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This November we remember the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War. A conflict that was never meant to happen. The First World War was meant to mark the end of conflict; it was dubbed, after all, 'the war to end all wars', yet tragically 20 years after it ended the world was once more at war. Across the country, and indeed the globe, many will be attending services to remember those who served, and those who died in these and other conflicts.

We should remember with gratitude all those who fought in those conflicts, and others since then, who have sought to defend our country, our values and our way of life – without their sacrifices our nation would look very different indeed.

Yet I am sure that I am not alone this year in feeling less optimism than in previous years. Remembrance is always a sombre event, but for those of us who have grown up in a world after the fall of the Berlin Wall, the idea of a large-scale global conflict has been fortunately absent from our thinking. There will always be wars, but we've been able to smugly assume that these will be small and probably fairly far-flung, and so Remembrance has been an event where we've been able to reflect on the sacrifices others have made to safeguard us, without seriously having to wrestle with the idea that it is something we might also have to face.

Maybe it's just the change of the seasons, with autumn now far advanced, and cold, wet weather and short days upon us, but it can at times seem hard not to look at our world and feel a sense of impending doom. Ok, I'll admit there that I've tipped into sounding like Private Frazer from Dad's Army "we're doomed, doomed", but it is hard to have a sense of optimism about much of our current world. As a nation, there is an increasing feeling that our institutions are failing, and successive governments of any persuasion seem unable to address the problems which beset us. Globally things look far from rosy, on the international front it seems like governments across the globe are trying tactics which have historically failed, appeasement didn't work in the 1930's, and seems unlikely to work this time either.

I apologise if so far my article has given you little cause for optimism, but I want to say that as illogical as it might seem, I think there is a reason to have hope for our world. At Remembrance we are often reminded that Jesus said, "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13). At Remembrance these words recall the sacrifice that others have made, and in our nation's history this sacrifice has often been made by those ascribing to the Christian faith, and when Jesus uttered them he was of course pointing forward to how He would lay down His life, and by doing so overcome death. So for Christians, as bleak as the here and now might appear, there is always the hope of the life to come. A life with no more conflict, a life lived in perfect relationship with Christ, a life where our wrongdoing has been removed from us through Jesus' death and resurrection, a life with no more suffering, a life which is promised to all who call Jesus Lord.

JOEL WILLMER

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to lean on your strength
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Parish Office open Tuesday and Wednesday from 9.30am to 5pm.



HARVEST LUNCH

Our heartfelt thanks go to everyone who worked so hard to produce such a delicious, fun and memorable joint Harvest Lunch for the congregations of Thakeham and Sullington Churches on 5 October. We owe a great debt of gratitude to Liz Whitehead and Heather Cotton who so brilliantly planned the meal, and also to their many wonderful helpers.

Everyone enjoyed the menu which featured a most excellent selection of cottage pies, supplied from Thakeham kitchens, and then a wide range of truly tempting Sullington desserts!

With good wine on offer as well, the whole gathering was a splendid and a very happy occasion! The very best news is that our congregations were, as always, most generous, and raised over £550, to be given to Family Support Work.

COFFEE MORNING

Held in the Church rooms, St Mary's church Thakeham

It was such a pleasure to welcome so many visitors to the coffee morning which has now become an annual event. Everyone tucked into one of the ever-popular bacon rolls and or a slice of delicious home-made cake or scone with jam and cream accompanied by a cup of tea or coffee. The raffle was also well patronised. The total sum raised at going to press is £680. A grateful thank you to all who helped in any way and especially to everyone who kindly came along to support this worthwhile charity.

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14 Dec **Christmas Lunch** - 12.30pm to 3pm - Thakeham Village Hall

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Please try not to take your holiday then, as we'll need your help!

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



St Mary's Church, Thakeham

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Baptisms – we welcome into the Lord's family ...

6 Apr Kit George Haywood, son of Christian and Lizzie
16 Aug Romeo Alistair John Geal, son of Presley and Lucy

Marriages – to love and to cherish ...

14 June Casey Thomas and Alma Pye
20 Sept George Masters and Sasha Close

Thanksgiving Service

28 Apr Frank Healey

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

10 Jan Peter John Herbertson (82)
4 July Douglas Brian Parkes (94)
11 Sept David James Stringer (88)

Interment of ashes only:

15 Apr David Benamore (87)
13 May Vida Anne Owen (88)
21 June Janet Tilman
4 July Douglas Brian Parkes (94)
23 Sept Olive Helen Rendell (91)

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

9 NOVEMBER – 10.30am

All Welcome!



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Married on
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2025



Dates for your Diary

9 Nov Remembrance Sunday Service at 10.30am

15 Nov Christmas Fayre

21 Dec Christmas Carols at 3pm

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REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Church Services see page 18.

Holy Communion and Café in the Church:

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

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

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Bellringers: Fridays, 7.45pm – 9.30pm.

Church & Churchyard Maintenance: John Butler (745091)

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

SPACE: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 2pm – 4pm at the Old School.
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The draw will take place at St Mary's Church, Storrington, at the Church **Christmas Coffee Morning** on **Saturday 20 December**. More details on page 14.



EVENSONG – Wintertime Starts 2 November

Evensong is usually held at St Mary's, Storrington on the first and second Sundays in the month. From **Sunday 2 November** the new winter (November to March) start time will be 4pm, instead of 6pm.

ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS

All Saints' Day celebrates the countless people whose lives have been loving and fruitful, but who are not on the official list of saints. The calendar date of this festival is **1 November**. All Souls (officially 2 November) is a day to remember with thanksgiving our own departed loved ones.

At Storrington on **Sunday 2 November** we shall celebrate All Saints' Day at our 10am service and observe All Souls' Day with our **Service of Light, Hope and Remembrance at 4pm** at which the names in the Book of Remembrance will be displayed in Church together with other names which have been requested.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

All are invited to take part in the Service of Remembrance at Storrington Parish Church on **Sunday 9 November** at 2.55pm, assembling in fine for the laying of wreaths at the War Memorial on the south side of the Church. This is an inter-church service arranged in conjunction with the Royal British Legion.

CHILDREN'S GIFT SERVICE

During the Morning Service on **Sunday 7 December at 10am**, everyone is invited to bring gifts for needy children which will be distributed through Family Support Work. A simple, durable and inexpensive toy or book would be much appreciated. Please wrap gifts using ribbon or string rather than sellotape. A label stating contents and suitable age-range would help staff to give the presents to appropriate children.

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21 Sept Lachlan Arthur Teare (son of Rachel and Stuart)

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Interment of ashes only:

17 Sept Joyce Olive Hodgson (88 years)

CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS

We invite extra singers who would like to join Storrington Church Choir for the Carol Service and other Christmas services to come to the Christmas section of the choir practices on Fridays at 7pm, starting on 7 November; regular Choir please arrive at 6.40pm to practice for the forthcoming Sunday.



10am ZOOM SERVICE

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

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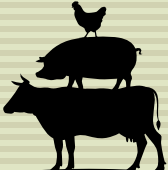
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Variety makes our Church services special and Thakeham's Harvest Festival on 5 October offered just that. A large congregation gathered in a church that was beautifully decorated with flowers, hay bales, fruit, vegetables, lovely loaves of bread... and a very special bottle of cider! The music was a rich blend of new and traditional, and the singing felt particularly spirited. The children, and one press-ganged adult, even found time for some apple bobbing!

Throughout the service, we took time to reflect on the truly amazing range of blessings that God provides, and for which we are all truly grateful.



WELCOME REVD JOEL WILLMER

7 September 2025 was certainly an important day for St Mary's Church, Thakeham, when the newly licensed Revd Joel Willmer took his first service at the Church. David Whitehead introduced him and his family to the congregation, receiving a tremendous standing ovation. At the request of Joel, David assisted with the service. It was an enormous relief for everyone to return to stability after almost two years of interregnum. During this period the Church was most grateful to Revd Jill Simpson, Revd David Porter, Revd Richard Barron and Revd John Peal who stepped in as Celebrant or led the services, and it is thanks to these retired clergy that during the whole period only two services had to be cancelled, even managing to cover Christmas and Easter when there are many more services. Baptisms, weddings and funerals also took place during this period, again thanks to the above-named clergy.

There is one person who has worked more than anyone to support the Church during this period and that is David Whitehead. He has worked tirelessly behind the scenes and taken several services, how can we ever thank you David? We appreciate your dedication, and that of Liz who has supported you throughout this lengthy period.

The Church family welcomes Revd Joel Willmer and hopes he will be with us for many years to come at the helm of both Sullington and Thakeham Churches, and we wish Joel and his family every happiness for the future.



Baptism

*A warm welcome
to Lachlan
21 September*

On Sunday 21 September in front of family and friends, Lachlan Arthur Teare, son of Stuart and Rachel and brother of Madeleine, was baptised by the Reverend Rupert Toovey at St Mary's Church, Storrington.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Michael J Rymer

Michael passed away at St Barnabas Hospice on 23 September 2025 after a short illness. A private family funeral service has taken place.

A memorial service for Michael will be held at St Mary's Church, Storrington, on Friday 14 November at 2pm.



CROQUET AFTERNOON AT STORRINGTON RECTORY GARDEN

A fun Sunday afternoon on 31 August was enjoyed by many whilst learning a new skill playing fun croquet in Storrington Rectory garden which was very kindly organized by John Coventry. After working out the scores John awarded Ian Stuart the winner.



St Mary's Church, Storrington

Cafe in the Church
2nd and 4th Wednesdays

Wednesday 12 November
10am Holy Communion
10.30 Cafe in the Church

Wednesday 26 November
2pm Holy Communion
2.30pm Cafe in the Church



All welcome to either or both.
Come and join us for a friendly
cuppa and good company.



Douglas Brian Parkes was born on 20 September 1930 to Muriel, a former nurse, and Brian Parkes, a metallurgist. He originally lived in Kings Norton, Birmingham, and loved to tell the tale about the rows of cabbage plants planted by his father which, as a toddler, he pulled up, calling them "nassy weeds". His father was undaunted and let Douglas continue to help with vegetable gardening on the several allotments the family ran during the war. As many can attest, Douglas's gardening skills certainly improved over time and he created glorious gardens with June in High Wycombe in Buckinghamshire, West Hagley in the Midlands and at Cedarwood, Storrington.

He was educated at King Edward VI Grammar School in Stourbridge, spending the 6th form in a group of seven boys who remained friends for life. Douglas was strong academically, but was also a bit of an all-rounder at school, ending up as head boy and captain of rugby in his last term in 1949, although much to his father's chagrin, he described himself as a "duffer at cricket". Douglas completed his schooling by winning a county scholarship to St John's College, Cambridge, to read for the Engineering Tripos.

In the summer of 1948, he had learned to drive on his father's Austin Ten, passing his test first time after just five lessons during the course of a single week. This may go some way towards explaining his rather 'assertive' driving style which caused alarm to some passengers, though not, apparently, the examiners of the Institute of Advanced Motoring, of which he was a proud member to the end of his life! Douglas was proud to be regularly assessed by an IAM examiner to ensure that he was still fit to drive in his latter years, which he was until this spring.

Douglas started National Service early in 1949, joining the Royal Engineers as a Sapper, and was identified as potential officer material. This saw him sent to Elgin in Scotland for further training where he became quite a good marksman, shooting for the regiment in competitions.

He eventually went up to St John's in October 1951 and thoroughly enjoyed his time there. The first year was spent in digs which he shared with three other students and the four of them remained firm friends all their lives.

Late in the first Michaelmas term, Douglas's friend Brian suffered appendicitis, and Douglas visited him daily in hospital. A young nurse called June Newell was working on Brian's ward and Douglas could still recall the first time he saw June, and that she often recalled him "tying up my bicycle to the railings outside the hospital."

Douglas proposed to June on the *Bridge of Sighs* in Cambridge and they married in March 1956. Those of you who knew them well also know that June was absolutely the love of Douglas's life. They would sit on the sofa or across the dining table from one another, holding hands like a pair of lovestruck teenagers, right up until June died in 2022.

Douglas joined Charles Brand & Sons, civil engineers, in July 1954 and spent time at Head Office, Northern Ireland and then Portishead, where he and June had their first real married home. His next posting was to Glasgow, where he worked on the Clyde Tunnel. June had to pack up their home in Portishead and follow Douglas north which set the pattern of her life until their final move to Sussex in 1980.

Glasgow was where Douglas and June adopted their two girls, Lucy and Fiona. Family was incredibly important to them both, and though Douglas was quite strict, they taught Lucy and Fiona a huge amount about relationships and life, all of which stood them both in very good stead. It is a great sadness that, having died very young, at just 58, and only a few weeks after June, Fiona is no longer with us. Douglas was immensely proud of both girls, just as he was of Chris, Lucy's husband, and his grandsons, Marcus and Guy, all of whom played their part in helping Grandpa live his life to the full.

Douglas's ability to connect with people was to be very important given this constant need to start from scratch with every new engineering project or firm, and there were so many! After Brands, Douglas worked for Buchan and then Fairclough, where he was appointed MD of the tunnelling division after a relatively short time. This was a period of real diversification and career growth for Douglas, with promotion and growing exposure

to international projects and tenders. He worked in countries such as Iran and Hong Kong.

In 1980, Douglas and June moved to Storrington when Douglas joined consulting firm Bush and Rennie, which ultimately became part of Ove Arup (now called simply Arup). He designed, worked or acted as adviser on all manner of tunnelling projects, including the Jubilee Line and the Channel Tunnel.

A member of the Institution of Civil Engineers for 70 years, he was a founder member of the British Tunnelling Society when it launched in 1971 and was its chairman twice, becoming a fixture of the tunnelling world. Douglas always valued everyone on a project; when later in life he looked back on his work, he would invariably talk about the foremen or tunnellers working on the jobs, not just the consultants and managers involved.

This ability to relate to people did occasionally backfire, however. Lucy's best friend Kay has a personal memory of a holiday with the family on Crete in 1979. Douglas hired a scooter to show Kay around the island, which was fun until it broke down in a deserted village, too small for a garage and with no tools to hand. However, resourceful and methodical as ever, he identified and fixed the problem, and on they went to an encounter with the head man of a neighbouring village whose wealth and status were measured by the number of goats he owned. He naturally assumed that Kay was Douglas's young wife and smiled broadly when she explained she was the friend of his daughter. He'd clearly seen this kind of thing before and indulged him, although on this occasion, she really was just the friend of his daughter!



In Storrington, Douglas committed a great deal of time and energy to St Mary's Church, Sullington. He was Fabric Officer and almost single-handedly responsible for the wonderful condition that the Church is in; he was churchwarden for around a decade, forming a wonderful alliance with Ann Salinger who was churchwarden for 24 years. He was famous for the plant stall at the biennial Sullington Flower Festival, and not just for the quantity of plants that he grew but for the quality of them too! His calligraphy skills continue with many of the Church and Flower Festival signs written in his beautiful, careful italic hand. June was famous for her baking and running an excellent cake stall, for which Douglas made a display stand which is still going strong. Douglas knew everyone and was interested in everyone. June and Douglas' garden was a true delight and the background to many happy Church social events. He is much missed, as they both are. It was a privilege to have known them both.

Douglas's dearest wish was to stay at home for as long as possible and to be close to June, whom he missed so dearly. He was supported in doing so by many, many people: friends from Church, local shops, his hairdresser, podiatrist, audiologist, his GP, and not least his loyal gardener, cleaner and latterly taxi driver. He valiantly and very successfully managed his last few years on his own after June died, keeping positive and trying to look to the future, no matter how tough things got, and we can only admire his fortitude and courage. The fight is over now; a long life, well lived!

Information adapted from the eulogy given by Lucy Parkes at her father's funeral on 19 June 2025.

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FESTIVAL OF PUDDINGS SWEETENS PATRONAL FESTIVAL

St Mary's Church, Storrington, marked its Patronal Festival in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary with a beautiful Festival Choral Evensong, bringing together choir, congregation, and community in a joyful celebration.

Stephen Bloxham, director of music said, "Since 2022 we have started to mark our Patronal Festival - Blessed Virgin Mary on the closest Sunday to 15 August. This is based on the new festival of seasons laid out in Common Worship published in 2000. We have a Patronal Eucharist Celebration in the morning and in the evening a special service followed by Festival of Puddings, fitting since Mary is the patron saint of fruit and herbs.

This year we had a Patronal Choral Evensong, although we have not sung a proper Choral Evensong for many years. Back in February I secured funding from the Choral Evensong Trust towards a drinks reception and publicity materials which contributed to a great gathering on Sunday evening. Revd Jonathan Swindells, our recent new Rector, led both services".

The Office of Choral Evensong was beautifully sung by the Church's talented choir. The choir sung *Psalm 150* by CV Stanford and the *Magnificat* and *Nunc Dimittis* in C also by CV Stanford. It was a solemn patronal service with blessed incense offered during the *Magnificat* as a symbol of honour and prayer. There was no sermon, the choir took centre stage after the Third Collect and sang *Jesu, joy of man's desiring*. The service was attended by over 50 people, including those from other denominations and holiday makers visiting the area.

The moving service, supported by the Church's talented choir and organists, Stephen Bloxham and Ian Miles, was followed by a delicious Festival of Puddings and a drinks reception in the Church. Homemade

puddings helped to raise funds to support the projects of the Mothers' Union in the Diocese of Chichester, helping families and communities both locally and further afield.

Fr Jonathan said, "My heartfelt thanks go to all who took part, from the choir, musicians and bakers to servers and guests, for making the day a special celebration of worship, community, and generosity."





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For the last two or three weeks I've been troubling about waste, more specifically plastic waste. As I work in the garden, I'm constantly picking up tiny pieces of plastic: a scrap of a bin bag or protective glove, a fragment of a bottle top, a tiny part of a shredded loyalty card or credit card. Where does it all come from? The rather sad answer is that these are some of the things that find their way into the council's garden waste collection bins and end up in the compost we buy. However, I don't know about you, but I think it's really difficult to know what to do with some plastic items, and I wonder what happens to the things I put in the recycling bins. It's okay if the packet says "Recycle at larger supermarkets" or something similar, but what if there's no guidance? Read on; I have some answers to these questions.

Luckily on a trip to the leisure centre (not for exercising purposes!) I met Karen Dock of Sussex Green Living and she sent me a really useful table decoding the plastic symbols and showing what can be recycled and where. SGL go into schools and educate our young people. A bit of research and I was able to create a second table with a few other common symbols and what they mean. I was a bit shocked to discover that at least one I thought meant you could recycle something doesn't mean that at all!

And then what about what happens to all our plastic we put into our blue topped bins? Here's what Horsham District Council says: "Plastics collected by Horsham District Council go to West Sussex County Council's

DECODING PLASTICS FOR RECYCLING		
SYMBOL	PLASTIC TYPE	RECYCLE?
 1 - PET or PETE (Polyethylene Terephthalate)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Soft drink bottles Water bottles Food trays 	 Widely recycled
 2 - HDPE (High • Density Polyethylene)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Milk bottles Detergent bottles Shampoo containers 	 Widely recycled
 3 - PVC (Polyvinyl Chloride)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pipes Window frames Cling film 	 Rarely recycled The tip! 🗑️
 4 - LDPE (Low • Density Polyethylene)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carrier bags Bread bags Squeezy bottles 	 Sometimes recycled Carrier bags, bread bags and similar to the supermarket; squeezy bottles and tubes into the blue topped bin with the lids on
 5 - PP (Polypropylene)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yogurt pots Straws Microwaveable containers 	 Sometimes recycled Into the blue topped bin
 6 - PS (Polystyrene)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disposable plates/cups Foam packaging Takeaway boxes 	 Rarely recycled The tip! 🗑️
 7 - Other (includes BPA, PC, or mixed plastics)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multi-layer packaging Baby bottles Some coffee cups 	 Not recyclable in most areas The tip! 🗑️
Hard plastics	Toys, garden plastics and coat hangers	 Not recyclable in most areas The tip! 🗑️ Although the local garden centres have places where you can put your pots and plant trays

OTHER COMMON SYMBOLS	
SYMBOL	RECYCLE?
 Mobius Loop	 Generally means the product can be recycled
 Green Dot Recycling Symbol	 This doesn't mean the product is recyclable. It means the company contributes financially to recycling scheme!
 Tidyman Symbol	 This just means throw it way responsibly.
 Compostable Symbol	 Put it onto your compost heap

recycling centres where they are sorted and processed and used to create new products."

And all those carrier bags? Tesco's answer: "Soft plastics dropped off by customers at Tesco stores will be transformed into outdoor furniture and garden equipment for NHS health centres thanks to a new recycling process. However, soft plastics recycling is still developing, and we can't recycle everything due to limited UK recycling infrastructure and the variety of items deposited. Some materials are incinerated to generate energy, but nothing is sent directly to landfill."

For more information about what to do with specific items West Sussex County Council have a very useful guide called Recycling A-Z

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/land-waste-and-housing/waste-and-recycling/recycling-and-waste-prevention-in-west-sussex/a-to-z-of-recycling>

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WEST CHILTINGTON AND STORRINGTON MOTHERS' UNION

We had a good meeting on Thursday 2 October when Dr Les Allen-Williams came along to tell us about *Interesting Insects*, one of his areas of expertise. I think some of our Branch members were happy this did not include spiders as they are

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arachnids and have eight legs, whereas most insects have six legs. We learned that insects come in all shapes and sizes, from tiny biting midges to horseflies and large tropical beetles found in rainforests and jungles. They were among the first living things on earth and will probably be the last to survive at the end of time. There are some highly coloured and beautiful ones like butterflies and rainbow-coloured beetles and some that are adapted and camouflaged to the environment around them. Some are not so pleasant like mosquitos and cockroaches!

Most insects' life cycle depends on metamorphosis from egg, larva, pupa to adult stage, with the adult part of their life usually the shortest as once they lay eggs their mission is complete. Some have very little visual change between stages, unlike the caterpillar which pupates into a chrysalis and emerges as a beautiful butterfly. Glow-worms produce a bioluminescence to attract a male.

It was a very fascinating look at the insect world and Les was a fountain of knowledge on a very diverse subject.

We finished with questions over tea and biscuits.

Dates for your diary:

6 November

Small Projects; A talk by Cilla Page of the MU – all welcome

4 December

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Sonia Fox

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

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

RIDE & STRIDE SUCCESS

The weather on 13 September was not kind; at 8am the rain was coming down like stair rods. Jacquie and John Peal had been wise; they did their ride and stride walking a few days earlier before they went on holiday. Sam Ward and his daughters postponed their start for a couple of hours, when it was drying up

a bit, but I set off cycling dressed like a sailor facing a force 8 gale. I got so wet I had to summon dry clothing to be delivered to St Mary's, Storrington!

One way or another we all completed our challenge and between us visited 16 churches. Most were open, but only two had

people to welcome us in: our own lovely St Mary's at Storrington and St Mary's, Sullington. Sam's party and I were cycling in opposite circles, but we bumped into each other in Pulborough.

Our 16 churches were Amberley, Ashington, Buncton, Coldwaltham, Greatham, Hardham, Parham, North Stoke, Pulborough, Storrington, Sullington, Thakeham, Warminghurst, Washington, West Chiltington, and Wiggonholt.

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STORRINGTON CONSERVATION SOCIETY

After dismal news about the failure of the UN to produce a Plastics Pollution Treaty, some good news. The UN has ratified a High Seas Treaty after 20 years of discussion. It is a legally binding instrument for the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction. The wording was agreed in 2023 and in September this year Morocco became the 60th (the minimum number required) country to sign the Treaty, which will come into force in January. It is now possible to protect 30% of oceans by 2030 against shipping, overfishing, pollution and deep-sea mining. Quicker and wider implementation would be even better news.

Naturally the treaty does not cover national territorial waters and it is up to each country to protect its coastal waters, hence our 2000 Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) which give protection to habitats, species and processes for healthy marine ecosystems. These include Marine Conservation Zones (MCZs), designed to protect the most important habitats and species, of which there are 89 at present, some off the Sussex coast. Treaties sound good, but implementation and policing is essential if irreversible destruction is to be prevented.

Bottom Trawling (BT) is as horrible as it sounds, and at present is still permitted in some MPAs. It uses weighted nets dragged along the seabed, which quickly destroy large areas that have been developing for hundreds of years, and releases stored carbon. It has been banned off Bognor Regis and a further 117 square miles of Sussex Coast for four and a half years and marine life is slowly recovering as a result. Consultation on banning BT in MPAs closed at the end of September and DEFRA is considering bans for 43 areas in UK waters.

Kelp forests have provided valuable marine ecosystems for at least 32 million years. They grow quickly in clear coastal waters and absorb CO₂ and protect against erosion, and create vital habitats for fish, invertebrates and marine mammals. BT has a devastating effect on kelp but the Sussex Kelp Recovery Project has found that after four years of protection from BT, ecosystems are showing signs of recovery.

It is not only BT that devastates delicate essential ecosystems. The disposal of dredged material also causes much damage in MPAs. A sad example of short-term gain at long term cost is the permission given to Brighton Marina to continue dumping dredged sediment in Beachy Head West Marine Conservation Zone. Unbelievable that these sensitive chalk reefs and marine habitats can be vandalised with the consent of supposedly caring authorities. Healthy marine environment means healthy fish and is healthy for us.

On 2 October clearance work was carried out around Cootham Pond. The work party on 11 October was at Sullington Warren continuing the heathland restoration. The work party on **Saturday 8 November** is at 10am at Hurston Warren to remove invasive birch from the heathland. Come and enjoy fresh air and cheerful company.



Cootham pond

An important diary date. On **Saturday 1 November at 2pm** we hold our AGM in Storrington Village Hall. Tea and refreshments included, all for £4. The speaker is Dr Erica McAlister on 'The Secret Lives of Flies'. She is senior Curator for flies and fleas at the Natural History Museum. All welcome.

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

Stuart Kersley

NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDEN UPDATE

I have been asked by several residents to repeat the information about the Priority Services Register. This is a free support service which provides advice and support when there is an interruption to your electricity, gas, or water supply. Energy suppliers and network operators each have their own register.

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We recommend that people who may be vulnerable or at risk during severe weather or utilities outages, should be on the Priority Services Register. Friends and relatives can assist with registration for those who may need a bit of help. More information and links to your service providers can be found here: www.thePSR.co.uk

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Come and discover their intriguing heritage which otherwise remains a mystery hidden behind the other side of the bar.

PS The talk is guaranteed to finish before closing time!



STORRINGTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Turmeric – Plant Hunting in India

At the September meeting we enjoyed a talk by Dr Tony Booker, about Turmeric growing in India.

Turmeric is a medicinal herb, which is part of the Ginger family. In tropical climates, it is a perennial herb and the roots and rhizomes are harvested annually. In non-tropical climates, it can be grown as an annual.

It is often taken as a supplement and is regarded as anti-inflammatory, anti-microbial, as an antacid (for gastro-intestinal issues), and as having liver-protective properties. It is poorly absorbed into the body, and is best taken as a capsule, and accompanied by milk, butter or ghee, as it dissolves in fat rather than water. Black pepper also improves absorption.

Turmeric grows all over India but is best in the south which is where Tony focussed his research, sharing interesting pictures of farming, harvesting and processing there. In India, most households buy rhizomes, dry and crush them at home, and store in airtight containers. In the UK it is sometime possible to buy rhizomes, but it is more usual to buy the spice as a powder, and to buy supplements as tablets or capsules.

Although there is some regulation of herbal medicine, there is no real control over the constituents of supplements. Tony and his team collected 54 samples commercially available in Europe, India and USA, and subjected them to analysis with the results differing wildly, and in some cases the most expensive samples contained the smallest percentages of turmeric.

The evening finished with light refreshments and a raffle.

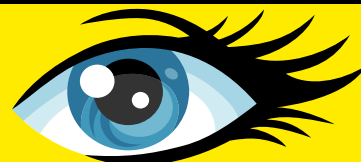
Our meeting on **21 November at 7.30pm** includes the AGM, which will be followed by a talk entitled People Places and Plants, by Jim Gardiner.

Jo Myland

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DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE MIDDLE EAST

On Thursday 11 September, St Mary's Church, Storrington held a Day of Prayer for the Middle East. The event was organised by Revd Jacqui Peal and the St Luke's Prayer Ministry Team. Reflective displays were available for visitors to read, with reflections and highlighting some of the current issues going on in the Middle East. Our thanks to Sonia and Stephen for putting these together. There was also a food prayer station. The Middle East is a land of richness of food and hospitality. There were dates, olives, and flatbreads with Zaytoun olive oil to eat, as well as fresh produce such as pomegranates and aubergines to touch and feel. Visitors were invited to light candles on the choir steps and two olive trees were kindly offered by Alyson Heath in Pulborough, which offered a poignant focal point. The day closed with a time of quiet reflection and Compline led by Fr Jonathan.

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

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

For more information contact Barbara (741236).

CHURCH SERVICES AT A GLANCE

		STORRINGTON St Mary's	THAKEHAM St Mary's	SULLINGTON St Mary's
DATE	FESTIVAL OR SUNDAY			
2 November	ALL SAINTS SUNDAY 4 th before Advent	8am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Messy Church in Old School (ends 11am) 10am Parish Communion 4pm Service of Light, Hope and Remembrance	10.30am Thakeham & Sullington Joint Family Holy Communion	8.30am BCP Communion 3pm Evensong
9 November	Remembrance Sunday 3 rd before Advent	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion 2.55pm Service of Remembrance – see p6	10.30am Morning Prayer Act of Remembrance	10.30am Morning Prayer Act of Remembrance
16 November	2nd before Advent	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion with St Luke's Prayer Ministry	8.30am Celtic Communion	10.30am Joint Holy Communion
23 November	CHRIST THE KING Sunday Next Before Advent	8am Holy Communion (said) 10.30am Parish Communion	10.30am Holy Communion	10.30am Holy Communion
30 November	ADVENT SUNDAY	8am Holy Communion (said) 10.30am Joint Family Holy Communion		10.30am Joint 5 th Sunday Service
7 December	Advent 2	8am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Messy Church in Old School (ends 11am) 10am Parish Communion Children's Gift Service 4pm Evensong	10.30am Thakeham & Sullington Joint Family Holy Communion	8.30am BCP Communion 3pm Evensong

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

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

OTHER CHURCH DETAILS

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Our Lady of England, Monastery Lane

Sunday Mass: 9am Weekday Masses: Tuesday at 10am

Thursday at 10am followed by confessions and Adoration to 11.30am

There may be weekly variations, do check the newsletter on our website:

www.ourladyofengland.parishportal.net

Parish Priest: Fr Stephen Dingley Email: storrington@abdiocese.org.uk

Office contact number: 882297

STORRINGTON CHAPEL EVANGELICAL CHURCH

North Street, RH20 4DH

Sunday Services at 10.30am, with Communion on third Sunday

Prayer Meeting at 7.30pm every Tuesday

Email: contacts@storringtonchapel.org.uk

www.storringtonchapel.org.uk

LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH, STORRINGTON

Chanctonbury Leisure Centre, Spierbridge Road

Family Worship – Sundays 10am

Enquiries to Katherine Edwards

Life Community Church Office, 7 The Square, Storrington

Office open: Monday – Wednesday.

Out of hours contact: Nathanael on nat@lccstor.org

Tel: 07450 176315 Email: admin@lccstor.org www.lccstor.org

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH

Thakeham Road

Sunday Service 10.30am

Minister: Revd Steven Donnison Tel: 245799

Email: trinitychurchstorrington@outlook.com

www.facebook.com/TrinityStorrington

Our building is now registered for same-sex marriage

WEEKLY EVENTS

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

Fri 9.30am Storrington Community Market – Village Hall

STORRINGTON LIBRARY – Tel. 839050

Opening Hours

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

Knit and natter Adults Wednesdays 2pm-3pm

Toddler time Under 5s Thursdays 10am-10.30am

Rhyme time Under 5s Tuesdays 10.45am-11.15am

STORRINGTON POP-IN LUNCH CLUB

Storrington Village Hall

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

Enjoy a nourishing meal with dessert

ALL ARE WELCOME

Buy a ticket at The Hub in Storrington

Co-ordinator: Penny Barnes (01798 815129)

Come and meet old friends and make new ones

All for only £3!



The Churches of Storrington invite you to

SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB

A CHANCE TO GATHER TOGETHER OVER A MEAL, AND BE WITH FRIENDS OLD AND NEW

9 November at 1pm

at the Old School, School Lane, Storrington

Tickets £5.00 are available from

Louisa Austin, Church Street, Storrington



WHAT'S ON

NOVEMBER	
Sat 1	
2pm	Storrington Conservation Society – AGM – p16
Sun 2 4th Sunday before Advent – ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY	
9.30am	Messy Church – p15
4pm	Service of Light, Hope and Remembrance at St Mary's, Storrington
Mon 3	
2.30pm	Reading Friends – Storrington Library – p29
7pm	Storrington Slimmers – p22
Tue 4	
9.15am	Inter-Church Prayers – Storrington Priory Library – p3
2pm	SPACE – Arts & Craft Club – p17
1.15pm	Arts Society of West Sussex – Meeting – p21
Wed 5	
9.50am	Arts Society South Downs – Talk – p33
4pm	Stay & Play – SEN Group – p23
Thu 6	
11.30am	Storrington Pop-In Lunch Club – p18
2pm	MU Meeting – p15
Fri 7	
2.30pm	Storrington Museum – Talk – p17
6.30pm	Storrington Flower Club – Open Evening – p20
Sat 8	
10am	Storrington Conservation Society – Working Party – p16
11.30am	Christmas Fayre – Thakeham Village Hall – p4
Sun 9 3rd Sunday before Advent – REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY	
1pm	Sunday Lunch Club – Old School, Storrington – p18
2.55pm	Service of Remembrance – p6
Mon 10	
11am	Storrington Community Café – p21
7pm	Storrington Slimmers – p22
7.30pm	Thakeham Gardeners' Club – Meeting – p33
Tue 11	
11am	Remembrance outside White Horse Hotel, Storrington
Wed 12	
10.30am	Café in the Church (Communion at 10am) – p9
4pm	Stay & Play – SEN Group – p23
7.30pm	Rotary Film Night – <i>The Salt Path</i> – p25
Fri 14	
2pm	Memorial Service – Michael J Rymer – St Mary's, Storrington
Sat 15	
10am	Simulator Bellringing Practice – St Mary's, Storrington
11am	Christmas Fayre – Sullington Parish Hall – p5
Sun 16 2nd Sunday before Advent	
Mon 17	
7pm	Storrington Slimmers – p22
Tue 18	
2pm	Knit and Stitch – p4
2pm	SPACE – Arts & Craft Club – p17
12.30pm	West Chiltington Floral Club – Christmas Workshop – p23
Wed 19	
4pm	Stay & Play – SEN Group – p23

Thu 20	
10.30am	Cuppa and a Chat – Chanctonbury Leisure Centre – p30
7.30pm	West Chilt Dramatic Society – Play Performance – p22
Fri 21	
7.30pm	Storrington Horticultural Society – AGM & Talk – p17
7.30pm	West Chilt Dramatic Society – Play Performance – p22
Sat 22	
10am	Art Exhibition – Storrington Museum – p30
7.30pm	West Chilt Dramatic Society – Play Performance – p22
Sun 23 Sunday Next before Advent – CHRIST THE KING	
10am	Art Exhibition – Storrington Museum – p30
Mon 24	
7pm	Storrington Slimmers – p22
Tue 25	
2pm	Storrington Macular Group – p17
Wed 26	
10.30am	Trinity Sunshine Choir – p15
2.30pm	Café in the Church (Communion at 2pm) – p9
4pm	Stay & Play – SEN Group – p23
Sun 30 ADVENT SUNDAY	

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

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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL DAYS

NOVEMBER	
1 ALL SAINTS' DAY	
2 All Souls' Day (Commemoration of the Faithful Departed)	
3 Richard Hooker, 1600 , Anglican priest and theologian	
<i>Martin of Porres, 1639</i> , renowned for work with the poor	
6 Leonard, 6th century	
<i>William Temple, 1944</i> , Archbishop of York and Canterbury	
7 Willibrord of York, 739 , Apostle of the Benelux countries	
8 The Saints and Martyrs of England	
9 Margery Kempe, c.1440 , wrote first autobiography about her pilgrimages	
10 Leo the Great, 461 , secured unity of Western church under papal supremacy	
11 Martin of Tours, c.397 , Christian saint – famous story of cutting his cloak	
13 Charles Simeon, 1836 , founder of Church Missionary Society	
14 Samuel Seabury, 1796 , first bishop of Episcopal Church in USA	
16 Margaret, Queen of Scotland, 1093 , saint, recognised for her work with charity and religious reform	
<i>Edmund Rich of Abingdon, 1240</i> , Archbishop of Canterbury, university colleges named after him	
17 Hugh of Lincoln, 1200 , Bishop, patron saint of sick children and swans	
18 Elizabeth of Hungary, 1231 , devoted her short life to poor and sick	
19 Hilda, 680 , important in conversion of England to Christianity	
<i>Mechtild, 1280</i>	
20 Edmund, 870	
<i>Priscilla Lydia Sellon, 1876</i> , founded Society of the Most Holy Trinity	
22 Cecilia, c.230 , patron saint of music	
23 Clement, Bishop of Rome, c.100 , considered first Apostolic Father of the Church	
25 Catherine of Alexandria, c. 305 , martyr, the firework, Catherine Wheel, is named after her	
<i>Isaac Watts, 1748</i>	
30 ANDREW THE APOSTLE, Patron of Scotland	

STORRINGTON & SULLINGTON - REFLECTIONS OF THE PAST

REVD HENRY PALMER AT SULLINGTON – PART 41

The Rector had the pleasure on Christmas Eve of making "two valuable additions to my library – "The Epistle to the Galatians" by Lightfoot, reviewed in McMillan as a memorable and comprehensive work, and, "The Life and Letters of F.W. Robertson" part of which I have already devoured. They stir one up grandly and show the storing of quick and devout mind before it obtained a settlement."

Christmas Day brought two pretty good congregations, after which Mr Palmer paid a visit to Mrs Charman, who he found not so well. The morning produced a very good attendance – male – and rustic, with a dozen at Holy Communion, "more of the labouring class that I have yet seen on a Xmas Day." A very few came to the afternoon service. I preached to about 15. Where could one alter the time of services to make the attendance better? I must make enquiries." His day concluded with a dinner invitation from the 84-year-old Major Sandham, who had his son the Colonel and family there. A relaxed day followed allowing Mr Palmer to read his new "Lightfoot on Galatians" which he found "a thorough work shewing the accuracy of Cambridge Training" [and would prove material for future sermons].

After Christmas there was a round of parish visits, including "Poor Mrs Charman" who was much worse. The Rector recorded, "Her brute of a husband got drunk on Christmas Day! I am happy to add dislocated his shoulder." Then on to Wantley and Fryern where he learnt that Fred did not accept the invitation to the wedding.

December 28th was very stormy, but Mr Palmer left home at 7.15am for Steyning, where he took the train on his way to Brighton and St Leonards. He enjoyed the journey past historical Pevensey with its old castle looking so wild and weird in the driving storm. "At Polegate saw teasles being shipped off in trucks for the silk manufactories, where I have seen them used for dressing the coarse web and bringing out the nap – e.g. on silk hats. They are put on a frame when roughly prepared. They seem like a counter frame – when roughly prepared – they seem like a sweep's brush.

Found A. looking pale and thin. Where she is, seems too lofty without privacy and hardly what one would like for her, but we took a walk, and she seemed strong and pretty able. Wind very strong all day and a fine sea along two miles of coast, which is far prettier than any other Sussex bit: being rocky: St Leonards and Hastings is about 2 miles. Called in at Napier on my way home, and settled about the mags.

Although the next day still brought a very heavy gale and rain, our hardy Rector "contrived to get out to Mrs Charman whose course in transferring her secret savings in the Bank to George and James, her sons, I approved under her sad circumstances. Why should the sweat of her brow be the means of hastening her drunken husband's ruin? Read her some hymns with which she was much delighted.

Then to our new arrivals, the Blackmans, who seem a nice couple. The man has been a hill shepherd all his life, 40 years of work, who came to church and partook of the Sacrament for the first time on Christmas Day for 12 years." There was an old tradition that shepherds were always buried with a piece of sheep's wool in their fist, so that God would know why they could not get to church!

The end of December, a Sunday, "a most disappointing day. Heavy gale with pelting rain all day! No one could get to church though we had the Holy Communion, to which only 6. In aft. but 10! Must fairly own this is disheartening to me and am tempted to think my discourse thrown away... but this is pride. I spoke on the Necessary Preparation for Death from "Set thine house in order for thou shalt die and not live". Apart from this melancholy thought, he returns to his Robertson's Life and Letters, which he says "grows upon me", and continues with a critique on the book, ending, "... seems to me too purely human."

Reviewing the year in his usual way 'to set his own house in order' he begins with –

"1865

Where we were on Christmas Day.
My mother, Sullington
George, Eland House, Hampstead

Charlie, Chithurst
Annie, Catherine House, St Leonards
Emily, Bradston Brook
Self, Sullington
Edward, Meerut, India

He continues with a comparison of the money accounts of 1864 and 1865. "The balance in my hands carried on to 1866 is cheering. I have £100 lying in the bank which I hope I shall not require to touch. For this I feel very thankful and hope if my health continues, gradually to obtain a yearly increase sufficient and to meet the annual decrease of the living. This can only be done by hard work and by care and economy in small things, by not travelling unnecessarily and by judicious arrangements in managing the glebe as I now understand far better than 5 years ago, also I must pocket Pride and not think overmuch of my Position here which is Genteel Poverty." This all sounds very good, but Emmy's wedding was looming and H.P.'s social circle was one of wealth... He was able to take a few private pupils, which brought some additional income, but also had to provide them with board and lodging, and the wider experience of his social life as they lodged "en famille". The diary added notes of the year's events – the death of Cobden in April being the main one – with comments on his life. A list of publications is an interesting one.

"Southdown Periodical Comp. McMillan's Mag
Quarterly Review Cornhill
Edinburgh Review All the Year Round
Blackwood Mag. Xn Remembrance
Gentleman's Mag."

Was this list the Rector's own reading, or a proposal for the new Magazine Club? We do not know. A strange end to the 1866 entry is a long poem by Lord Macaulay, entitled "Manslaughter". It is a dissertation on the actual word and various ways of playing with it. It must have appealed to the Rector's mind for him to have recorded all 11 4-line verses in his diary.

Joan Ham (Village Historian)



**Storrington
Flower Club**

OPEN EVENING

FRIDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2025

Doors open 6.30pm for 7.30pm start

**Sullington Parish Hall,
Thakeham Road, Storrington RH20 3PP**

Demonstrator:
CORAL GARDINER

'Tree Mendous Christmas'

Tickets £18 – includes a glass of wine

Flower Raffle and General Raffle

For tickets contact
Gwen Moss 01903 745670

ACTIVITIES AT THE VILLAGE HUB

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

TUESDAY

In Stitches – 1.30pm to 3pm

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



THURSDAY

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

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



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

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



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

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



SATURDAY

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

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



CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUPS ON FRIDAYS

Chanctonbury Leisure Centre



Sparks Toddler Group – 10am – 11.30am

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

Fireworks Kids Club – 6pm – 7.15pm



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

Wildfires Youth Group – 7.30pm – 9pm



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

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



Storrington Community Café

Monday 10 Nov

Monday 8 Dec

From 11.00am to 12:30pm

Storrington Library, North Street Car Park,
Storrington, RH20 4NZ

A support group for the community in a warm venue with a friendly atmosphere to chat and enjoy a cuppa and talk about any concerns you may have.

For more info please contact your Neighbourhood Wardens:
Chris Peore: 07795 046743 | John Sampson: 07789 943201
Email: Storrington-SullingtonWardens@horsham.gov.uk



THE ARTS
SOCIETY
WEST SUSSEX

Tuesday 4 November

Ian Gledhill will talk on **Art Deco – Whatever happened to Art Nouveau?**

Art Nouveau, partly through British influence metamorphosed into Art Deco – the style that defined the jazz era. The talk will look at all aspects of design, not just architecture, and examine the influences that made Art Deco the colourful style that is still influential today.



Tuesday 2 December

A talk by Hilary Guise **Star of Wonder, Star of Light: New Evidence for the Star of Bethlehem**

The real Star did exist, but what it was and where it shone has been taken on trust for two thousand years. What we learn in this lecture, aligns perfectly with prophecies in the Old Testament and the astrological readings of the Magi.



Talks held at 2pm in Fittleworth Village Hall RH20 1JB

Doors open 1.15. Coffee & tea afterwards

Non-members welcome – £8

Contact Jackie Buckler on 01903411086
or email westsussex@theartsociety.org
www.theartsocietywestsussex.org

SOUTH DOWNS PROBUS



In early July, members of several local Probus Clubs met at Southwick Croquet Club for their annual ding-dong.

We were divided by the organiser-in-chief, Jonathan Isaacs, into two groups, the smaller group being the so-called 'professionals' who claimed to know how to play, and the hoi-polloi, a much larger group who pretended they didn't know one end of a mallet from a banana. So, they sat and went through the game and the protocols whilst receiving instruction in the arcane rules etc and enjoying a coffee.



The day was sunny but cool with an on-shore breeze; this was a day made for competition and we set about the play with some gusto.

We were soon embroiled in fantasizing our ability to force that ginormous ball through that miniscule hoop from about 20 yards away and go round the pitch (called a lawn for some reason) in a systematic manner. Well, you can imagine the number of deflated egos from these retired captains of industry (how is the country managing without us?).



Eventually peace broke out and we stopped for an admirable buffet lunch provided by the Club volunteers and a good sit-down. But after a while the carnage re-emerged and the players were whittled down to

the ultimate finalists; the Craigs and the Johnstons from South Downs Club. It had been nip and tuck for both parties up till that moment but then the Craigs changed ends and slewed their mallets with maximum torque and their balls passed through every hoop without touching the sides. One is led to wonder if they have been practising in Singapore where they spend most of their time.

The Johnstons were crushed in defeat and vowed to try again next year, as did all the other miscreants after thanks were given to Jonathan and his team for another great day.

The Club is very keen on meeting you if you would like a taster of our times and enjoy the society of interesting gentlemen and the things we do, and the lunches with amazing speakers. If you think you would be interested in joining us, or if you know someone who might do so, please contact David (dce.brewerton@gmail.com) or Don (donjohnston@btinternet.com).

Don Johnston

STORRINGTON SLIMMERS

MONDAY EVENINGS from 7pm to 8pm
St Mary's Church, Storrington

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



£2.50
per week

No joining fee or
charge for weeks
missed!



West Chilmington Dramatic Society



We had a well-attended Play Reading for Fun at the end of September in the conservatory of The Five Bells in West Chilmington. We read *The Patient* by Agatha Christie and probably created more comedy than was intended for this 'attempted murder' mystery!

We are now focused on our November production, the comedy *Nobody's Perfect* by Simon Williams, directed by Sue Goble. This will take place at 7.30pm on the evenings of **20, 21 and 22 November** at West Chilmington Village Hall. Rehearsals and preparations are well underway. This play is going to be hilarious to watch!

Synopsis: *Nobody's Perfect* is about a shy statistician and single parent, Leonard, who dreams of becoming a novelist, much to the amusement of his teenage daughter, Dee Dee and his disreputable father, Gus. Leonard submits his latest manuscript to a women-only contest under the pseudonym of Myrtle Banbury, but, when publisher, Harriet, offers him a deal, 'Myrtle' must make an appearance! As romance also starts to blossom, things become even more complicated. Can Dee Dee and Gus save the day?

Please come along and find out! Tickets cost £12 for adults, £6 for under 18s. They are on sale via our website www.wcds.co.uk or from our local box offices: NISA Local and The Post Office Stores, both in West Chilmington. There will be tea and coffee, a licensed bar and a raffle each evening. We look forward to welcoming you.

Our website: www.wcds.co.uk also has more information about our friendly society, as well as how to join. We welcome new members, whether for roles on or off-stage.

Angela Sloan
Chair WCDS

West Chilmington Dramatic Society
presents

Nobody's Perfect

A Comedy by Simon Williams Directed by Sue Goble

20, 21 and 22 November at 7.30pm
West Chilmington Village Hall

Tickets: ADULTS £12 / UNDER 18s £6
Purchase online at www.wcds.co.uk
or at Nisa Local or Post Office Stores, West Chilmington

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd on behalf of Samuel French Ltd



EVENTS

AT THE OLD WORKSHOP, SULLINGTON MANOR FARM

Autumn Art at Sullington: The Ceramics Edition

30 October to 9 November

Open daily from 10am to 4pm

We invite you to explore a creative space where the joy of working with clay comes to life. Each piece in this exhibition is a testament to the unique artistry and craftsmanship of our community, celebrating the enduring beauty of handmade ceramics.

Our carefully curated programme showcases a diverse range of contemporary ceramic works by both emerging and established artists. As you wander through the exhibition, you'll encounter one-of-a-kind pieces that seamlessly blend traditional techniques with modern design.

From elegant functional ware that enhances daily rituals, to bold decorative pieces and abstract forms that spark the imagination, Autumn Art at Sullington: The Ceramics Edition is a vibrant celebration of local talent and creativity rooted in the South Downs.

The on-site café will be serving a delicious selection of savoury dishes and homemade cakes — perfect for a relaxed visit with friends. You might just discover a piece to take home and treasure.

Free entry and parking. Fully accessible.

Join Jess for a Festive Wreath-Making Workshop!

27 November or 1 December – £75pp

Morning sessions: 10am to 12.30pm

Afternoon sessions: 2pm to 4.30pm

Let Jess from Jessica Lila Florist guide you step-by-step through creating your very own glorious Christmas wreath. With her expert eye, years of experience, and warm, friendly approach, you'll craft a wreath full of festive flair; perfect for getting you, your friends, and family into the holiday spirit.

The workshop takes place in the beautiful 16th-century Old Workshop at Sullington Manor Farm; a truly atmospheric setting to spark your creativity. To keep the inspiration flowing, you'll be treated to delicious homemade cakes during the session.

Make a day of it by booking lunch at The Old Workshop Café, either before or after your wreath-making experience, to enjoy more time together and indulge in the Christmas season.

Book directly with Jess by email or phone, hello@jessicalilaflorist.com or 01903 389014.

WEST CHILTINGTON FLORAL CLUB (AFFILIATED TO NAFAS)

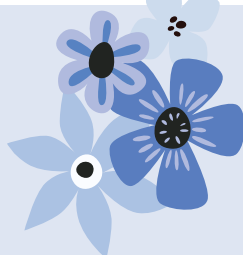
Tuesday 18 November, 12.30pm for 1pm
Christmas Workshop with Barbara Hoy

Visitors are most welcome - £7.00

Visitors must please book in advance and contact Brenda or Carol for the worksheet regarding materials for the Workshop)

Brenda on 01798 813712 or Carol
on 01798 813608

Email: wchiltfloralclub@gmail.com



ART AT SULLINGTON: THE CERAMICS EDITION

30 Oct - 9 Nov
10 - 4 daily



Scan this QR
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The Old Workshop cafe
Sullington Manor Farm
Sullington Lane
RH20 4AE

www.sullingtonmanorfarm.co.uk
info@sullingtonmanorfarm.co.uk



Free Weekly Sessions
5th Nov - 10th Dec

STAY AND PLAY FOR CHILDREN WITH SEN OR AUTISM



Wednesdays
4pm - 5.30pm
Term time only

Chanctonbury Leisure Centre,
Spierbridge Road, RH20 4PG

A fun packed session for young people to enjoy lots of new activities!

We have a bouncy castle, table tennis, soft play area, quiet area and other activities. Parents are required to supervise, siblings welcome.

For more information please contact your Neighbourhood Wardens:
Email: Storrington-SullingtonWardens@horsham.gov.uk
Email: Ashington.wardens@horsham.gov.uk



It's a new academic year at Storrington Primary School and term is already in full swing.

A new year brings a new cohort of Reception children into school. These 4- and 5-year-old children always bring with them the excitement and enthusiasm of learning things for the first time, and this year's cohort are no exception to the rule. The Reception children this year are settling wonderfully well into life at Storrington and enjoying learning throughout the early years setting. We're really pleased with how they are getting on and look forward to continuing to see them grow and learn through this year and beyond!



The start of the year saw our Year 6 children have the opportunity to visit the Isle of Wight for the week as their residential visit. The Year 6 children this year had an amazing time having the opportunity to take part in a range of different outdoor activities such as

abseiling, climbing and sailing, to name but a few! As well as having this amazing opportunity, it is also the first time for many of the children that they have been away from home for such a long time. They were a credit to the school and their families, and we couldn't be more proud of what amazing ambassadors they were for the school whilst they were away.

Our Year 4 pupils began the term visiting Worthing Assembly halls to watch Worthing Symphony Orchestra perform. They enjoyed listening to many different pieces of music, some classical and some from well-known films such as *The Pirates of the Caribbean*.

As we settle into autumn properly, our annual harvest celebrations have taken place. Our Key Stage 2 children enjoyed visiting St Mary's Church, Storrington to celebrate harvest led by Father Jonathon and Key Stage 1 enjoyed sharing harvest songs with parents and carers in school.

As you can see it has been a busy and exciting start to the academic year and I look forward to sharing more of our news in the near future.



Mr Choate, Headteacher

theWI WI NEWS INSPIRING WOMEN SULLINGTON WINDMILLS

At the meeting on Wednesday 17 September, 33 members plus four guests gathered.

The speaker was Hamish Brown MBE, who spoke about his experiences as a Metropolitan police officer, dealing with the crime of stalking. He outlined some of the cases he had been involved with, some of which were disturbing, but he assured those listening that the Police take this type of crime very seriously, as they are fully aware of the detrimental effect this can have on victims' mental health and well-being. Members were given the opportunity to ask him questions and he was thanked for his extremely interesting and informative talk.

New members are always welcome. If you are interested, please contact our President, Alison, at alisonforster@btinternet.com

Lynn Harris, Secretary

NATIONAL LOTTERY GRANT HELPS LOCAL PROJECT LOOK TO A SHARING FUTURE

Sussex Green Living has received a National Lottery Community Fund award to expand its work with young people and families, while exploring the creation of a "Library of Things" for the town.

SGL is best known for running the monthly Repair Café and Green Hub in Horsham. Since it launched, volunteers have repaired hundreds of household items and garments, saving residents thousands in replacement costs and preventing waste from going to landfill or incineration. The new funding will help the group target 17–25-year-olds and families with young children, with extra activities at the Repair Café, family-friendly events and skills-sharing opportunities. Champions will also be recruited to take pop-up repair cafés and skill swaps into colleges and community venues.



The Mobile Share Shed run by the Network of Wellbeing – a travelling

The first new activity will be Crafternoons, held each month from 12–2pm at the Repair Café. These relaxed, informal drop-ins are open to all ages: a chance to get creative, learn new skills, and enjoy some community connection. People are welcome to bring along their knitting, embroidery, drawing, or any project they're working on, or simply join in with activities on offer. Repurposed materials are provided for children's crafts, and tea, coffee and cake are served from the community café, along with plenty of good company. Further new activities are planned for the coming months.

Alongside repairing and reusing, the team is also looking ahead to the next big step: a Library of Things. This is a space where people can borrow useful items such as tools, garden and kitchen equipment, toys and baby items rather than buying them new. It is a model that is beginning to take root across the UK. In Sussex, the only example we know of so far is Share Haywards Heath, which has already shown the benefits of making everyday items affordable and accessible while cutting waste.

The idea is particularly relevant to younger people setting up homes, and to families with children who often need expensive items for only a short time. Sussex Green Living hopes that, with the right support, the next adventure could be the creation of a mobile Library of Things, building on its track record of mentoring more than 40 new repair cafés across the Southeast. Director and Founder of Sussex Green Living Carrie Cort said: "Repairing is just the start. Our aim is to reboot how we involve younger generations in climate action, building a culture where sharing replaces buying. A Library of Things could make a real difference to household budgets and to the environment."

For details of upcoming Repair Café dates, Crafternoons, and other activities, sign up for our newsletter at <https://tinyurl.com/ztrdkhjw>.

"Library of Things" and an inspiring model for what Sussex Green Living hopes to create in Horsham.



WEATHER WATCH

A weather saying tells us that "September can dry up the wells, or break down the bridges". There have been some very heavy rains and some notable droughts over the years. In 1959 most of Sussex was virtually rainless whilst in 1968 bridges were literally washed away when parts of Sussex had five times their monthly rainfall.

September started like it was going to break records for wetness with low pressure sweeping across the South, energised by the sea made warm by the record summer heat. My Heath Common weather station recorded 55mm in just the first three days. What a contrast to the general dryness of the summer. A few fine days then occurred followed by another very unsettled spell of weather and by the 14th I had recorded 111m of rain. But then there was a giant swing of the weather pendulum bringing a reversal of fortune with only 5mm of rain falling from the 15th to the end of the month. It still managed to be the first month since February that was wetter than average.



It was during the unsettled first half of the month that I followed in the footsteps of Cannon Palmer of Sullington. His interesting diary entries which include remarks on the weather are regularly featured in the 3 Heralds. He wrote about his particularly adventurous

crossing of the Alps, via the Simplon Pass in southern Switzerland during the 1860s. He nearly came to grief when during a severe thunderstorm; his mode of travel, a horse drawn diligence, was almost swept into a steep ravine by huge boulders dislodged by the storm. I stayed in the Simplon area and saw on display at Brig historic stagecoaches that plied the Simplon Pass, and one could have been Cannon Palmer's diligence. Unlike his weather my whole week in Switzerland was rainless and the last few days were hot and cloudless.

Back in Storrington, September 2025 was the coolest since 2018.

The highest temperature was just 24°C. In 2023 we had 12 days warmer than this. There were some cool nights, and I measured five grass frosts. Despite the unsettled first half I recorded no thunder or hail. The warm summer meant many orchards and gardens had a bumper crop of apples. I photographed a tree laden with the variety 'Crawley Beauty'. The month ended on a fine and sunny note with excellent visibility along



the Sussex coast and a nice display of colour in my garden of a sumac tree and sunflowers.

Will October bring an Indian Summer or autumnal gales. Find out in next month's Weather Watch.

Ian Currie

*Weatherman, Speaker, Broadcaster,
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Wednesday 12th November 2025



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Close of Season

Just three matches were played in September to finish the season. In the 1st XI's last League match, a defeat by Worthing, Douglas Sopp scored another half century to consolidate his position as the top run scorer in the senior section of the Club. In a friendly with Lancing Manor, abandoned owing to rain, Massimo Phillips scored an unbeaten 90 to add to his season's record tally of over 1,000 runs for the junior section. The last match was another friendly and low scoring, won by Amberley. Both senior teams have retained their League positions.

The highlight of the month was the presentation of the Cygnets' main awards on Friday 5 September. The Cotton Cup was awarded to Finlay Evans-Walls; sadly Mrs Cotton was unable to attend this year owing to ill health. The Jaggs Cup went to Lea Diana and a new award, the Champion's Cup, was presented to Massimo Phillips who has been retained by Sussex for their County A squad. Thomas Clarke, another of our prolific junior run scorers this season has been offered a place in the County Development B squad. Other Cygnets' awards were spread over successive Fridays during the month.

Owing to spiralling venue costs Sussex will not be offering any indoor matches for juniors but we are hoping to enter an indoor league provided elsewhere.

The winter training programme for juniors starts in the Leisure Centre in November on Sundays from 2.30pm to 4pm as follows:

9 November – U9s and U10s
16 November – Women and Girls
23 November – U13 and U14
30 November – U9 and U10
14 December – Women and Girls

Free taster sessions will be available for newcomers who can contact the Club via our website storringtoncricket.club.

The Club's Annual General Meeting is being held in the Pavilion on Thursday 13 November at 7.30pm. The Club, along with the Parish Council, is waiting to hear if some of the Community Infrastructure Levy monies held by Horsham District Council might be channelled towards our Pavilion re-development project. A contractor has been engaged to carry out essential work on the wicket Square.

Chris Winter



Cotton Cup awarded to Finlay Evans-Walls



Champion's Cup awarded to Massimo Phillips



Jaggs Cup awarded to Lea Diana



New Parish Councillors

The Chairman welcomed Claudia Fisher and Alan Manton to the Parish Council. Both are also district councillors and bring experienced local government insight.

Devolution

WSCC has announced its preference for a single unitary authority for the local government reorganisation quoting savings of £30m a year greater than the two-unitary authority. However, Horsham District Council's preference is for the two-unitary model which it says ".... keeps local government close to communities, maintains clear accountability and reflects the natural geography and identity of our area."

Autumn/winter events

The Remembrance Day Parade on 9 November is a very important day for villagers, and especially for the guides, scouts and cadets who are proud to take part. As usual, the Parish Council and Warden will oversee street management and with other volunteers act as marshals during the parade.

Preparations for the Xmas Event on 4 December are well underway led by the committee members from the local business group. This year promises to be our best event ever!

Food recycling bins

Further to Recycle Week in September, residents should watch out for food collection bins coming our way from Horsham District Council.

Parish Council office

We will have additional help in the parish office from October with an intern joining us for 16 hours a week. The office has been under-resourced for a long time compared to parishes of our size and this expansion will enable us to manage the workload more effectively.

Emergency Plan

Preparations are underway for any winter or local emergencies. The Parish would love to hear from any volunteers who could be available if needed. Anyone with specialist equipment (eg snow clearance) or skills which could be useful is also invited to contact us and be registered.

Priority Services Register

The Parish Council recommend that people who may be vulnerable or at risk during severe weather or utilities outages, be on the Priority Services Register.

Energy suppliers and network operators each have their own register. Friends and relatives can assist with registration for those who may need a bit of help. More information and links to your service providers can be found here: www.theprsr.co.uk

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Village

The Parish Council is delighted with the refurbishment of Villcrest Place in the centre of Storrington where there were numerous uneven patches. Various other improvements have been completed recently including the skate park.

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For those who are unaware, Life Support is a charity that supports many in Africa. They are involved in housing, educating, clothing and providing water to many people, especially the young, who desperately need support. Unlike many charities, everything we make goes directly to those in need. We will be telling you more about what we do in a subsequent article.

Our present group project is a knitted nativity set including Mary, Joseph and baby, with an angel and star, three kings, shepherds, a donkey, camel and sheep and, of course, a stable! You can see a photo of the set we made last year. This year's will be very similar, however each set is completely unique, especially the camel! A great deal of laughter was occasioned by that camel! The set will be raffled to raise money for our African homes so please support us if you can by buying raffle tickets from the Village Hub.



We will also be making poppies ready for Remembrance Day, also available from the Village Hub.

If anyone would like to come along and see how much fun can be had with a crochet hook, knitting needles or fabric, we would love to see you. Some in our group are very experienced, others absolute beginners.

We are happy to teach or just help learn more. Even better, you might be able to help us. There is no obligation to come every week and no charge. Tea and coffee are available. We ask only that you bring a sense of humour, love of crafts and enjoy meeting other people. See you soon, I hope.

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Members enjoyed a talk from Steve Webster on 'Deceivers, Death Caps and Fairy Rings' at the September meeting.

Several members experienced a tour of Chalk Farm Flowers in Findon on 5 September followed by tea and a cream and jam scone. We were shown around



by Molly who runs the farm with her partner Ben. Molly explained how they started and how they grow their flowers from seed. It was a pleasure to see such enthusiasm and the Club wishes them every success.

Our next meeting is **Monday 10 November** when Steve Millam will talk about *Soil Matters*. There isn't a competition this month but 2026 subscriptions will be due and tickets will be on sale for our Christmas party.

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

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Chris Bradley an expert in the history and culture of the Middle East, Asia and North Africa. Chris has built up an enviable knowledge and personal photographic library.

Wednesday 3 December

A TUDOR CHRISTMAS

Speaker: Siobhan Clarke

We might assume that our modern Christmas owes much to the Victorians. In fact, carol-singing, present-giving, mulled wine and mince pies were all just as popular in Tudor times. This lecture is based on Siobhan's book with Alison Weir, *A Tudor Christmas*. It was a twelve-day-long festival, over which the Lord of Misrule held sway; so beloved by English people that its traditions survived remarkably unchanged in an age of tumultuous religious upheaval.

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