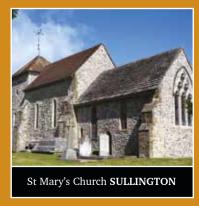
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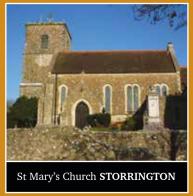
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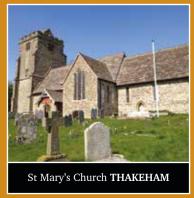
















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'Among the holy he was holiest. Among sinners he was one of them...'

'Never work with children or animals' said the great W.C. Fields. Whilst I treasure the presence of children in church life and worship, I must admit that I'm a little less confident when it comes to animals... So, it's with mixed feelings – and not a little trepidation, that I'm planning to hold a **PET SERVICE on Sunday 19th October at 4pm in St Mary's, Storrington.**

I've chosen October as it's the month when we celebrate that much loved saint, Francis – patron saint of all creatures great 'n small. I have a particular connection to Francis and find that his story enriches my own story of faith. Unlike Francis, I'm not naturally a great lover of animals. Along with the de rigueur black Lab, I had, as a small child, a tortoise in that 1970's Blue Peter tortoise sort of way. We dutifully followed Valerie's advice on hibernation by putting said tortoise in a cardboard box with straw and a bit of lettuce and left the poor thing in the loft for months. Save to say we had many tortoises.... indeed, the first funeral I took was for a tortoise.

Of course, the love that Francis had for animals was rooted in his love of God and God's creation. Tellingly, he would refer to them as his 'sisters and brothers' – equal members of God's creation and sharing fully in God's unconditional love and blessing. One of his great charisms was a deep humility which arose out of this sense of radical equality with all living things.

Much is rightly said about the urgent need for a reimagining of lifestyles and behaviours that do not continue the human abuse of God's creation. Francis, as with all the saints, can inspire us through his living witness to discover new ways of living that will bless and not curse. For me it is his humility which particularly inspires me to tread more lightly in walking the Jesus Way. What do you know of the life of Francis? How might discovering more about his life or the lives of other saints fan the flames of faith in you?

I'd love to share with others in the story of Francis and wonder if some of you might like to join me in reading a recently acclaimed book on him, 'Eager to Love' by the highly respected contemporary writer and Franciscan brother, Richard Rohr. Maybe we could meet together at the end of October and reflect on our 'book of the month' – just get in touch with me if this sounds good to you – or just enjoy reading a good story!

Praying God's blessings for all of us

Peace and goodness

JONATHAN SWINDELLS Rector of Storrington

FANCY BEING AN EDITOR?

After over 11 years, I am hanging up my hat as editor of this magazine, and so we are looking for someone to take over.

No previous experience is needed as all the layout and artwork is done by our graphic designer, and it only takes a few hours a month.

It is not an onerous task and I have enjoyed it immensely but it's time for me to move on.

Want to know more about what's involved? Then do contact me on 07702 945960 or email 3heralds@gmail.com.

Let's ensure this valued magazine, with its outreach to the community, continues.

Amanda Hislop

PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

Blessed are you, Lord God, maker of all living creatures. You called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air and animals on the land. You inspired Saint Francis to call all of them his sisters and brothers. We ask you to bless all creatures great and small. By the power of your love, enable them to live according to your plan. May we always praise you for all your beauty in creation. Blessed are you, Lord our God, in all your creatures! Amen.

Christians in Storrington

Monthly Inter-Church Prayer Meetings
Everyone welcome

Do join us in Storrington Priory Library, School Lane, Storrington 9.15am to 9.45am on the first Tuesday of each month

Tuesday 7 October – Chemin Neuf Community will lead Tuesday 4 November – Church of England will lead

One in faith and love and praise

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

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

NEW PEW CUSHIONSFOR THAKEHAM CHURCH



After very many years of sitting on very hard wooden pews, the Thakeham congregation are so thrilled that every pew now boasts a beautifully comfortable, royal blue cushion! Very many thanks to Barry and Barbara Laker who arranged both the fundraising and the manufacture of these splendid additions to church-comfort!

During Morning Prayer on 10 August, the congregation joined together in thanking God for, and then blessing, the new cushions.

There then followed a time when they were joyfully and, if truth be told, rather chaotically, passed around the Church, before they all found their rightful position. There was then a celebratory sit down, accompanied by a loud "Ahhhhhhmen"!

If you have not yet witnessed the exceptional comfort of these cushions, then you'd be most welcome to come to one of our services in order to try them out!



Thakeham Knit and Stitch Group



Thakeham Church Room Everyone Welcome

If you don't knit or stitch, you are welcome to come along for company and join us for a cup of tea or coffee and a slice of cake Further information from Wynn Lednor 01903 743025

Dates for your Diary

5 Oct Harvest Lunch - Thakeham Village Hall

18 Oct Murder Mystery & Pinner

- 2pm & 7pm Thakeham Village Hall

8 Nov Christmas Fayre - 1 1.30am to 2pm - Thakeham Village Hall

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

3 to 5 July 2026 Thakeham Flower Festival and Open Gardens

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

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





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THAKEHAM AND SULLINGTON:

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A warm welcome to Romeo 16 August The Baptism of Romeo Alistair John Geal took place on 16 August

Pictured here with parents Presley and Lucy and Father Paul Seaman, who conducted the service



HOUSE PLANTS!

Do you have more house plants than you need and would like to donate them to St Mary's Sullington for our Christmas Fayre? If so, either please drop them off at Church or phone Jane 01903 742956 for collection in our local area.



Dates for your Diary

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

5 October Joint Harvest Lunch

at Thakeham Village Hall

Let the beauty of Jesus be seen

in us

5 October Evensong 3pm at St Mary's Sullington

15 November Christmas Fayre

1 1am to 3pm at Sullington Parish Hall



Please contact Carol at popupstm@gmail.com if you would like to have a stall or for further information

We would love to hear from you!

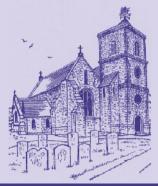
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REGULAR ACTIVITIES

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.

Altar Servers: Michael Taylor (742218) Bellringers: Fridays, 7.45pm - 9.30pm.

Church & Churchyard Maintenance: John Butler (745091)

Mothers' Union: Jeannie Bell (07875 220426)

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

See page 18.

SPACE: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 2pm – 4pm at the Old School.

Contact Barbara (741236)

STORRINGTON REGISTERS

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

10 Aug John Michael Jason Brown (son of Laura Rendell and Mark Brown)

Alfie Bernie Charles Weatherley (son of Amanda Capon & Carl 31 Aug

7 Sept Charlotte Florence Morley (daughter of Hannah & Richard Morley)

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

12 Aug William ("Bill") Bell (86 years) 14 Aug Beryl Patricia Dance (89 years)

Interment of ashes only:

27 Aug Barbara Cadenhead (90 years) Wendy Evelyn Adams (77 years) 3 Sept James William Hood (73 years)

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.

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

ST MARY'S, STORRINGTON

CHRISTMAS GRAND PRIZE DRAW

Many prizes including £100 cash! Raising money for St Mary's Church Community use Any donations of prizes would be gratefully received The draw will take place at St Mary's Church, Storrington, at the Church Christmas Coffee Morning

on Saturday 20 December. More details next month.

PET SERVICE - Sunday 19 October - 4pm to 4.30pm

For all creatures great and small – see poster on page 14.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES

If you have a collection box for the Church of England Children's Society please bring it to any service at Storrington Church on Sunday 26 October. If you cannot bring your box to the Church, please ring Pat Jenkins on 01903 744927 to arrange a handover.

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, if 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. More details in the November magazine.

PARISH VISITING TEAM...

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















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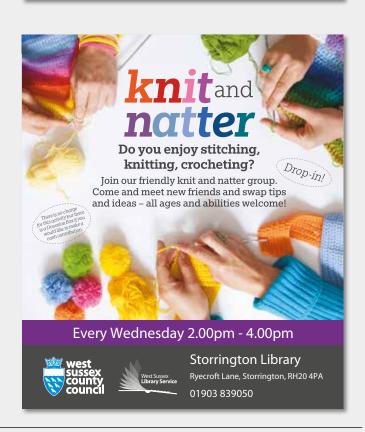


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10am

Harvest Messy Church followed by Harvest Brunch in the Old School

Everyone is invited to bring gifts of produce (especially tins and packets, etc) which will be given to the Family Support Work in

Storrington. The Church will be decorated for Harvest on Friday 3 October starting at 9.30am.

Harvest Evensong 6pm

SONGS WITH SPARKLE



We certainly had sparkling afternoon back in August when Ian Miles, one of our two multi-talented organists, joined forces with Jon Openshaw. They treated us to a concert of highly entertaining songs by people like Flanders and Swann and the American satirist Tom Lehrer. We enjoyed old favourites such as The Gasman Cometh and

Rather than give us programme listing the songs, each was introduced through a witty narrative. The first part ended with a sing-

along of The Hippopotamus Song.

Her Mother Came Too.

Thanks to our wonderful church bakers, we had tasty cakes and scones during the interval, which set us up nicely for Ian and Jon's second part. More hilarious story-telling about Jon's difficult week leading into each song. The afternoon ended with everyone joining in Always Look on the Bright Side of Life. With Ian and Jon around and delicious cakes, why wouldn't you?





TRINITY SUNSHINE CHOIR

Are you experiencing memory problems?

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

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

Future dates fixed for 2025 are: 29 October • 26 November

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

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

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

MONDAY WAS FUNDAY!

The Storrington Wardens Funday took place on the recreation field outside the Chanctonbury Leisure Centre on Monday 18 August. The event was organised by our village Neighbourhood Wardens and was a great success. It was certainly a day to have fun! Lots of families from around Storrington attended the event,

where there was a climbing wall and bouncy inflatables, sponsored by St Mary's Church, Storrington, junior archery, short-tennis, football, and lots of other activities. This also included a DJ booth and Karaoke. where lots of young budding DJ's took their turn!

The local practitioners and volunteers from Family Support Work were also present and provided some crafting activities for younger children.

St Mary's Church, Storrington was there with our 'Ministry of Cake & Squash' stand, handing out free cake and squash to all passing by. Great conversations were had and we were thankful for all our helpers, too, As the Parish Church, we are so pleased to have contributed financially towards the funday, and many thanks to our Wardens, Chris and John for organising a successful day.









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BEFORE 7th NOVEMBER 2025

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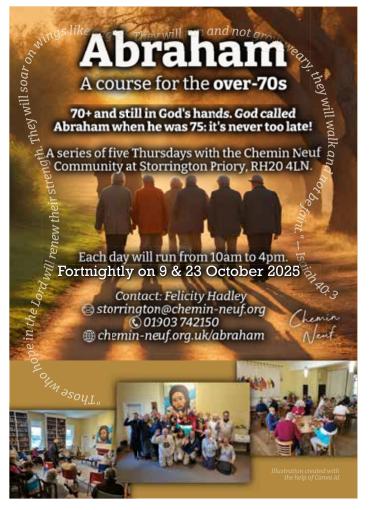
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Top Gear!

Are you or were you a petrol head? It sounds slightly rude, doesn't it? Here in Sussex we have a close association with motoring, namely Goodwood Festival of Speed in July and Goodwood Revival in September. I have to confess, I like cars. Between us, my husband and I have owned some interesting cars including an MG and a Morgan. Years ago we had a lively marital discussion when he went out to buy a second-hand Ford Cortina Estate and came home with a Reliant Scimitar! (Yes, Princess Anne owned one, not Del Boy Trotter – that was a Reliant Robin.) So, it felt like a major step into the unknown when a year ago we bought an electric car.

A year on, we love it! It's a snazzy shade of red so we don't lose it in a car park, but that's not why we bought it. Having installed solar panels mainly for environmental reasons, we decided it was time to take the next step



and go fully electric for our day-to-day car. It's ideal for our lifestyle; since we're both retired, we don't do lots of business mileage, and we make only a few long journeys each year. We charge the car overnight at home about once a week and that works well for us. It costs less than 2p per mile in "fuel", compared to about 7 to 8p per

mile for an efficient petrol-powered car. We have done a couple of long trips; we took it to Milford Haven and in July, I drove to Shrewsbury. We had to do some research to establish where to find the fast chargers; all motorway service areas have them, but like petrol and diesel sold on the motorways, the unit cost is very high. I was glad we'd practised charging at public points before setting out on a longer journey. Technophobe alert! You really need to use apps on your mobile phone. Although, in theory, you can just wave a credit or debit card at the charging machines, in practice I found they were more reliable using the apps.

I am clear; there is no such thing as green transport, apart from walking, and even that wears through your shoe leather. There are huge environmental costs in the production of the batteries for electric cars, just as there are still huge environmental costs involved in oil extraction and refining it to produce the volumes of product we want, and even public transport is not without its impact. Every mode of transport costs the earth in some way or another. Since Storrington is infamous for having poor roadside air quality, we thought having a car that doesn't have exhaust emissions was a positive contribution.

One of the reasons I've heard for not choosing electric is the battery weight, and the consequent wear and tear on the roads. Again, I am clear, I see no reason why drivers of electric and hybrid cars shouldn't pay car tax because we use the roads like everyone else. I did a little research about vehicle weight. I got the numbers from the RAC and the motoring press.

Apparently, the best-selling car in the UK is the Ford Puma, closely followed by the Nissan Qashqai; they weigh in at typically 1400kg and 1450kg, although there's a range of weights for different models of all cars. Kia Sportage is also popular at 1600kg. The most common car in the UK is the Ford Fiesta (1.54 million on the road) which weighs a modest 980kg, but there isn't an electric model yet. And, if you covet a Land Rover Discovery 4WD, that's a massive 2100kg. Our Hyundai Kona weighs about 1600kg.

Did you know?

There's a new refill service at Chanctonbury Leisure Centre on the fourth Wednesday each month between 10am and 11am. You bring your own container and can top up on dry foods like porridge and pasta, or toiletries like shampoo and body wash and household cleaners. More information from Sussex Green Living https://www.sussexgreenliving. org.uk/storringtonrefill.

Editor's note - see page 24 for more information regarding the refill service.

Christine Tuson, ctuson@lineone.net

Storrington Macular Society Support

28 October

Chanctonbury Leisure Centre Spierbridge Road, Storrington RH20 4PG



Come and join us for a hot drink and a friendly chat. Anyone affected by sight loss and their family, friends and carers are welcome.

Contact: Sue 07460 631631

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Macular Society Beating Macular Disease

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ON 6 OCTOBER THIS MONTH!



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

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



STORRINGTON CONSERVATION **SOCIETY**

Back in the 50's and 60's, Tom Lehrer was American professor of maths and composer of hugely popular satirical songs (as those who enjoyed the recent 'Songs with a Sparkle' were reminded).

At that time the world was under the real threat of nuclear war. His amusing musical compositions included one called Pollution, wittily pointing out the uncomfortable truth of the risk to all posed by radiation. That risk has not entirely vanished, but other major polluting risks have developed.

The United Nations Plastics Pollution Treaty was initiated in 2022, aiming to agree a legally binding agreement to tackle plastic pollution which seriously damages the environment and human health. Shockingly, the relevant International Negotiating Committee (INT) adjourned in August 2025 without agreement and no date to reconvene. The reason? A small group of oil-producers, eg Russia and Saudi Arabia, blocked key proposals to reduce plastic production and to phase out its hazardous chemicals. There are serious consequences for all of us, especially vulnerable countries and the natural world. Proper waste collection and recycling is essential and will help as, sadly, much plastic waste is dumped or burnt, so a reduction in production has to be part of the solution. Our careless, damaging, throwaway culture is not just an environmental issue but also a political and ethical one. Just one example is that in every ocean there are garbage patches of debris which include discarded plastic, their toxic chemicals affecting marine life and contributing to greenhouse gases. The UN estimates that for every square mile of ocean there are 46,000 pieces of plastic, the majority caused by Asian nations whose products we rely on. We cannot avoid responsibility for the waste we create. For the sake of all of us and our earth we need to learn from and copy those communities which live in harmony with their surroundings, individually and collectively, which means taking to heart there is not another pristine world to step into if we muck this one up.

So, each one of us has a responsibility to reduce demand, refill, reuse and recycle responsibly.

Our work party on 6 September met at Chantry Hill to clear more damaging scrub to preserve the chalk grassland. A new project was started on 11 and 18 September clearing trees from around Cootham Pond to let in more light to encourage new growth. The next Saturday work party is on 11 October at Sullington Warren for heathland restoration, meeting at 10am in the NT car park at the Washington end of Water Lane, with a well-earned coffee break. As ever, we welcome all those who enjoy caring for our environment.

On Saturday 1 November at 2pm we hold our AGM in the Village Hall. There will be a speaker and refreshments. All welcome.

For information about this, our other activities, 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

WEST CHILTINGTON AND STORRINGTON

MOTHERS' UNION

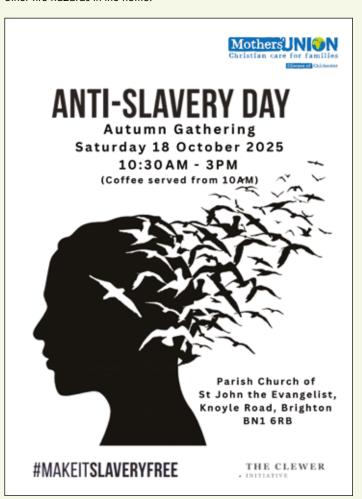




A long hot summer came to an end with storms, showers and downpours! The children are back at school and we look to the autumn season of mists and mellow fruitfulness.

On 4 September we began our autumn term by celebrating our corporate Communion at St Mary's Church, West Chiltington, presided over by Father Stephen, with prayers from Jeannie Bell, our Branch

leader. Ian Miles accompanied our hymns on piano. This was followed by a very enjoyable ploughman's lunch organised by Jeannie, with desserts provided by members. Thanks go to all those who helped make it a success. After lunch we had a very informative talk from Ben, a fire officer from Bognor fire station. He gave us some interesting history of the fire brigade and the dangers of overloading plug sockets and other fire hazards in the home.



Dates for your diary:

2 October

Interesting Insects by Dr L Allen- Williams

6 November

Small Projects by Scilla Page

Both talks at West Chiltington Church Hall at 2pm after a short service, followed by tea and biscuits.

Sonia Fox

We look forward to our Autumn Gathering on **18 October**, which is also anti-slavery day. Modern day slavery continues to be one of MU's active campaigns. There will be a presentation on this subject at the Gathering.

We are 150 years old next year and will be celebrating the powerful legacy of MU, of faithdriven service, transforming lives, strengthening families and standing for justice across communities worldwide.

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1976

Mothers' Union was founded by Mary Sumner. She wanted to create an organisation for women that brought together rich and poor to build a network that would support mothers of all kinds as they brought up their children in Christian faith.

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1996

At least 125 of our members become priests in the Church of England following the Synod's approval of the Ordination of women.

2016

Mothers' Union representatives from across the globe attend the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women to lobby governments and the United Nations on women's economic empowerment.

Mothers UNION

CELBRATING THE HISTORY OF MOTHERS' UNION



Mothers UNION

1952

Her Majesty the Queen grants her royal patronage to Mothers' Union.

1965

Away From It All (AFIA) Holiday Scheme for disadvantaged families launches in the UK.

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2021

We celebrated 145 years of Mothers' Union and mark 100 years since the death of Mary Sumner.

2026

We look forward to celebrating 150 years of Mothers' Union together with our four million members active in 83 countries. Stay tuned for more!

STORRINGTON COMMUNITY MARKET

Storrington Village Hall, West Street



EVERY FRIDAY 9.30 - 11.30am

FRESH LOCAL PRODUCE

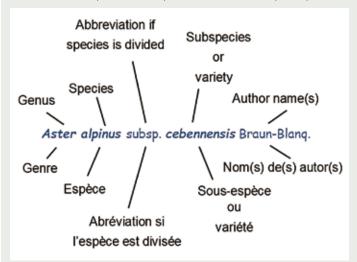
Homemade Cakes, Quiches and Biscuits Sausage Rolls • Fruit • Veg • Plants Homemade Marmalade, Jam, Chutney and Honey

PLUS

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

Our August talk was from Jacqueline Aviolet, entitled Botanically Speaking – Greek/Latin Plant Names Explained.

Jacqueline said she had become interested in this topic during lockdown when she had time to think about the plant names she came across in her gardening work. She became aware that the majority of plant names seemed to have come from Latin but there were also many from the Greek language. In fact, most plants seemed to have both Latin and Greek names. From a hobby she has developed this into part of her repertoire of talks. She gave us many examples of everyday plant names we all recognised and explained their Latin and Greek origins and what they meant. Many of the names may also indicate a plant's characteristics and its preferred habitat. She highlighted the work of Linnaeus, the famous Swedish botanist, and others from Kew and the RHS, who had helped to develop the nomenclatures of plant species.



Our next meeting on **13 October** is our AGM, starting at 7pm, followed by a quiz.

Our next Plant Sale will take place at Thakeham Village Hall on **Saturday 11 October** at 2pm. As there are less plants to sell at this time of year, we have invited some additional sellers to join us, either members or speakers we have had recently. We will be joined by a

member selling her local honey and another member who makes ceramics. A previous speaker, Fliss Lewis, will bring her sheep's wool for garden use while Lily's Cottage will bring upcycled bird boxes, bat boxes, bug hotels and other wildlife friendly additions to the garden. There will also be a large collection of jigsaws for sale! Of course, there will be the usual delicious homemade cakes to have with a cup of tea. We look forward to seeing you!

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

Sandra Jenkins





Tuesday 21 October, 7pm for 7.30pm start

We welcome Mo Dorking with her demonstration 'On a Whim'

The evening will also include a short AGM

Visitors are most welcome: £7on the door

Sales Table, Refreshments and Raffle

The meeting will be held at West Chiltington Village Hall

For more information, please contact: Brenda on 01798 813712 or Carol on 01798 813608

Email: wchiltfloralclub@gmail.com







Starring Renee Zellweger. After jumping back into the dating pool, single mother Bridget Jones finds herself caught between a younger man and her son's science teacher.

The film on 12 November will be The Salt Path, starring Gillian Anderson and Jason Isaacs.

Trinity Methodist Church
Thakeham Road, Storrington
RH20 3NG



We're Looking for a Choir Leader

- patient, and musically skilled for our monthly dementia-friendly choir
- someone who can create a warm, supportive environment where members feel valued, safe, and uplifted through the power of music

We meet on the last Wednesday of each month 10:30 – 12:00

Pay is currently £60 per hour – we're open to a conversation about an appropriate monthly fee

Contact:

office@westsussexcoastanddownscircuit.co.uk for role description and further details Closing date 5th September 2025



This is the story of the brave Norwegian sailors, organised by the SOE, in their fishing boats who kept links open between occupied Norway and Britain during WWII, taking agents in with supplies for the resistance and escaping refugees out. Not only did they have to face sub-Arctic storms in the North Sea but also the might of the Nazi war machine out searching for them. A moving account of what affectionately became known as 'The Shetland Bus'; helping Norway to bring back its peace and its pride.

Gillian has been inspired to research this talk to honour the brave men and women SOE agents who served their country in World War II. She has been fascinated by the subject for many years. She will capture your interest from the start, and over the course of the talk, will move you both to laughter and to tears.

The talk is in aid of The Land, Sea & Islands Centre, Arisaig, Scotland.



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).



STORRINGTON St Mary's



THAKEHAM St Mary's



SULLINGTON St Mary's

DATE	FESTIVAL OR SUNDAY		10 mg	[·]
5 October	Trinity 16	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Harvest Messy Church followed by Harvest Brunch in Old School – all welcome 6pm Harvest Evensong	10.30am Joint Thakeham/ Sullington Church for all Harvest Festival	8.30am BCP Communion 3pm Evensong
12 October	Trinity 17	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion 6pm Evensong	10.30am Morning Prayer	10.30am Holy Communion
19 October	Trinity 18	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion with St Luke's Prayer Ministry 4pm Pet Service in Church	8.30am Celtic Communion	10.30am Joint Thakeham/ Sullington Holy Communion
26 October	Last after Trinity Bible Sunday	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion 12 noon Baptism Service	10.30am Family Communion	10.30am Morning Prayer
2 November	ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY 4 th before Advent	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion 4pm Service of Light, Hope and Remembrance	10.30am Joint Thakeham/ Sullington Church for All Service	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 EVENT			
Wed	0.30am	Registrar of Births and Deat		

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

August All for only f3! 15129)
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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

12 October at 1pm

at the Old School, School Lane, Storrington

Tickets £4.00 are available from

Louisa Austin, Church Street, Storrington



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9.50am	The Arts Society South Downs – Talk – p33		
Thu 2	The Aris Society South Downs – Talk – p35		
11.30	Pop-In Lunch Club – Storrington Village Hall – p18		
12 noon	MU – Meeting – p15		
Fri 3	J. P. C.		
2.30pm	Storrington Museum – Talk – p 17		
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10.15am	Junktique Collectables & Clutter Sale – p16		
Sun 5	Trinity 16		
10am	Harvest Messy Church, Storrington – p10		
Mon 6	, , ,		
2.30pm	Reading Friends – Storrington Library – p14		
7pm	Storrington Slimmers – p33		
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1.15pm	The Arts Society of West Sussex – Talk – p24		
9.15am	Inter-Church prayers – Storrington Priory Library – p3		
2pm	SPACE – Art & Craft Club – p17		
Wed 8	p.,		
	Café in the Church (Communion at 10am) – p9		
4pm	Stay and Play, Chanctonbury Leisure Centre – p21		
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	Thakeham Gardeners Plant Sale – p16		
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7pm	Storrington Museum Quiz Night – p23	
Sun 26	The Last Sunday after Trinity	
12 noon	Baptism at St Mary's, Storrington – Mabel Maria Rose Humphrey (daughter of Amber Quinn and Tyron Humphrey)	
Mon 27	,	
7pm	Storrington Slimmers – p33	
Tue 28		
1.30pm	Macular Support Group – p 13	
Wed 29		
10am	Daily Life in Pompeii and Herculaneum – Talk – p29	
10.30am	n Trinity Sunshine Choir – p9	

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

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

2.30pm Café in the Church (Communion at 2pm) - p9

SAINTS AND SPECIAL DAYS

OCTOBER

Fri 25

- Anthony Ashley Cooper, 1885 social reformer Remigius, 533
- 3 George Bell, 1958 Anglican theologian and Bishop of Chichester
- 4 Francis of Assisi, 1226 patron saint of animals
- **6 William Tyndale, 1536** translated Bible into English
- 9 Denys, c 25 Christian martyr and saint Robert Grosseteste, 1253 – Bishop of Lincoln, Scholastic philosopher
- **10 Paulinus, 644** first Bishop of York Thomas Traherne, 1674 – poet – Centuries of Meditations
- 11 Ethelburga, 675 established one of first nunneries in England James the Deacon, 7th century – Christianised the pagan Anglo– Saxons
- 12 Wilfrid of Ripon, 709 Archbishop of Canterbury Elizabeth Fry, 1845 – prison and social reformer Edith Cavell, 1918 – nurse – shot by Germans for helping prisoners escape in WW1
- **13 Edward the Confessor 1066** King and previous Patron Saint of England
- 15 Teresa of Avila, 1582 Roman Catholic saint
- 16 Nicholas Ridley and Hugh Latimer, 1555 Reformation Martyrs
- 17 Ignatius, c 107 Bishop and disciple of St John
- 18 ST LUKE THE EVANGELIST wrote the gospel
- 19 Henry Martyn, 1812 missionary to India and Persia
- 25 Crispin and Crispinian, c 287 martyrs, Patron Saints of cobblers
- 26 Alfred the Great, 899 King (burnt the cakes!)
 Cedd Abbot of Lastingham, 664 monk and evangelist

28 ST SIMON AND ST JUDE - APOSTLES

- 29 James Hannington, 1885 first Anglican bishop of East Africa
- 31 Martin Luther, 1546 translation of Bible and hymn writer

STORRINGTON & SULLINGTON - REFLECTIONS OF THE PAST

REVD HENRY PALMER AT SULLINGTON - PART 40

It seems that domestic peace was not to be had, although social life carried on as usual. Mr Palmer, Bertha, his mother Mrs Palmer and G.C.G. dined at Highden.

"Left home to the doubtful tutelage of Garf. who leaves us tomorrow; Dalton and company. Special directions to avoid society or any converse with Miss Wiseman who leaves us tomorrow on account of numerous faults, the 3 chief of which are pilfering, lying and temper. In a long interview I had with her this a.m. she poured forth a venomous torrent." His work was no easier. In addition to working on his afternoon sermon – for the 25th Sunday after Trinity – which he had to stick at, being pressed for time, he was obliged to take the Sunday School and he had to go to Steyning and Henfield after Mr Koe once more... and the Inspecting Committee (late) – just caught sight of him for the swift five minutes between Steyning and Henfield and did not care much for my gentleman, but he tells me he had a case in Romney Marsh where the Guardians dispense with a master and mistress and send their children to a National School, and a capitation grant is made to them. Paid a visit to a "Church Fair" and Mr and Mrs Clarkson.

G.C.G. dines and requests an early day in February. Makes it very awkward about the pupils, but I must offer Mr G.D. a reduction on terms. The forthcoming wedding brought the Rector "a cloud of congratulatory visitors". The first Sunday in Advent causes him to note that it was almost too dark to see when he had finished his second sermon in the afternoon's 2nd service. There was sad news of "our best Sunday School boy which resulted in his death, while undermining in a sandpit. The sand suddenly fell and buried him alive, though his father John Scutt was with him, and although it happened at 8 he was not rescued till 11, the poor boy! [no health and safety arrangements then] but thank God he was a very good boy – fond of his parents, and very quiet and hard working."

Mr Palmer's mother left early for St Leonards to fix a winter abode for A. – she had been concerned for her health if Annie had stayed at the Rectory. Meanwhile H.P. called on Mant who "had a letter from the Poor Law Board about the school, which full of question seemed to show that the project is receiving some attention." Mr Palmer appears to be ahead of his time on the education of the "lower classes". There was a general feeling that they did not need more than very basic ability to read the church services and enough simple arithmetic to carry out their daily work. Women were not thought to need it at all. Parliament was unwilling to touch the education question for fear of stirring up the Church or any other form of dissent. Primary education was not established as a National Requirement until the Education Act of 1870.

A fine day on December 11th saw H.P. at Sandgate in the afternoon rolling the cricket ground. Winter could not interfere with the important things – there were six of them with the horse roller, which continued the next day. For Emmie, it was plans of her new house to be shown and no doubt eagerly discussed. The first winter day, very bright with a sharp frost, encouraged the Rector and his pupil Garfitt to take a walk to Ashington and call on Blackiston "and she catarrhic, nevertheless she coughs congratulations". Poor Mrs Charman seemed to be much weaker

G.C.G. and Bertha returned from Bradford Brook, he busy courting his fiancée, so that when the three of them decided to go for a ride, Bertha returned quickly for a "forgotten" pocket handkerchief. Mr Palmer walked with Annie to the Union [workhouse] during the evening and were "much impressed with the beauty of the Thakeham bells which came sounding out in the distance, almost muffled under the thick airs..." There were two good congregations for the third Sunday in Advent when prayers were offered up for Mrs Charman, worse again today. She seems very sensible that her end is now approaching. I read some of initiatory sentences to her, and they seemed to refresh her very much."

It was time for his pupils to go off for their holidays, Garfitt escorting Mrs Palmer "who makes a long triangle today – to Town – thence to

St Leonards with Annie and then home. She started at 6.15am and was home by 9pm not at all tired, having seen everybody and been much satisfied with Annie's looks. With Emmie and Co, off to Bradston Brook again, Bertha and the Rector finished off the Church decorations, and then he needed to see Napier about a Magazine Club which they proposed starting in the New Year. They found him [mediis [undecipherable Latin]] evidently in the middle of something. Emmie's wedding arrangements on H.P's mind, he was relieved by a call from Edward who "eased the material mind in the matter of breakfast. Booth is recommended for cake and "&c" [etcetera]". Bradston Brook appears frequently in these accounts, so it might be appropriate to say something about it here. There is a news cutting pasted on a page with other cuttings relating to various events of interest among the Palmer ephemera.

The well-known country seat "B.B." in the delightful District of Guildford. This charming moderate-sized GEORGIAN MANSION stands in a finely-timbered park, with excellent cricket ground, most beautiful gardens and grounds, intersected by a rippling brook, with waterfall and pools, and commands lovely views of most picturesque scenery: there is ample stabling, entrance lodge, cottages, glasshouses, farm houses and substantial buildings, and a secondary residence known as "Oldcroft". The total area of the property being about 80a. Shalford station is distant ¾ m and the county town of Guildford about $2\frac{1}{2}$ m.

This would seem to be another Gibson property. The cutting appeared with the information that it was for sale by private negotiations or auction on 11 July 1912, but that is for the future.

Joan Ham (Village Historian)



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.



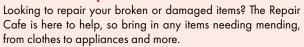
Thursdays Together – For over 65's, every Thursday except last of the month - 2.30pm to 4pm

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



CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUPS ON FRIDAYS

Chanctonbury Leisure Centre

Sparks Toddler Group - 10am - 11.30am



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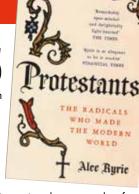


BOOK REVIEW

Protestants - The Radicals Who Made the Modern World

by Alec Ryrie (William Collins 2017)

One of the joys and privileges of living in Storrington is our excellent public library. I try to source all my reading from the library to avoid buying more books, but also on the basis of "use it or lose it". Our library has one shelf of 'Religious' books and only a few of those are directly related to the



Christian faith. I do not normally look in this section, but a couple of months ago I did, and one book caught my eye, one of the largest on the shelf, *Protestants – The Radicals Who Made the Modern World.* It was a very informative, thought provoking and enjoyable read. Hence this review.

The book is a comprehensive, chronological and global account of all the main strands of the Protestant Christian faith (and some of its off-shoots) that have flowed from Martin Luther's original break with the Roman Catholic Church. The author is Professor of the History of Christianity at Durham University and has researched and written extensively on the Reformation and related topics. So the book is scholarly (it has 22 pages of Footnotes) and long (at 468 pages), but Professor Ryrie has a crisp writing style with dry humour judiciously introduced which makes it an engaging read.

Professor Ryrie is also a Licenced Reader in the Church of England, so there is an underlying understanding in the book of the Christin faith, but the author does not seek to promote Protestant thinking or any one branch of the faith. His aim is to understand the beliefs and motives that have inspired Protestants of all types. He is particularly good at explaining the practical and theological background to those aspects of Protestant history that we now might want to forget or condemn, such as support for, or acquiescence to, segregation in the Southern USA and apartheid in South Africa. He does not allow us to feel smug in our own safe world. In concluding his Chapter on Protestants in Nazi Germany, with due exploration of the opposition "Confessing Church" and its most wellknown martyr Dietrich Bonhoeffer, he writes: "The central and terrible fact of Protestantism in Nazi Germany is that most Protestants were either complicit or indifferent as unimaginable crimes unfolded around them. Yet condemnation is too easy. We might imagine, or hope, that had we been there we would have done something or taken some stand, but we are fooling ourselves..... There is only one reason why we do not share their guilt: we were not there."

I found the book particularly interesting in its review of the history of the Protestant faith in Korea and China and the explosive rise of Pentecostalism across the globe in the 20th Century, both as a denomination and of the related charismatic movement in other denominations. It provided a good context for the random bits of knowledge I had on these various topics.

If you can't find the book on the shelf don't forget that it is easy to request it, either in the library or on-line. Such requests are free for non-fiction books. Unfortunately, there is only one copy of the book in the West Sussex Library system. As the evenings draw in it is time to settle down with a large book. Happy reading.

Simon Emerson

STORRINGTON FLOWER CLUB

Wednesday 22 October 2.30pm Sullington Parish Hall

Demonstrator: Michelle King Theme: "Crowning Glory" Competition: "A Fair Wind Blows" New members and visitors welcome



STORRINGTON & DISTRICT

PROBUS

Taking time off from doing nothing

Sticking rigidly to our belief that we should be out doing things, The Probus Club of Storrington & District has had another busy 3 months. In June, the Club signed up their latest member, John Cronin, at the monthly lunch. The following week there was the bimonthly walk, this time



New President, Paul Weaver

along the banks of the Adur, followed by a fine lunch and engaging conversation at The Castle Inn, Bramber. At the end of the month the Club holidayed in Cornwall for five days, staying at a lovely hotel overlooking the bay at Newquay. We visited the amazing biomes of the Eden Project, the biological wonders in the Lost Gardens of Heligan and the sculptures and paintings of St Ives.



In addition to the monthly members' lunch, July saw the annual President's Ladies' Lunch at the West Sussex Golf Club, the annual tea for the Club's Friends (primarily the widows of former members), and the ever popular coffee morning which this month took place at the Spur in Amberley.



Finally, August saw another bi-monthly walk, this time amongst the woodland of Graffham with lunch at Badgers, Petworth. After the monthly lunch we held the AGM which saw the induction of the new President, Paul Weaver, from the outgoing President, Peter Edwards. Towards the end of the month, we gathered for the annual skittles and BBQ evening at the Spur in Slindon.

The Club welcomes new members and meets for lunch monthly on the second Wednesday. For more information please go to storringtonprobus@outlook.com.

Paul Weaver, President

NEWS FROM STORRINGTON AND SULLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Election

Further to the recent parish councillor by-election, we wanted to clarify how these elections are organised. An ordinary election is held for all parish councillors every four years. If a councillor vacates their post prior to the next election, the Clerk advises Horsham District Council, who inform the community that they can call for a by-election. This can be an excellent way to attract wider participation although, with the recent by-election where there were three candidates for two positions, there is an administrative cost to the village of £15,000, an amount determined by HDC. If no by-election is called, new councillors can also be co-opted (ie invited to stand) when they make an application to the PC, present themselves at a meeting and a vote is undertaken.

Events

The Warden's Fun Day 2026 is arranged for 17 August and Warden, Chris Poore (pictured on left with Clerk, Rebecca Luckin and Parish Councillor Andy Castle) is actively planning the next fabulous family event. A generous villager was so impressed with the event this year that they made a welcome donation for 2026. And the climbing wall had a queue of children all day. Andi Dunstan, manager at our leisure centre confirmed a climbing wall is something he is looking at for the future.





The Christmas Event is shaping up for 4 December. Many local businesses are involved, and we have several local sponsors. Thank you to them.

Vegetation

You may have seen that many local paths are getting very overgrown following our warm summer. We would like to lead an initiative with volunteers from the community to tackle the pathways. If you are willing to help, please email office@storrington-pc.gov.uk.

Memorial Pond

To update the community about the refurbishment of the Memorial Pond by Speirbridge roundabout, many of you have observed that there is some deterioration in the pond walls and lining, the quality and level of the water. We have been undertaking specialist reports and making a budget to address the water feed and the cracked walls. We are also dependent on the weather for rain which will help raise the water level. The structural

issues will take some time to resolve but we hope to make some progress later this year.

We will use specialist contractors at this time; there are also several other ideas we have to make the pond more of a destination where locals can relax and enjoy the space. For these additional works, we invite any volunteers with specialist skills (bricklaying, landscaping etc) to get involved. If that sounds like you, please contact: office@storrington-pc. gov.uk.

Bench

The ancient and neglected bench close to Teso Express has been transformed this summer, see before and after. We will be working on others!





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SUSSEX GREEN LIVING LAUNCHES NEW DRY FOOD REFILL SERVICE AT CHANCTONBURY LEISURE CENTRE

Many of us remember when shopping meant taking a bag to the grocers and filling up only what you needed. For others, this way of shopping may be something new to discover. Either way, it is returning to Storrington with a modern purpose: helping us all take action on climate change and reduce plastic waste.

Sussex Green Living has launched a new Dry Food Refill Service at Chanctonbury Leisure Centre, offering residents a convenient way to cut packaging waste and shop more sustainably. The refill station provides a choice of cupboard essentials including porridge oats, rice, muesli, pasta and Overherd Oat Milk powder. Customers simply



bring their own containers, fill with the amount they need, and pay by weight.

The service is already running at selected sessions and is expanding to be available during all Leisure Centre opening hours from autumn 2025. This means that whenever people come in to exercise or meet friends, they can also top up on store cupboard staples without unnecessary packaging.

Carrie Cort, Founder and CEO of Sussex Green Living, said:

"Many people want to make more sustainable choices but it has to be simple and convenient. By embedding refill into the heart of the community, we are making it easier for residents to rethink their shopping habits and cut unnecessary plastic."

The Leisure Centre also has a **household and personal care refill station**, open throughout the week, offering cleaning and bathroom essentials to cut single use bottles.

When you visit Chanctonbury Leisure Centre for a class, a coffee or a catch up with friends, you can also make another simple change by stopping at the **UKHarvest Food Hub**. It runs on the **4th Wednesday of each month, 10am to 11am**, sharing surplus food that would otherwise go to waste. The service is open to everyone, with the aim of cutting waste, saving carbon and keeping good food out of general waste while building stronger local connections.

Together, these initiatives make it easy for people in Storrington to protect the planet through small, everyday choices that add up to real change.

The Dry Food Refill Service has been created thanks to the Waste Prevention Community Grant Fund, delivered in partnership with West Sussex County Council and Biffa.

For more information about refill options and how you can get involved, visit:

www.sussexgreenliving.org.uk/refill

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https://chanctonburyleisure.co.uk/



Tuesday 7 October

A talk by David Worthington Rodin and 19th Century Sculpture

Rodin was one of the heroic figures of the 19th century and was internationally known in his lifetime. This talk will survey his work showing why he is one of the greatest sculptors ever.

Tuesday 4 November

Ian Gledhill will talk on

Art Deco – Whatever happened to Art Nouveau?

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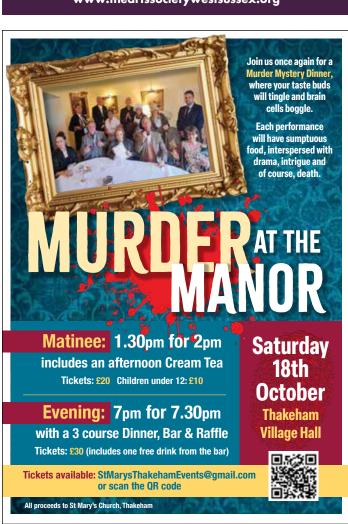
not just architecture, and examine the influences that made Art Deco the colourful style that is still influential today.

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1995, this latter month being the driest August on record. Storm *Flores* did impact the north of Britain on the 4th with heavy rain and wind gusts of 80 to 90 mph and even 100mph on the hills and mountains, disrupting transport and cutting power to 22,000 homes. We received just a light drizzle and thereafter there was no measurable rain until the 26th. Air pressure by then was falling steadily, spurred on by ex-hurricane *Erin* pumping energy into the Atlantic Ocean. A low-pressure system crossed our area during the early hours of the 28th and gave quite a deluge with some 35mm of rain being recorded, over half the average for August! You could almost hear our parched fields, gardens and sports grounds letting out a sigh of relief after such a long dry spell. The last few days of the month were unsettled too and the monthly total managed to reach 52mm, still a little below par and making it the sixth consecutive month this year to receive below average rainfall.

I spent a week in the Cheddar area of Somerset during August, and they were also suffering from the dry conditions. The water level in their local reservoir was dropping alarmingly by mid-month. The dry conditions both there and in our area were made worse by the combined effect of sunshine totals being higher than average and there were persistent warm temperatures. In Storrington, there were no extremely warm days, such as 34°C recorded in 2020, with the warmest being just short of 30°C(86°F) on the 12th. But there were no really cool days either with the lowest maximum of 19.5°C (67°F). It was similar in July and overall the summer of 2025 was announced by the Met Office as provisionally proving the warmest on record, beating 2018 and the infamous 1976.

The sunshine certainly made for a proliferation of fruit such as blackberries, which ripened early, and I have enjoyed several crumbles already from this delicious, tasty and cost-free fruit. Plums too were in proliferation. Vineyards have been saying that the quality of the wine should be very good this year, providing we avoid any powerful storms that could

damage the vines. Our area escaped the worst of any thunderstorms during August with thunder heard on two days and there was no hail.

September though can become quite volatile and this year it started in a very unsettled manner. Will summer-like weather return with some sunny and drier conditions? Read next month's Weather Watch to find out how we fared.



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



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Ups and Downs

In terms of wins, August was a lean month for both our senior and junior sides. However, there were some outstanding individual performances. Heading the list has to be Massimo Phillips who, in addition to being selected to play for Sussex U13s against Surrey and Middlesex, scored over 500 runs during the month to surpass 1000 runs in the season – undoubtedly a Club record for juniors. Douglas Sopp scored an unbeaten 90 when the 1st XI beat Tilgate, followed by a half century against Broadwater. He also took six Crawley Eagles wickets. The highest score in the month, 118 not out, was made by Thomas Clarke when the U13s beat Bells Yew Green by 232 runs in a Sussex Junior Cricket Festival match. Thomas was also selected to play for Sussex in the T20 against Middlesex.

Two other bowlers achieved 'fivers': Rin Tomsett took 5-39 against Steyning to become the leading senior wicket taker in the season, closely followed by Gus Humphries, and then Daniel Wroe took 5-25 against Bosham before rain stopped play. Jake Tucker, another junior, also impressed with his batting and bowling. The batting partnership of 211 runs between Massimo and Thomas in the demolition of Bells Yew Green was the season's highest partnership for the Club.

Winter training for the juniors starts in the Leisure Centre in November on Sundays from 2.30 to 4pm. Free taster sessions are going to be available for newcomers. To contact the Club, go to our website: storringtoncricket.club.

Mentioning another record, when Charlie Tear, a former West Chiltington junior, scored an unbeaten 317 for the Sussex 2nd XI at Horsham in June, his feat beat a previous ground record of 302. That earlier record had been scored by a well-known Warnham family cricketer, F M Lucas, playing for Horsham in June 1882 against Storrington! In those days, declarations were not part of the game and Horsham had batted until they were all out for 553 runs, leaving only a quarter of an hour for Storrington players to bat – which they declined to do!

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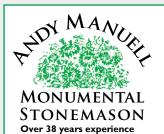


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West Chillington Dramatic Society



Nobody's perfect, or so they say.... but then vive la difference and, if we were all the same and perfect, life would be pretty boring, wouldn't it?! What I can promise will not be boring is our next production, for which rehearsals have recently started.

This is 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 Chiltington Village Hall.

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! Can Dee Dee and Gus save the day?

Early rehearsals are indicating already that this is a not-to-be production! missed In the cast of four, **WCDS** have stalwarts Julian Hoad as Leonard and Sue Burroughs as Harriet. Dee Dee is played by Julian's real-life daughter, Iszy Hoad, making her debut



with WCDS. Ralph Wigg is returning to the stage after 32 years (and much directing) as Gus. This is an intriguing and exciting mix and we can't wait to see how it turns out on stage! Why don't you join us to find out as well?

Tickets cost £12 for adults, £6 for under 18s. They are on sale from 10 October via our website www.wcds.co.uk or from our local box offices NISA Local and The Post Office Stores, both in West Chiltington. There will be tea and coffee, a licensed bar, ice creams 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 or sign up for latest news. We welcome new members, whether for roles on or off-stage.

Angela Sloan, Chair WCDS



STORRINGTONDRAMATIC SOCIETY

Our pantomime this year will be *Wind in the Willows* by Limelight Scripts. It will take place in Sullington Parish Hall on 3, 4, 5 and 6 December. Times will vary slightly so please consult your ticket, which can only be purchased online through TicketSource.

Rehearsals are in full swing and, we are pleased to say, with some new, young faces, as well as the return of some well-known personalities.

This says a lot for our Society: all ages are welcome. Over the years a fair number of youngsters have grown into confident, young adult, partly due to the opportunities offered by the Society and partly by the friendships formed from meeting and learning from each other. This pantomime offers newcomers the opportunity to give it a go as there are opportunities to appear on stage without having to learn lines, and just get the experience of being in front of an audience.

Not sure about it? Come along on a Tuesday or Thursday from 7.30pm and see what happens at rehearsals, and meet the director and some of the cast. Don't be shy – come and try!

David Chinn



Bee Keeping

At the August meeting we enjoyed a talk by Roger Patterson, about bees and beekeeping.

The bees kept by beekeepers are honeybees. There are many other types of bees, and many insects which can appear very similar, including many species of wasps, and also hoverflies, which mimic wasps, but don't sting. A fossil bee trapped in amber, dating back one hundred million years, has proved that bees evolved from wasps.



Honeybees naturally live in tree cavities, where the colony can live through winter. Hives provide similar spaces for the colony, but are created in sections, which can be removed to harvest the honey. The bees in a colony comprise a Queen, Drones (which are male), and Workers (which are incomplete females). The Workers collect nectar from flowers, bribed by pollen, put the nectar into wax cells, and cap the cells when full, so they are airtight and will keep for years.

Bees communicate through several methods, including complex dances and the use of pheromones; one pheromone given off by the Queen means that if she dies every bee in the colony is aware of it almost instantly.



Honey will ferment; it should always have the cap screwed on tightly and kept cool. The best temperature is 52-54°F. It will also granulate or crystallise; some very quickly whilst others may take more than ten years. We were warned to be alert for possible fakes as there is honey on the market made from corn syrup, so buy local where possible!

The evening finished with light refreshments and a raffle.



The next meeting will be on **17 October** at 7.30pm when Kevin Newman will talk to us about Spooky Sussex.

Jo Myland

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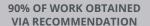
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Olatunji Olaleye & John Ollerton - President of Storrington and Pulborough District Rotary.

The Rotary Club of Storrington and Pulborough District was delighted to welcome the Rotary District Governor, Olatunji Olaleye (known as TJ), to its weekly meeting at The Roundabout Hotel, West Chiltington.

Olatunji expressed admiration for the hard work of the Club members and gratitude for the generosity of the local people of Storrington and Pulborough district in their support of Rotary's local and international charities through the Storrington book stalls, monthly film nights at Sullington Parish Hall, Pop In Lunches in Storrington, car boot sales, Christmas tree recycling and many more fund raising events held throughout the year.

Mike Lavender

NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDEN UPDATE

This month we would like to share a couple of highlights from the summer during the lovely weather.

With our colleagues from Ashington and Pulborough, we held our summer Stay and Play for Autistic and SEN children at Chanctonbury Leisure Centre. We had the whole of the main hall and we set up the sensory dome with sensory toys and lights, bouncy castle, Lego, archery and a mini go-kart track. The events were well supported by many families and the feedback was lovely, some saying that "there is nothing like this in the area" and "we have nowhere to take our children, so thanks". This makes all the effort worthwhile. Thank you to Chanctonbury Leisure Centre and Horsham Family Hub.

Summer Fun Day

For the last few years we have been running a Summer Fun Day where all the activities are free. This year we decided to expand the event and invite local play groups, nurseries, dance groups, Horsham Family Hub and other youth agencies. The weather was perfect and everything went to plan; the climbing wall, bouncy castle, DJ mixing tent and all the activities were enjoyed thoroughly. Our cheese toastie van was its usual draw and provided over 400 toasties. We estimated that well over 600 people attended the event and one particular activity organised by Horsham Family Hub was enjoyed by 400 children.

We would like to thank HDC for the snack wagon, all the local groups, Parish Council for their support, Tesco's, St Mary's Church, Storrington, everyone that supported us on the day and all the lovely feedback.

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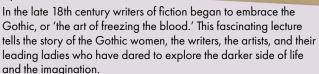


All members and visitors are most welcome to attend a talk on:

Wednesday 1 October

THE MADWOMAN IN THE ATTIC: GOTHIC WOMEN AND THE ART OF FREEZING THE BLOOD

Speaker: Annalie Talent



Annalie's lectures focus on aspects of Romantic and Victorian literature. She uses her knowledge and personal experience of literary houses, and their collections, to offer a unique perspective on writers and their works.

Wednesday 5 November

ART OF UZBEKISTAN - HEART OF THE SILK ROAD

Speaker: Chris Bradley

Traditional artisans continue to work metal, ceramics, wood and fabrics in the fertile Ferghana Valley, as they have done for thousands of years. Their beautiful creations, such as the vibrant silk 'ikat' dresses are still worn by women on special family occasions. Centrally located along the Silk Road, Uzbekistan has produced amazing art under diverse rulers such as Alexander the Great, Ancient Persians and Soviets. Famous UNESCO cities include Bukhara and Khiva, but if any place encapsulates this multi-culturalism then it is Samarkand, capital of Timur, known as Tamerlane in the West.

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.

Talks are in Fittleworth Village Hall, RH20 1JB Doors open 09.50 am for coffee. Please be seated by 10.30 am for 10.45 am start. Members free and non-members £8. (No booking required.) Further details on: www.theartssocietysouthdowns.org.uk Or contact: Jane Allison on Tel 01798 813314

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.





IS THERE MORE TO LIFE THAN THIS?

Try the free Alpha course at The Village Hub in Storrington

Come and join us to explore the big questions of life, faith and meaning, when Life Community Church Storrington is running another Alpha course.

Alpha is an unpressurised, fun and informative course, giving you an opportunity to ask questions about life, share your thoughts, and explore the Christian faith. Enjoy some cake and drinks followed by an inspiring presentation and meaningful discussion about life and faith. Each session includes a short film addressing a key issue relating to questions about life, followed by a chance to discuss what you've heard, air your views and ask anything you like.

Alpha is a free course running every Wednesday* until 3 December, no commitment is required. Sessions take place at the Village Hub, 7 The Square, Storrington, RH2O 4DJ.

For more information and to book please email alpha@lccstor.org, telephone 01903 743547, or visit the Village Hub.

*Other times or days may be available

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