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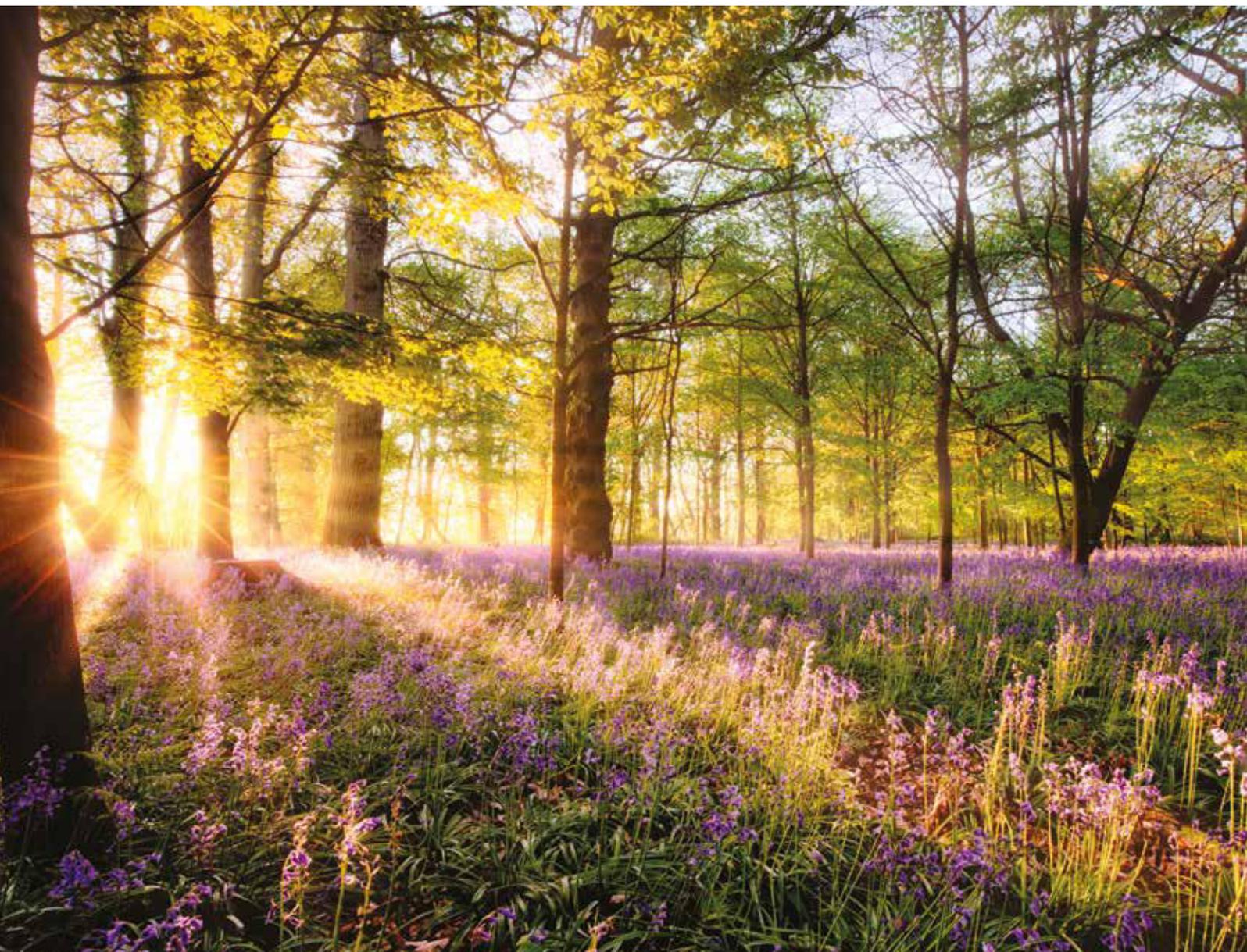
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Dear Friends

I sometimes think Christians miss a trick at this time of year. Six weeks of Lenten fasting are followed by six weeks of Easter joy. We should be doing some serious celebrating, before the endless liturgical procession of Trinity Sundays begins. Ascension-tide brings the proclamation of Jesus Christ as the ultimate hope and authority for all the world. Pentecost, or Whitsun, proclaims the bursting on to the public scene of the Spirit-inspired Church.

But of course this year we are emerging from something a bit different. The last year has been, well, actually, for some of us, not too bad - if you are (like me) over 70, like walking, reading, gardening and managing to conquer the digital challenges of Zoom. But for others, it has been a quite desperate time, cut off from loved ones at their moment of greatest need or having to homeschool children in a small house or flat whilst working at home half the time and at the hospital the other half of the time (like oldest son and his wife) or hip operation delayed over twelve months (brother-in-law).

It was reported that when "glasnost" and "perestroika", openness, came to the former Soviet Union, long, long lines of people could be seen queuing up outside Russian Orthodox monasteries for exorcism. People felt they needed deliverance and cleansing from the taint and tarnishing and sheer oppression of an all-intrusive State machine based on deceit and lies.

It might be that we should do something similar. Take time, really make the space for this, to go somewhere quiet and undisturbed to spend time with the Lord (our friend, who was crucified and raised for us and all God's world). Give thanks for the good things, the beautiful things, the kindnesses so often unexpected of the last year. But also make time to mourn, to acknowledge your grief, even your anger, from these days.

And having spent this time of "review", maybe with a Bible (or just the Psalms) and a small notebook by your side so you can jot down anything that comes to you... offer the future, YOUR future, to God. We look forward to celebrating Pentecost on Whit Sunday, when the Holy Spirit came in power and turned the disciples of Christ into his flamboyant witnesses. But the Holy Spirit also promises to be our Comforter, even if occasionally he does makes us feel pretty UNcomfortable! We will need a reliable guide for the unknown new future which lies ahead of us all.

Pray for grace to follow Jesus on the way that leads to the Father's glorious company. For sure there will be tears to shed; but even more surely there will be so much to celebrate.

With love, Charles

CHARLES HADLEY  
Retired Assistant Priest, St Mary's Church, Storrington

PS. If you do like the idea of offering your future to God so that it may be a time of blessing, then you might like to note that from Friday, 17 September, the Chemin Neuf Community will be running five fortnightly days at Storrington Priory called "Abraham" for the over-70's. Because, though old, Abraham trusted the Lord and became a blessing to many.

### PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

Lord God,  
your Son left the riches of heaven  
and became poor for our sake:  
when we prosper save us from pride,  
when we are needy save us from despair,  
that we may trust in you alone;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**



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# St Mary's Thakeham



**Sullington & Thakeham with Warminghurst**  
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Thakeham, RH20 3EP

### Safeguarding Officer

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Washington Road,  
Sullington, RH20 4AF

## PASTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR

Please contact Revd Sara-Jane Stevens on 01798 813121 to make arrangements for Baptisms, Weddings and Banns of Marriage. She can be contacted at Thakeham Rectory throughout the week. Her day off is Friday.

**St Mary's Thakeham**  
**Plant & Garden Sale**  
Sunday 16 May 11.30am to 2pm  
Thakeham Village Hall

A variety of plants including vegetable plants and bedding plants, gardening books, pots and gardening sundries.

Light takeaway lunch available.  
All proceeds go to St Mary's Thakeham.

Please feel free to join us for our morning service in the Village Hall at 10.30am prior to the Garden Sale. We'd love to see you.

## PETER SMITH – HIGH SHERIFF RECOGNITION

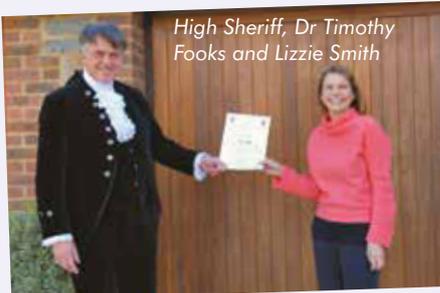
'COVID' – nobody would have thought a pandemic could be so devastating, affecting people from all over the world. Peter was one of the many who had to shield from this terrible virus and became aware very quickly that help would be needed for many people who were alone or unable to leave their homes.



Peter was asked by Revd Sara-Jane to set up and run a group of volunteers, creating the Thakeham and Sullington COVID Support Hub, which brought together the church and community working tirelessly to help 148 local residents in need. He could see there would be many challenges ahead and set up a Think Tank to help those facing further difficulties brought about by the virus.

He had a way of inspiring people. I only wish he had been here to receive this award himself from the High Sheriff, Dr Timothy Fooks. Sadly Peter died of COVID on 6 January 2021.

On 11 March 2021, as Peter's wife, I was proud and honoured to receive Peter's "Special Recognition Volunteer Award" from the High Sheriff for "outstanding activity and contribution to the community". The award also recognises the appreciation of the people of West Sussex for his voluntary acts of thoughtfulness and kindness during the COVID-19 pandemic.



High Sheriff, Dr Timothy Fooks and Lizzie Smith

I know Peter would be the first to say he couldn't have done it without all the amazing volunteers – so "thank you" on his behalf.

Lizzie Smith

## THY KINGDOM COME: GLOBAL CALL TO PRAYER 2021

Thursday, 13 May – Sunday, 23 May

Sullington and Thakeham with Warminghurst parishes will be responding to the Archbishops' Call to Prayer by meeting to pray either at 12 noon or 6pm each day. Each day the prayer format and location will be different, so as many people can join in as possible. Details on the *Telescope Newsletter* or on the Church websites from Sunday, 9 May. All are welcome to join in. Details about the Call to Prayer at [www.thykingdomcome.global](http://www.thykingdomcome.global)

## St Mary's Thakeham

## AUCTION OF PROMISES with CHEESE & WINE TASTING

Saturday 3 July

Back by popular demand, St Mary's Thakeham is hosting another Auction of Promises with Cheese & Wine tasting. Auctioneer is Antiques Road Show expert Dendy Easton. See main advert on page 26.



Titus 3:2

“In God’s strength we slander no-one,  
are peaceable, considerate and humble.”

What’s happening at

# St Mary’s Sullington



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## THAKEHAM AND SULLINGTON:

Times of Church services can be found on page 18. Alternatively you can visit the Church website for further details.

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**Don't forget to keep an eye on our website for up to date information regarding service times and events**

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01903 745754

Arrange collection from  
Warminghurst or  
Sullington church

All proceeds will be split between both churches

## RETIREMENT OF A VERY LONG-STANDING 3 HERALDS DISTRIBUTOR

A huge “thank you” to Pat Granger. Pat has been the main Sullington distributor for 3 Heralds for many years and she then continued to deliver the magazine in the Water Lane area of Storrington. Pat is now stepping down and we are very grateful to her for all her help.

Is there anyone who would be able to take over Pat’s delivery round of 7 magazines in the Water Lane area? If you are able to help please get in touch with Jane Williams (742956).

*The 3 Heralds Team*

## Sponsored Walk

**Wimbledon fortnight**  
**26 June to 10 July**

In aid of St Mary’s Church, Sullington  
More details to follow next month



## STMARY’S CHURCH, SULLINGTON 2021 CALENDAR

We have produced a calendar in aid of St Mary’s Church, Sullington, showing beautiful photographs of the Church.

A4 size (opening to A3), it is useful for jotting down appointments and special occasions, also a perfect Christmas gift.

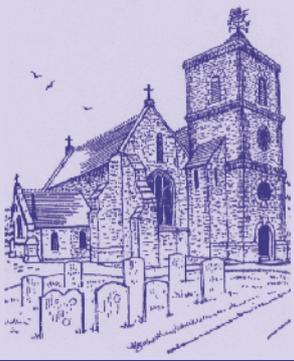
£10 each. Can be delivered locally free, otherwise with a post and packaging charge.

Please contact Jane Williams on 742956 to order and for further postal details.



**FLOWER FESTIVAL 2021**

We are delighted to announce  
that the Flower Festival at  
Sullington Church will take place  
**3-5 September -2021**



# What's happening at St Mary's Storrington

For Clergy see page 3 [www.storringtonparishchurch.org.uk](http://www.storringtonparishchurch.org.uk) [office@storringtonparishchurch.org.uk](mailto:office@storringtonparishchurch.org.uk)

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## PCC Secretary

Val Rice (746816)  
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Revd John Peal (743083)  
Revd Jacquie Peal (743083)

**Verger:** Michael Taylor (742218)

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Stella Hastings & John Taylor (745477)

## Captain of Bellringers

John Taylor (745477)

## Parish Visiting Scheme

Sonia Fox (745703)

## Recorder

Alison Wall (743713)

## Electoral Roll Officer

Val Rice (746816)

## Director of Music

Stephen Bloxham

## Assistant Organists

Ian Miles,  
Peter Lewis,  
Keith Smithers,  
Simon Whitchurch

## Readers and Sidesmen

Vera Blake (743974)

## Church Flowers

Vacant

## Child Protection Officer

Jackie Lee (743661)

## Bible Reading Fellowship

VACANT

## Bible Society

Jean Hunt (01798 813681)

## Christian Aid Co-ordinator

Vacant

The Rector, Revd Canon Kathryn Windsor, will take Friday as her day off.  
**The Rectory Office is now open on Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am – 12 noon.**

## REGULAR ACTIVITIES

**Church Services** see page 18.

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

**Altar Servers:** Revd Jacquie Peal (743083)

**Bellringers:** Fridays, 7.45pm - 9.30pm.

**Handbells:** Wednesdays, 9.30am. Contact Lila Hurley (742044).

**Church & Churchyard Maintenance:** Ray Hunt (01798 813681)

**Mothers' Union:** Jean Hunt (01798 813681)

**Bible Study / Home Groups:**

**Orchard Gardens Home Group** (Wednesdays 10.30 – 11.45am) New members are very welcome to join this friendly group. Contact Robin Lenharth on 743962.

**Crowhurst Crescent Home Group** looks at topics of concern to contemporary Christians. Contact Alison Wall (743713).

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

**SPACE:** 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 2pm – 4pm at the Old School. Contact Sonia Fox (745703)

## STORRINGTON REGISTERS

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

23 Mar Dr Yvonne Jane Turner (53 years)

1 Apr Betty Eleanor Moss (89 years)

6 Apr Anna Emily Burt (78 years)

## ZOOM SERVICE

Our Zoom Service is at 10am on Sundays. We have been holding a Sunday Eucharist service throughout lockdown and will be continuing with the Zoom services until the end of May – please see page 18 (the Church Services page) for more information if you wish to join in with our Zoom service.

## VESTRY MEETING AND ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The annual **Vestry Meeting** for election of Churchwardens, immediately followed by the **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**, has been re-arranged and will now take place in Church on **Sunday, 23 May 2021, at 11am** (following the 10am service).

## ROGATION DAY SERVICE

**St Mary's Churchyard, Storrington  
Sunday, 9 May at 3pm**

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.

**All are welcome to our Rogation Day Service  
in the Churchyard with singing.**

## FACE COVERINGS/MASKS IN CHURCH

**It is required that face coverings/masks must be worn by everyone attending a Service in Church.**

## PARISH VISITING TEAM...

The St Mary's Parish Visiting Team contact is now Sonia Fox (745703). Please contact Sonia if you would like to arrange for someone on the team to either speak to you or visit you.

## Church@4pm

at St Mary's Church, Storrington

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

Unfortunately we are unable to have Church@4 at this time



# ONLINE EVENT

Saturday, 22 May 2021 5pm – 6pm

## Lost and Found: The Monument to Francis Mond by Rayner Hoff at St Mary's Church, Storrington

This online talk is part of the April-May 2021 mini-series of lectures providing an introduction to the Church Monuments Society.

It is FREE to all and will take place on Zoom.

Places must be booked via Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/lost-and-found-the-monument-to-francis-mond-by-rainer-hoff-at-storrington-registration-147405225999>

This is the final in a series of online talks April-May 2021 that aims to provide an introduction to the Church Monuments Society.

*Captain Francis Leopold Mond (1896-1918) was killed in action during the First World War. The memorial to him is on the north-east wall of St Mary's Church, Storrington, West Sussex. It was executed by the young British sculptor Rayner Hoff (1894-1937). This bold and moving work is often overlooked by visitors; the guide book to the church for example does not mention it. Yet its history is intensely poignant, and just as importantly it is an extremely impressive monument sculpturally, worthy of the heroic young man it commemorates. This lecture will centre on this memorial, and the daunting woman who was primarily responsible for it: Francis's mother, Angela Primrose Hamilton Schweich Mond (née Goetze) (1871-1941).*



## CHOIR TIME IN STORRINGTON CHURCHYARD

St Mary's, Storrington, Church Choir gathered for a socially distanced Easter service in the Churchyard on Friday, 9 April, instead of their weekly Choir Time teleconference. They sang five hymns in tune and harmonised.

*Pheasant in Storrington Churchyard on Easter Sunday photographed by Geoff Gale*



## PLANT SALE

Storrington Rectory garden  
in aid of Church funds

**Saturday 29 May**  
**10am–12 noon**

*(this is depending upon government guidelines)*

Please be in touch with Kathryn if you can help with a stall or supply some plants

[kathryn.windslow@btinternet.com](mailto:kathryn.windslow@btinternet.com)

## Christians in Storrington Monthly Inter-Church Prayer Meetings Everyone welcome

Do join us in the side-chapel  
at Our Lady of England RC Church  
10am - 10.30am on the first Tuesday of each month

**Tuesday 4 May** – Chemin Neuf Community will lead  
**Tuesday, 1 June** – Community Church or Trinity Methodist Church will lead

*One in faith and love and praise*

## Did you see the Easter Bonnet on Storrington Village Post Box?



St Mary's Church, Storrington, needs your  
**PLEASE SAVE ALL YOUR STAMPS**

*and leave in the box in the Church porch...*  
they can be converted to much needed funds for our Church.

Please pass the message to all your friends and neighbours.



Is anyone willing to  
take on the task of

**Co-ordinator for the annual Christian Aid  
collection for Storrington, Thakeham and  
Sullington?**

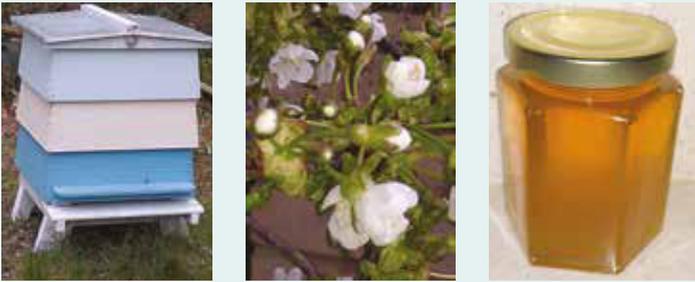
Please contact Revd Canon Kathryn Windslow  
on 742888 or [kathryn.windslow@btinternet.co.uk](mailto:kathryn.windslow@btinternet.co.uk)  
if this is something you are willing to do.

# ECO CHURCH AT ST MARY'S, STORRINGTON

## Making a plan

Last month I introduced 3 *Heralds* readers to Eco Church – the framework for measuring our progress at St Mary's Church in Storrington in caring for the environment and encouraging others to do the same. Since then, we've used the questionnaire provided by A Rocha ([www.arocha.org.uk](http://www.arocha.org.uk)) to assess where we are and what we need to do. Of the five sections – Worship and Teaching, Buildings, Land, Community and Global Engagement and Lifestyle – we are doing well in the Worship and Teaching and Land sections, not too badly in the Buildings section but need to work on the other two sections. But as they say about getting fit – this is a marathon, not a sprint. Our next step is to review what we can do practically and make a plan. We have ideas, but we'd love to hear from you if you're involved with a group locally. Perhaps there are ways the Church or Church members can support what you're doing.

## Insects – and connections



No prizes for working out the connection between my three pictures. And no, I haven't persuaded the PCC to keep bees in the Churchyard; the hive is in my garden. My cherry tree currently has blossom and the honey was part of last year's harvest. We depend on insects in obvious and less obvious ways. However, although the numbers vary depending on the source of the information, it seems clear that the earth's insect populations are falling year on year. The reasons are complex and include climate change, habitat loss (because of climate change or human activity) and pesticide use. This is not a new issue; this has been happening for many years.

When I was a teenager my father told me about a book, hugely influential in his specialist field, called "*The Silent Spring*" by Rachel Carson. It was first published in 1962 and deals specifically with the impact of pesticides. This book led to the establishment of the US Environmental Protection Agency and a ban on DDT. Some years later a book called "*Only One Earth: The Care and Maintenance of a Small Planet*" by Barbara Ward and René Dubos was on the reading list for my degree course; published first in 1972. It's startling to realise these authors were warning us nearly 50 and 60 years ago about what might happen and both books are still in print. They have been joined by many other books on similar subjects that range from the mildly worrying to the downright terrifying. Rather than give myself nightmares (easily done) I like those that show me the connections that are less obvious. I was introduced to "*The Secret Network of Nature*" by Peter Wohlleben. It is very readable. I particularly liked learning that ants have a role in spreading seeds, and about earthworms.

All this makes me ask myself, what should I be doing? My answer: I'm finding out as much as I can about neonicotinoids (used in pesticides and implicated in bee colony collapse) so I'm informed if there's a proposal to lift the current ban in the UK. I'm looking

out for Asian hornets – a serious threat to honey bees. I try not to use any weedkillers or pesticides in the garden. And I choose plants that favour pollinating insects such as daisy related flowers. I say all this not to boast but to show that each of us can do something, and everything we each do can make a small difference, and all those small differences add up to a big difference.

## Eco champions

I think I am officially known as the *eco church champion*. But I'm not a champion especially compared to others. Over the next few months I hope to introduce you to some local people who deserve the title *eco champion*. If you know someone who you think fits this description and whom I can interview for the 3 *Heralds* please let me know.

## Mascara

Mascara??!! What place has mascara in eco church? Well... I belong to an online choir (stick with me on this, it is relevant); on the community page someone posted that you can clean up your old mascara brushes/wands and post them to wildlife charities to use for grooming tiny creatures. I thought it might be an April Fool's joke, but no; it's true. Apparently they are great for medical care and wound treatment. Here are some organisations that will use them – none local but I'll do some more research.

- Barnacle Hedgehog Rescue, 8 Lower Road, Barnacle, Coventry, CV7 9LD
- Pets and Wildlife Service, 4 Norfolk Grove, Great Wyrley, WS6 6JS
- The New Arc Animal Sanctuary, Nether Auquhadlie, Auchnagatt, Ellon, Aberdeenshire, AB41 8UW

You'll find other ideas at <https://www.sussexgreenliving.co.uk/>

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## u3a Arun Valley JOIN UP – JOIN IN

Fed up with Covid and lockdown?  
Looking forward to getting back to normal?  
Want to explore new interests?  
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**u3a** gives members local and national opportunities to learn a wide range of things at low cost. You can share your skills with others, take up something new and develop your interests in a friendly atmosphere.

Over 40,000 u3a interest groups meet in the UK every week, face to face and more recently, on line, for an exciting range of workshops, webinars and interactive sessions delivered by members for members. The groups reflect local interests: from history, to, science and languages and films and music. Keep active, in or approaching retirement, with **u3a**.

**Arun Valley u3a** covers West Chiltington, Storrington, Pulborough, Fittleworth, Petworth, Billingshurst and surrounding areas and provides activities for people in their third age. During the pandemic, we have managed to maintain approximately half of our activities online via Zoom and are now preparing for the end of lockdown and resuming when government restrictions allow our full programme.

**Locally**, there are groups covering Art Appreciation, Science and Technology, History, Spanish, Flowers and Gardens, French conversation, Music, Poetry, Opera and Ballet, Films, Walking, Natural History, Croquet, Table Tennis, Cribbage, Travel forum, as well as 3 book groups, a lunch club and 2 coffee clubs. There is also access to a varied selection of courses organised by the Sussex u3a Network or the u3a office in London. Currently groups meet online, but normally face to face locally in homes and Village Halls.

Arun Valley u3a is an independent charity within the u3a movement run by local people. It only costs £10 for basic membership which covers costs.

If you are interested please visit the website [www.arunvalleyu3a.org.uk](http://www.arunvalleyu3a.org.uk), email [info@arunvalleyu3a.org.uk](mailto:info@arunvalleyu3a.org.uk), or call Norman Kirby 01798 813684 who is the Arun Valley u3a Chairman.



**Storrington Macular Group**  
in partnership with  
**Postponed for the time being**  
**Enquiries – Philippa on 743182**  
**Problems Group**



## IN MEMORIAM

# RON HAM

13 January 1931 – 19 February 2021

Ronald Alfred Ham was brought up in St Elmo Road, Worthing, and educated at West Tarring Senior Boys' School. His mother Hilda was a keen member of the Salvation Army, and later of the Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, whereas his father Alfred was of an atheist tendency. So Ron had rather a mixed religious upbringing - although throughout his life he had a strong conviction that he was being supported by a guardian angel. While living at Storrington he increasingly felt that he should belong to one of the main churches, and in May 2004 he became a full member of the Church of England when he was confirmed in St Mary's by the Bishop of Chichester.

Joan Strauss grew up in east London and moved with her family to Worthing. One evening she was helping at a local youth club on the reception desk, and Ron Ham was among the young men who arrived to take part in the club's activities - he was then working for the South-Eastern Electricity Board. As soon as Joan saw Ron she felt that there would be something special between them, and sure enough they found that they were kindred spirits. Their wedding took place on 7 March 1953 at St Matthew's Church in Worthing - the start of a 68-year happy marriage.



Ron and Joan on their wedding day

During the following year the couple decided to make their home in Storrington, where there was an opportunity for Ron to acquire an electrical and radio shop at 3 High Street in partnership with Derek Knight. For about six decades Ham & Knight (latterly Knight's Electrical, with Derek's son Carson in charge) was the place to go in the village for radio and electrical items. For a long time they also sold and repaired electric cookers, refrigerators and television sets; in addition they were electrical contractors, especially to Lloyds Bank and to the Roman Catholic community.

Ron and Joan lived at first in the flat above Ham & Knight, and then moved to Brown's Lane. Finally they settled at the far end of Greyfriars Lane in a cottage which they named *Faraday* after Michael Faraday (1791-1857), the influential scientist known for his discoveries in electromagnetism and electrochemistry. Ron's lifelong interests included all things electric and electronic, plus telecommunications, astronomy, and (later) computers and information technology. He was a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society and often collaborated with Patrick Moore, the celebrated broadcaster who lived at Selsey. Ron designed and built his own radio-telescope so that he could make astronomical observations in his garden. Sometimes Ron would go to Bush House in London to take part in a scientific BBC World Service broadcast.

After 28 years in the business Ron handed over to Derek Knight so that he could concentrate on freelance technical journalism, writing for such publications as *Practical Wireless* and *Short Wave Magazine*.

Ron in his garden with his aerial for his radio telescope



Ron with his radio observatory equipment

By now he and Joan had become founder-members of Amberley Museum and Heritage Centre which had been set up in former chalk-pits near Amberley railway station. They committed much of their time to it, and Ron donated his extensive civilian and military radio collection to the Museum when it opened in 1979. Likewise Ron and Joan gave a day each week as voluntary assistants at the West Sussex Record Office near Chichester Cathedral, where most of the county's archives are stored and cared for.

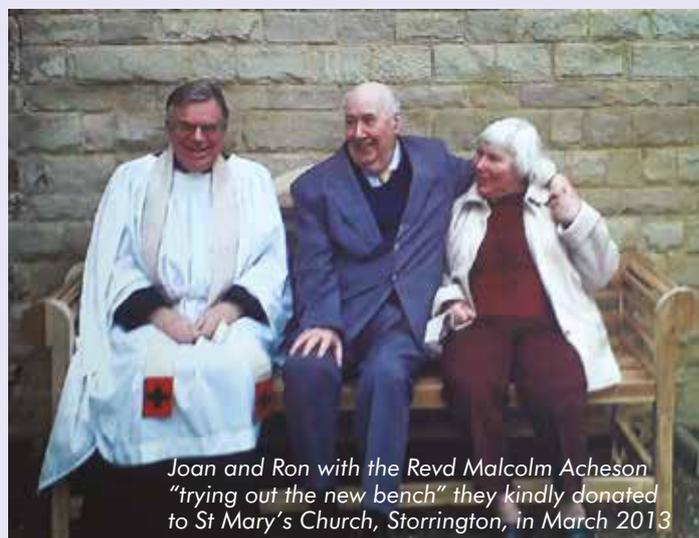
During the millennium year 2000 Joan, with Ron's enthusiastic support, was the leading figure in the foundation of the new Storrington and District Museum within the Old School near Storrington Parish Church; Ron became Chairman of the Trustees. Over the years the Museum has held a number of special days and events, for which a number of volunteers would dress up and "look the part". On different occasions Ron appeared as a Special Wartime Policeman (for Home Guard Day), a Roman Senator, a Boer War soldier, a Tudor herald and a soldier in desert uniform. Ron was a regular presence at village events and Church processions, often taking photographs for this magazine.

As a younger man Ron was Civilian Radio and Rifle Instructor for the local Air Cadets, 2464 Sqn. Air Training Corps, based in their hut at the entrance to Sussexdown (which was then a retirement home for R.A.F. personnel). He taught rifle shooting at the (then) Kithurst Range near Springhead Farm; he was a qualified Range Officer and no mean marksman himself.

Cheerful, genial and individualistic, Ron became one of Storrington's most notable characters, while Joan has taken up the mantle of Florrie Greenfield to become the historian and chronicler of the village. In 2013 Ron and Joan celebrated their Diamond Wedding at Storrington Parish Church; to mark the occasion they presented a Lutyens-style teak bench which is situated next to the north entrance. Few couples have contributed more to the life of Storrington and district.

Malcolm Acheson  
(Rector of Storrington 1994-2014)

See also *Three Heralds* March 2013 p.20 and April 2013 p.14



Joan and Ron with the Revd Malcolm Acheson "trying out the new bench" they kindly donated to St Mary's Church, Storrington, in March 2013

# ST MARY'S, THAKEHAM

## BUILDING FOR THE PEOPLE TO THE GLORY OF GOD

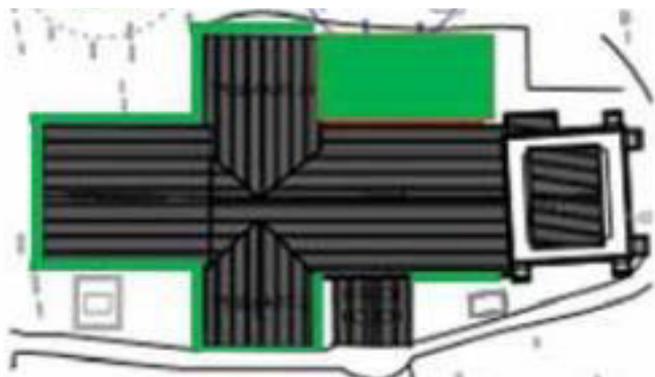
Not sure what this is all about?

**NEW: Virtual tour of the building site** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p4YlQ8zpOqA>

### March/April

#### Phase 2 (External Stonework and Extension)

- Repairs and repointing of external stonework (excluding the Tower) are almost complete.
- Repairs to the internal wooden structure of the Tower were finished in March.
- Construction of the new extension (see photos) is on track to be completed around end of July.



*New stonework compared with old*

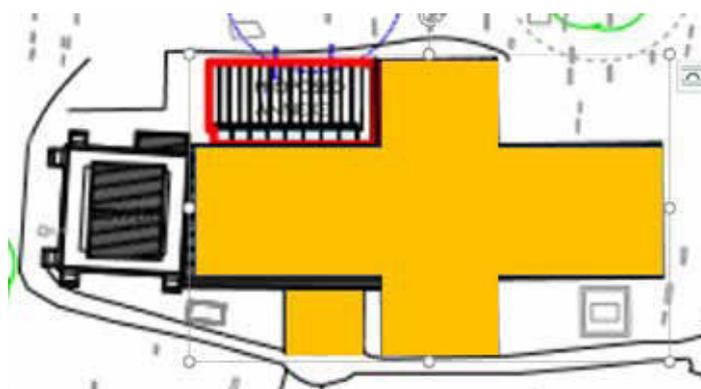
### THE BIG NEWS about Phase 3!

When we started on site back in September 2020 we did not have sufficient funds to commit to 'phase 3', i.e. the refreshing and refurbishment of the main body of the church, including electrical services, heating, lighting, audiovisual equipment, redecoration and creating more space at the front of the nave.

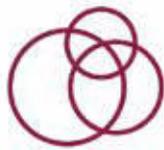
We are so very thankful to say we now have sufficient funds to continue with the next phase of the project and at time of writing builders are preparing to strip dilapidated internal plasterwork. Funding has mainly come from successful and legitimate reclaiming of VAT, along with donations, grants, legacies and an archdeacon's loan, along with careful cost management. Completion is estimated for autumn 2021.



*Existing dilapidated plasterwork and electrical supplies in the North Transept*



*New extension to the North of the church*

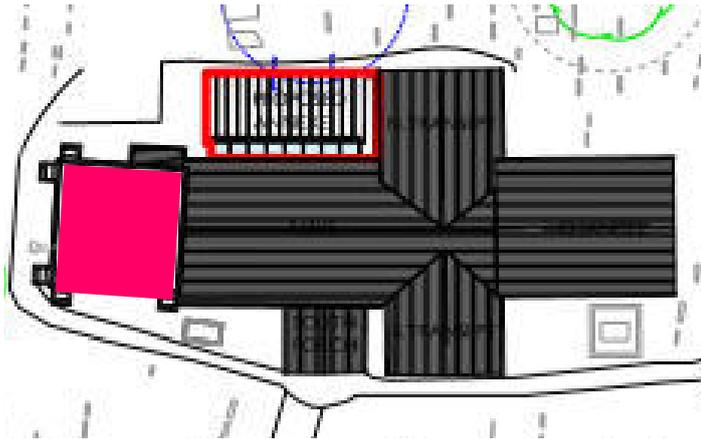


**Sullington & Thakeham with Warminghurst**  
Same family. Two parishes. Working together.

## Not yet funded: Phase 4

The most costly part of this will be stonework and other external repairs to and repointing of the Tower, along with installation of a mezzanine level for bell ringers and creation of a kitchenette at ground level.

We hope and pray that it will be possible to deliver this final phase of the project soon as it will be less costly to do so while builders remain on site.



### We continue to give thanks:

For donations, small grants and VAT refunds received, ongoing safety on site and good weather, particularly when foundations were installed.

### We continue to pray for:

- For the successful delivery of the remainder of phase 2, to be followed by phase 3.
- For funding of phase 4.
- For protection for the team, their safety and wellbeing.
- Continuing availability of materials when needed.

### For safety reasons access to parts of the church yard around the church will need to remain restricted.

If you would like to visit an area not currently accessible please contact:

- Symon, our site manager from Monday to Friday between 7.30am and 4pm (07736 550841).
- Cliff, our project leader outside of working hours (07765 530370).

### Contacts

The Parish Office is open Tuesdays & Thursdays 9.30am – 1.30pm.

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**Email:** office.stwparishes@btinternet.com

**Website:** www.stmarysthakeham.org

**Facebook:** www.facebook.com/STWparishes

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Pulborough, West Sussex, RH20 3EP

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**Email:** revsj@btinternet.com

## CRICKET IN STORRINGTON



### A Busy May

Saturday League fixtures for the Senior squad, captained by Ian Homewood, are as follows – all starting at 1pm:

**Chippingdale Worthing at home on 1 May**

**Wisborough Green away on 8 May**

**Portslade at home on 15 May**

**West Wittering away on 22 May**

**Crawley Eagles at home on 29 May**

Our participation in the League's T20 midweek evening competition starts on Wednesday, 5 May, when we play Findon at home. We then play Ferring away on Monday, 17 May, and Bognor Regis at home on Wednesday, 2 June. These matches all start at 6pm.

We are planning to hold our own mini T20 series of "Fun Games" later in the summer involving other local sports clubs including Pulborough Rugby Club and Storrington Football Club. Details will be announced in a future report.

As mentioned in our previous report, the Cygnets will be fielding teams for U9, U11, and U13 ages. The younger sides will be playing in the North Sussex Junior League. Training for all three age groups takes place on Fridays at 7pm. Last year's successful ECB All Stars programme for 5-8 year olds is being repeated: for 8 weeks on Sunday mornings from 09.00 to 10.00. A new girls section is also being started for 8-11 year olds. Their training is on Fridays at 6pm, and the manager Mark Field can be contacted for further information via the Club's website: [storringtoncricket.club](http://storringtoncricket.club). Martin Fisher, the Cygnets Manager, can be contacted on 07850 416886 for more information about the All Stars programme and Cygnets cricket generally.

The Club's Development squad comprising older Cygnets and not-so-young Senior players has a number of matches to look forward to. So far, fixtures have been arranged with Pathfinders on 13 June at home, East Preston away on 4 July, Barns Green away on 1 August, and Aldwick at home on 29 August.

At least during the early part of the season, there will be Covid-related restrictions and ECB guidelines to follow, but we are "all set" to enjoy a full season of cricket.

*Chris Winter*

## Interested in photography?

Looking for an opportunity to develop your interest and skills?

Come and join us on-line.

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

All these events are currently being held on-line.

### MEETINGS

**Thursday 6th May 7.30pm**

Third Competition – Judge Malcolm Bull

**Thursday 13th May 7.30pm**

Best of Year Competition – Judge Peter Rocchiccioli

### MORE INFORMATION:

[www.storringtoncc.org.uk](http://www.storringtoncc.org.uk) or  
contact Martin Tomes

T: 07955 569525 • E: [chair@storringtoncc.org.uk](mailto:chair@storringtoncc.org.uk)

**SOC** Storrington  
Camera Club



## SULLINGTON 122 YEARS AGO

### EXTRACTS FROM CANON PALMER'S DIARY – MARCH 1899

**Wed 1:** The weather is fine, bright, springlike. 43 degrees. Drove May to Steyning en route for Groombridge and attended a Conference Committee Meeting. WB begins cleaning ditches. I settled 24<sup>th</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> October to Tonbridge Wells.

**Thur 2:** As yesterday but colder 41 degrees. To Pulborough for a Rural District Council of the two deaneries. Parkinson moved on the subject of 'Days of Devotional Purpose' and carried it. I drew a resolution about Taxation of Clerical incomes.

**Fri 3:** Fine and bright 48 degrees. School 13/31. A very tiny school. Visited High Tittens. Ben waddled up. Death of Lord Herschell in America from an accident; a fine character and a public loss.

**Sat 4:** Overcast, a little rain. 40 degrees. Pruned and dug up the Rose bed. In afternoon to Wantley and Fryen with Clara. Cecily's XX birthday, she is at Benges

**Sun 5:** Lent III - Fine and fresh, 34 degrees. Fair morning good evening congregations 34. Old sermon 'In thy presence in full joy.' Church as a Corporate Body requiring materiel aid and all members and sympathy. Charles Peacock came over from Chiltington.

**Mon 6:** Frosty morning generally fine with North East wind. 35 degrees. Finished the lengthy business of pruning my orchard. The wood generally is very healthy and full of beauty. E. asked Cecily to Knolle Hill which I am obliged to decline.

**Tues 7:** Much as yesterday. 40 degrees. School 14/31. Finished wall trees. Bourke called and took Cecily to Threales on our way to our service but only 5 attended.

**Wed 8:** Is generally fine until evening when some rain. 43 degrees. School 15/32. Sowing sweet peas and planting dahlias. In afternoon saw Framp the porter and heard his plaint. Called on Mrs Humphrey. Preached in the evening at Storrington on 'The Personality of The Evil One.' Supped with Parky (Parkinson). The girls return home. Our scullery wench Selina Adsett leaves.

**Thurs 9:** Fine afternoon and rough night. 40 degrees. Into Brighton, Chichester Diocesan nothing unusual. Saw the income tax man who put things right and then to Leconfield's.

**Fri 10:** Fine slight frost. 45 degrees. A visit from General Gorman, to return thanks. Mrs Cunliffe to tea.

**Sat 11:** Fine, dull, hazy. 45 degrees. Gardened clearing borders and levelling in the copse. Called on Mrs Felton in afternoon. Clara and the girls drive to talk at Ashington.

**Sun 12:** Lent IV - Dull but fine. 50 degrees. Have had very fair congregations. Preached in morning on Confession using Ezra and some ideas from Goulburn. In afternoon old sermon from notes on Joseph's revealing himself.

**Mon 13:** Fine and summerlike. 46 degrees. School 30/31. A better school. Kate G. and Charlotte Hill over to spent the day, the latter on the eve of her departure to keep home for her father. Put in parsnips. Elice Priolemann announces the birth of her daughter this day a week ago.

**Tues 14:** As yesterday. 45 degrees. Magnificent day. Board of Guardians and District Council: compulsory resignation of Framp and wife, porter and caretaker. Potato planting. Frank Hadow arrived.

**Wed 15:** As yesterday, slight morning frost. 45 degrees. Grand day again. The young ones went to the Wyatts and some walked. I preached a sermon in Storrington in the evening on 'The World'. One load of lime ash.

**Thurs 16:** Foggy early then fine. 43 degrees. Point-to-Point at Ashington and thereto visited Balchin and Bowers. Carting and ditch cleaning.

**Fri 17:** Fine but dull and with chilly North-East wind. 41 degrees. To Chichester quarterly County Council. Chairman elected and Committee. Brought back H from Cambridge.

**Sat 18:** Grey and chill from North-East. 38 degrees. Pat and Frank Haddow left: a rather dry little man, with some fun in him and a very quiet manner: rather indolent in habit and lacking brightness. Pruned Jasmine etc. and pot planting.

**Sun 19:** Lent V - Bright, frosty and keen. 34 Degrees. Only ourselves to early communion. Fair morning good afternoon congregations. Old sermon from notes 'Repentance' and on 'No Concern' to those who are in Christ Jesus'. Romans VIII. Called on Slaughter Pere, who has had an operation for gravel. Miss Korber rode over. Arthur King writes from RP that his wife and child leave on 11 April.

**Mon 20:** Bright, very cold from North, SNOW showers. 32 degrees. Bitterly cold. Visited old Slaughter and had a long conversation with him, also Bolchin and Bowers. Night school boys had papers in history!

**Tues 21:** Fine morning then thunder and snowstorm about 5pm, 30 degrees. A curious day and ending with about 4 inches of snow and freezing! Telegram announcing death of Mrs Hardwick. Service at Threales. How comitante through snow with David.

**Weds 22:** Fine, bright snow melts a little. 31 degrees. Brilliant and keen. Preached at Storrington my third evening sermon on 'The Flesh'. Clara came with me, the girls went to a choral practise. Carting out from the yard.

**Thurs 23 and 24:** To Firl to preach. Thence on to Chichester Asylum meeting and then home. Very cold. 32 degrees. Dined at Sandgate.

**Sat 25:** Cold blast from the South-West turning to rain. 42 degrees. Buried in the same grave with her husband Mrs Hardwick and the three surviving sons attended - 29 wreaths! S. Webster writes of his father's death.

**Sun 26:** Lent VI - Fine, wind cold. 44 degrees. Fair congregations, preached very old sermon and found, with only one alteration and mission, I could use them to my satisfaction. The one on 'The Anointing of Mary of Bethany' and the other 'The High Priesthood of Christ'. Weather has turned much milder.

**Mon 27:** Damp and springlike. 48 degrees. To morning prayers at Storrington with Clara and Hal. Visited some sick folk (Influenza and Bronchitis). The Wyatts call from Clapham. Girls go to Margessons.

**Tues 28:** Dull and mild to rain in the evening. 50 degrees. Board of Guardians 10.30 to 3 pm. Porter writes a diatribe against the Master. Clara and Hal went to call at Highden after death of the brother at polo. Potato planting and putting in pansies.

**Weds 29:** Fine. Mild and springlike. 49 degrees. School 22/31. Service at Storrington, morning and evening. At the latter Bramwell preached a rather fragmentary sermon. Had our parish meeting lasting 10 minutes, the usual brief formality. The girls return from the Margessons. Hear of the death of dear old granny Richardson.

**Thurs 30:** Much as yesterday. 51 degrees. Planting potatoes. Service at Storrington. Looked in at Fenwick sale. How very much depressed and has a fit of painful nervousness.

**Fri 31:** Dull morning with some early rain then fine and mild. 52 degrees. Fair morning congregation: Labourers make holiday. Preached a very old sermon on Revelation i:7. They shall look on Him whom they pierced etc. and on the cross 1 Corinthians 22. Visited old Slaughter and hope made some impression on him.



## SULLINGTON 122 YEARS AGO

### EXTRACTS FROM CANON PALMER'S DIARY – APRIL 1899

**Sat 1:** Much as yesterday, fog. 50 degrees. Terrible wreck on the Cassoulet on Thursday evening of the SW boat 'Hilda', 100 lives lost! Driving too quickly through a fog! But the behaviour of all was 'splendid'. Took a Down airing on old Martin.

**Sun 2:** EASTER DAY – Fine, mild but overcast and hazy. 50 Degrees. Our services have been very well attended but as usual male element very small. 16 to Holy Communion. Morning service long notes on the Resurrection: Evening sermon a very old sermon on 'The Resurrection needed in Life'. Our collections were for the QUA Clergy and Sustenance fund - £2.10 shillings.

**Mon 3:** Fine but dull. 50 degrees. Buried widow Richardson 86 brought from London she had a great wish to die here, but it was not to be. Finished pruning apple trees. Perrin Watson called.

**Tues 4:** A morning in the garden. Weather broke in the afternoon but Clara and the girls went in closed carriage to Findon. Herapaths to hear Miss Alice Gorman. But a poor delayed account of G's case, a fourth relapse having occurred.

**Weds 5:** Fine with fresh South-West driving wind. 49 degrees. Meet of stag hounds at Sandgate: did not go, but dug borders which work well. In afternoon visited at Wantley. Girls go to Margessons for their practise and theatricals. To Annie.

**Thurs 6:** Fine until sunset when fog and rain. 51 degrees. Went over to Findon to see the playacting in which May and Cicely had a part, all very well done.

**Fri 7:** Rough and stormy with rain from the West. 45 degrees. Old Martin gives way in his near fore-foot. Walked with Hal calling on Lushers, Penfolds and looking at Gilberts' sandpit. Wrote to Emmie at Burnfoot, acknowledging Lady Malcolm's diary of St Helena. Cleaned greenhouse out and sorted vines.

**Sat 8:** Very stormy, hail and sleet with sunny gleams. 42 degrees. Girls return from Findon. I call on Faithfull where hear much 'private' intelligence.

**Sun 9:** EASTER I – Dull from South-West to rain, milder. Fair morning but thin evening congregations: Weather against us. From notes on the 'Gainsaying of Korah, or spirit of rebellion against constituted rebellion'. And in evening on 'Death but Asleep' to those who sleep in Christ. Hal read the morning lessons at his own request: quite intelligently although nervous. Cunliffe brought C. Carew-Gibson over here in afternoon.

**Mon 10:** Showery from West. 48 degrees. In the garden in the morning fixing up netting for the 2 sheep on the tennis ground, etc. G. Cartwright comes over in the afternoon and stops the night. Maser down with bronchitis. School re-opens after the Easter holidays of 10 days.

**Tues 11:** Cold storms from North, sleet. 40 degrees. Board of Guardians and District Council, chose Ernest Barnes and wife as Porter and Caretaker. George Cartwright leaves. Webby asked to come for 10 days in May to 'read', for Cambridge degree.

**Weds 12:** Fine but fresh from South-West and unsettled. 44 degrees. School 25/29. Heard of the eldest girl Godman's engagement. I believe for the third time of asking. Girls drove Miss Allen to their last practise at Pulborough. I visited at Roundabouts and in the lane.

**Thurs 13:** Heavy rain in morning, cleared at noon. 40 degrees. May and Cicely 'conducted personally' 4 males and 3 females night school and service over to Parham: tea to finish. Visited some of my influenza convalescents.

**Fri 14:** Very showery from South-West, chilly. 45 degrees. School 26/27. Hal drove to Pulborough to bring back Dolly Knight. I called

on Bramwells walking home. Hicks Beach meets a deficit of 3 mills by 2 out of the Sinking Fund and the rest from Wine and Stamps. 110 millions is about 2 revenue.

**Sat 15:** Storms and some hail. 45 degrees. Has been a dreary day. Called on Ellis, gardener, influenza-ish and on Felton about church accounts.

**Sun 16:** EASTER II – Dull and chill from North and rain in evening. 42 degrees. Only 2 of ourselves to early communion. Preached to a fair congregation in morning on 'Parable of the Fig Tree'. In evening to a good one an old sermon on 'Arise quickly – Follow Me!'. The message of Easter-tide and Springtime. Hal read lessons afternoon and evening but was nervous.

**Mon 17:** Fine but chilly, sharp frost at night. Our annual vestry meeting only Felton and G.R. Houle and Ringrose who I had hope for, being at Pulborough market. Squire squeared to the tune of 10 shillings from our tenant here, some £2 to £3 was collected. Hal, Dolly and May drove to Highden.

**Tues 18:** Fine, one sharp shower. 41 degrees. After a frost milder. The concert of the Choral Society took place at Storrington this evening. The two Miss Osmastons stopped here for it and the Conductor dined: very successful. Mrs Rooth very good. Brahms song of 'The Destiny' also given.

**Weds 19:** 45 degrees. The female contingent off to Petworth. I take a funeral for Parkinson. Patrick sups. Page has a fit at the farm.

**Thurs 20:** Fine. 48 degrees. Parker came down and lunched: soon off to Russia. A big Tea here. Dolly played.

**Fri 21:** Very wet throughout. 46 degrees. Hal left us this morning for Cambridge. I am not at all at ease about his future: he appears so very helpless and inconsequence: idling away his hours in a gloomy way. Lists today give Lennox Napier a place in the army and George in the Navy.

**Sat 22:** Fine, overcast. 44 degrees. Nightingale. Wrote to Gerald, who is now at Eastbourne with a nurse. A Brighton dealer in hay called, but would not give me £3 a tonne!

**Sun 23:** EASTER III – Dull with a chill South-East wind. 48 degrees. We have had very fair congregations, preached old sermons from notes, in morning on 'Christian Consistency' (EP) and in evening on the 'Clear View of Life Eternal: The Resurrection Body'. Dampfleets lunched previously to starting for Russia.

**Mon 24:** Heavy rain nearly all day. 48 degrees. Hal writes a more cheerful letter from Cambridge. I took the funeral of Mrs Sivyer at Storrington.

**Tues 25:** Fine but overcast. 47 degrees. Board of Guardians and District Council. Chosen Chairman of Board of Guardians for 15th year. Bourke eulogistic. Library evacuated for spring cleaning! Miss Godman comes to announce her engagement to one Allen Edwards.

**Weds 26 to Fri 28:** To Brighton – school meeting – thence to Tonbridge Wells where spent Thursday and on to Chichester on Friday. To Asylum meeting and so home. Weather fine.

**Sat 29:** Showery, dull, mild. 53 degrees. Went 220 miles re Hal – did not find him at his lodgings, but saw all concerned. Also saw Mrs Huddleston, Verril, Clarkson and Napier. Home by ten.

**Sun 30:** EASTER IV – Fine, fresh. 46 degrees. Very good congregations for us ... but our anxiety about Hal in the way of real Sabbath enjoyment. After evening church a telegram announcing him ill at a 173 Cromwell Road – Bowra! Alas!

# CHURCH SERVICES AT A GLANCE

DATE	FESTIVAL OR SUNDAY	STORRINGTON St Mary's	THAKEHAM St Mary's	SULLINGTON St Mary's
2 May	<b>Fifth of Easter</b>	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Family Communion in Church 10am Parish Communion Service on Zoom		10.30am Joint Family Service on Zoom (see website calendar for details) 3pm Evensong from Sullington on YouTube
9 May	<b>Sixth of Easter ROGATION SUNDAY</b>	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion 10am Parish Communion Service on Zoom 3pm Rogation Day Service in Churchyard		8am Reflective Communion at Sullington Church* 10.30am Joint Sunday Service on Zoom (see website calendar for details)
13 May (Thursday)	<b>ASCENSION DAY</b>	—		6pm Ascension Day Holy Communion at Sullington Church*
16 May	<b>Sunday after Ascension</b>	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion 10am Parish Communion Service on Zoom		10.30am Joint Traditional Morning Prayer on Zoom (see website calendar for details)
23 May	<b>WHIT SUNDAY/ PENTECOST</b>	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion 10am Parish Communion Service on Zoom		8am BCP Prayer Book Communion at Sullington Church* 10.30am Joint Sunday Service on Zoom for Pentecost Sunday (see website calendar for details)
30 May	<b>TRINITY SUNDAY</b>	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion 10am Parish Communion Service on Zoom		10.30am <i>Trinity Sunday</i> Family Communion will take place outside in Thakeham Churchyard
6 June	<b>Trinity 1</b>	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Family Communion Service		10.30am Joint Family Service on Zoom (see website calendar for details) 3pm Evensong from Sullington on YouTube

**All services in Sullington and Thakeham with Warminghurst parishes are JOINT services for the time being**

Access to the Zoom meetings can be gained by going to the calendar section of the website and clicking on the service you want to join, or by using the sign-in details on the *Weekly Telescope* newsletter; or by telephoning the Parishes office (01798 813121 or 07923 420834)

\*Due to space restrictions, booking is required for in-person services at Sullington Church. Contact Gail Kittle (Churchwarden) on 745754 to book your seat.

## OTHER CHURCH DETAILS

### ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Our Lady of England, Monastery Lane*

Mass – Saturday 6pm, Sunday 8am and 10am

Daily Mass: Monday – Friday 9am.

For other midweek services, confessions etc., please contact

Parish Priest: Fr Charles Howell

2 St. John's, Fern Road, Storrington RH20 4LW

Tel: 740338

### STORRINGTON CHAPEL

*North Street*

Sunday Services 10.30am and 6.30pm

Enquiries to Storrington Chapel Evangelical Church,

North Street, Storrington RH20 4DH

Email: [contacts@storringtonchapel.org.uk](mailto:contacts@storringtonchapel.org.uk)

### LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH, STORRINGTON

*(Formerly The Community Church Storrington)*

*Steyning Grammar School – Rock Road Campus*

Family Worship – Sundays 10am

Enquiries to Katherine Edwards

Life Community Church Office,

PO Box 1020, Storrington RH20 3UY

Tel: 07450 176315 Email: [admin@lccstor.org](mailto:admin@lccstor.org)

[www.lccstor.org](http://www.lccstor.org)

### TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH

*Thakeham Road*

Sunday Service 10.30am

Minister: Revd Dr Frank Okai-Sam

Tel: 01273 597122

(Church Office: 01903 746390 / 01273 596374)

Email: [trinitychurchstorrington@outlook.com](mailto:trinitychurchstorrington@outlook.com)

[www.facebook.com/TrinityStorrington](http://www.facebook.com/TrinityStorrington)

YouTube services can be found at [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com), search: Sullington & Thakeham Parishes.

**St Mary's Church, Storrington**, is open for private prayer on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 9am – 4pm.

### Thakeham & Sullington with Warminghurst Parishes

Mondays – Monday Reflection from 12 noon on YouTube

Wednesdays – Midweek Communion at 12 noon on our

YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGzvwRThZUMpnUYRzTt1gA/videos>

## ZOOM SERVICES AT ST MARY'S, STORRINGTON

At St Mary's, Storrington, we have been holding a Sunday Eucharist service at 10am each Sunday during lockdown using Zoom. If you would rather not come to Church just yet then you will be pleased to know the Zoom service will be continuing at 10am on Sundays during April and May. Den Cowdrey will send out the link as usual. If you haven't yet joined in our Zoom service then email Val Rice ([valrice77@gmail.com](mailto:valrice77@gmail.com)) and ask her to add you to the list and she will arrange for you to be included in the Zoom group. Den will even talk you through what you need to do to join in!

In order to participate, you will need a computer or tablet with a camera and microphone. In addition, you will need to install the free version of the Zoom app. If you need help getting set up, Den Cowdrey ([cowdrey34189@icloud.com](mailto:cowdrey34189@icloud.com)) is more than happy to assist.

You will need to register yourself on Zoom, then you log in on Sunday morning about 10 minutes before 10am - this will give Den time to ensure everything is working correctly. An order of service will be emailed on Saturday morning containing details of Celebrant, Preacher and who is reading the Lessons and Intercessions. Details of the readings will be included on the order of service. The order of service will be a Word document so you will be able to print and follow the service on hard copy.

If you have a problem with printing the order of service please let Val know and she will arrange for a hard copy to be delivered to you on Saturday. Please respond with 'Sunday Service' in your subject line.

# WHAT'S ON

MAY	
<b>Sat 1</b>	10am Storrington Conservation Society – Working Party – p22
<b>Sun 2 FIFTH OF EASTER</b>	
<b>Tues 4</b>	10am Inter-Church Prayers – RC Church (side chapel) – p9
<b>Thur 6</b>	7.30pm Storrington Camera Cub – Zoom Meeting – p15
<b>Fri 7 &amp; Sat 8</b>	Plant and Cake Sale – virtual event – p5
<b>Sun 9 Rogation Sunday</b>	3pm Rogation Day Service at Storrington Churchyard – p6
<b>Thur 13 ASCENSION DAY</b>	12 noon & 6pm Thy Kingdom Come – Global Call to Prayer – see p4 7.30pm Storrington Camera Club – Zoom meeting – p15
<b>Sun 16 SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY</b>	11.30am Plant Sale – Thakeham Village Hall (ends 2pm) – p4
<b>Wed 19</b>	7.30pm Sullington Windmills WI – Zoom meeting – p25
<b>Sat 22</b>	5pm Online Event re monument in Storrington Church (ends 6pm) – p9
<b>Sun 23 DAY OF PENTECOST (Whit Sunday)</b>	11am St Mary's, Storrington, APCM in Church – p6
<b>Sat 29</b>	10am Plant Sale at Storrington Rectory Garden (ends 12 noon) – p6
<b>Sun 30 TRINITY SUNDAY</b>	

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

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

## WEEKLY EVENTS

<b>Wed</b>	9.30am Registrar of Births and Deaths – Storrington Library – pre-booking only – 01243 642122
<b>Fri</b>	9.45am Storrington Community Market – Village Hall

**Storrington Library Opening Hours – Tel. 839050**  
Please call or see website for current information

### STORRINGTON POP-IN LUNCH CLUB

**CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**



For further information contact Pat Webb on 893145

### SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB

**POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

Contact Storrington Rectory Office for further information on 742888



# SAINTS AND SPECIAL DAYS

MAY	
<b>Sat 1</b>	<b>PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES</b>
<b>Sun 2</b>	<b>Athanasius, 373</b> – bishop of Alexandria and renowned theologian
<b>Tues 4</b>	<b>English Saints and Martyrs of the Reformation Era</b>
<b>Sat 8</b>	<b>Julian of Norwich, c.1417</b> – Christian mystic; her work, <i>Revelations of Divine Love</i> , is first book in English language known to have been written by a woman
<b>Wed 12</b>	<b>Gregory Dix, 1952</b> – English monk; his work influenced reform of Anglican
<b>Fri 14</b>	<b>MATTHIAS, APOSTLE</b>
<b>Sun 16</b>	<b>Caroline Chisholm, 1877</b> – English humanitarian, involved with female immigrant welfare in Australia
<b>Wed 19</b>	<b>Dunstan, 988</b> – much loved saint; patron saint of goldsmiths (hallmark year date runs from 19 May after him); charities and churches named after him
<b>Thu 20</b>	<b>Alcuin of York, 804</b> – considered among the most important architects of the Carolingian Renaissance
<b>Fri 21</b>	<b>Helena, 330</b> – Protector of the Holy Places
<b>Mon 24</b>	<b>John and Charles Wesley, 1791 and 1788</b> – credited with the foundation of the evangelical movement of Methodism
<b>Tues 25</b>	<b>The Venerable Bede, 735</b> – Monk at Jarrow, Scholar, Historian
<b>Wed 26</b>	<b>Augustine of Canterbury, 605</b> – the first Archbishop of Canterbury in 597 and founder of the English Church <b>John Calvin, 1564</b> – Reformer <b>Philip Neri, 1595</b> – Founder of the Oratorians, Spiritual Guide
<b>Fri 28</b>	<b>Lanfranc, 1089</b> – Prior of Le Bec, Archbishop of Canterbury, Scholar
<b>Sun 30</b>	<b>Josephine Butler, 1906</b> – feminist and social reformer, particularly welfare for prostitutes <b>Joan of Arc, 1421</b> <b>Apolo Kivebulaya, 1933</b> – Priest, Evangelist in Central Africa
<b>Mon 31</b>	<b>VISIT OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY TO ELIZABETH</b>




Spring has arrived with an abundance of beautiful spring flowers and blossoms. Summer will be here soon and hopefully life will be getting back to normal.

We enjoyed our Easter concert of choruses from the Messiah on 29th March and are really looking forward to performing The Messiah live in the Priory on 21st November.

Our new term started on 19th April singing from The Greatest Choral Classics. This is again via Zoom. If you wish to join us for the summer term please contact John Fisher, our Chairman, on 741256 or email John at johnandsylvi@btinternet.com or check out our website [www.sandgatesingers.com](http://www.sandgatesingers.com).

We hope to start singing in our usual rehearsal hall, the Sullington Parish Hall, from 13th September 2021.



## SULLINGTON 122 YEARS AGO

### EXTRACTS FROM CANON PALMER'S DIARY – MAY 1899

**Mon 1:** Dull and chill. A sad day for me. Graham and I to town and heard of all poor Hal's doings – went to the infirmary but couldn't see him.

**Tues 2:** Summer like. 54 degrees. Have had a quite restorative day, everything in nature hopeful. Walked to Washington *en famille*, cowslips for hospital. Gardened – pansy bed, etc.

**Wed 3:** Dull and chill. Felt much depressed. With Clara to Cobden and called on Tully and Moore, the only people there now! Graham announces his departure in a month's time.

**Thur 4:** Fine, cold and some frost. 45 degrees March like. To Chichester saw, and lunched with Kidd who whenever gives real and practical sympathy. Heath to the school, but could not meet him.

**Fri 5:** Fine bright and some frost. 44 degrees. To Horsham for County Council and then to Town with Kidd who saw H and we agreed to send him to Edinburgh. Thus one chapter finished in this sad story; May God relieve and care for the man's insanity.

**Sat 6:** Fine, cold, bright. 46 degrees. Have had quiet day at home, chiefly helping mow lawns for the first time with scythe. 'Becky' came over on a short visit and is a cheerful ray.

**Sun 7:** Easter V. As yesterday, 50 degrees. Morning communion very fair: 10 to Holy Communion, old sermon. Midday well attended subject 'The Ascension' – a large congregation in the evening. Before church surprised by a visit from Kidd and Monochord on cycles from Chichester, the former to report his safe arrival at Craig House and to fill up papers then; makes me feel very thankful – it is a most kindly act of his.

**Mon 8:** Fine, bright. 53 degrees. Mowing for the first time with machine. Always a severe task. Got hold of Hal's impedimenta from Cambridge prior from them despatching them to him, re-sorted. Days are sad now.

**Tues 9:** Cloudy, 49 degrees. Board of Guardians and District Council 15 in attendance, all smooth. Drove May and Cicely to Amberley, dispatched his trunk and bag to Edinburgh. Went to Bury and saw the Barnards, who gave us a rare tea. Back to the Vicarage and on home by 8. Edward writes a brotherly letter on our travail.

**Wed 10:** Generally fine. 50 degrees. School 27/28. Heard from Hal, a brief sensible but curt letter. It shows a recovery for which we are very thankful. Walked with Clara paying visits to Barns Farm. Men mow lawns making some extra time.

**Mon 11:** Generally fine but stormy evening. 48 degrees. Dined at Sandgate *en famille*. Married Mary Rose Miles to a young Lincolnshire Smith of Bramber.

**Thur 11:** Fine, some Downs fog. 51 degrees. The school 24/28. May returned home this afternoon. Heard from Kidd from Doctor Clouston of Hal's condition, 'fair'. Gardened. Our service at 7 only half attended. I must try to make it more attentive.

**Fri 12:** Fine, bright, warm. 49 degrees. Gardened, putting out plants. Webster arrives. Mrs Wigram sends May a full bred Alderney cow calf. Felton sends rooks, which proved capital when dressed as pigeons.

**Sat 13:** As yesterday, 52 degrees. Forked over the whole rose border. Had to give a lethal bowlass; a fine intelligent dog, only 3 years old, but crippled after distemper. To Chantry. Fire in the evening.

**Sun 14:** After Accession. Overcast, some rain in the evening. 57 degrees. A thin congregation both morning and evening. Preached old sermon in morning on 'The coming of Christ', Evening on the epistle. No lights wanted this evening in church, no fire.

**Mon 15:** Fine and bright afternoon. 52 degrees. With Webster to enquire after Hurst – Martin Boyd called this afternoon Read and Joel.

**Tues 16:** Heavy morning with showers but cleared at noon. 51 degrees. A long letter from Hal's landlady. Clara and May drive into Worthing. Minnie writes from Florence offering me some lamps for the Chancel Arch – Mrs Crowhurst tea.

**Wed 17:** Generally fine and breezy. 53 degrees. School 26/28. Helped mow lawns! Hard work. Drove May and Cicely to the Bridger to tea. Newton dined.

**Thurs 18:** Fine but unsettled from the south. 53 degrees. Cicely loses 9 chicks. Stoa? 'Bishop' Mount visits at Pulborough. Did not lunch but gave us the charge! Had our first school practising at 8. Supped first and again elected on executive committee.

**Fri 19:** Fine till evening when rain. 57 degrees. Tidy up my pansy bed (Box bed) on the high lawn now doing finely and put out some chrysanthemums. Attended a sub-association meeting at Faithfull's to consider Amberley's claim for £20.

**Sat 20:** Gaily from South West. 55 degrees. Rolled lawns solace, the garden looks quite tidy. Webster went to Brighton for Whit Sunday. H. Ripley comes back to our service.

**Sun 21:** Whit Sunday. Overcast, some light rain in the evening. 56 degrees. Poor congregations morning and evening and only 5 to Holy Communion. Preached on Genesis 1 and 11 'The work of the Holy Spirit in Creation and in Grace' and old sermon for SIG. Walked with Cicely to Ashington and preached there, exchanging with Hartley but it was not encouraging.

**Mon 22:** Generally fine and warm. 54 degrees. School – have a holiday. May and Cicely to tennis to Wyatts. I put out 4 dozen bedding plants under the library window and some sweet peas. Webster returns from Brighton.

**Tues 23:** Fine and fresh from south west. 54 degrees. Board of Guardians elected our new nurse for East Preston named Crabbe after some discussion. Called at Fryern, R. King slightly better. Early this morning out of bed to get all the stock out of the garden 5.30 a.m.

**Wed 24:** Dull, fine rain in late evening. 54 degrees. QUEEN LXXX. School 24/26. Much relieved to receive a letter from Doctor Clouston about Hal's convalescence and improvement and in general health and in spirits, playing cricket. *Laus Deo!* Worked at my address for tomorrow – an unusual effort for me. Webster and the girl bicycle to Fittleworth.

**Thurs 25:** Cold, dull, keen. 46 degrees. School 23. With Clara to Pulborough and lunch at the Rectory and then gave an address to the Mothers' Union on Home Burdens, the Sedative to Modern Feverishness. Had our practice in the evening.

**Fri 26:** Cold, March like. 46 degrees. In to Chichester Asylum – small meeting of seven. Sold 2 pigs at 15 shillings. A tennis party here but rather chilly. Fire in evening.

**Sat 27:** Fine and bright but cold. 46 degrees. May XXII Mowed lawns – air quite like March. Webster bicycles to Brighton. Paget much improved comes in evening. Fire in Library and glad of it! R. King has a third attack of his nausea.

**Sun 28:** Trinity Sunday. Fine, bright, not too cold. 50 degrees. Fair congregations. Had National Anthem in the morning and Jubilee Hymn in the evening. Preached in morning on John and on Isaiah's wondrous vision and on Gloria Patrice. Saw Graham in afternoon and told him about Hal.

**Mon 29:** Fine. 50 degrees. Wind gives us a softer day. Mrs Brydon called bicycling over. Our painting and papering continues fairly well, West Room finished.

**Tues 30:** Fine, bright. 51 degrees. School 26/26. Heard from Hal quite a sensible usual letter, playing cricket, etc. Harriet arrives. The girls go to the Margessons. Have Ringrose's sheep into the churchyard.

# PENTECOST

There is much more to the number seven than being lucky

It probably won't surprise you to hear that the number seven is the world's most popular lucky number, but the Bible reveals that there is much more to this special numeral. It is clearly one of God's numbers that are a key feature of his creation – others include three, 12 and 40. This month we celebrate Pentecost, a feast day that has its roots in seven.

Seven is not only important for Christians, it is held in high esteem in many other religions and cultures, for example, there are the seven heavens of Judaism and Islam, and the Chinese belief of the seven elements of the world – water, fire, earth, wood, metal, yin and yang. It's why the traditional Jewish menorah has seven candle sticks (not to be confused with the nine candlesticks of the Hanukkah) and why Muslims walk seven times around the holy Kaaba in Mecca. The Roman Catholic teaching of Pope Gregory I in the 6th Century identified the seven deadly sins which are now widely recognised as: pride, greed, lust, envy, gluttony, wrath and sloth.

There are many natural features of the world where seven plays a part – surfers will tell you that they surf in sets of seven waves, the seventh being the largest. Others include the seven colours of the rainbow, the seven continents of the world, and the seven wonders of the world.

In the Bible, from the creation stories in Genesis, to the end of time in Revelation, the number seven is mentioned over 700 times – is 700 a coincidence? – hence, seven is called God's number.

God created the world in six days, and when his work was complete, he rested on the seventh day, thus seven is a symbol in the Bible for completeness.

In the Old Testament book of Isaiah (11:2) we read about the seven spirits: the spirit of the Lord, wisdom, understanding, counsel, might, knowledge and the fear of God, and in Numbers 19 we find God giving Moses instructions about how the priest cleanses someone from sin - each process either requires seven repetitive actions and/or takes seven days to complete.

But it is in the New Testament, particularly in the writings of John, that seven comes into its own. In the Gospel of John, we find the seven 'I am' sayings of Jesus. For the Jewish people 'I am' was the sacred name for God that they were not allowed to say or write – in Hebrew YHWH. God told Moses his name in Exodus 3: 13-15. It is translated in a variety of ways such as 'I am who I am', 'I am that I am', or 'I am who I am and will be'.

When Jesus says: I am the Bread of Life; I am the Light of the World; I am the Gate; I am The Good Shepherd; I am The Resurrection and

The Life; I am The Way, Truth and The Life; and I am the true Vine. He is implying, by using I am, that he is the Son of God.

In his gospel, John also writes of Christ's completeness demonstrated to the world through seven miracles that he calls the seven signs of Christ: changing water into wine; healing a royal official's son; healing a paralytic; feeding the 5,000; walking on water; healing a man born blind; and raising Lazarus to life.

John's book of Revelation, which begins with Christ writing to seven churches – that is, the complete church is full of events and objects that appear seven times.

While seven is used to symbolise completeness, multiples of seven in the Bible are used to emphasise the point being made, such as in Psalm 90:10 we have a life span of three score years and ten which equals 70. In Matthew 18:21, 22, we read, Then Peter came up and said to him, 'Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.' Basically, Jesus is telling us that there is no limit to the number of times we should forgive someone.

It is, however, generally accepted that the ultimate completeness is seven times seven, that is, 49. Before his crucifixion Jesus told his disciples that God would send someone to guide and support them, namely, the Holy Spirit. Jesus was crucified just before the Jewish Passover festivities when Jews from around the world were visiting Jerusalem. Most of them would stay there for the next seven weeks, after which, on the 50th day, there would be the feast day of Shavuot which was a thanksgiving for the first fruits of the wheat harvest. It came to be known as Pentecost; a name derived from the Greek 'Pentēkostē' which means fiftieth.

It was on this feast day that the Holy Spirit, promised by Jesus, arrived and filled the disciples with the wisdom and knowledge to encourage others to join them in living in the way of Jesus. It was perfect timing. The thousands of people present in Jerusalem witnessed the event and became followers of the risen Christ before returning to their homelands with the good news of salvation. New churches sprang up throughout the world.

The work of Jesus on earth was fully completed 49 days (seven times seven) after his crucifixion and resurrection at Easter. Surely this must be the ultimate example of why seven is much more than a lucky number, it is God's number, a number that demonstrates his completeness in all things physical and spiritual.

Bob Peters



# SHOP LOCAL LOVE LOCAL

ON BEHALF OF THE STORRINGTON  
BUSINESS COMMUNITY



Spring is springing, the birds are singing and the trees are greening once more. A reminder that all is well in the world and that not everything revolves around COVID-19.

With Spring comes hope, regeneration and new beginnings. We are all embracing the feeling of hope during these times. The hope that we are through the worst, the hope that we can see and hug family and loved ones again, the hope that we will see our towns and villages thriving once more.

Throughout 2020/21 business owners all over the country have faced monumental challenges. The business owners of Storrington are no different, sadly we have seen some of them closing their doors for the final time. How heartened we all were over the Christmas period that so many villagers made for the shops and businesses within the village. A hesitation from automatically jumping in the car to the surrounding larger towns.

The Spring-like green shoots of hope were on the horizon with many making 'shopping local' a mission that saw many businesses having their best trading period ever. All that changed with the event of yet another lockdown. A more intense, more uncertain and positively gloomy time for us all. Those that have managed to get through to this point are now looking forward to throwing open the doors once more and welcoming customers back.

All this may sound rather doom and gloom but there is one thing that stood out above all, people care. They care about each other, they care about where they live, they care about the community. So I am asking for your help. My belief is that together we can create what planning experts call 'sticky streets'.

What are sticky streets I hear you cry? Well, put simply they are streets that provide a focus for daily life. Streets that encourage you to shop within the village. Somewhere you want to stroll and linger, rather than drive through on your way to somewhere else.

As the lockdown restrictions ease we can all play a part in the regeneration of our beautiful village and see it not just survive but over time thrive. It is not just about the businesses in the village, this goes far further. Benefits to our immediate local economy with more jobs, fantastic schools, a thriving high street, strong community feel and overall a more attractive place to live, work and shop. Estate agents agree that a thriving community village ultimately will lead to more interest, desirability and see an increase in house prices.

As business owners we work closely with the Parish Council and we welcome your constructive feedback. So if you have any thoughts or ideas that you would like to share please contact me on [thevillagedelistorrington@gmail.com](mailto:thevillagedelistorrington@gmail.com) with subject heading "Sticky Streets". I will collate your comments with a view to considering all options to get 'sticky streets' in Storrington.

*Here are a few things to get you started:*

Why do you love where you live?

When was the last time you walked the entire length of the village and saw exactly what is on offer?

What would you like to regularly see in the village?

How would you like to see the village regenerate?

What would make you 'shop local'?

What more can business owners do for you?

The green shoots of regeneration are on the horizon and together we really can make a valuable difference. Businesses have survived throughout this pandemic but we need the support of our communities to help us thrive. Become a 'sticky street' fan and shop locally.

Stay safe everyone

*Sam Ackland, The Village Deli*

## STORRINGTON CONSERVATION SOCIETY

With the relaxation of Covid restrictions, happily the work party planned for Saturday, 3 April, was able to go ahead. About twenty took part, all glad to enjoy some time in company (not too close) in the fresh air. The generous breeze made sure it was fresh. Breaking up into small groups, the task was to pick up discarded rubbish alongside footpaths, beside the millpond and streamside. Appreciating the daffodils, primroses and early bluebells while doing so. General litter, cast off masks, dumped bottles, cans and tins were gathered and sorted into refuse and items for recycling. A worthwhile morning.



*Early primroses*

During the restrictions it is clear that local footpaths have been well used even when the heavy rain turned them into quagmires. Thanks are due to those who keep the styles and gates in good order. For the most part, thanks are also due to the many dog walkers for the care taken in pooper scooping. Sadly there are exceptions. One

puzzling development is the number of poo-filled bags dumped beside paths. Giving doggie bags a new meaning. But why?

The next work party is planned for **Saturday, 1 May**, starting at 10.00am. We meet in the Library car park. The plan is to clear the stream and banks between the Library and Love Lane.

*Stuart Kersley*



*Work party convening*



## A WARM WELCOME

On Monday, 8 March 2021, our whole school community returned following six weeks of remote learning. Excited and happy to be back together, we planned a whole school writing project based on the super book 'If you come to Earth' which was written and illustrated by Sophie Blackall.

Teachers planned lots of exciting opportunities for the children to explore and discuss our amazing community by focusing on what a visitor from another planet would experience, based on the theme 'If you come to Storrington'. Writing outcomes included letters, leaflets, information pages and stories and enabled the children to get back in to writing after their time out of the classroom. It was fantastic to see every class talking through their ideas together and collaborating on their finished pieces of writing.



Playground fun



Forest School

As a result of the writing project the children have had the opportunity to look closely at Storrington through different eyes and think about what we offer as a collective community and their individual roles within that.



Library

The community focus enabled children from Early Years to Year 6 to think about good citizenship, the environment and the history of our village. The children really enjoyed thinking about how they would welcome others into our school, and the wider community in order to make our locality a happy and respectful place to live. One child commented 'I think Storrington is a very kind village and we should always show respect to others.'



Rain Gauge



## THE BLUEBELL WOOD

by Felix Dennis

We walked within an ancient wood  
Beside the Heart-of-England way  
Where oak and beech and hazel stood,  
Their leaves the pale shades of May.

By bole and bough, still black with rain,  
The sunlight filtered where it would  
Across a glowing, radiant stain—  
We stood within a bluebell wood!

And stood and stood, both lost for words,  
As all around the woodland rang  
And echoed with the cries of birds  
Who sang and sang and sang and sang...

My mind has marked that afternoon  
To hoard against life's stone and sling;  
Should I go late, or I go soon,  
The bluebells glow— the birds still sing.



Spring is a great time to redecorate or update your home. The improving weather means that it's warmer and the light is better for choosing new colours and keeping windows open when walls are newly painted. Making the right flooring choice is essential as it is often this aspect of good interior decoration that ties everything together.

Choosing the perfect flooring for your home can be a tricky task and is something that needs to be right. That's why at Wall Bros we pride ourselves on being able to give the very best advice to help our valued customers make an informed choice.

If we could tell you only three things to consider when buying new flooring it would be these:

## Usage

Some rooms (and floors) in homes get much more use than others. It's important for us to know how much usage your flooring will be getting. Think about things such as 'Will people be walking on it all day every day?' or 'Will the people walking on the flooring be wearing shoes?' Once we have a better idea of these types of things, we can recommend the right type of flooring based on the level of usage it will get.

## Maintenance

How much time do you have to keep your flooring maintained? If you're someone who takes a lot of pride in keeping your home or workplace nice, a flooring that requires more maintenance may suit you. However, as our lives get busier, many people opt for flooring that requires less looking after.

We have a huge range of choice when it comes to how much maintenance a flooring needs. Some of our selections only need a quick vacuum once a week, whilst others need a full polish every month or so. Finding out how much time you're willing to spend on maintaining your flooring is important and will determine what type of flooring is best for you.

## Look

Ultimately, new flooring should give your space a new lease of life. Some people want their space to be as up to date as possible, whilst others enjoy older, maybe even vintage surroundings.

Whatever look you're going for, make sure you let us know so that we can recommend the right flooring for you.

**Pic 1.** A grey carpet can look great in a modern space.



## Spring trends for 2021

So what are the new looks for this year? We work with all the key manufacturers supplying to the UK market and are part of the largest independent buying group in the UK so receive the latest updates whenever they're ready. It is true that grey (see pic 1) continues to be extremely popular as a flooring colour choice across all types of flooring but there is also a return to colour and pattern this year with some lovely stripe combinations coming out (see pic 2).

For many customers, environmental impact is now a major consideration and we have seen a marked increase in customers choosing flooring from our ocean-friendly Sedna ranges (pic 3).

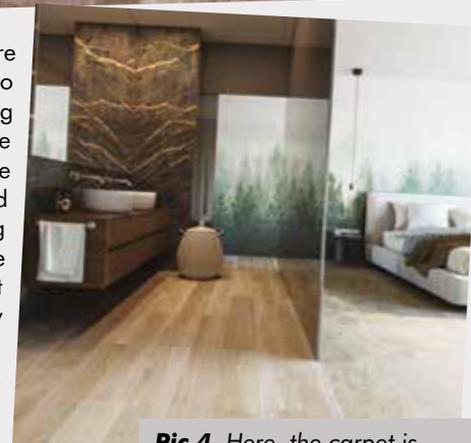
**Pic 2.** A striped carpet can really lengthen a room's appearance and does not have to be overpowering.



**Pic 3.** This luxurious super soft carpet is made from 100% regenerated nylon.

Finally, many homes are being reconfigured to offer open plan living space. It is often the flooring that divides the space into bedroom and bathroom, or dining and living zones. We have many ranges that offer complementary hard and soft flooring which is supposed to be used in exactly this way (pic 4).

Whatever you're after, we're here to help find the perfect flooring for you. Our shops may have been closed again recently – but we are able to come to you with samples and measure your space, as well as fit your flooring.



**Pic 4.** Here, the carpet is exactly matched to the hard flooring from the same range.

Call the Worthing store on 01903 503638 to arrange an appointment. We're also always sharing helpful posts on our social media channels. You can find us on Facebook and Twitter – just search for WallBrosCarpets.

[www.wallbroscarpets.co.uk](http://www.wallbroscarpets.co.uk)

March proved to be busy for WI members. There have been many interesting talks organised by West Sussex County WI including a talk by Sarah Slater entitled "Hampton Court." Anthony Poulton Smith gave a talk on "Laboratory Literature", and Pauline McBride was due to speak about "Prairie Gardens in the heart of West Sussex", unfortunately this had to be postponed at the last minute due to a power cut. The WI are never deterred – even a power cut did not stop the show going ahead and the arranged talk was replaced with one about "Life in Mongolia". These talks, along with tutorials organised by Denman College, have been so welcome during lockdown and all these events took place via Zoom. Now that lockdown restrictions are starting to ease a little, plans are in hand for the Sullington Windmills walking group to reform. This will be slightly different from in the past – there will be three levels of walks to choose from depending on your fitness and ability – again something for everyone.

Sullington Windmills' March meeting took place on 17 March. The meeting was opened by the President Erika Brichta. The speaker for the evening, Sally Botwright, was introduced and her talk was entitled "London Curiosities and Oddities". Sally is a London Blue Badge Guide. Members who joined via Zoom were taken on a guided tour of London by Sally, with the use of slides and her knowledge of the capitol.

We started our virtual journey at the little-known Pets Cemetery which is situated in a peaceful corner of Hyde Park and was started in 1880. It was generally closed in 1903 and only occasional burials took place until its final closure in 1976. The next stop was Rotten Row – William 111 needed a safer way to travel to St James Palace from his home (now known as Kensington Palace). In 1690 he had a broad avenue created through Hyde Park which was lit by 300 oil lamps – the first artificially lit highway in Britain. The Avenue was named Route du Roi (French for Kings Road) and over a period of time this become known as Rotten Row.

The Albert Memorial in Kensington Gardens was unveiled in 1872 and commemorates the life of Prince Albert who died at the age 42. The memorial was designed by George Gilbert Scott, and 169 life size figures depicts many of Alberts passions and interests along with manufacturing, agriculture, commerce, and engineering. Sadly, out of 169 figures, there is only one female (how life has changed). Included in the memorial is a statue of Prince Albert holding the catalogue for the Great Exhibition held in Hyde Park in 1851, which Prince Albert had inspired and helped to organise.

The next rather amusing stop was in Gough Square to see a statue of Hodge, this was Samuel Johnson's black cat. Samuel Johnson, the Lexicographer who is reported to have said, "If you're tired of London your tired of life". Wellington Arch once situated near to Buckingham Palace was originally named Green Park Arch – it is a Grade 1 Listed Triumphal Arch. Construction began in 1826 and was completed in 1830 and was moved to its current location during 1882/83. It was originally built to support the colossal statue of the 1<sup>st</sup> Duke of Wellington, hence the name Wellington Arch.

On to 105-109 Oxford Street where you will see stone Beavers on the façade of the building. These are the only evidence of the once flourishing Top Hat business owned by Henry Heath, who was famous for the top hats he made from Beaver fur. The business closed in 1930, only the Beavers remain. Marble Arch – again this once stood as a formal gateway to Buckingham Palace for 17 years and was moved to its present position in 1850. This arch is not as grand as the architect John Nash had originally designed (a model of the original design still exists in the Victoria and Albert Museum). It was built in celebration of the British victories in the Napoleonic wars. In 1971 Marble Arch was granted Grade 1 Listed status.

In Trafalgar Square you will find what was once Britain's smallest police station located in the South-East corner and built in 1926. It is now used as broom cupboard for Westminster Council cleaners. Our next visit is to the world-famous Liberty store. Arthur Lasonby Liberty borrowed £2,000 in 1875 and opened a store on Regent Street, within 18 months he had repaid his loan, but he had plans for a different kind of shop, and in 1924 he hired builders to produce his dream store. They were given £198,000 to construct the building and they used timbers from HMS Hindustan and HMS Impregnable. Sadly, Arthur died 7 years before the store was completed and so he never saw his dream fulfilled.

Cabbie Shelters set up in 1875 – these were instigated by Sir George Armstrong with the help of the Earl of Shaftsbury and a few Philanthropic friends between 1875 and 1914. 61 shelters were built, but only 12 are left and these are all Grade 11 Listed. St Olav's Church, a favourite of Samuel Pepys The Diarist, was buried there in 1703. Outside the church is a plaque showing 365 names of local people who succumbed to the Great Plague in 1665. The Church survived the Great Fire of London in 1666, but was gutted in 1941 by German bombs. It was rebuilt during the period 1948-1954. Finally, we visited some local hostleries with history: Ye Olde Cheshire Cheese, The George, Ye Olde Cock Tavern and The Mitre Tavern where it is reported Queen Elizabeth1 danced around the Mulberry Tree.

This was such an interesting talk about some very interesting places we visited on our virtual tour, the whole list too numerous to mention. Many members asked Sally about her talk and her job as a Blue Badge Guide. Erika thanked Sally for her talk.

Following the talk Erika introduced the business part of the evening which, this month, was the delayed AGM. Members had all received the necessary paperwork in advance of the meeting to enable them to vote as necessary. The evening closed with members being placed in "Break Out Rooms" which gives everyone a chance to catch up with friends old and new.

The next meeting will be held via Zoom on Wednesday, 19 May, at 7.30pm when the talk will be "Early signs of Ovarian Cancer". New members and visitors are always most welcome even though we can only meet via Zoom until the present restrictions are lifted. Please contact Erika Brichta, President, on 742039 if you would like further information about the WI or would like the joining information to attend a meeting.

Pat Snape

## HELP WITH ACCESS TO UNIVERSAL CREDIT

One of the consequences of Covid has been its massive impact on the economy. More and more people are having to seek help, often for the first time in their lives. Understanding the workings of Universal Credit, however, can be a bit of a battle. Fortunately, the **Together in Sussex** website has put together some very helpful information:

<https://togetherinsussex.org.uk/whats-new/universal-credit>

**TOGETHER  
IN SUSSEX** 



Ah, Spring....my favourite season, a celebration of all that is to come.

Nature is taking control once again and transforming the world around us. Sending out the fresh green shoots of newness and colour.

Our farms are seeing the beginnings of this year's harvest with new season potatoes, asparagus, broccoli and lamb that will be in your local shops. Our fisheries will be hauling in a plethora of shellfish along with plaice, salmon and whitebait. Our dairy farmers will be readying their cheeses, milk and ice cream for the warm summer months that are on the horizon. Well ..... all of this in a 'normal year'.

With the impact of coronavirus came shocking statistics released in 2020 showing the reality. With shops, cafes, restaurants and other areas of hospitality all closed up, the demand for produce has diminished and small UK producers are seeing damaging impacts to their livelihoods. Our farmers are having to harvest the crops that would normally sustain their businesses only to then watch them rot in a field. Chicken farmers are having to smash thousands of eggs due to lack of demand (the chickens don't stop laying!). Dairy farmers are having to literally pour milk down the drain (approximately 5 million litres per week). On top of this staff normally flown from Poland and Romania for harvest time were not able to come and with self-isolation / illness the resulting staff shortages proved challenging. Then there are the craft breweries and spirit distillers. Beer .... thousands of litres just poured down the drain with no indication of when things might come good for them again and gin distillers making more hand sanitiser than gin.

Shopping habits changed too...

During the first lockdown people relied on local independent food shops in the absence of available online shopping slots from the multiples. Coming up trumps up and down the country these local shop owners acted as an anchor to the communities they served. A true 'pull out all the stops' moment as they nimbly adapted to meet the needs of their customers and fed their local communities. Many offering services they otherwise wouldn't. Local delivery, click-and-collect options, some even setting up their own online shop. Of course, in doing so, were supporting many local UK producers. As the lockdown restrictions have continued the multi-million pound supermarkets used their might and created more opportunities to shop online. Delivery slots opened fast and people soon reverted back to this method of shopping. But this does not support the local producers, many of whom rely on local independent food specialists, cafes, restaurants, etc, to stock their products.

As we move forward, in this year we should see the restrictions lifted albeit slowly and, dare I say it ... there is a glimmer of light on the horizon for all of our local food producers. A return to face-to-face shopping, the little micro conversations 'how are you today', the smells of freshly ground coffee hanging in the air, the delight in knowing you are helping towards supporting local food producers ... I can't wait!

Staying at home more has seen our eating habits change. We have learned to slow down, we are appreciating the benefits of cooking from scratch, learned new skills in the kitchen and became more experimental with ingredients. More families are eating together at

the table again, enjoying the moments they share. Long may these things continue.

The Village Deli are proud supporters of over 100 local Sussex based producers, we are blessed to have so much to offer. You can shop with us knowing the provenance of your food and be reassured of the quality while enjoying straight-from-the-maker freshness. Your support for local producers is invaluable.

We pride ourselves on great local food, quality and service. Don't get stuck in a rut with your meals, come in and try out some new ingredients and help support your local Sussex based producers. If you find you are stuck for recipe ideas then just ask and we will give you some suggestions for that too!

We look forward to welcoming you into the shop.

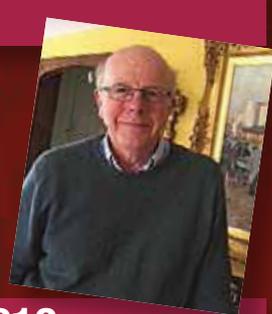
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**OF PROMISES** 

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Dean Sephton's Pinhole Camera



Mulberry Beetle, Aldwick – Dean Sephton



Cameras have evolved over the years and during the 90's the first digital camera arrived. For most people digital became the standard. This was largely driven by how easy it was to take multiple photos and instantly review without having to wait or pay for film processing.

This ability of immediately seeing the results appealed and in 2000 took another leap forward when the first mobile phone with a camera was launched. By 2010 this took over from compact cameras and, for many, is now their only camera.

Whilst digital became mainstream, for a lot of photographers traditional film and film plates have always been a style they enjoy, as it only allows single images which require time to compose and create that perfect shot.

A pinhole camera gives you the chance to get hands on whether making a camera from a cardboard box, an empty can or more elaborately from wood and metal. I made my current pinhole camera as a first lockdown project from odds and ends that I had lying around. It has pinhole of 0.25mm diameter and it uses "120" film which is still widely available. Developing the film takes me back to my darkroom days but now I mainly scan the negatives and share or print them digitally.

Pinhole photography slows you down, the exposures last from several seconds to hours and without a viewfinder you have to try and estimate what will be in your photograph. The actual photo taking process is very simple as there is no need to focus - everything is in focus. Sceptics might say everything is equally blurry, and the exposure is controlled by simply opening and closing a shutter in front of the pinhole.

It's also a chance to do something a bit different – one young girl on seeing my strange box on Ferring beach was disappointed to discover I wasn't a scientist doing important investigations!"

The advantages of Pinhole photography, as Dean says, is its ability to allow you to be creative and something that does not cost a lot of money. You can make your own camera as there are lots of 'how to' videos online or you can purchase a kit or a made one online. With no viewfinder your shots need to be well positioned and, in terms of slowing you down, for a sunrise or sunset 15-30 secs might be needed with indoor images potentially needing minutes.

There is a Worldwide Pinhole Photography Day each year, the last Sunday in April where anyone, anywhere in the world, who takes a pinhole photograph, can scan and upload it to a website where it will become part of the annual Worldwide Pinhole Photography Day online gallery. Dean will certainly be one of those taking part and has been successful in encouraging other Club members to explore and enjoy this different style of photography.

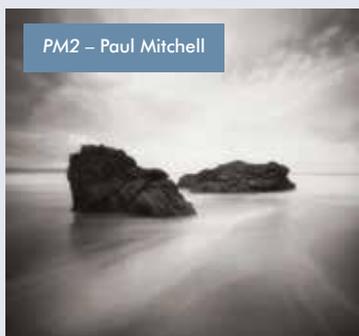
Kevin Harwood

Recently, the Club had an online talk from Paul Mitchell who gained his fellowship of the Royal Photographic Society with a panel of images taken using a 'Pinhole' camera. Whilst this style of photography is probably unknown to most people it is one that has lots of attractions and for the Club, one that several members have tried and appreciated. For Club member, Dean Sephton, it is a style of photography that he especially enjoys.

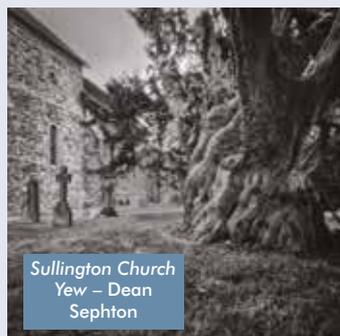
As Dean says "Pinhole photographs have a soft ethereal look harking back to the look created by the Pictorialist photographers like Robert Demachy and Alfred Stieglitz at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century who's work I have long admired. What their photographs lack in sharpness they more than makes up for in atmosphere. I've not reached their heights of artistic merit yet but it's fun trying.



Paul Mitchell on location



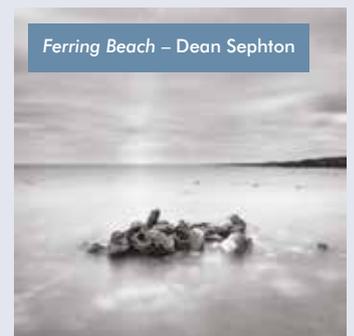
PM2 – Paul Mitchell



Sullington Church Yew – Dean Sephton



PM1 – Paul Mitchell



Ferring Beach – Dean Sephton

# STORRINGTON BOWLING CLUB IS 100 YEARS OLD

In 1919 a strip of land fronting West Street in Storrington was bequeathed by a Mrs Knight for the purpose of creating a Social Club for the service men returning from The Great War. In 1920 Lt Col H Ravenscroft rented the adjacent land and had his Head Gardener and under gardener lay a four-rink bowling green. In 1921 the first Club Officers were elected and the Bowling Club formed followed by the first club competitions in 1926. Two more rinks were added in 1929 together with a new pavilion.

Since those days various improvements were made to the green. The pavilion and surrounds remained much the same until the 1960's when the pavilion was extended by adding kitchen facilities at one end.

It was in 1967 that a ladies section was formed with the founder members being Florence Farrant and Eileen Youngman.

In 1981 it was decided to extend the pavilion to create a gentleman's changing room, subject to being able to raise the necessary funds by asking members to make interest-free loans to the Club, repayable after three years. This proved to be totally successful and we were able to refurbish the central lounge area of the pavilion. The Club went on to become the first in West Sussex to install a new automatic watering system for the bowling green. The computerised unit allows the green to be watered automatically as required.

In 1986 the committee of the Club heard that monies were available in the form of grants to sporting clubs in the Horsham & District area. The Club applied for a grant of £6500 which was approved by Horsham District Council and enabled the Club to extend the pavilion further by the addition of a ladies changing area



and a refurbished kitchen. Eight years later the ladies got their own pavilion which was officially opened on Saturday, 30 April 1994.

We have a great team of members that maintain the bowling green and buildings throughout the year. Sadly, in 2019, the green suffered damage from excessively wet weather conditions. At the end of the 2020 bowling season a programme of re-seeding and conditioning was started which lasted through to the Spring of 2021. The green is now fully restored and is in excellent condition and ready for play.

In June 2020 play was allowed to resume under strict Covid guidelines and our new licensed bar facility opened in April this year for members and guests to enjoy.

New members are most welcome. Come and enjoy our Club. Play Bowls in a sociable and friendly atmosphere. Free taster sessions took place in April and open days in May are also planned.

For further information go to [www.storringtonbc.co.uk](http://www.storringtonbc.co.uk) or call Ann Page on 741843.



## THE VILLAGE HUB

In the heart of the community with community at heart ❤️



Opening May 2021  
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The Village Hub is Life Community Church Storrington's village centre, devoted to caring for, praying for and serving the people of Storrington.

## THE VILLAGE HUB

### Our Purpose

We believe that God loves the people of Storrington and it is our aim to make His love known through The Village Hub. The Village Hub is a warm, loving environment open to the whole community as a great place to meet friends for a drink, find support in times of need or access the services offered by Life Community Church Storrington and our partners.



### The Shop

Our shop stocks products that support charitable, ethical and local enterprises.



### Youth and Children

From computer games to homework clubs, we will provide plenty of activities for youth and children.



### Activities

We will provide a programme of activities built around common interests and shared experiences.



### The Cafe

Our self service cafe will provide a range of drinks and snacks to suit any taste.



### Community Support

At our heart is a desire to support those in our community facing difficulties. We offer a number of support initiatives and help to signpost to other resources and partners.

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More than ever, it is important that people in their later years of life can enjoy good food, fun and friendship while having peace of mind that every step is being taken to stop Covid-19.

The team at Sussexdown care home are doing just that for residents. They provide home cooked, personalised menus and fun-filled days to support meaningful friendships, reducing the feeling of isolation that is far too prevalent in older generations.

The idyllic care home sits in the West Sussex village of Storrington, 'the gateway to the South Downs' and is surrounded by stunning countryside, with its own equally stunning garden to match. As a former Royal Air Forces Association (RAFA) home and managed by not-for-profit charity Care South, the home has great links with the veteran community. It was visited by the late Dame Vera Lynn, who would spend time socialising with residents in a residential, dementia and nursing home full of character and charm.

Residents in the care home are also fortunate to benefit from their own bar that overlooks the garden, a great place where friends can gather for an afternoon of fun, celebrate birthday parties, and enjoy a good time. This is thanks to measures such as staff and residents undergoing regular, Covid-19 testing and vaccinations.

Home Manager, Raphy Perez, said: "My aim is simple, to provide the best care to each resident by having caring and well-trained staff in an environment that is safe, supportive and comfortable for all. My motto at Sussexdown is 'quality without compromise'.

"It's a privilege to be trusted by families to care for their loved one."

## Food

There's nothing better than a quality home-cooked meal. Sussexdown isn't focused on Michelin-starred meals, but rather their chefs cook fresh, quality meals that look great, taste even better, and are based on what the residents would like. They also focus on the overall dining experience as meals are more than just the food on the plate – they bring people together.

Want to catch-up with friends over a Sunday roast? Not a problem. Rather eat breakfast in your room? Sure. Feeling peckish? Just ask the chef and they can whip up an afternoon tea or some snacks.

## Fun

Sussexdown is not just a place to live out your later years – it is a place to enjoy life with support on-hand and peace of mind that everything is being taken care of. They put their residents at the heart of everything they do. Their staff get to know residents and their life stories, hobbies, and interests, helping to create events around their likes.

Dedicated staff promote variety in their engaging activities programme, whether it's a pamper day in the salon, reliving cherished memories, or getting together for group games and events. You may even want to lower the pace and spend an afternoon in the sunshine, reading a good book with a slice of homemade cake and a cup of tea. They are flexible around you – after all, it's your home and your life.

## Friendship

Loneliness can be an issue for many people as they get older and become less mobile and active, leading to struggles with mental and physical decline.

According to charity Age UK, there are 1.4 million chronically lonely older people, and this has only been exacerbated by the Covid-19 restrictions. One of the advantages of moving into a care home is that carers can support residents to come out of their shell and make meaningful relationships in their new home.



## Admissions

The team at Sussexdown realise that looking for a care home can be a difficult process, but you are not alone. They work with families to make the process as smooth as possible and centred around their needs. Each admission is always treated with care and sensitivity, with processes in place to keep both new and existing residents safe from the risk of Covid-19.

Sussexdown is a compassionate care home providing residential, dementia, and nursing support. As well as long-term placements, the care home also offers temporary respite stays.

For more information and to discuss how Sussexdown can help create a new home for you or a loved one, please call 744221 or visit [www.care-south.co.uk](http://www.care-south.co.uk).



STORRINGTON  
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# PARHAM HOUSE & GARDENS ANNOUNCES NEW HEAD GARDENER ANDREW HUMPHRIS



Parham House & Gardens is delighted to announce the arrival of Andrew Humphris, who took up his role as Parham's new Head Gardener last month.

Lady Emma Barnard DL, Chairman of Parham Park Limited, commented:



*"We're very excited that Andrew has joined us and are greatly looking forward to working with him to care for the Garden over the time to come. With his help and guidance, we will be continuing the programme of renewal, renovation and conservation that we started in 2020 - Andrew's knowledge and experience will be invaluable."*

*Even ancient gardens reach a point where they need revitalising, and the energy and professional competence which Andrew brings with him to Parham are a great asset. We chose to turn the challenges brought on by the pandemic and the closure to visitors during 2020 into a positive; an excellent opportunity to deal with some longstanding issues in the Garden. I truly believe that the coming years are the perfect time to continue this work, responding to the Garden's past and its very strong "sense of place" in a way that will enable it to move forward with verve, but always in keeping with its traditions and the soft romantic style unique to Parham."*

Andrew comes to Parham from West Lodge Estate in Dorset, where he has established and improved upon a new garden and landscape, including working in conjunction with leading designers.

He spent his early career as Head Gardener with the National Trust at The Courts and then at the remarkable garden of Biddulph Grange, before becoming Head Gardener at Wollerton Old Hall in Shropshire, where he worked closely with the owners to replant and remodel the now celebrated and very beautiful garden they have created there.

Andrew has also regularly lectured on many aspects of horticulture, and he participated on Gardeners' Question Time for BBC Radio Shropshire for six years. In 2014 he was awarded the Loyal and Outstanding Service Award by the Professional Gardeners Guild.

Andrew now leads a six-strong team of gardeners at Parham, one of whom is his wife Jo (Joanne), who works on a part-time basis. Jo herself is a very knowledgeable and experienced gardener.

She studied for the three-year Diploma in Horticulture at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, followed by various student placements, including a year as an international student at Longwood Gardens in Philadelphia, USA. Jo then went on to become Head Gardener involved in the restoration of the 18th-century landscape and walled garden at Belcombe Court, before working with Andrew at Wollerton Old Hall and latterly at West Lodge Estate.

Andrew commented: *"Both Jo and I are thrilled to be here at such a pivotal moment for Parham. We know how much love there is for this garden and we're looking forward to working in this historic setting in collaboration with the family and the rest of the garden team to move the garden on to its next phase in its long history."*

Normally open to visitors four days a week between Easter and mid-October, Parham is an Elizabethan family house near Pulborough in West Sussex, as renowned for its precious collection of rare needlework, paintings and furniture as for its award-winning gardens.

Sadly, it had to remain closed to the public in 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It is very much hoped that Parham will be able to re-open in 2021. Dates have yet to be confirmed and a careful decision will be taken in the coming months, in line with Government advice, regulations and other practical considerations.

**Please visit [www.parhaminsussex.co.uk](http://www.parhaminsussex.co.uk) for all the latest information about possible opening dates and times as well as details on how to book tickets.**



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