascinating talk by Tony Whitbread, President of Sussex Wildlife Trust, about the wild places of Sussex. He started at the sun! He showed us how the geology across Sussex influences what's found in different areas, and then over centuries humans have shaped the landscape. I loved the little snippets of information, like being told that wood anemones are a sign of ancient woodland. I urge you to look up their activities and join them.

8 to 16 June Churches Count on Nature

Look out for ideas on this in the June issue and on our website and Facebook pages:

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The Sandgate Choir

(Formerly Sandgate Singers)



The Sandgate Choir held its Spring Concert on Sunday 24th March at Our Lady of England RC Church in Storrington. The programme featured Dvořák's Mass in D and a selection of Sacred Songs by Karl Jenkins. The four soloists were amazing and it was a wonderful evening of classical music enjoyed by the audience and choir alike.

This summer term, the choir will be working towards our Midsummer Gala to be held at Thakeham Village Hall on Saturday 6 July.

Our music choice for the Summer will be a collection of choral classics, folk songs and sea shanties. A relaxed afternoon of music, tea and cakes!

We welcome all our current members back to The Sandgate Choir for the new term and any new people who would like to join us. You will be warmly welcomed.

www.sandgatesingers.com



WEST CHILTINGTON AND STORRINGTON MOTHERS' UNION

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

On Thursday 4 April we welcomed our Diocesan President, Karen Hill, to

our monthly meeting. Karen gave us a very interesting talk about Mary Sumner, our founder. Mary was a very privileged and wealthy lady who married a clergyman. She used her position to give talks to church congregations and other wealthy wives to advocate her support for all women and mothers, especially the disadvantaged and working classes.

She believed that all children and women should be educated and this was the start of the Sunday school.



Jean Hunt and Karen Hill



The MU was quite a radical organisation which started as a trade union which built up a network to support mothers of all kinds and backgrounds as they brought their children up in the Christian faith, rich and poor alike. Her husband, George, was very supportive of her. They had a happy marriage.

Mary was instrumental in the marriage age being raised from 12 years to 16 years, ahead of her time in an age when women were expected to be quietly at home attending to domestic things. She certainly was not a shy retiring lady!

Today, MU is a global network supporting all kinds of mothers and families around the world. There are 4 million members in 84 countries.

Thanks to Chrystalle for playing the piano during our service. We finished with questions over tea and biscuits and a very lively discussion.

Dates for your diary:

2 May

Flower arranging experiences – Brenda Bull

4 May

Spring Gathering, St Peter's Church, Brighton

6 June

Role of a Provincial – Kathryn Anderson

All welcome.

Sonia Fox

From *The Vicar of Morwenstow, 1876*, by Revd Sabine Baring-Gould
"He was usually followed to church by nine or ten cats, which entered the chancel with him and careered about it during service.

Whilst saying prayers, Mr Hawker would pat his cats, or scratch them under their chins. Originally ten cats accompanied him to church; but one, having caught, killed and eaten a mouse on a Sunday, was excommunicated, and from that day was not allowed again within the sanctuary.

A friend tells me that on attending Morwenstow Church one Sunday morning, nothing amazed him more than to see a little dog sitting upon the altar step behind the celebrant, in the position which is usually attributed to a deacon or server. He afterwards spoke to Mr Hawker on the subject, and asked him why he did not turn the dog out of the chancel and Church.

"Turn the dog out of the ark!" he exclaimed: all animals, clean and unclean find there a refuge!"

To you all at St Mary's, Storrington, thank you so much for your kindness to our little dog, Tikki, when she first came to live with us. Thanks largely to your understanding and toleration when she sat with us during services, and your kindness and gentleness to her afterwards, she has gained enormously in confidence and we are now able to leave her alone at home for short periods.



The first eight years of her life have been pretty sad ones but now, due, I believe at least in part, to the warm welcome and the happy times she has had in Church, she is becoming a confident, happy, trusting little girl.

Thank you all.

Jacquie and John Peal



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30 YEARS OF CELEBRATING THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN IN THE DIOCESE OF CHICHESTER



The first women were ordained as priests 30 years ago. In the Diocese of Chichester, this took place on 15 May 1994. Over three decades, the Diocese, which encompasses the counties of both East and West Sussex, has benefited from the ministry of numerous women, many of whom had served as deaconesses and deacons prior to 1994.

To mark this milestone, Chichester Cathedral, has been hosting a photographic exhibition containing over 30 self-portraits of the women who have served our Diocese, and continue to do so today. The portraits will be on display alongside short reflections provided by the sitters, upon their ministry, daily life and guidance to those seeking to be part of life of a church.

The Reverend Canon Vanessa Baron was part of the first cohort of women to be ordained at St Paul's Cathedral in 1994 and now serves as Canon Residentiary and Treasurer of Chichester Cathedral. Vanessa said, "Our hope is that this exhibition will celebrate the energy, imagination and faith that women priests have demonstrated. It also gives us an opportunity to thank those who have supported us down the years."

As well as the exhibition, a special Eucharist will take place at the Cathedral on **Monday 13 May at 11.30am** with the Bishop of Horsham, the Right Reverend Ruth Bushyager. All are welcome to attend. We particularly pray with thanksgiving for the ordained female priests and lay ministers who have served and continue to serve at our churches in Storrington, Sullington, and Thakeham. *Jubilate Deo!*

The exhibition will be on display until 31 May to view in the Cathedral's North Chapels.

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In the WI calendar, March signifies the Annual Meeting. The President opened this important meeting by welcoming everyone. After her monthly report, the President handed over to the Treasurer, who gave a detailed summary of the annual finances, a copy of which was available for members to view, with a few members asking questions but all incredibly happy with the efficiency of the Treasurer (not an easy task on any committee). The Secretary followed by giving her extremely comprehensive annual report, including highlights of each monthly meeting. This enabled members to recall memorable moments of each meeting, with a copy of this report available. The President then gave her annual report and concluded by thanking everyone who had contributed to the smooth running of Sullington Windmills WI, a special thank you being given to the Treasurer and Secretary for their dedication and hard work during the past year.

After refreshments, members enjoyed a quiz based on the London underground network, which proved to be quite a brainteaser but enjoyed by everyone. Following the raffle, the President closed the meeting.

On Thursday 28 March, members of Sullington Windmills met for their annual lunch, the chosen venue this year was West Sussex Golf Club, with all attending having a most enjoyable time, with excellent food and company. Grateful thanks were given to the management and staff at the Golf Club for providing members with such a delicious meal with first class service.

The date of the next meeting, **Wednesday 15 May**, will be the annual Resolutions meeting, giving members the opportunity to discuss the WI National Resolutions, followed by "A Chat with the Storrington Wardens." This should be an extremely interesting meeting. Visitors and new members are always welcome.

Meetings take place on the third Wednesday of each month in Sullington Parish Hall at 7.30pm. If you have any questions regarding Sullington Windmills, please contact the President on 741078.

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SULLINGTON 160 YEARS AGO

EXTRACTS FROM CANON PALMER'S DIARY – MAY 1864

Sun 1: Easter 5. Fine but a cold wind from N.W. Preached in the morning on the Revelation of God to man through Jesus Christ. The day being that of Saint Philip and James. Arnold's IV Sermon in Vol. 3 was my guide. In afternoon --- my 1860 sermon. Did well - subject Peter's answer to the 3 fold query.

Mon 2: Stormy after some rain in night strong wind. Went with the two Huggnis and Erskine Elliot to Bury, to tackle King's rusties – on as rough as a piece of ground as ever cricketers attempted a game as with as high a wind, they made 39 of which 19 were byes. We beaten and only got 30. They set to work again after dinner and got only 20, leaving us 30 to get to win which we did with the loss of 2 wickets. Got home in capital style with my old nag in 1 ½ hours.

Tue 3: Fine with unsettled sky - mild. Everything growing fast under the influence of these few soft nights – leaves about half out – oaks just commencing – plenty of nightingales: Fleets ordered for the Baltic, so say the papers, and as the Conference don't agree, all seems in chaos.

Wed 4: Rain generally though a slight lull in the afternoon. News more peaceful today: the Fleet remains at anchor in the Downs, ready to proceed to sea in 24 hours. Ellen writes to say she will come down tomorrow, a blow to our domestic arrangements, as the cook leaves today and the rest of the lot on Saturday. Fairbairn announces his engagement to be married, gave me the first intelligence. Rode to Clapham with Bertha to find a pony for Emmie but failed therein.

Thu 5: Ascension. Dull, damp morning. Fine afternoon. A small congregation of 20 this evening. Teach from "There remaineth and rest to the people of God." had lights. Ellen and her baby arrive today and for the first time an infant sleeps within these walls. Warlike rumours - Bank raises discount.

Fri 6: Fine – bright and warm. Paper grows more ominous than ever – *The Aurora* is dispatched to Heligoland to watch the Austrian fleet which is cruising off the mouth of the Elba – A clerical meeting at Sinclair's – Blakiston – Beck. Cooper of Chiltington - his first appearance in public. Knight and Royston – They appoint me a member of the Sub-committee of the C.D.A. to solicit subscriptions and to worry generally within this Deanery. Also Diocesan Synods were approved of and a decidedly divided opinion was manifested on the subject of the alteration of the Burial service. Cooper furious with Chippindell. In evening Brown, Royston and Brand to cricket and tea afterwards.

Sat 7: Very warm and "growy" after heavy rain in night. Just the weather for grass and all green things. A busy day: Terry at work in the churchyard putting up new gate, also C Barnard cleaning Walk. My mother and Emmie to Brighton with 2 Gibsons to shop, per Steyning. Our 2 housemaids go today, leaving us in a pretty fix. Ellen very 'showsy' at times about her baby, who has a cough. The paper a little less war like today: I hope we shall avoid it.

Sun 8: Sunday after Ascension. Gloomy morning which turned to rain - chilly. Preached 2 old sermons, as last week has been rather hurried. Also looked up my "Oddfellows" one for Cholmely, who has asked me to preach on Tuesday for his club. A domestic crisis culminates today...no cook – no housemaid – only a strange underling, who came in yesterday, named Emily Briscow, dined early for an exception.

Mon 9: Wet and cold – till evening from N. Dined with Bacons, Annie and Erskine Elliott. The Whiting's and Miss Hockins, pleasant evening.

Tue 10: Fine but cold N. With Erskine Elliot to Findon, to preach for Cholmely and support him at the dinner afterwards. I gave them a discourse on the Theory of prefacing Clubdays with church – the substance of which I had before preached to the Oddfellows at Storrington 2 years back. Then made a few speeches at the banquet, and much admired Cholmely's art in doing the same to order.

Wed 11: Dull with raw E. in evening. Working in garden, sowing seeds etc. till 4, when started for a second visit to Lancing. arrived at 6. Found that an expected party had dwindled down to 3 young ladies. Miss C R and 2 Misses Roper. All 3 very quiet, sociable and pleasant...spent as usual a very nice evening. Miss CL played and sang a little, but had a cough, so was not strong.

Thu 12: Fine cold E. Called on Lancing College on Mr & Mrs Saunderson, and put before him our proposed match they seem agreeable people. The ladies played croquet and were very merry over it. Returned at 3 o'clock home. Called on Mrs. Francis, who was much pleased with my visits, which had done her good she said – *Laus Deo*.

Fri 13: Fine, warm but cold wind. Gave Mrs F. the holy sacrament. Her husband who received it for the first time was much affected. Am rather hoarse today (so also this day last year) George writes a brief account of the engagement.

Sat 14: Fine and very warm. My mother's birthday! Walked with Ellen to Rowdell and Mrs. Francis. Read to Mrs. Francis the 'Cottage Reading' on Rest. Which is plain and very good. Mowed the lawn for the first time with the machine – Grass so thick that we couldn't get on much. Sir Charles and Lady Goring just fresh from Paris, called. Wrote a sermon. Found that my thoughts were rather gone south today!

Sun 15: WHITSUNDAY. Fine and still warmer than yesterday (July). Sacramental attendance thin; especially as regards the men. I very poorly today and got through the services, *piano voce* – Ellen's baby holds a 'leveé' of admirers – 'Veun, charmanda', it looks pretty when asleep. Had a long talk with Mrs Brooks about her daughter, who has been implicated in theft, the morning had determined that if they would send her direct to prison, she would put no obstacle in the way. Today most oppressive bees in church swarm. Thoughts again wanders. Preached on the 'Nature and Work of the Holy Spirit'. 'The wind bloweth where it listeth'.

Mon 16: Most brilliant and hot. A really piping day. All the world to a Volunteer Review on Greatham Common . Annie in Brian's , and Emmie and the 2 Gibsons in my carriage. Erskine Elliott to Brighton to pay a visit to relations. I poorly, so take a walk to my coughing sister-in-law.

Tue 17: As yesterday. The weather prostrating, unless a perfect serenity of body and mind are kept. Erskine Elliot begins to lend his evening hours in the afternoon – George writes again: that the Slaughter on board of the Austrian frigate *Schwarzenberg* was very terrible. Pay daily visits to Mrs Francis.

Wed 18: Very hot and brilliant_ (July). We are passing through a most wonderful season a more midsummer-ish day has hardly ever been known. Our first picnic game at Sandgate However, we got up a side and played one innings. My side got 135 and Gibson's only 40 – A large number sat down to the feast – about 40.

Thu 19: Very decided change – to thunder. Ellen gets a letter from George asking her to meet him at the Grosvenor, so I escort her as far as the Three Bridges, back home by 2 and I'm photographed in groups with Gibson's a chiefly, for Edwards benefit. Dined at Highden, meeting Carve and his wife: The M.P. a man of sense and full of foreign travels. Emmie and Erskine go per downs to play croquet and Emmie gets a tumble from her pony.

Sat 21: Cooler, some rain and thunder in night. The baby rather better. We croquet and dine at Rowdell and find George returned with Ellen when we come home at 11. He will apply, when he goes back to the *Aurora* On Monday to be superseded.

Sun 22: TRINITY – Fine and warm, showery sky. Influenza reigns supreme in this house, and found at the "Union" among our residents. Baptize at 6 p.m. my niece, as Ellen Douglas Palmer, ill to whooping cough, privately. Preach one new and one old – both on the subject of the day.



NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS OF WARMINGHURST CHURCH

Mon 23: Brisk cloudy plenty of N.W. Quite cool today; a pleasant change from the last fortnight. Erskine Elliott plays in a match – Rifle volunteers – versus Civilians at Storrington, so have a holiday: which I take by driving George to the station. Mrs Francis in afternoon, and the match in evening. My mother overworked, and with gloomy domestic prospects; talks of a 'Conference this week, with Austria and Prussia as Prisoners before magistrate John Ball for ill treating Denmark is very exquisite.

Tue 24: Frost last night. Keen air today, bright sun. Erskine Elliot obtains permission from his father to go to the Derby. So starts at 6 pm this evening with George Carew Gibson in tandem for Dorking and Leatherhead – 30 miles! Grant has been licked again by Lee upon their forward movement of the army.

Wed 25: As yesterday. Erskine Elliot to the Derby, so had a nice quiet day. My mother and Emmie also being absent in Brighton on shopping intent. Annie and I dine at Wiggonholt and the Tandem passes us on my way home, about midnight. Blair Athol wins, beating the favourite, Peel.

Thu 26: Very cold air. Bright at times. The baby has passed a dying night and the doctor has been twice here today, he gives little or no hopes. Its brain is affected this evening, the whole nervous system is deranged. Mrs England, who has been very ill, better. Went to Roundabouts Mrs Lisher and Mrs Francis. The latter still lingers. George Carew Gibson comes to take leave this evening.

Fri 27: Warmer, still fresh, looks rainy this evening. The baby very quiet today, but Doctor gives no hope of it. Erskine Elliot goes to meet his father at Pulborough, a horse is bought from Hughes, the fellmonger, 20 guineas by him. George is telegraphed for. Carew Gibson offers me his mowing machine for any meadows.

Sat 28: Cold wind. Fine and fleecy. Baby decidedly improved, but still dangerously ill. George arrives to breakfast, having left London at a few minutes past 6. Erskine Elliott takes me a drive in Gibson's cart to Lancing to spy out the nakedness of the land in the cricket line: the pony went well and the bowling seems good, though the batting poor.

Sun 29: TRINITY I - Dull and cold with a very little fine rain from N. Upon George's request I asked the prayers of the congregation for the Baby – "an infant, lying very ill". We all think her better today. Dr M. still shakes his head: there are still those nervous twitching of the hands and arms at intervals. I preached 2 newly written sermons. One on Judas his real crime and remorse-less and the other on Church attendance (up on giving notice of my change of service from afternoon to evening). Walked with Erskine Elliot in evening to see the rhododendrons at Sandgate, now in full blossom, and very beautiful. A letter from Edward to George describing his convoy of sick to Kussolie and his arrival there – he enclosed some tigers whiskers as a charm for the baby. The Indians burn them over a child's head as a sure reset for obtaining a long life and a happy one.

Mon 30: Fine, but cold. Baby improved. Drive Annie to Stopham to tend Delphy (who has been very ill) during Mrs B's at the wedding – Presented 33 of our lamps. He displayed to us all his presents.

Tue 31: Dull morning broke into rain, which kept on and off from N.E. the whole day. Rain a very welcome visitor, our first of any consequence whatever, for 3 weeks. Erskine Elliott purchased his horse, having obtained a warranty with it. The baby a little better. *The Times* likens England's relations to India to the picture of Turner's moral picture, pull her along, but gently and evenly, without sudden jerk or strain.

MAY FAIR

**Saturday 18 May 10.30am to 2.30pm
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Sunday 12 May

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by keyboardist Jack Gonzalez-Harding

Saturday 3 August at 7pm

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

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STORRINGTON St Mary's



THAKEHAM St Mary's



SULLINGTON St Mary's



DATE	FESTIVAL OR SUNDAY	STORRINGTON	THAKEHAM	SULLINGTON
5 May	Sixth of Easter ROGATION SUNDAY	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 May (Thursday)	ASCENSION DAY	7pm Ascension Day Eucharist		
12 May	Seventh of Easter Sunday after Ascension	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion 6pm Evensong	10.30am Morning Prayer	10.30am Holy Communion
19 May	WHIT SUNDAY/ PENTECOST	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion with Prayers for Healing 12noon Baptism Service	8.30am Celtic Communion	10.30am Joint Thakeham/Sullington Holy Communion
26 May	TRINITY SUNDAY	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion	10.30am Holy Communion	10.30am Morning Prayer
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

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 Dr Frank Okai-Sam Tel: 01273 597122

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 9.45am 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 12 May

at the Old School, School Lane, Storrington

Tickets £4.00 are available from

Louisa Austin, Church Street, Storrington



WHAT'S ON

MAY	
Thu 2	
11.30am	Pop-In Lunch Club – p18
2pm	MU – Meeting – p14
7.30pm	Storrington Camera Club – Meeting – p26
Sat 4	
10am	Garden Sale – p4
	MU Spring Gathering – p14
Sun 5 Sixth of Easter – Rogation Sunday	
Tue 7	
10am	Inter-Church prayers – RC Church (side-chapel) – p3
2pm	SPACE – Art & Craft Club – p10
2pm	The Arts Society – Meeting – p20
7.30pm	Storrington Museum – Talk – p22
Wed 8	
10.30am	Café in the Church (Communion at 10am) – p9
7pm	Rotary Film Night – <i>One Life</i> – p29
Thu 9 ASCENSION DAY	
2pm	Memory Moments Café – p15
7pm	Ascension Day Eucharist – St Mary's, Storrington
Fri 10	
10am	Plant Sale – p5
Sat 11	
10am	Plant Sale – p5
2pm	Thakeham Gardeners' Plant Sale – p33
Sun 12 Seventh of Easter – Sunday after Ascension	
	Christian Aid Week Starts
1pm	Sunday Lunch Club – Old School, Storrington – p18
Mon 13	
11.30am	Eucharist Celebrating 30 years of Women in Ministry – p15
2.30pm	Reading Friends – Storrington Library – p13
6pm	Do You Know Your Teenager? – p20
7pm	Storrington Slimmers – p23
7.30pm	Thakeham Gardeners' Club – Meeting – p23
Tue 14	
10.30am	Wardens' Meet and Greet – p20
Wed 15	
7.30pm	Sullington Windmills WI – Meeting – p15
Thu 16	
10am	Spring Contemporary Art Exhibition – p23
10am	Quiet Day led by The Chemin Neuf Community – p14
10.30am	Cuppa and a Chat – p17
7.30pm	Performance – West Chilington Dramatic Society – p21
7.30pm	Storrington Camera Club – Meeting – p26
Fri 17	
7.30pm	Performance – West Chilington Dramatic Society – p21
7.30pm	Storrington Horticultural Society – Meeting – p25
Sun 19 WHIT SUNDAY/ PENTECOST	
2.30pm	Plant Sale – p6
7.30pm	Performance – West Chilington Dramatic Society – p21
Mon 20	
7pm	Storrington Slimmers – p23

Tue 21	
10am	Autism and SEN Group – p20
2pm	SPACE – Art & Craft Club – p10
2pm	Knit and Stitch – p4
7pm	West Chilington Floral Club – Meeting – p20
Wed 22	
10.30am	Trinity Sunshine Choir – p22
2.30pm	Café in the Church (Communion at 2pm) – p9
2.30pm	Storrington Flower Club – Meeting – p26
Thu 23	
2pm	Memory Moments Café – p15
7.30pm	Storrington Camera Club – AGM – p26
Sun 26 TRINITY SUNDAY	
Mon 27	
7pm	Storrington Slimmers – p23
Tue 28	
1.30pm	Macular Support Group – p9
Wed 29	
2.30pm	Café in the Church (Communion at 2pm) – p9

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

MAY	
1	PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES
2	<i>Athanasius, 373</i> – bishop of Alexandria and renowned theologian
4	English Saints and Martyrs of the Reformation Era
7	<i>Julian of Norwich, c.1417</i> – Christian mystic; her work, <i>Revelations of Divine Love</i> , is first book in English language known to have been written by a woman
9	ASCENSION DAY
11	<i>Gregory Dix, 1952</i> – English monk; his work influenced reform of Anglican
13	ST MATTHIAS, APOSTLE
15	<i>Caroline Chisholm, 1877</i> – English humanitarian, involved with female immigrant welfare in Australia
18	Dunstan, 988 – much loved saint; patron saint of goldsmiths (hallmark year date runs from 19 May after him); charities and churches named after him
19	Alcuin of York, 804 – considered among the most important architects of the Carolingian Renaissance
21	<i>Helena, 330</i>
23	John and Charles Wesley, 1791 and 1788 – credited with the foundation of the evangelical movement of Methodism
25	The Venerable Bede, 735 <i>Aldhelm, 709</i>
26	Augustine of Canterbury, 605 – the first Archbishop of Canterbury in 597 and a founder of the English Church <i>John Calvin, 1564; Philip Neri, 1595</i>
28	<i>Lanfranc, 1089</i>
30 DAY OF THANKSGIVING FOR HOLY COMMUNION (CORPUS CHRISTI)	
	Josephine Butler, 1906 – feminist and social reformer, particularly welfare for prostitutes <i>Joan of Arc, 1431; Apolo Kivebulaya, 1933</i>
31 VISIT OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY TO ELIZABETH	



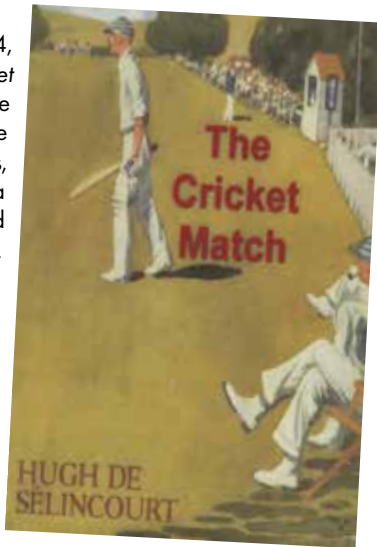
Getting Ready for the New Season and a bit of history

In line with the ECB 'Get Set' initiative, the Club undertook its annual spring cleaning day on 23 March. A good turnout of members enjoyed getting together not only to thoroughly clean the pavilion but also to tidy up the outdoor net facility, as well as preparatory work cutting and rolling the cricket 'square'.


The Cygnets training sessions started at 6pm on Friday 19 April when all our boys and girls gathered in readiness for a busy summer of cricket. The Friday training sessions continue throughout the season. This year the Club is running two girls' teams and boys' teams of four different age groups. Training for 5 to 8 year old children under the ECB All Stars programme is being held on Sunday mornings from 9am.

The senior teams commence their Sussex League fixtures at the beginning of May after a number of friendly warm up games. The Club is also participating in the mid-week Sussex T20 Slam competition again. Our older boys will be introduced to adult cricket through a number of Sunday friendly matches against local clubs in order to prepare them for the step up to league cricket.

One hundred years ago, in 1924, the minor classic titled *The Cricket Match* and written by Hugh de Selincourt was published. The story, first of several such stories, concerned a cricket team in a fictitious village called Tillingfold lying in a hollow under the Downs. The match was to be played against another village called Ravelly on Saturday 4 August. The team's captain was Mr Gauvnier. Hugh de Selincourt had been a central figure as player and vice president at Storrington Cricket Club for many years and especially during the 1920s and 1930s. The characters of the Tillingfold team were based on Storrington players at that time and Mr Gauvnier was a reflection of Hugh de Selincourt himself who, after being educated at Dulwich College and University College Oxford, became a journalist and author. The Club has score books covering de Selincourt's playing years and these are a testimony of his prowess as an all-round cricketer and captain of the Club. In the Club's pavilion there is a portrait of him and the Club also possesses a first edition of *The Cricket Match* signed by the author on 23 May 1924 at his home called Sand Pit in Thakeham.



Chris Winter



WEST CHILTINGTON FLORAL CLUB (AFFILIATED TO NAFAS)

Tuesday 21 May
7pm for 7.30pm start
May Workshop with Barbara Hoy

Visitors are most welcome – £5

Please book in advance for the worksheet regarding materials required for the workshop:

Carol on 01798 813608 or Brenda on 01798 813712
Email: wchiltfloralclub@gmail.com

NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDEN UPDATE

We would like to bring your attention to a couple of distraction theft techniques that are common at this time of year.

- Someone asks you to donate to a charity, usually in the vicinity of Waitrose car park and Mill Square. The person does not talk but points to a clip board that has a charity heading. While you are filling in the form, they manage to take cash without you seeing.
- While you are loading your car with your shopping bags, someone comes up and says that your vehicle has been damaged. When you go to look, another person takes your valuables.

We have had some success in deterring and reporting these crimes, by moving them on, taking pictures of them, and reporting to the Police.

If you wish to donate to charity, go direct and only give to recognised collectors, who will have a licence from Horsham District Council. If you are a victim of this crime, you must report it to the police on 101, regardless of how much is taken.

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

Monday 13 May 'Do You Know Your Teenager?' (session for parents)	6pm – 7pm
Tuesday 14 May Wardens' Meet and Greet	10.30am – 12.30pm
Thursday 16 May Cuppa and Chat	10.30am – 12.30pm
Tuesday 21 May Autism and SEN Group	10am – 11am

If you would like to know more about what we do, take a look at our monthly reports on the Storrington and Sullington Parish Council website.



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



Tuesday 7 May

Jacqueline Cockburn will talk on "Sorolla - Master of Light"
One of the most extraordinary Spanish artists, Sorolla created a world full of light and colour that delights the senses.

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.

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



PARHAM HOUSE & GARDENS SEASON OF EVENTS FOR 2024



1-12 May

Association of Sussex Artists Exhibition

10 May • 10 July • 5 September at 11 am

Tour of the Gardens



23 May • 5 July • 18 September at 11 am

Tour of the Needlework

29 May • 12 July • 12 September
at 11 am

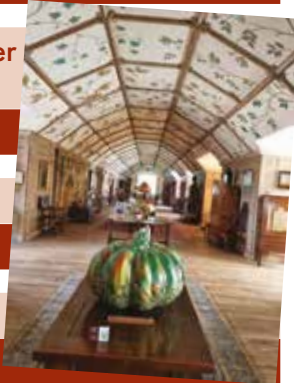
Tour of the House

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

The House and Gardens will be open to visitors 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.

WEST CHILTINGTON DRAMATIC SOCIETY

presents



DARK LUCY

Directed by
Ralph Wigg

A Mystery by
Philip King and
Parnell Bradbury



16, 17, 18 MAY

WEST CHILTINGTON VILLAGE HALL at 7.30pm



West Chilmington Dramatic Society



We held an enjoyable reading of Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest* on 20 March at The Five Bells in West Chilmington.

Now we are full steam ahead to our May production of *Dark Lucy*. Tickets are available online at www.wcds.co.uk and at NISA Local and the Post Office Stores in West Chilmington: Adults £12, Under 18s £6.

Dark Lucy

by Philip King and Parnell Bradbury

Directed by Ralph Wigg

**Thursday 16, Friday 17 and Saturday 18 May
at 7.30pm**

West Chilmington Village Hall

Dark Lucy is initially set in a village vicarage during the last decade or so. Carol, the vicar's highly-strung wife, is apparently assaulted by an unpleasant old woman, living in a dilapidated cottage. Unfortunately for Carol, no one believes her, so when a young woman disappears, Carol sets out to discover the truth about the old woman & the cottage. What she finds is the stuff of nightmares!

This is a much-heralded mystery thriller, so prepare to sit on the edge of your seat!

West Chilmington Dramatic Society welcomes new members for acting and off-stage roles. Please contact Angela Sloan at vicechair@wcds.co.uk or visit our website www.wcds.co.uk if you would like more information on joining or supporting us.

Angela Sloan

TRINITY SUNSHINE CHOIR

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:

22 May, 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 robertgamblerc@gmail.com or 07958 232874.

I NEVER KNEW GEOGRAPHY WOULD BE SO RELEVANT!
 MONTHLY TALK BY WILLIAM AVENELL
 MEMBERS £6 NON-MEMBERS £8
 STORRINGTON & DISTRICT MUSEUM, THE OLD SCHOOL, SCHOOL LANE, RH20 4LL
 TUESDAY 7TH MAY 7.30PM
 JUST GIVING DONATION CODE
 WHY DIDN'T I CONCENTRATE MORE AT SCHOOL?!

An amusing look at how geography impinges on our everyday life. For example, why do motorway traffic jams suddenly disappear? The talk has plenty of good-natured humour and demonstrates some insightful local knowledge.

Bill Avenell has a passion for unusual features in the landscape, is a specialist in topography and taught geography at a public school. Most of us were taught geography at school, but not topography, which is a field of geoscience, studying forms and features of land surfaces. Bill will explain the impact that physical geography has made on our daily lives.

STORRINGTON CONSERVATION SOCIETY

We sit on it, walk on it, play on it, cut it and eat it. Just a few of the things we do with the family of plants we know as grass, scientific name Poaceae. One of the most prolific plants on the planet, the grass family includes cereals, such as maize, wheat and rice, bamboos, reeds, natural grasses, pasture grass, cultivated lawn grass and sports turf. In all, there are about 12,000 species. The grains we eat are a major source of protein and carbohydrates and amazingly provide about half of our food energy. Bamboo, reeds and straw are used in buildings, and some grasses are used in manufacturing paper, fuel, clothing, matting and baskets. Remarkably, bamboo scaffolding withstands typhoon winds that would destroy steel poles.

Grasses occur in every continent, including Antarctica. They are found in the savannah, prairies, steppes, wetlands, forests and tundra. Many are designed to cope with frequent grazing and mowing, though some have hardened blades to discourage grazing and can cut skin. Some are especially adapted to hot and some to cold environments.

Fossils show grasses have been around for at least 100 million years. Fossilised dinosaur dung has been found to include grass, so not only current wildlife, such as mammals as well as butterflies, moths and grasshoppers, have relied on grass as a food source.

So it has a huge range of uses, not only providing playing surfaces for many sports, but it also helps erosion control. More than this it has great natural beauty, not only in ornamental grasses in gardens. For example, the flower heads of tall grass have a delicate symmetry, with the wind blowing over a field of wheat producing waves of dark and light, a wonder at the many shades of green in meadows. Be thankful for the glories of grass; it is a natural marvel we take for granted, but it is a treasure to be conserved, as we depend on it for so much.



Work parties continue and on Saturday 6 April we met in the Leisure Centre Car Park for our annual clearance of litter and rubbish alongside paths and byways in the village. The usual collection of packaging, bottles, cans and plastics were sorted for recycling or disposal. We next meet a week earlier than planned on Saturday 27 April at 10am in the Library Car Park for another of our regular tasks, the clearance of the banks and streams in readiness for the duck race on 28 April.

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 745971, or see our website. www.storringtonconservation.org.uk.



THAKEHAM GARDENERS' CLUB

Philip Daily was our guest speaker at the March meeting and he represented the National Garden Scheme. He briefly outlined the history of the scheme saying it was a suggested idea back in 1926 to help support nurses and was formed in 1927. By 1930, 900 gardens were open, including that of Winston Churchill and Vita Sackville West. The yellow book was introduced in 1932 but it was then a green book and it was 1949 before its colour was changed to the yellow we know today. In 1980 the monies collected began to be donated to other charities: Macmillan Cancer Support in 1984, Marie Curie in 1996 and Parkinson's UK in 2013.



Mary Berry has been President since 2016, and in 2017 collections passed £3 million, with this past year's total £3.4 million. Covid saw only a small dip in funds and that was when pre-booking was introduced. Philip told us that West Sussex and East Sussex were quite competitive, with West Sussex making a profit of £110,000 last year. The Head office at Hatchlands in Surrey is basic but, he said, cheap and the organisation is run by a committee of 15. Community grants are also given to worthy causes with amounts ranging from £86 to £5000.

On-line talks were available for the first time last year and raised £12000. There are about 26 to choose from, such as 'The changes at Denmans' or 'Biodiversity at Great Dixter'. Philip then went on to talk about the difficulty in getting new gardens to join the scheme and he answered many questions from members. (See <https://ngs.org.uk>).

This was an extremely interesting and informative talk and Philip was warmly thanked. He then judged our competition, the raffle was drawn and refreshments taken.

Our next meeting is on **13 May** and we will be joined by Miles Hayward of Miles Japanese Maples in Storrington. Our monthly competition is 'A jam jar of herbs' from your garden.

Also on **11 May** we will be holding our popular Spring Plant Sale. Entry is free and refreshments will be available. The sale starts promoting at 2pm and we are usually as good as 'sold out' by 3pm. Please note it is CASH ONLY.

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.



EVENTS

AT THE OLD WORKSHOP,
SULLINGTON MANOR FARM



Spring Contemporary Art at Sullington

16 – 27 May

10am – 4pm

Twelve artists featuring in this exhibition of hanging pieces, sculptures and paintings curated by esteemed local duo, Penny Gambrell and Marty Lowell. Cafe open daily, except bank holiday.

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.

STORRINGTON & SULLINGTON - REFLECTIONS OF THE PAST

REVD HENRY PALMER AT SULLINGTON – PART 23

Continuing his Italian sojourn

“Av. 7 Domenica 5 in Lent... Our church is a long way off us, but we went twice nevertheless; A. must have walked a good four miles in all. The late Grand Duke seems to have been a rigid R.C. and when he did permit heretics to have a place of worship, to have restricted them as to position and form of building. The church is quite out the way, but a large commodious room, well ventilated and fitted up: would hold 500. We had a congregation of 200 this morning and the Holy Communion was well-attended. The chaplain, Mr Pendleton, preached and gave us a doctrinal sermon on ‘Christ one LIFE’ which did not seem to claim any great merit as a discourse – the theology was certainly in fault, by omitting the Operation of the Holy Ghost, as the ‘Lord and Giver of Life’. An old American Gentleman read prayers very well indeed and had a head and expression much like one of my ‘Saints’ bought yesterday – St Augustine. In afternoon a sermon, but composition a little crude, and delivery somewhat secular – subject Individual Exertion for Christ. The Mary spoken of was the sister of Martha.

“Lunedì Av. 8... Florence has redeemed her character in the matter of weather, we are in a different climate. We intended the Pitti for the last visit, but was shut out until 12... so gave it up and called upon Longworth Powers who takes photographs and whom we found very communicative and obliging. I have agreed with him for a likeness and bought some very fine and cheap photos of him... Then took a walk to Bellosguardo, out at the Porta Romana... up the hill following Mr P’s direction we got exquisite views of the Val d’Arno and the city, at the slightest cost in fatigue. In the afternoon were disappointed by the weather of getting a portrait taken, so visited the studios of Mr Hiram Power, who is a fine, handsome, civil man of noble American type... he employs some 15 hands and seems to have a large business, his works seem all to be chaste and noble, not one of them expressing anything but the highest morale. Next door to his studio is Prof Fedj whose grand group of the Seizure of Polyxena by Pyrrhus is worthily placed in the great Loggia in the Piazza dei Signori: he deals in more varied subjects.”

“Martedì Av. 9. After many doubts A. and I made up our minds to go to Pistoja, we left at 12.15 and arrived at 1.45 by a slow train, the road passing over the roots of the Apennines, we saw a few touches of snow above the city. The walls are fine, regular and richly coloured, the Medici arms are everywhere. The Piazza is worth seeing, being a fine open place, surrounded by the Duomo, the Campanile, Baptistery and Civic Halls all very old and curious, though the Cathedral is miserably restored inside. In the centre of the square is a statue of Cardinal Forteguerra, a man who has much assisted in the education of the poor of the place, an inscription recording the fact that the poor had erected the memorial to shew that they were not unmindful of the gifts of the rich was well worded. A. and I took a long walk into the country along the Montale road and were much delighted with the softness and novelty of the country: had a few words with divers Contadini, and they told us of a rich Inglese who was molto buono and never gave less than two francs to each poor person in want, and even visited the sick! Could it be Lord Westbury, atoning for his sins? Returned home by 8 and very tired.”

“Mercoledì Av. 10. Have been trotting about nearly all day about various little matters, but have done one thing – we have finished the Pitti, after having paid six visits, much to our enjoyment. There are two or three pictures among the lot that will always remain in my memory: The Madonna della Seggiola and that by Murillo, a S. Francis of Rubens, a portrait of Andrea del Sarto and his wife by himself and a grand evening landscape by Rubens.

Was photographed today en profile, but am afraid that my chin is too much stuck up to be a very pleasant picture. A. was there to protect my interests but failed to see this fault in position.” [I have not seen this photo unfortunately.]

They spent the evening at a Philharmonic Concert but did not seem to enjoy it. “... entertainment which was emphatically ‘dowdy’!”

“Have a very well-informed American at dinner as my neighbour, who tells me about the Constitution, the ‘Americanisms’ (which are often old English) and the secret of the Philadelphian vote – men emigrate to the same latitude.”

“Giovedì Av. 11. A’s foot so bad that she could not walk to the Uffizi – now the Galleria Reale – so for the first time, went in a carezza – we saw through the first corridor, the ‘Gemmy’ Tribune and the French school and were much delighted, especially with the busts of the Emperors and Empresses of Rome and the gems. There has been quite a panic over the English and French money markets in consequence of the ‘difficulty’ with Spain in the case of the Tornado the French and Prussian civilities in the case of Luxembourg and the grand Eastern question, Turkey versus Greece in re Crete!” [This does not seem to have interrupted our tourists on their art appreciation visits. Annie’s foot problem is better, she has a ‘calzo carie’ who declaims very sensibly against the folly of pointed English boots.” [It did not prevent a morning spent in the Uffizi, going through the Tribune, with the German, Tuscan and Italian rooms].

“The Tribune is a collection of the finest pictures and has the four famous statues, Venus, the man whetting his knife, Apollo and the Wrestlers: the last room but one containing the Tuscan school is also, with scarcely one exception, a treasure house of beauties. Two grand sketches of Fra. Bartolomeo and Leonardo da Vinci give one a good idea of the beauty of the outlines of the Great Masters ... enjoyed it all very much. In the afternoon to S. Marie Novella – the famous church of the Preaching Dominicans, Frati Predicatori – the date of the church is 1279, Italian. The interior is, from its Gothic style, more agreeable to our eyes than usually the case with foreign churches; the most beautiful feature... is the stained glass – a delicate and rich east window, three lancets and a very gorgeous one at the end of the south transept and a rose over the west door and yet more in the sacristy spoils one for our modern glass. Saw all that was to be seen and were much taken with the frescoes in the Chiostro Verde by Paolo Miello; those in the splendid Cappella degli Spagnoli by Memmi and Gaddi: ... and those in the choir by Ghirlandais, the tutor of Michael Angelo. Saw a grand funeral of a Cavalieri this morning – a thousand candles or so.”

Joan Ham (Village Historian)

STORRINGTON COMMUNITY MARKET

Storrington Village Hall, West Street

EVERY
Friday 9.45
- 11.15am

FRESH LOCAL PRODUCE:

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

PLUS • Carol’s pet rugs, cushions, quilts & bunting • Books & free magazines • Katie’s Forever Living Aloe Vera • Erika’s Crochet creations • Elaine’s Glass Art & Jewellery • Iryna’s Ukrainian dolls & art • Rich’s woodcraft gifts • Velda’s aprons • Locally produced cards • Gilly’s preloved homeware • Charlie’s Neal’s Yard products & Flamingo Paperie stationery • Nick’s Vinyl records, singles & LPs from the 60s to the 90s • Sussex Green Living recycling collection point • Cafe - tea, coffee & biscuits





STORRINGTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

At the March meeting we were treated to a talk by Rose Philpot on Arundel Castle Gardens. Rose is a young local girl who originally went to the gardens as work experience from school; she soon became bitten by the gardening bug and after further training is now working there, full time.

Rose explained that the Gardens cover 40 acres, has seven full time staff, plus a few volunteers supervised by the head gardener, Martin Duncan. There are several areas of differing gardens; roses, stumpery, walled, cut flower, vegetable and wildflower, to name just a few. The produce from the cut flower and vegetable gardens are used within the Castle. Box hedging, which at one time was a feature of many areas, has been removed because of box blight and box caterpillar, and replaced with Lavender and Yew cones or balls for structure .

The stew ponds have been conserved and in 2020 won the Sussex Heritage Award. A dipping pond was also created in the same area and is now a haven for birds, insects and butterflies. Paths have been laid by the ponds so visitors can wander around without causing damage to the wildlife habitats.

Arundel Castle is famous for its Tulip Festival, open at the end of March and this year 76,000 tulip bulbs had been planted, making a total of over 1.2 million in the last decade. Tulips have been planted on the grassy ramparts, in lawns, flower beds and hundreds of pots. Rose advised us if you wish for repeat flowering tulips year after year it is best to buy a Darwin hybrid called Appledore. The fee for the talk was kindly donated to a gardening charity.

The meeting closed after a raffle and light refreshments.

The next meeting will be on **Friday 17 May at 7.30pm** when Ben Hope will talk about "Treading gently through the borders".

Janet Webber

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Everything I know about gardening with dogs

After April's look at gardening when cats are in the family, I said I'd look at dogs. This was in danger of being a very short article at the start, but I have done some research to fill the gaps in my knowledge. As I was writing this article, it occurred to me that a lot of the advice on creating a dog-friendly garden applies to young children too (maybe not so much the peeing on grass bit?), so consider this a two-for-one!

Much of the safety information from last time for cats, applies to dogs, especially plants to avoid and ensuring your pond allows your pet to get out easily. Dogs Trust is a great source of practical advice on making sure your garden is not just safe, but also a fun place for dogs: <https://www.dogstrust.org.uk/dog-advice>.

Aspects to consider are:

Digging – as this is a natural behaviour, the suggestion is to direct it rather than try to deter it and make a digging pit. You can then train your dog to use that area by using treats and half-burying their toys. Dogs Trust recommends you have a rummage in the pit in front of them as encouragement.



Peeing on grass – I was interested to learn that it's the nitrogen in dog urine that causes grass to die, rather than acidity. The advice from lawn specialists and vets includes pouring water on the area to dilute it; train them to go in one place; putting in a "pee post" to encourage male dogs to use that instead.



Dog-proofing – keep sharp tools safely away; check the perimeter is secure, including gaps under fences and in hedges and always keep an eye on your dog in the garden. Also, make sure your dogs' treatments are up to date: vaccinations and flea, tick and worming treatments.

The right level of excitement

– add interesting smelling plants for your pooch to investigate and a mix of surface textures and heights for them to explore. If you use bird-feeders, your dog might want to chase your feathered visitors. Consider fencing off an area for feeding birds, or using the front garden. Dogs love a run around in the sunshine so make sure you have shady areas for your dog to cool off in, and water to drink.



Cheryl Brown



SOUTH DOWNS PROBUS



The members of the Club recently enjoyed a marvellous Spring Lunch with the wives and Associates at The West Sussex Golf Club. They were treated to a meal which would have distinguished a Michelin Star! It was the last lunch at the Golf Club where the current President would be in the Chair and he gave a valedictory speech to those there extolling the support from his Committee and the members. We have had several new members recently but more are needed to get back to the pre-Covid levels.

More recently some of the Club members had a most educational visit to the Ricardo factory at Shoreham Airport. It is the second time we have been there in 10 years and we weren't disappointed. It is a fantastic set-up and our guides demonstrated their knowledge of the processes in which they are engaged. These are various and numerous based around their knowledge of engines. Sir Harry Ricardo developed the first diesel engines used in tanks in the First World War where the inhabitants were unable to breathe inside because of the fumes from the early motors. Since then, their mission has been to produce greater efficiency in all forms of engine for all forms of industry, working with a range of customers on hydrogen and fuel cell technology, as well as electric battery-driven motors, providing clean, efficient solutions, which reduce carbon and emissions across several sectors. So, the laboratories cover sound proofing, emission testing, eliminating noxious waste for the motor industry, the Navy, American defence, fast transit railways; in fact everywhere there is a powertrain! Worldwide.

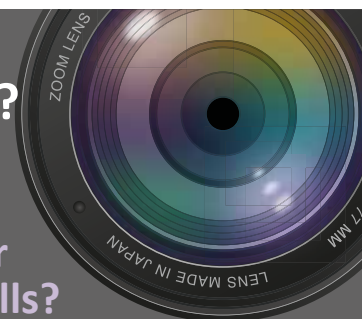
In addition they manufacture the engine for the Maclaren sports cars, and with JCB developed the world record holding Dieselmex, driven by Andy Green in 2006. So altogether we were immensely impressed by the research and the quality and enthusiasm of this locally based company.

We are now looking forward to the next members' lunch at The George & Dragon at Dragon's Green where the speaker is Bob Sinfield (name ring a bell?) who is going to talk about comedy sketch writing. Sounds good!

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23 May

Annual General Meeting.

Chris West ARPS in the chair. Presentation of the trophies to the successful photographers. Individual reports on aspects of the Club's activities by the committee members responsible plus a summing-up by Chris. And of course, the usual AGM items of election of officers etc.

Plus other extra-curricular (and extra, modest, charge!) meetings as listed on the Club's website.

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WEATHER WATCH

Another squelchy month

After the almost unremitting rainfall and gloom through October to February, a dry March was certainly needed. My lawn squelched when I walked over it and much of our district was saturated. But it was not to be with the entire month in unsettled mode with no sustained dry spells and rainfall around twice the average.

A measure of how wet it has been in recent months was highlighted towards the end of March when I passed the remarkable total of 1000mm of rain since mid-September; a total of about 450mm would be a more normal aggregate during this time. March was the sixth consecutive month from October that recorded over 100mm of rain, with a total of 111mm. The wetness has much to do with excessive sea temperatures over the Atlantic Ocean which had strengthened the jet stream and made it very convoluted in direction. This sent it close to us and led to the formation of repeated areas of low pressure and rain. The warm sea was part of the *El Nino* event in the Pacific and it has effects in our part of the world. It should weaken and reduce the rainfall amounts in the months ahead.

On a positive note, March was mild at around 1.6°C above the norm with only a couple of air frosts and although I measured 13 grass frosts, they were mostly slight. As a result, the soil temperature, which started off well above par due to the record-breaking mild February, remained high throughout and spring plants bloomed in abundance. My magnolia flowered early on and continued unblemished by frost and the

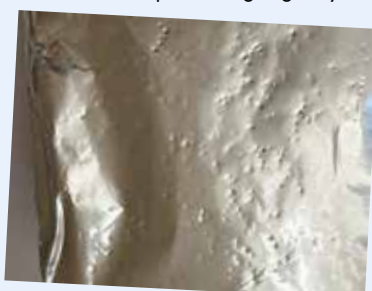
camellia we featured last month that had profuse blooms throughout February continued from beginning to end in March and is still delighting the eye into April. Easter Saturday and Sunday by day saw a gap in the rain clouds with some welcome sunshine and the 3 *Heralds* area was the warmest in the UK on the 31st with 17°C.

Snow was entirely absent but some of my garden was briefly covered by hail on the 1st and hail was observed on 4 days. You can make a simple hail gauge by



covering a small block of wood with kitchen silver foil. The stones leave indentations and give a measure of their size too.

Shakespeare wrote of "The uncertain glory of an April day" as it is often showery but is one of the



drier months of the year but as I write with just 4 days in, I have already measured over half the monthly average. Will it be another 100mm plus month? See next month's *Weather Watch*.

Ian Currie

Weatherman, Speaker, Broadcaster,
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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.



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RUBBING SHOULDERS WITH GREATNESS

Storrington
Camera Club

Photography sometimes offers unexpected opportunities which you might not normally have considered. As in all aspects of life, apply due diligence, and then take such opportunities because you never know where they might lead.

Janet Brown and three other members of Storrington Camera Club answered a chance request to be stills photographers at the filming of "Vindication Swim", a small budget production now on general release in cinemas, and soon via streaming. Most films have stills photographers on set, but you don't usually know about them unless you let the closing credits roll right to the end.

"Vindication Swim" concerns the entirely unwarranted notoriety surrounding the first British woman to complete a cross-channel swim. All four photographers enjoyed their part in this exercise, except possibly Janet who suffers from motion sickness, and all that messing about in boats was a bit problematical for her. Yet the project 'clicked' and she submitted the necessary portfolio of 15 prints to the Royal Photographic Society (RPS) and was awarded the Associate Distinction, ARPS.

The RPS produces a highly esteemed quarterly Journal which features stand-out distinction panels and Janet's ARPS panel featured in the latest issue. It was a further honour for Janet and for our Club, as she gave us generous mention, and she kept it quiet so it was quite a surprise when I opened the latest Journal last Monday.

Janet is pictured here with the current issue and a print from her ARPS panel. The cover photograph of the Journal is the mesmeric *Afghan Girl* which was taken by Steve McCurry and is a photograph so famous it is sometimes described as the *Mona Lisa* of photography. McCurry is a true great among photographers and the Journal featured a retrospective of his work; interesting and sometimes harrowing reading and fantastic photography. Janet felt greatly honoured just to see her name on the same RPS Journal index page as McCurry's; and so she should be – well done her.



Photo by Dave Brown

My own recent contact with greatness was at a private view at the Royal Geographical Society of photographs of the Antarctic Expeditions of Scott and Shackleton. Unlike Janet there was no messing about in boats or shivering on cold beaches for me. Just swanning around a Kensington Gallery quaffing a couple of complimentary glasses of a very decent red as I, and about 20 other amateur photographers, enjoyed viewing large prints of some of the most famous photographs ever taken. We were also allowed into the vaults to see other unpublished photographs



Photo by Paul Bignmore

and other artefacts from the South Pole expeditions, and from Mallory and Irvine's Everest Expedition and the successful 1953 climb.

Not only that, but there was the opportunity to shake hands with and have a long chat with Ernest Shackleton's granddaughter. Imagine that – that link though history to one of the greatest explorers and adventurers of all time; an absolute red-letter day for me and the rest of us.

None of this would have happened without Janet and me being photographers. Have camera will travel, all over the world, and into the past too it would seem.

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In addition, there are a variety of fun social outings offered. Current excursions include Sumner Ponds, where you can stroll the grounds or take in the scenery from the cafe overlooking the lake, Tangmere Aviation Museum to learn about the UK's military aviation heritage and the seaside at Eastbourne to taste the best of British fare of delicious fish & chips.

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The Storrington Local History Group in conjunction with Storrington Museum is starting a project to look at the history of Church Street. When were the houses built? Who lived there? What were the shops in Church Street?

To do this, we are researching using the 1788 Bainbridge Map and Apportionment, the 1841 Tithe Map and Apportionment, the Censuses (1841-1921), the 1910 (Lloyd George) Valuation and the 1939 Register, as well as Sussex Directories and local newspapers. The Museum also has an unrivalled collection of photographs of the street.

The research is not as straightforward as first thought as the Censuses often do not indicate house numbers or names nor indeed did the Enumerators go house by house sequentially (rather it seems they dodged around depending on who was in). The Directories are similar; no house names or numbers.

Apart from Forge House, the West Sussex Records Office has no detailed records of the houses or trades conducted. We are therefore asking if you, or any family or friends have any information on Church Street house history or information and/or photos of who lived there and what they did.

The History Group are planning an open day at the Museum on 1 June to see what information or knowledge local residents have of the street, which they can contribute to the project. Please do come along; you will be able to see what we have found and what we need to discover. Any assistance you can give would be most gratefully received.

With thanks

Local History Group

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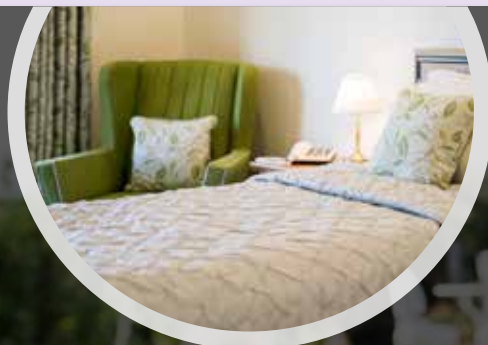
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