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Do you have faith? Do you believe and trust in God? Do you sometimes struggle with faith, with head and heart at odds? Are you sometimes assailed with real doubt about all of it, even the existence of God himself?

I am not a particularly holy type, so I am always surprised by the occasional wistful comment: 'I wish I had your faith'. Faith is a gift, the greatest of gifts. It transforms our lives, gives them meaning and direction. Faith does not protect us from life's hard knocks – pain and suffering might still be our lot. But faith does mean that we are not alone and helpless in our distress. Faith means we know that God is with us, whatever befalls us – joy or sorrow, health or illness. Faith means that we are not alone in this world and we have hope.

So many people regard faith as a gift offered only to the fortunate few, but it isn't. Faith is a gift offered to anyone. It is there for the taking. It is up to us to take the gift, to accept that faith for ourselves, and trust in God. I was baptised as a 4-month old baby and brought up in a church-going family, but at 13 I realised I had to make my own decision to become a Christian and to commit my life to God. Soon after I was confirmed, publicly saying for myself the promises my parents and godparents had made for me at my baptism.

Sometimes that wistful 'I wish I had your faith' is not actually about faith, but about the feeling of faith – that warm feeling of assurance and love you sometimes feel. But that too is a gift, and often a passing one. It is an emotional experience that can make it easier to believe, but it is not essential, and it is not to be confused with faith itself. Emotions pass; faith stays. I remember very vividly the time around the age of 16 when I felt strongly the absence of God, and it lasted for quite some time. I was revising for my 'O' Levels at the time and felt very much in need of God's reassuring presence, but there was just this awful absence. I remember saying to God "you might have forgotten me, but I haven't forgotten you, I still believe in you". Later I became more strongly aware of God's presence, together with a sense of call to be a priest; I was only 16 and hadn't registered that women were not priests at that time!

Sometimes the wistful 'I wish...' is about a desire to be convinced about the existence of God. But faith cannot be proved. If we could prove our religion then we would not need faith, and our churches would be full! However, that does not mean that faith is irrational. Faith is reasonable; it can be a weighing up of the evidence for and against the existence of God, and then a decision for believing in God. But we don't have absolute proof of God's existence, at the end we have to make a 'leap' of faith. The Fathers of the Church said faith comes first; understanding follows.

God calls us to him, but we are left to make a decision out of our own free-will to respond, or not, to his call. To have faith in God we must make a 'leap' of faith. And it is a leap into the unknown. A declaration of faith in God is a commitment to life with him, and all that involves. A declaration of faith is an act of trust, in God's love, and in God's will for us. It is an act of commitment of our mind, heart, spirit. It is an offering of our whole life and existence for God to use for his purposes.

The basic act of faith is pure choice; pure reaction to God's gift. But sometimes we doubt. Just occasionally there is that sinking feeling that it is all wishful thinking; and sometimes there is that sense of God's absence. I suspect many Christians experience these times of doubt. Often they are then swept away by music, art, the beauty of creation, even an uplifting church service. Such times are graces to be cherished. But our faith should not depend on such emotional highs. They are sweet extras to help us on our way, fuel to re-ignite our small fire of faith.

I believe in God, but I am aware that my faith is not always whole-hearted. There are parts of me, subconscious perhaps, that do not accept Jesus fully. There are parts of me that resent his demands on my time, my wealth, my lifestyle. Perhaps you are the same. I believe in God, but I am far from being holy. My journey of faith is far from over. I am a pilgrim on the way, and my prayer is "Lord, I believe; heal my unbelief".

CANON KATHRYN WINDSLOW

PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

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



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What's happening at

St Mary's Thakeham



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PASTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR

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



Thakeham Knit and Stitch Group



On Thursday 20 August, members of the Thakeham Knit and Stitch Group met at the home of Peter and Sandy Clark. Even though we met in the garden and social distance was observed, as there were more than six people we had to arrive at staggered times. Members of the group had been joined by some members of Thakeham Church.

This meeting was not to continue with our latest craft project, it was to celebrate three special birthdays. Mollie Gray, a member of Thakeham Church, had recently celebrated her 90th birthday, Elizabeth Beeching, also a regular member of Thakeham Church, had just reached 91 years of age and Pam Spinks was about to become a centenarian. Pam was presented with a bouquet of flowers. The three ladies regularly attend the Knit and Stitch Group. Sadly, with government restrictions in place we could not celebrate the birthdays as we would have done under normal circumstances, but everyone enjoyed a slice of delicious homemade cake with a cup of tea.

The reason for meeting in Sandy and Peter's garden was to say a fond farewell to them as they are soon to move from Thakeham to Liphook in Hampshire. They have both been active members of Thakeham Church for many years, and Sandy has also been a member of the Knit and Stitch Group. Both Sandy and Peter will be sadly missed. We all wish them many years of health and happiness in their new home.

Until there is some relaxation in Government restrictions, the Knit and Stitch Group will be unable to meet as planned at the Rectory. We are hoping to have further arrangements in place in time for the October meeting, but confirmation of these arrangements has yet to take place.

If anyone would like to join us or require more information about the Knit and Stitch Group and any future meetings, please contact Wynn Lednor on 743025.

THAKEHAM COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Annual Firework Display is scheduled for 31 October, Halloween, on the Abingworth Field. However, this will only go ahead if Covid-19 regulations and guidance allow it. Details of this and any other events are available on our Twitter and Facebook pages.

John Bearman

THAKEHAM VILLAGE HALL

Following the Government update in July, the Village Hall re-opened on a part-time basis in August. Strict Government guidelines have been implemented, and there are restrictions on permitted activities and a limit on numbers. These will be reviewed as further Government guidance and updates are received. The latest information is available on the Hall website www.thakehamvillagehall.co.uk and on our Facebook page. The Hall Manager can be contacted by email on info@thakehamvillagehall.co.uk, or phone on 01798 815467.

John Bearman

Chairman, Thakeham Village Hall Committee

Café at The Old Workshop

Open 10am to 4.30pm

OCTOBER: 16-18 and 23-25

NOVEMBER: 20-22 and 27-29

JANUARY: 2-3, 15-17 and 22-24

FEBRUARY: 19-21 and 26-28

MARCH: 19-21

After that, we are open every weekend from Easter – end of September 2021



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What's happening at St Mary's Sullington



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Jo Pentecost (744454)

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Church Flowers

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THAKEHAM AND SULLINGTON:

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

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Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in us

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

CHURCH WITHOUT WALLS

On 16 August, we celebrated Holy Communion for the first time since the lock down began. Our plan was to hold our service in the open air but the inclement weather proved to be very windy and wet. Our thanks to the Kittle family for allowing us to retire to their Sullington Manor Tithe Barn. It was so nice to see each other again face to face, even though wearing masks!



75TH ANNIVERSARY VJ DAY AT SULLINGTON

On 15 August, a wreath was quietly laid on the War Memorial in the graveyard of St Mary's, Sullington, by the Royal British Legion to commemorate the end of the Second World War.

VJ Day, Victory over Japan Day, marks the day Japan surrendered in 1945 and marked the end of WW2.



WATCH THIS SPACE!

We are currently preparing a 2021 St Mary's Church, Sullington, calendar and Christmas cards.

More details next month but do keep an eye on our website for further information.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

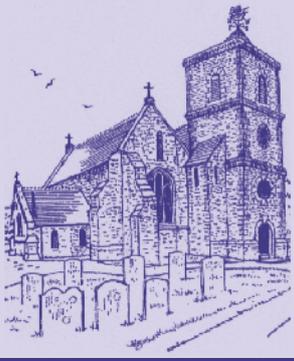
**Sullington Flower Festival 2020
was cancelled due to Covid 19**

But, some good news!

**We have dates for 2021:
3 to 5 September**

We will give more details next year but we are looking forward to it





What's happening at St Mary's Storrington

For Clergy see page 3 www.storringtonparishchurch.org.uk office@storringtonparishchurch.org.uk

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Revd Jaquie Peal (743083)

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Sacristy Team

Rosemary Wills (01798 813206)
Stella Hastings & John Taylor (745477)

Captain of Bellringers

John Taylor (745477)

Parish Visiting Scheme

Sonia Fox (745703)

Recorder

Rob and Alison Wall (743713)

Electoral Roll Officer

Val Rice (918958)

Director of Music

Stephen Bloxham

Assistant Organists

Ian Miles, Chrystalle Kersley
Peter Lewis, Keith Smithers
Simon Whitchurch

Readers and Sidesmen

Vera Blake (743974)

Church Flowers

Anna Forster (745392)

Child Protection Officer

Jackie Lee (743661)

Bible Reading Fellowship

Amanda Hislop (743700)

Bible Society

Jean Hunt (01798 813681)

Christian Aid Co-ordinator

Anna Forster (745392)

The Rector, Revd Canon Kathryn Windslow, will take Friday as her day off. **The Rectory Office is now open on Thursdays 10am – 12noon.** Viv Stuart (Parish Secretary) can be contacted at other times on 745913.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Church Services see page 18.

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

Altar Servers: Revd Jacquie Peal (743083)

Bellringers: Fridays, 7.45pm - 9.30pm.

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

Church & Churchyard Maintenance: Ray Hunt (01798 813681)

Mothers' Union: Jean Hunt (01798 813681)

Bible Study / Home Groups:

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

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

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

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

FACE COVERINGS/MASKS IN CHURCH

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

ZOOM SERVICES at St Mary's, Storrington – see page 18.

PARISH VISITING TEAM...

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

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES

Due to the current Covid-19 situation the Church of England Children's Society collecting boxes will not be collected and emptied during this year. All box-holders will be informed when the boxes are able to be emptied again. *Pat and Alun Jenkins (744927)*

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 we will not be able to have our usual **Service of Light, Hope & Remembrance** this year but we will display in Church a board with all the names entered in our Book of Remembrance and of those whose funerals have taken place over the last three years. The board will be in Church and can be seen on Thursday, 29 October, Sunday, 1 November and Thursday, 5 November.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 8 November 2020

Our usual Civic Remembrance Sunday Service will not take place this year but there will be a short Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial at 3pm on Sunday, 8 November.

STORRINGTON REGISTERS

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

23 July Patricia Mary Edwards (88 years)

24 Aug Malcolm John Biggs (75 years)

25 Aug Joan Alice Murton (99 years)

HARVEST FESTIVAL AT STORRINGTON

Sunday, 4 October

We will be celebrating Harvest Festival in a slightly different way this year. We will have our Harvest Festival Parish Communion at 10am and everyone is invited to bring non-perishable food contributions for our local Foodbank.

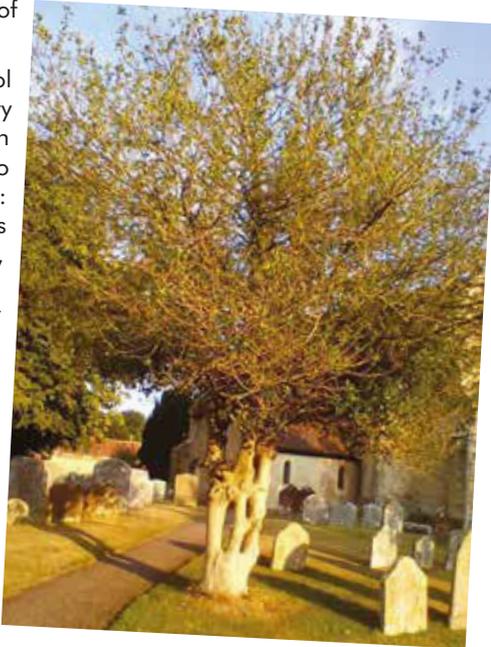
THE TRINITY TREE

This is a picture of what I call 'The Trinity Tree' in the churchyard at St Mary's, Storrington. It is an old holly tree that has stood up to the trials of time. Somehow damaged at a very low level, a long time ago, it has grown three new shoots that have united over time to form a new and beautiful complex triple trunk that seems to stand up to whatever hits it.

Three trunks, one tree, leafing, flowering, fruiting each year.

For me, that is a powerful symbol of the Holy Trinity, God our Father, his Son, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, three aspects of one God, each of them standing up to the trials, pains, tragedies of life and yet still, however damaged they are by us in our thoughtlessness, selfishness and sometimes deliberate evil, in their unity they are perfect in the love and strength of their one being.

This beautiful symbol of the Holy Trinity is also, for us, an example of how to live as Christians: whatever life has done, or will do, to us together with God and each other we will endure to leaf, flower and bear fruit. However life may have bent and twisted and warped us, we can still, together, be something beautiful through and for God.



Jacquie Peal

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

and leave in the box in the Church porch...
they can be converted to much needed funds for our Church.
Please pass the message to all your friends and neighbours.

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WEST CHILTINGTON AND STORRINGTON MOTHERS' UNION

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

We were deeply saddened to hear that our member Joan Murton, who would have been 100 years old in November, had died on 9 August, Mary Sumner Day, an important day in the MU calendar. Joan had been a member for 61 years and was a member until her death, giving a life-time of commitment to MU. She was a much-loved Branch Leader of this Branch for eight years, and before that was Branch Leader in Cheam. She had also served on the Social Policy Committee several years ago. Until her mobility deteriorated, she was always a part of the various MU activities, whether in Branch or the Diocese, and always supportive of our organisation. Joan was held in deep affection by the members and will be in our hearts for a very long time.

We are very grateful to SPACE who has very kindly made a generous donation to our funds to be used for our *Away From It All* holidays. As Branch fund-raising activities have been severely curtailed this year, this is truly a blessing. Since restrictions lifted our two caravans have been fully booked for family holidays.

On 3 September, 15 members and Sharon Priest, our District Chairman, were able to gather for a Eucharist Service at West Chiltington Church conducted by Revd Stephen Merriman. This was the first time MU as a group and the new Rector had been able to meet since lock-down. We were all socially distanced of course, but it was a joy to see our members in the flesh.

We now look forward to our first meeting in West Chiltington Church Hall on **1 October at 2pm** when Revd Stephen Merriman is coming to talk to us. Rules and regulations will apply so there will be no refreshments, but if members wish to bring a flask and their own cup they are free to do so. Masks will need to be worn, and socially distancing practiced, but it will be an opportunity to enjoy fellowship.

Jean Hunt

Christians in Storrington Monthly Inter-Church Prayer Meetings Everyone welcome

Do join us either in the side-chapel at
Our Lady of England RC Church or at "Matt's Meadow"
(please check venue beforehand)
10am - 10.30am on the first Tuesday of each month
Tuesday, 6 October – Roman Catholic Church will lead
Tuesday, 3 November – Trinity Methodist Church will lead
One in faith and love and praise

Church@4pm
at St Mary's Church, Storrington

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



SULLINGTON 122 YEARS AGO

EXTRACTS FROM CANON PALMER'S DIARY – OCTOBER 1898

Sat 1: Very fine and bright. 53 degrees. This month begins with fair prospects! The rain has been most refreshing. My lad James Adsett leaves, and sulks, declining to come up tomorrow.

Sun 2: Trinity XVII. Fine and bright. 52 degrees. Morning service fairly attended, evening very thin: 8 to Holy Communion. Sermons on the Eucharist Psalm IX and on the need of the Holy Spirit for Faith. 1 Cor XII. Hal returned from Town and Cambridge in late evening.

Mon 3: As yesterday, early fog. 53 degrees. Rowed across to Ferring where Deane held forth on Patronage, being a rambling explanation of the recent 'Benefices' Bill' : and a few remarks on the general subject, taking over an hour, a small meeting, only fellowes, Glover, Crick, Peel, Orme, and Williams. Harmonium comes from Benges.

Tue 4: As yesterday, 59 degrees. School 25 out of 29. Baigent into his work. Gathered some apples, crop Scanty. Graham's and Walkers to tennis. The girls and I to Sandgate, where dinner and whist with Mrs Felton until 11pm.

Wed 5: Dull and very mild. 59 degrees. School 27 out of 27. Gathered some apples; very few about. Annie writes an account of the housing of the Turtles and of her future under Bourie.

Thu 6: Dull. 56 degrees. A sharp touch of lumbago when emerging from the bath, kept at home, Brereton comes to lunch, to see the bees and play tennis. Fred Napier, invalided from Bombay, is driven over from Florrie. Mrs Felton dines and whists.

Fri 7: Very dull. 56 degrees. Spent morning in bed! And got up with pangs: Stopped in all day. Received Austin and Mrs Hoare. Hal went off on my bicycle to Haywards Heath.

Sat 8: As yesterday. 54 degrees. Again in bed till midday and very much pained to put on socks etc and could not do up shoes! Patrick looked in to tea. Wrote my sermon for tomorrow on 'Grace'.

Sun 9: Trinity XVIII. Dull and some drizzle. My back very painful and stiff in morning but improves with the day. Preached to a fair number on 'Grace'! ; In afternoon extempore on 'Bearing the Cross daily' Luke IX:23 considering it was our first afternoon the congregation was fair. Wrote to Annie.

Mon 10: 51 degrees. Lumbago bad in morning improving with the day and attended a Road Committee meeting at Mants' and walked home. Jervoise arrives, old Napier appeared.

Tue 11: Some light rain from the north. 48 degrees. Glad to be able to attend the Board of Guardians. Not much impressed with our new Master, Mr Ringer.

Wed 12: Fine, frost at night. 48 degrees. School 29 out of 30. Hal left for Cambridge: there new start of his, I hope, likely to meet his wants, but he is strangely absent minded, reserved, and wanting in Savoir faire. Apple gathering and very few pears. The girls began their Choral practising at Pulborough, driven there by Mrs Felton.

Thu 13: Foggy then fine. 48 degrees. Walked across in morning to see old Penfold in bed, but better. He was very quiet and uncomplaining, but of pain he thought he had about enough! A tea party here. Andrewes, Felton, Meek, Ansell with friends, Bramwell, Mrs, Miss and Mr Patrick, Newton, Parkinson, Lemming etc, etc.

Fri 14: Fine but dull and windy. 52 degrees. Finished apples. Appearances of rain, but it takes long after this dryth. Bourke and Mrs called, he to make me acquainted with the case of himself and W.W.; he appeared to have acted thoughtlessly on one occasion, at all event: but of course is really quite clear of taint. Mesdames Hurst and Hearly also called as singing practise dwindles. Getting in the winter's straw from Elliots at Rackham.

15 - 20th missing

Fri 21: Mild, muggy. 59 degrees. School 27 out of 30. Worked up and despatched the return for Year Book. Visited Faithfull, re Bourke. Felton sent pheasant, we inspected the school yard together. Mother writes me a post card for her money: Hand not quite so firm.

Sat 22: Warm, spring-like and dull. 61 degrees. Miss Sarah Walker died suddenly last evening – heart. Faithfull and Napier met here to discuss and address Bourke on his recent trial.

Sun 23: Trinity XX. As yesterday but fine and bright. Two very fair congregations. Day like spring. In morning a sermon on the prayer for clergy giving the word free course; in the afternoon on 'The Vision of the Dry Bones'. To Rock afterwards to see Andrewes about Wednesday meeting at Brighton which I cannot attend.

Mon 24: Fine, warm. 54 degrees. A chain of visitors. The two Simpsons to lunch re Bourke. Then two Godman girls; then two youngsters from Worthing, Scott and Roebuck, the two Bridger girls! So little done.

Tue 25: Dull, mild. 53 degrees. Board of Guardians and District Council; little interest. Then to Cobden, when find much apathy is in matters religious.

Wed 26: Dull but fine and mild. 56 degrees. Miss S Walker's funeral. To a long and interesting Rural Deanery Chapter at Wiston – nineteen present. Bishops, Rubrics and Daily Services provoked a lively service. Girls to Petworth Choral Society.

Thu 27: Dull and mild: 55 degrees. School 30 out of 30. My first interview with Mr Houle and arranged about the chicken run and Glebe. Jervoise left. Visited Slaughter Sr Lusher and Sam Goatcher.

Fri 28: Fine, mild. 56 degrees. To Chichester for asylum work. In evening dined *en famille* Cunliffs, he in bed with a chill.

Sat 29: Dull and murky and close, thunder in evening and rain. 53 degrees. De Laune came to us with a servant: went to Storrington and Sandgate to tea with Felton who showed us pictures. Bradbourne sends me an application made to him as reference for a character of George Carew Gibson as to 'means' etc. for taking a farm in Lincolnshire near Brigg!

Sun 30: Trinity XXI. Dull to rain and storm. 53 degrees. Good morning congregation preached (Notes) on 'The bravery of the three children' Luke 20 : 27. After 'The bravery of the three children' afternoon very rough and wet. Sermon (Notes) on Sadduceeism.

Mon 31: Fine and bright. Cleaning up after the storm. School 27 out of 30. De Laune and valet left early. Called on Cunliffe, ill and Penfold better. Frau Corber to lunch.

Come and join our SPACE

Somewhere for
People to make
Art or
Crafts and
Escape from home for a few hours!

1st and 3rd Tuesdays 2pm - 4pm
at the Old School

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.

There will be no refreshments but everyone is welcome to bring their own. Face coverings needed and social distancing guidelines followed.

For more information contact: Sonia Fox (745703)

A tribute to Pam Spinks on her 100th birthday

As we go to press, like all other organisations, we are still unable to hold our monthly meetings. A quiz night was held at the beginning of August, involving five other WI Groups. This quiz was held via Zoom; how we have all become dependent on Zoom during recent months.

A member of Sullington Windmills celebrated an incredibly special birthday on 24 August: Pam Spinks became a Centenarian. Pam was born in the Swiss Cottage district of London in 1920. During her childhood she moved with her parents to West Hampstead and then Watford. On leaving school at the age of 14, Pam trained to become a hairdresser and later a beautician, a profession Pam enjoyed, but at the age of 48, due to certain health problems, she decided it was time for a change. She acquired a post with James Walker Goldsmith and Silversmith, where Pam worked in the office until she retired at the age of 60.

Pam and her husband moved from Worcester Park, Surrey, to Storrington in 1985. Since then Pam has proved to be a valuable member of the local community, having worked as a volunteer at the Community Market until she reached the grand age of 94, and also helped with the local community bus as an escort until she was 86. When she arrived in Storrington, Pam decided she would join the local WI in Storrington, but sadly due to the age of most members the group had to close. Not deterred, Pam joined the Thakeham WI group, and when this group closed in 2012 Pam joined Sullington Windmills WI, and today she is a much loved and respected member of Sullington Windmills. Pam's husband passed away in 1994, and Pam stayed in the family home on the Hormare until she was 94, but when she ceased driving she decided it was time to move into Foxmead Court, being one of the first residents to move there.



Pam Spinks

Storrington ahead of Pam, with a Gazebo erected under which would be Pam's presents, flowers and a decorated cake. Sadly, "the best laid plans!" as the saying goes, was certainly true on Friday 21 August, when, as members gathered, the gale force winds made it impossible for the gazebo to be erected, members having taken their own chairs had to remain seated otherwise chairs were blown away. The gifts and cake had to be displayed in the large boot of the President's car, where the cake was cut into slices and handed to members on disposable plates, along with a small glass of bubbly, again served in disposable glasses; at least we were able to toast Pam on her special birthday. The President had taken her own PA system and played *Jerusalem* and *Happy Birthday*. Whilst we could not sing along to the traditional songs, we could mime the words. We were all rather windblown but pleased to be there to help Pam celebrate.



Of course, Pam's celebrations did not stop there, as on Monday 24 Pam's daughter and her husband travelled from Cheam to spend the day with her. Representatives of the Community Market and the Community Bus met Pam in the car park of Fox Mead to wish her a happy birthday and bring her gifts. Residents of Foxmead Court all joined this celebration, which because no one had been meeting during the past few months was in fact another celebration. Tuesday 25 August, members of the Rotary delivered more gifts and greetings to Pam.



They had kindly collected Pam each month and taken her to the Rotary Film Evening held in Sullington Parish Hall. When I spoke to Pam shortly after her birthday, she said she was still counting her cards, in excess of 100, including a special card from Her Majesty the Queen. These celebrations highlight the high esteem in which Pam is held by so many organisations and individuals in the area.

If like Pam you feel you would like to join Sullington Windmills WI, new members are always welcome even in these strange times. Whilst we cannot meet as usual due to Government restrictions, we do meet via Zoom, and the next meeting will be on Wednesday **21 October**; as we go to press the speaker for October has yet to be confirmed, but you will find full details of the talk on Sullington Windmills website nearer to 21 October. Should you require more information regarding Sullington Windmills, including how to join the Zoom meetings, please contact Erika Brichta, President, on 742039.

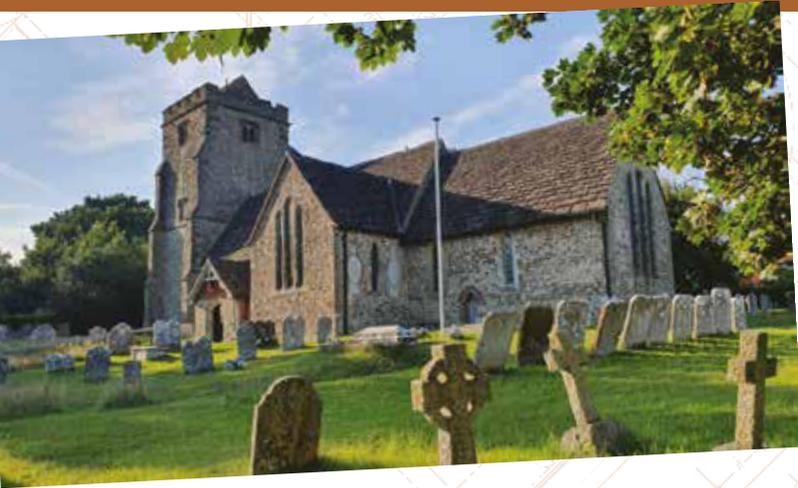
Pat Snape



Erika Brichta, the President of Sullington Windmills WI, had been planning Pam's Birthday celebration for quite some time, which had involved many members knitting squares being stitched together to make an amazing blanket for Pam, the centre of which showed 2020 and the whole blanket completed with a beautiful crochet edging. There was also a handmade cushion

with the detail of 100 in the centre. The plan was 30 members, all socially distancing would arrive at the Recreation Ground in

ST MARY'S, THAKEHAM – 'BUILDING FOR THE PEOPLE TO



By the time you read this, contractors plan to have started work to restore, renovate and refresh our beautiful Grade 1 listed building.

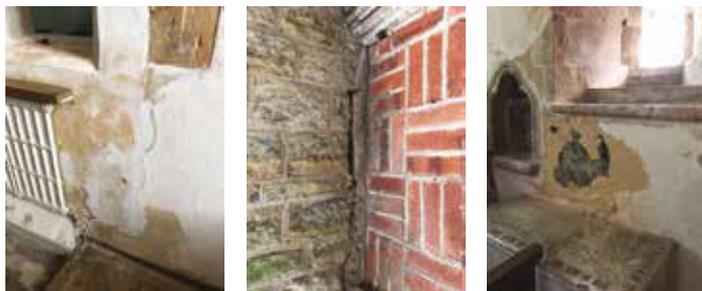
Why is this necessary?

- Almost all external stonework needs to be repointed, some must be replaced. Some windows are also in need of repair.
- Internal plasterwork is crumbling in numerous places.
- The old vestry and boiler house at the back of the Church are dilapidated.
- Oil-fired heating is inefficient, high in emissions and expensive to run.
- Electrical infrastructure is in need of renewal.
- Lighting levels are very poor yet electricity consumption high.
- The PA is old and sound is poor and difficult to control.
- The internal layout does not offer space for wheelchairs or babies' buggies.
- There are no toilets, baby change or hand washing facilities.
- Even very basic hospitality is almost impossible to offer.
- There is no space or provision for small children to be looked after appropriately.



Above: Current view of the church from the North

Below: External and internal walls

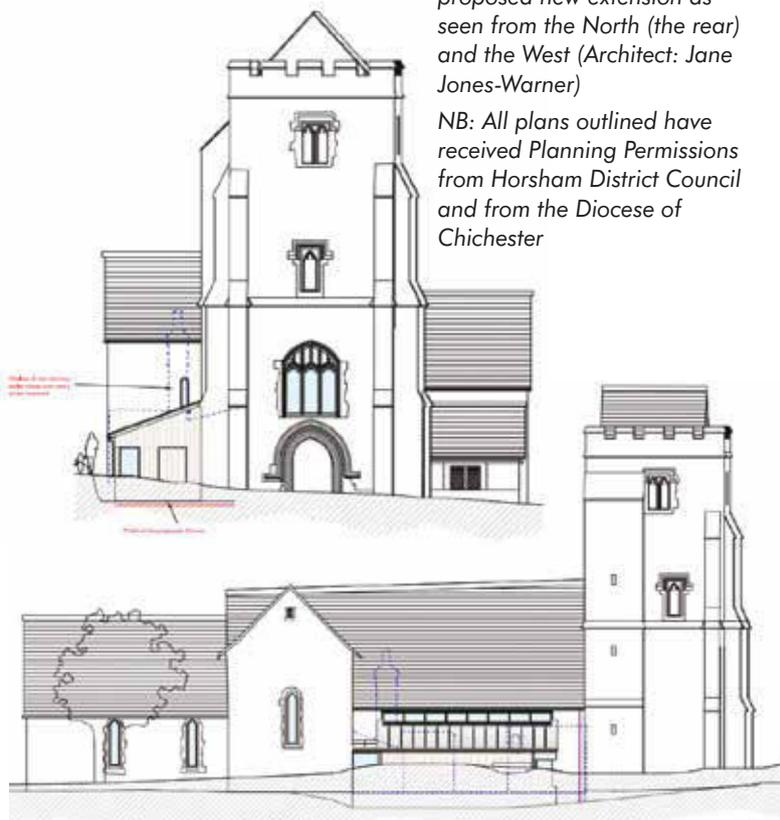


Plans to Renovate, Restore and Refresh our Local Parish Church

- External stonework will be repointed and repaired.
- Internal walls will be re-plastered and repainted.
- The old vestry and boiler house buildings will be demolished and replaced with a new extension.
- The new extension will accommodate a multifunctional vestry/small meeting room/creche and toilets (including accessible) with baby change facility. It will be level with the inside of the Church and will vastly improve its rear aspect. Roof lights and glazing have been included to make the most of natural daylight.
- Heating and lighting will be as energy efficient as they can be with zoned controls, new 'comfort heating' under pews and new glazed doors to enclose the Southern entrance porch and minimise draughts.
- Electrical supplies will be renewed and new audio visual equipment installed.
- Minor layout changes will create more space at the front of the Church and make best use of existing space elsewhere.
- For basic hospitality we plan to install a kitchenette in the existing tower. The bell ringing area will be raised to the mezzanine level.
- Although we currently have no bats in residence, we plan to install bat boxes to encourage local wildlife.

Here is a preview of our proposed new extension as seen from the North (the rear) and the West (Architect: Jane Jones-Warner)

NB: All plans outlined have received Planning Permissions from Horsham District Council and from the Diocese of Chichester



How are these Plans going to be put into Practice?

Carrying out work on and around a historic Grade 1 listed building such as St Mary's is costly, requires attention to detail and has been subject to extensive consultations, surveys, assessments and approvals processes.

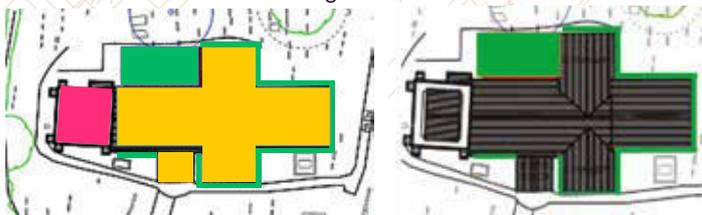
To make the most of currently available funding whilst working in the most cost effective way, we have subdivided the project into phases as follows:

THE GLORY OF GOD' UPDATE

Phase 1: Following receipt of £820,000 from a very generous legacy, safety concerns about our old cobble stone paths were addressed as soon as possible with new paths and an accessible car park completed in 2017 at a cost of £130,000.

Phases 2-4: Development and Design: Designs, consultations, surveys and assessments for mandatory approvals of phases 2-4 cost just over £100,000 and highlighted a need for far more extensive structural repairs than anticipated.

Phase 2 work (see below): Funds are available to complete phase 2, consisting of repair of external stonework and windows, essential internal safety repairs to the Tower and construction of the new extension with new building services.



■ **Phase 3 (fundraising underway):** An estimated £270,000-280,000 is required to complete*

■ **Phase 4 (fundraising underway):** An estimated £300,000-315,000 is required to complete*

* NB: Though relief is not guaranteed, churches and charities are eligible to apply for VAT relief for certain costs associated with building costs. The lower figures quoted above assume we'll be able to reclaim around ½ of VAT, the higher sums assume reclaiming just ¼.

Future Phases:

Phase 3 (see above): Internal re-plastering and redecoration, optimisation of layout, enclosure of porch, new heating, lighting, wiring and audio visual equipment.

Phase 4 (see above): Stonework repairs to the Tower, installation of new mezzanine bell ringing area and kitchenette.

Fundraising is already underway for phases 3

& 4 and delivery of these will be more cost effective if contractors are able to continue working at the end of phase 2 rather than to leave the site and start again later.



Numerous grant applications have been submitted by our project leader (STOP PRESS: We would like to thank the Allchurches Trust for a grant of £14,000 received in August) and our intrepid vicar, Sara-Jane Stevens who, at the time of writing, seeking sponsorship to ride the South Downs Path (first stages already complete).

We would love you to show your support and interest by praying for the team and contractors working on the project and telling other people about the work. If you feel able to bless us by making a financial contribution, however small, this would also be greatly appreciated.

Please see our website for details or contact us by phone or email.

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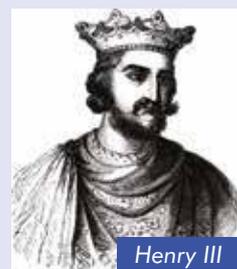
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SOME HISTORIC BIRTHDATES IN OCTOBER



Henry III

1 Oct 1207: Henry III, became King of England at the age of nine. He inherited a country that had been torn apart by his father's (John) misrule.

2 Oct 1852: Sir William Ramsay, Glasgow-born chemist. As Professor of Chemistry at University College, London, he discovered a whole bunch of 'on's' including argon, neon, krypton, xenon and radon.

4 Oct 1931: Terence Conran, designer who transformed the look of the modern British home when he founded the Habitat chain of stores in the 1960's.

5 Oct 1919: Donald Pleasence, actor of both stage and film. Best remembered for his roles as James Bond's arch-enemy Blofeld in *You Only Live Twice* and the horror films *Halloween*.

6 Oct 1732: Nevil Maskelyne, London-born Astronomer Royal who produced the British Mariner's Guide and Nautical Almanac thus helping to open up the world to British navigators and explorers.

7 Oct 1573: William Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury and advisor to Charles I, his high church policies proved so unpopular he was impeached and beheaded on Tower Hill.

10 Oct 1731: Henry Cavendish, physicist who discovered the existence of hydrogen, carbon dioxide and the chemical composition of water. He started to play with the theory of electricity as early as 1771.

11 Oct 1821: Sir George Williams, Somerset-born social reformer who, luckily for the Village People, founded the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) in 1844.

12 Oct 1537: Edward VI, King of England and Ireland from the age of ten, the long awaited but sickly son of Henry VIII and his third wife Jane Seymour, died at just 14 years from tuberculosis.

14 Oct 1644: William Penn, London-born Quaker leader who founded that now famous American colony of Pennsylvania.

16 Oct 1854: Oscar Fingal Wilde, dramatist and author, wild child of a Dublin surgeon and leader of the cult that believed in art for art's sake. Acknowledged himself as 'a lover of youth'.



Oscar Wilde

20 Oct 1632: Sir Christopher Wren, architect, who after the Great Fire (1666) prepared the grand plan for rebuilding London, designed St Paul's Cathedral and fifty other city churches, hospitals, theatres, etc.

27 Oct 1728: Captain James Cook, Yorkshire-born naval explorer whose voyages in his ship *Endeavour* led to the discovery and charting of Australia, New Zealand and the Hawaiian Islands



Christopher Wren

28 Oct 1794: Robert Liston, Scottish surgeon who became the first to use a general anaesthetic on a patient in a public operation in London in 1846.

31 Oct 1828: Sir Joseph Wilson Swan, Sunderland-born chemist, who in the 1880's fought with Thomas Edison over the patents to the electric lamp. The two inventors joined forces to form the prosperous Edison and Swan United Electric Light Co.

THAKEHAM PARISH NEWS

August has been a quiet month for news, mostly due to the annual recess. Some of you will have been busy getting ready for your children to return to school while others may have returned to work for the first time since March. It is still vitally important that to protect yourself and others, when you leave home you must:

- wash hands - keep washing your hands regularly
- cover face - wear a face covering over your nose and mouth in enclosed spaces
- make space - stay at least a metre away from people not in your household

If you are feeling unwell, get a test and do not leave home for at least 10 days.

Thakeham Village Hall

The Village Hall has now reopened under strict government regulations. Measures are in place, including a one-way system, hand sanitisers and limits on the number of people in the building at any one time. Not all the regular activities have been able to return and they currently cannot take any bookings for parties. You can find more information on their website: www.thakehamvillagehall.co.uk.

New Pavement on the B2139

The newly laid pavement runs north from the Merrywood Lane junction to connect with the eastbound bridleway opposite Kingdom Hall. It has been part of Abingworth development commitments since 2018 and is intended to help pedestrians travelling between central Thakeham and the Rock Road area. The bus stop is being reinstated.

Abingworth Traffic Concerns

Concerned residents have got in touch with us regarding the junction between Abingworth Crescent, Pavilion Close and the Village Hall car park. In the early days of the development this was a quiet road without much traffic, however the increased traffic and pedestrians on the development have now made this a busy junction without any clear rights of way. The opening of the bridleway means pedestrians will now be using the junction to cross alongside horses and cyclists. Children on bikes playing in the area can also be an additional hazard. We are working on improving the safety at this junction but in the meantime, we would like to remind everyone using the junction, please take extra care. Make sure you are being extra vigilant for cyclists, equestrians, and pedestrians.

Friends of the Glebe Field

The newly formed Friends of the Glebe Field group are looking for more members to continue to improve the biodiversity of the green space. Subject to Parish Council approval they plan to carry out projects in the Glebe Field, their initial ideas include planting a small community orchard, making a small pond for wildlife, and developing links with schools and youth groups. All kinds of skills are required: physical work, fundraising, developing nature awareness – and endless enthusiasm! For further details and to sign up, please contact Tony: burtenshawaj@gmail.com

Our monthly parish meetings will continue to be held virtually. Members of the public are permitted to join if they contact Owen, the Clerk, by email. Details of upcoming meetings are on the website as well as minutes from previous meetings.



THE HISTORY OF FUNNELLS FURNISHING LTD

My father, Brian Funnell, started from a 8'x 6' shed in North Lane, Storrington in September 1959. Shortly after, my grandad joined him and they moved to the old bicycle repair shop in Old Rosemary Church Street. He then bought the freehold at Bryant Coal Yard in North Street and the Malthouse next door, where they built a large work shop and turned the top floor flats into a workroom for curtains and loose-covers. They gained a large customer clientele, including Norman Wisdom and Anthea Askey.

In 1999, the Old Malthouse building and shop were replaced with two houses and a two-storey shop that you see today. We're very proud of being a family firm with four generations of my grandad, dad, mum, uncle, brother, my daughter and myself and also our longest serving salesperson, Kevin Meeten, who joined from a boy.



We celebrated our 60th birthday last September.

Looking even further back in the Funnell family furnishing history comes my grandad, JW Funnell, who started the first shop in Carshalton, Surrey in 1910, for which we hold a newspaper photo taken at that time hanging in our Storrington shop's memory corner, where it can be noted there are no cars visible in the High Street. Later, he moved from Carshalton to Shoreham-By-Sea where shops were opened, as well as Steyning. Sadly, all these shops have gone and the Storrington branch is the last of the line, but perhaps 110 years in the furnishing business is not a bad record, and we are still going.



With Covid restrictions continuing to prevent any live events, eighteen of our members met up on 15 August via Zoom, thankfully just after all that heat, to take part in a virtual Members' Evening. As anticipated, there was the occasional glitch but there was also a lot of laughter and camaraderie as we chatted, drank responsibly(-ish!) and read the three winning sketches from our recent competition, along with a short play *Continuous Performances* by Edwin Preece. You can see a screenshot of the evening on our website www.wcds.co.uk. At the end of the evening, the general consensus was that it had been a thoroughly enjoyable event, and we'd like to do another one! At the time of writing, this is in the planning stage.

See our web site for current news and events, and to look back on previous performances.

Jean Trew

Storrington Macular Group

in partnership with

Enquiries - Philippa on 743182



CHURCH SERVICES AT A GLANCE

STORRINGTON St Mary's



THAKEHAM St Mary's



SULLINGTON St Mary's



DATE	FESTIVAL OR SUNDAY	STORRINGTON	THAKEHAM	SULLINGTON
4 October	Trinity 18	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Harvest Festival Parish Communion 10am Parish Communion Service on Zoom		10.30am Joint Family Service on Zoom (Zoom login details are available from Parish Office)
11 October	Trinity 19	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion 10am Parish Communion Service on Zoom		8am Joint Parishes Reflective Communion on Zoom 10.30am Joint Sunday Worship on Zoom
18 October	Trinity 20	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion 10am Parish Communion Service on Zoom		Thakeham – 10.30am Family Communion at The Glebe Field, The Rectory, The Street, Thakeham. This is a "Drive-In" service, with singing in our cars. If the weather is very wet a reduced service will take place in Thakeham Village Hall.
25 October	Trinity 21	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion 10am Parish Communion Service on Zoom		*Sullington – 8am Joint BCP Communion – 10.30am Family Communion *We aim to show face-to-face live-streamed on Zoom. This is a very new technology for us; please be patient and bear with us as we try to get the picture / sound / slides right.
1 Nov	Trinity All Saints' Day	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion 10am Parish Communion Service on Zoom		10.30am Joint Parishes Praise on Zoom

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

St Mary's Church, Storrington, is usually open for private prayer on Thursdays 9am – 12.30pm

Sullington & Thakeham with Warminghurst parishes
Wednesdays – Midweek Communion at 12 noon on our YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGzvwRThZUMpnUYRzTt1gA/videos>

ZOOM SERVICES AT ST MARY'S, STORRINGTON

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

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

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

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

OTHER CHURCH DETAILS

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Our Lady of England, Monastery Lane

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

Daily Mass: Monday – Friday 9am.

For other midweek services, confessions etc., please contact

Parish Priest: Fr Charles Howell

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

Tel: 740338

STORRINGTON CHAPEL

North Street

Sunday Services 10.30am and 6.30pm

Enquiries to Storrington Chapel Evangelical Church,

North Street, Storrington RH20 4DH

Email: contacts@storringtonchapel.org.uk

LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH, STORRINGTON

(Formerly The Community Church Storrington)

Steining Grammar School – Rock Road Campus

Family Worship – Sundays 10am

Enquiries to Katherine Edwards

Life Community Church Office,

PO Box 1020, Storrington RH20 3UY

Tel: 07450 176315 Email: admin@lccstor.org

www.lccstor.org

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH

Thakeham Road

Sunday Service 10.30am

Minister: Revd Dr Frank Okai-Sam

Tel: 01273 597122

(Church Office: 01903 746390 / 01273 596374)

www.trinitymethodiststorrington.uk

www.facebook.com/TrinityStorrington

WEEKLY EVENTS

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

Fri 9.45am Storrington Community Market – Village Hall

Storrington Library Opening Hours – Tel. 839050

For more details and to see current opening hours please see page 23.

SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB



POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

contact Storrington Rectory Office for further information on 742888

STORRINGTON POP-IN LUNCH CLUB

CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

For further information contact Pat Webb on 893145



WHAT'S ON

OCTOBER	
Thu 1	
2pm	MU Meeting-- p9
Sat 3	
10am	Storrington Conservation Society – Working Party – p24
Sun 4 Trinity 17	
Tue 6	
10am	Inter-Church Prayers – RC Church – p9
2pm	SPACE – Arts and Craft Club – p10
Thu 8	
7.30pm	Storrington Camera Club – Zoom Meeting – p27
Fri 9	
7.30	PACT Autumn Lecture – Zoom Meeting – p19
Sun 11 Trinity 18	
Tue 13	
2pm	SPACE – Arts and Craft Club – p10
Wed 21	
7.30pm	Sullington Windmills WI – Zoom meeting – p13
Sun 18 Trinity 19	
Thu 22	
7.30pm	Storrington Camera Club – Zoom Meeting – p27
Sun 25 Last Sunday after Trinity	
Sun 25 Clocks go back 1 hour	

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

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



PACT Autumn

'Christian Mission in a Post-Covid World'



John Baxter-Brown Chief Executive of Global Connections

With over 300 members, Global Connections is a growing network of UK missions.

All welcome

Gathering online from 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start

Friday 9 October

via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86529015925>
Meeting ID: 865 2901 5925 [No password]

Further info: **Gerald Gresham Cooke** 01798 342 151; Geraldgreshamcooke@gmail.com

www.petworthareachurchestogether.com

SAINTS AND SPECIAL DAYS

OCTOBER	
Thu 1	Anthony Ashley Cooper, 1885, social reformer
Sat 3	George Bell, 1958, Anglican theologian and Bishop of Chichester
Sun 4	Francis of Assisi, 1226 , patron saint of animals
Tues 6	William Tyndale, 1536 , translated Bible into English
Fri 9	Denys, c.25, Christian martyr and saint Robert Grosseteste, 1253, Bishop of Lincoln, Scholastic philosopher
Sat 10	Paulinus, 644 , first Bishop of York Thomas Traherne, 1674, poet – <i>Centuries of Meditations</i>
Sun 11	Ethelburga, 675, established one of first nunneries in England James the Deacon, 7 th century, Christianised the pagan Anglo-Saxons
Mon 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
Tues 13	Edward the Confessor 1066 , King and previous patron saint of England
Thu 15	Teresa of Avila, 1582 , Roman Catholic saint
Fri 16	Nicholas Ridley and Hugh Latimer, 1555, Reformation Martyrs
Sat 17	Ignatius, c.107 , bishop and disciple of St John
Sun 18	ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST , wrote the gospel
Mon 19	Henry Martyn, 1812 , missionary to India and Persia
Sun 25	Crispin and Crispinian, c.287, martyrs, patron saints of cobblers
Mon 26	Alfred the Great, 899 , King (burnt the cakes!) Cedd Abbot of Lastingham, 664, monk and evangelist
Wed 28	ST. SIMON AND ST. JUDE, APOSTLES
Thu 29	James Hannington, 1885 , first Anglican bishop of East Africa
Sat 31	Martin Luther, 1546, translation of bible and hymn writer

A VERY INTERESTING REARRANGEMENT

When you rearrange the letters, see what you get!

Presbyterian: Best In Prayer

Astronomer: Moon Starer

Desperation: A Rope Ends It

The Eyes: They See

The Morse Code: Here Come Dots

Dormitory: Dirty Room

Slot Machines: Cash Lost In Me

Animosity: Is No Amity

Election Results: Lies - Let's Recount

Snooze Alarms: Alas! No More Z 'S

A Decimal Point: I'm A Dot In Place

The Earthquakes: That Queer Shake

Eleven Plus Two: Twelve Plus One

STORRINGTON & SULLINGTON – REFLECTIONS OF THE PAST

SELLING STORRINGTON – PART 1

Although officially in Sullington, let us begin with the lovely property known as Sussexdown which was offered for sale by auction “...unless previously sold by private treaty” by Fox & Sons at the Old Ship Hotel in Brighton on 15 November 1944. It was described in



the auction catalogue as “... A detached modern freehold country residence ... designed by a well-known Architect”. It had vacant possession “... except the lodge which is at present requisitioned by the War Department at £6 per annum”. It came with “... a delightful grounds of about 6¾ acres. The construction and planning of the residence possesses pleasing elevations and is soundly constructed of mellowed rustic facing stock bricks with clay tile roof. Great thought has obviously been given to the planning which is arranged to give easy management and to derive the greatest benefit from the southern aspect, thereby enjoying in full the maximum sunshine and panoramic views of the South Downs”. The accommodation comprised eight Principal and three Servants Bedrooms, four Bathrooms, four Reception Rooms, Cloakroom, Housekeeper’s Room, Maids’ Sitting Room, Laundry, Kitchen and Scullery. Garage, Entrance Lodge with two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Living Room, Kitchen and Double Garage, Outhouses. In addition, the grounds had a Large Orchard, FULL SIZE TENNIS COURT, Lawns and Flower Beds, fine Rose Pergola and Kitchen Garden. “The services are Central Heating, Company’s Water, Electricity is supplied from a plant run by a private undertaking. The Drainage System is a modern one to a septic tank.”

[The private undertaking supplying electricity was the generator at Sullington Manor Farm driven from the millpond, installed by Bernard Hecks, who retained the right to run and maintain electric light mains “...over and along or near the western boundary as convenience and circumstances permit.” Lionel Jack Redgrave Cripps in a previous conveyance of 1924 with the original owner, Herbert Gellatly, had included this stipulation to run and maintain gas and water mains over the property. There was also a regulation preventing any building being erected north of the property on an area 75’ N-S and 155’ W-E.

Sussexdown had a rateable value in 1944 of £205 pa and the rates for a half-year included the water rate of £5.10s.5d., War Damage Contribution £22.10s.6d. and Tithe £1.5s.4d. Sussexdown was purchased in 1944 by Mr M J Apfell.



Kithurst Farm 1936

An early Storrington sale was the freehold estate known as Kithurst Farm. This comprised two Farm Houses, a Double Cottage, a Single Cottage, five Barns, two Granaries and other Agricultural Buildings, Garden, Orchards and 647 acres, 3 rods, 12 perch of Arable Meadow, a Pasture Land, Coppice Ground and Sheep Down and three Lime Kilns “... in full work.” This property was auctioned by Mr Challen at the White Horse Inn on 22 July 1828. The estate with the

exception of “... the Town Meadow, the Little Town Meadow and 6 acres of land, part of 11 acres let to Mr Charles Challen with seven years of lease to run at a yearly rent of £32.12s.6d.” Another part was Wood Mead which had been acquired by the Rector in exchange for parts of the Glebe which were small scattered parcels of land, five of which were occupied by Mr Michell and possession of which would be given to the purchaser in October [presumably after any harvest had been taken off them]. Mr Richard Emery rented the other two parcels for £2.7s.6d pa. The Land Tax on a great part of the Estate is redeemed and the other part is £10pa. The Kithurst Estate was also subject to a payment of Fee Farm Rent of £3.6s.8d. [Fee Farm Rent is described as a group of Crown Revenues payable to the Exchequer after collection by the landlord]. The owner of the Estate had Rights of Common on Wastes of the Manor of Storrington. The purchaser of the Kithurst Estate would not receive the whole estate immediately, but parts ‘in hand’ would be released on specific dates – 11 October next, 22 February next and Kithurst Farm House and the remainder on 13 May next. This last to be handed over, Garden, Orchards, Lands, Gaterooms, the Spring Plot and the Bank, the Carthouse and Stable, 7acres, 0rods, 32perches in all.



Reeves' Farm 1920

The schedule of all the fields and other property (about 44 named) include some interesting detail. “The Old House Field ... half an acre of this piece now forms part of the garden of Elmes Cottage”, while Elmes Cottage is described as having “Garden and Plantation of Fir Trees”. The Estate was extensive, including Cootham Farm House and Garden, the Nells [fields abutting School Lane between the Parish Church and the site of the future Roman Catholic Church], 266 acres of the side of the Downs above the farm, the Taverners (now divided by the new Turnpike Road into two pieces) of 13acres, 2 rods, 10 perch.

Originally, these two portions swept unbroken up to the foot of the Downs, and the establishing of the turnpike left some odd triangular plots also cutting through hedges, as can still be seen from parts of the [now] Amberley Road where hedges match each side of the road.

The First World War caused many changes, as has been mentioned before in these articles. One was the breaking up of the large estates in and around the village, the running of which was no longer viable with many men killed or invalided during the conflict, and others reluctant to go back to agricultural work after experiencing the wider world.

Part of a large estate auctioned in 1921 by Mr Frank Newman of 34 Savile Row, London, was the outlying portions of the Fryern Estate. It was described as “... a charming district close to the South Downs”. The 698 acres on offer contained eight small freehold farms, a water corn mill, two private residences, a baker’s shop and wheelwright’s premises with “... numerous accommodation lands, some of which form unusually attractive sites for Country Houses.” There were seven Capital Cottages, and in many cases with vacant possession. The



4 generations at Fryern House
Mrs King, Mrs Baxter, Charles Baxter and great grandson

an auction was held at the Swan Hotel, Pulborough, on 4 July 1921 and comprised 39 Lots. A preface drew attention to 14 points. No. 8 stated that various buildings not described in the Particulars of Sale belong to the Tenants who shall have the right to remove them during or at the end of their tenancies. The machinery in the corn mill on Lot 25 belongs to the Vendor except the engine, boiler and fittings which are not included in the Sale. The Vendor also reserves the right to hold a sale or sales by Public Auction on Lots 4, 5 and 7 of his live and dead stock and other effects at any time before or after the date fixed for completion and 13 reserved the Vendor's right to the joint use of the barns and stock yards on Lots 2, 4, 7 and 12 until 25 March 1922 for the purpose of threshing, dressing and marketing his last year's crop of corn.

Lot 1 was "... a very compact and desirable FREEHOLD FARM called '**Champions**' in Thakeham parish immediately opposite Abingworth. This was A SMALL FARMHOUSE and set of Agricultural buildings – in all 95 acres, 3 rods, 33 perch. The fields, house and buildings were listed, let on a yearly Michaelmas tenancy with other lands (part of Lots 2 and 7) to Mr A G Linfield at a total rent of £90 of which £76 was apportioned in respect of Lot 1. Outgoings were the Tithe, £29.3s.1d. and Land Tax 5s., Growing Timber was valued at £266.8s.0d. Lot 1 was bought by Major William Hartley Clark of 'Fryers', West Chiltington.

Lot 2 Threals Farm of 90 acres, 0 rods, 34 perch with cottages, enclosures and arable and grass land in the parishes of Sullington, Thakeham and West Chiltington. Among the Agricultural Buildings are a large Corn Barn, two Fold Yards with two Cattle Sheds, two Loose Boxes, Fowl House, two small Tables and Blacksmith's Shop. Here is a detached Cart Shed and a LARGE TIMBER and GALVANISED TIMBER SAWING SHED 58' x 20' with adjoining Water Tank. The saw bench and iron runners fixed in the sawing shed, and the bellows and fittings of the Blacksmith's Shop are reserved from the sale. There was a growing timber valued at £2,040. The Tithe was about £21.7s.0d. and the Lot had vacant possession but was not sold.

Lot 3 was also not sold. It was 39 acres, 3 rods, 14 perch of very sandy FREEHOLD LAND called "**The Grove**" in Sullington and West Chiltington near the Common and is described as "An Excellent Building Site for a private residence with distant views of the South Downs". It also has growing timber valued at £1,193.15s.0d. It had originally been large Fir Plantation, many of which were felled and cleared during the War but among the remainder were some well-grown large SCOTCH FIR. [This timber was in great demand for the trenches and pit props during WWI].

Lots 4, 5 and 6 were purchased by Captain Walter Goode of West Chiltington. Lot 4, a valuable **Freehold Smallholding** with an ancient stone and tiled Farmhouse converted into two cottages called "**Roundabout Farm**". It comprises an ancient STONE and TILED FARMHOUSE (now converted into Two Cottages) each containing Four Rooms and Pantry, with Fowl-house, capital Gardens and a Draw-well. A small set of Agricultural Premises of 34 acres, 2 rods,

25 perch. This Lot is in Hand and VACANT POSSESSION will be given on completion. Tithe £12.16s.1d. Growing timber is valued at £64.2s.0d, 2.634 acres of meadow lay in Storrington.

Lot 5 A VALUABLE **Freehold Pleasure Farm** called "**West Wantley**" in the parishes of Sullington and Storrington. It comprises an EXTREMELY INTERESTING **ancient farmhouse** chiefly constructed of stone with a tile roof. It comprises A Porch Entrance with red-brick floor, and bearing a date 1656 with an oak studded door. Dining room paved with stone flags and having leaded windows and open fireplace. Sitting Room with leaded windows. Back Hall or Passage heated by a pipe stove. Pantry, Scullery with force pump and sink. Large dairy with slate shelves. Kitchen. Five bedrooms, Dressing Room, Bathroom with hot and cold water. At the back of the house there is an addition which was formerly a Brew-house, now used as a Back Kitchen. Study or Studio with a top light, Tool-house, Store-house and Earth Closet. A Telephone is fixed in the House which belongs to the Lessee. The GARDENS consist of A CAPITAL TENNIS LAWN, Kitchen Garden and with a large Pond adjoining. The OUTBUILDINGS consist timber and thatched Wood Store, Fowl-houses and Kennels, with a small Rose Garden and small Greenhouse. **The Agricultural Premises** comprise a capital modern brick and tiled Cow House for thirteen, with large Calf Pen, Piggeries, Cattle Yard, with three cattle sheds and a galvanised Root Shed adjoining together with enclosures of Arable and Meadow Land, including two pieces of Woodland containing about 104 acres, 3 rods, 21 perch. House and garden etc are in the occupation of a well-known resident [Hugh de Selincourt, author of *The Cricket Match and others*], at £65 p.a. until the lease expires on 25 December 1922. The tithe is £34.9s.1d. and a rent-charge to Trinity Hospital, Guildford, of £12.10s.0d. Free of Land Tax and Growing Timber valued at £631.15s.0d.

Lot 6 also purchased by Captain Goode – **An Enclosure of Meadowland and Two Parcels of Woodland** and a SMALL LAKE or Ornamental Sheet of Water called "HARESWITH POND", situate in a most convenient position at the junction of the main road from Storrington to Pulborough and the Greenhurst Lane and only about 4 miles from Pulborough Station. It contains altogether about 9 acres, 3 rods, 17 perch. Part of the wood is in Storrington parish and the remainder in Sullington. It forms an exceptionally attractive site for the erection of a small Country House, the central situation of the Ornamental Water rendering it particularly suitable for artistic treatment. VACANT POSSESSION on completion. Tithe £2.1s.6d. and growing timber valued at £462.17s.0d.

Lot 7 purchased by Mr E Kellett of Worthing [I believe of Ivens, Kellett and Childs, who had a grocery shop "IKC" in High Street opposite Lloyd's Bank]. A Valuable Small Freehold Farm called "**East Wantley**" in



the parishes of Sullington and Thakeham. It comprises "An Old-FASHIONED **STONE AND TILED DWELLING HOUSE** containing Sitting Room, Kitchen, Scullery with Copper, Dairy, Pantry, Store Room, Cellar, and Four Bedrooms. **A Set of Farm Premises** comprising a Brick and Slated Stable for six with Forage Store, a Timber and Tile Barn, large Shed forming Two covered Bullock Yards, Loose Box with Loft, a detached Timber and Thatched Barn. A short distance from the Homestead is a **Capital Stone and Tiled Cottage** containing Living Room, Kitchen, Pantry and Two Bedrooms, capital Garden and draw-Well, together with FERTILE ARABLE and WELL-WATERED PASTURE LAND containing altogether 115 acres, 3 rods, 32 perch. The Cottage is let on a yearly tenancy and a rent of £5 – the rest is with VACANT POSSESSION on completion. Tithe (estimated)

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STORRINGTON & SULLINGTON – REFLECTIONS OF THE PAST

SELLING STORRINGTON – PART 1 *continued*

£38.15s.4d.; Land Tax FREE and GROWING TIMBER £668.12s.0d. Mr Kellett also purchased the next two Lots.

Lot 8 A Valuable Freehold Small Holding opposite Thakeham Union [Rydon School site after 1930]. It comprises a timber-frame **Brick and Thatched Cottage** comprising Kitchen, Scullery and Two Bedrooms with a small set of Outbuildings consisting of Two-stall Stable, Four-bay open Shed with Calf Pen, Two Pigsties and timber-built Cart Shed together with four enclosures of Grass Land adjoining. 17 acres, 0 rods, 34 perch. Let to Mr Arthur Richardson with part of Lot 11 and Lot 9 for a total rent of £89 p.a.

Lot 9 Enclosure of Valuable Arable Land and A Parcel of Woodland, together with a timber-framed Brick and Thatched Cottage and Garden. Most conveniently situate adjoining the main road leading from Storrington to Thakeham and forming a very desirable SMALL HOLDING of Freehold Tenure, and containing altogether about 14 acres, 0 rods, 20 perch. The Cottage and Garden are Let to F H Skinner, a weekly Tenant at a rent amounting to £13 p.a. Landlord paying Outgoings. Arable Field let to Mr Richardson on a Yearly Michaelmas Tenancy at £26 p.a. making the total gross estimated Rent of this Lot £39 p.a. GROWING TIMBER £86.3s.0d .pa. Tithe £4.4s.6d. Bought by Mr Kellett.

The next three Lots were purchased by Mrs Padwick of Green Dene, Thakeham, all adjoining Greenhurst Lane [the Padwicks had a dairy business].



Lot 10 Two enclosures of **Freehold Accommodation Meadowland** Abutting on the parish road called Greenhurst Lane and within a short distance of "New Buildings Farm" containing about 3 acres, 0 rods, 5 perch. Let to Mr Cripps on a Yearly Tenancy at a rent of £9 pa., Tithe 14s.7d., Land Tax 4s.1d., GROWING TIMBER £15.

Lot 11 An **Enclosure of Grass Land with Two Pieces of Rough Woodland** both of FREEHOLD TENURE and containing about 7 acres 1 rod, 21 perch. Conveniently situate adjoining the parish road called Greenhurst Lane in the parish of Sullington and lying between Lots 10 and 12. The two pieces of Woodland are in hand, but the Grass Field is let (with Lot 8) to Mr Arthur Richardson on a Yearly Tenancy at a total rent of £38.10s.0d. p.a. of which £2.10s.0d. p.a. is allocated to this Lot. Tithe (estimated) £2.1s.8d., GROWING TIMBER £8.

Lot 12 Freehold Grass or Meadowland together with a small set of FARM PREMISES called "**Northlands**" most conveniently situate at the corner of the Parish Roads called Greenhurst Lane and Northlands Lane in the Parish of Sullington and forming A VERY DESIRABLE SMALL HOLDING of about 20 acres, 3 rods, 17 perch. The Premises consist of a capital Stone-Built Barn covered with galvanised iron sheeting, Two good Cattle Sheds with a Fold Yard in which is a galvanised tank supplied with good water by gravitation from a Spring in the Meadow. This Lot is now in hand, and

VACANT POSSESSION will be given on completion. Tithe (estimated) £6.10s.2d., GROWING TIMBER £183.12s.0d.

Lot 13 comprises a **Parcel of Freehold Woodland**, being a portion of Warren Slip Plantation situate in the Parish of Sullington, and abutting on the main road leading from Storrington to Thakeham and containing about 1 acre, 3 rods, 22 perch. It faces South and has a road frontage of about 430'. Now in hand and will be sold with the benefit of VACANT POSSESSION on completion. Tithe (estimated) 6s.0d., GROWING TIMBER £110. Lots 13 and 14 were purchased by Mr Kellett.

Lot 14 A Parcel of Freehold Woodland situate on the main road leading from Storrington to Thakeham, only about 700 yards from the centre of the former Town and containing about 1 acre, 2 rods, 25 perch. Very suitable for the erection of a SMALL PRIVATE RESIDENCE. This Lot is now in hand and will be sold with the benefit of VACANT POSSESSION on completion. Tithe (estimated) 5s.4d., GROWING TIMBER £96.14s.0d.



Lot 15 A VALUABLE ENCLOSURE OF **Freehold Pasture Land** containing about 2 acres, 0 rods, 14 perch, admirably situate near Storrington Town and having a very considerable road frontage. Now let to Mr Moon on a yearly tenancy at the very low rent of £2 p.a., Tithe (estimated) 7s.0d. and no growing timber, was sold to Mr Albert Harold Stillwell of Storrington.

Lot 16 A VALUABLE **FREEHOLD enclosure of allotment Gardens** very conveniently situate on the outskirts of Storrington Town within the Parish of Sullington and extending to about 3 acres, 3 rods, 29 perch. Let to Storrington Parish Council on Lease for 7 years from March 1920, determinable by the Lessees at the end of the third year, at a rent of £5.8s.0d. p.a., Tithe (estimated) £1.3s.6d., GROWING TIMBER £17. It was bought by Mr George Rice of Storrington, landlord of The Half Moon.

Lot 17 Freehold Enclosure of Woodland (Free of Tithe) known as "**WINDMILL COPSE**" about 2 acres, 0 rods, 14 perch in extent. Most conveniently situate, abutting on the main road to Pulborough, within a short distance of Storrington Town. It contains a **Valuable Crop of Clean Grown Oak Trees** of good length and girth, ripe for felling. In spite of having VACANT POSSESSION and Timber worth £378, it was not sold.

Lot 18 A VALUABLE ENCLOSURE OF **Accommodation Arable Lane of FREEHOLD TENURE**, containing about 7 acres, 1 rod, 13 perch. Most conveniently situate within a short distance of Storrington Town and having a frontage of about 1,025' to the road leading to West Chiltington and Pulborough, now in hand and VACANT POSSESSION will be given on completion of purchase, Tithe (estimated) £2.9s.8d., GROWING TIMBER £8.10s.0d. It was bought by Mr A C Allen of "The Pines", Cootham.

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SOME INTERESTING CHURCH NOTICES!

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

Scouts are saving aluminium cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.'
The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Miss Charlene Mason sang, 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed owing to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

Pot-luck supper Sunday at 5pm – prayer and medication to follow.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7pm there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7pm. Please use the back door.

The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7pm. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7pm at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

The associate minister unveiled the church's new campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge – Up yours'



SANDGATE CONSERVATION SOCIETY

The first conservation day since March took place on Sullington Warren, where distancing was high on the agenda.

Bracken bashing was the order of the day, where it has been intruding unchecked into the heather beds.

Many of the scheduled events are being deferred, so we recommend you to check our web-site. The normal dates and times for the conservation activity are also questionable, so once again, check the web-site.

To learn more about the Sandgate Conservation Society, who work closely with the National Trust and Horsham District Council, please contact: www.sandgate-conservation.org.uk or Brian Burns on 743001.

Brian Burns



YOUR LIBRARY SERVICES

Storrington Library is now open for limited browsing and computer use. Opening hours are subject to change.

Monday – 2pm – 5:30pm
Tuesday – 2pm – 5:30pm
Wednesday – 2pm – 5:30pm
Thursday – 9:30am – 1pm
Friday – 9:30am – 1pm
Saturday – 10am – 1pm



If you are unable to get to the library, you can order books on line or by phone to get books delivered for you.

Phone 839050, email storrington.library@westsussex.gov.uk, or web site <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/libraries/>



Local Rotary Club contributes to Africa region being declared wild polio-free.

The Rotary Club of Storrington & Pulborough District, has played a role in a significant global public health achievement, as the World Health Organization's (WHO) Africa region has officially been certified wild polio-free.

Polio is a debilitating disease mainly affecting children, which can cause paralysis and even death.

This incredible milestone is the result of decades of effort from Rotary clubs and volunteers around the world, who have fundraised, campaigned and worked tirelessly since Rotary pledged to rid the world of polio more than 30 years ago.

Rotary Club of Storrington & Pulborough District has played its part over the years by raising funds through raffles and events including donating £500 to the 'End Polio Now' campaign in April 2020 in recognition of World Immunisation Week and a Sausage Sizzle meal event raising £350 both of which benefitted from a trebling of the donation by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The Club has also planted thousands of crocus bulbs around Storrington; the crocus has become a symbol of Rotary's 'End Polio Now' campaign, and will plant another 4,000 crocus bulbs again this year with help from local schoolchildren to mark World Polio Day on 24 October.

Covid19 has restricted the Club's fund raising activities but planning continues to ensure that business as usual can be resumed as soon as circumstances allow.

The certification comes four years after Nigeria, the last polio-endemic country in Africa, recorded its final case of wild polio and now means of the WHO's six regions, five of those, accounting for 90% of the world's population, are free from polio. Globally, more than 2.5 billion children have been protected against the disease, which has reduced the number of cases by 99.9% from around 1,000 cases per day in 125 countries.

Club President, Pippa Davies, said, "This is a terrific landmark in the world's battle to eradicate polio. Although it has been many years since polio has been present in the UK and Ireland, we are proud to have contributed to the global efforts to eliminate the disease for good. We remain committed to making the final, challenging steps towards making a polio-free world a reality. If we don't finish the job, it is estimated that within 10 years as many as 200,000 children annually all over the world could succumb to polio, including here in the UK. The virus can literally be a plane ride away so vaccination is so important."

Despite this significant milestone being reached, the job to fully rid the world of polio goes on, as the virus continues to circulate in parts of Pakistan and Afghanistan.

In order to sustain this progress, vaccination programmes must continue to protect every last child and strengthen routine immunisation to keep immunity levels high, so the virus does not return to Africa or other parts of the world, including the UK.

Rotary has directly contributed more than US\$2 billion to ending polio since 1985,

To get involved in Rotary and make a difference in your community and around the world, visit www.rotarygbi.org/join

Rotary Club of Storrington & Pulborough & District

We have been serving the community for more than 30 years. The Club currently has 30 members and continues to support the End Polio Now campaign, just one of the many volunteering activities the Club is involved in every year, as well as many local community service projects.

Rotary International in Great Britain & Ireland

Rotary International in Great Britain & Ireland is a membership and humanitarian service organisation. Through membership of their local Rotary club, members use their time and talents to make a difference in their own communities and around the world.

There are over 1,700 clubs in Great Britain and Ireland with 45,000 members. Rotary is open to anyone over the age of 18 who wants to give back to their community, meet new people and have fun.

Website: www.rotarygbi.org

Facebook: Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland

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STORRINGTON CONSERVATION SOCIETY

Earlier in the year when lockdown restrictions came into force, there was an immediate reduction in all kinds of transport so air and noise pollution greatly decreased. As a result we were able to enjoy the spring. Cleaner air and the sound of birdsong were among the benefits. We were able to appreciate the natural world more fully. With the relaxation of the restrictions, air and noise pollution has returned, even if rather less than before. It is becoming clear that what is 'normal' has changed. More people work from home, more shopping is done on-line. Social distancing is still necessary. The wearing of face masks is widely required. There is a greater awareness that conserving the environment is not just a hobby for the enthusiasts but a necessity for the good of all.

It is to be hoped that the new 'normal' will include the necessary action. We can all play a part, not least in our use and disposal of plastics. It is something of an irony that many non-reusable face masks are made of a kind of plastic which is indestructible. They have already been found in the sea.

The regular Saturday morning work party resumed on 5 September, and met in Fryern Dell, carrying out removal of invasive trees by the pond, and clearing the stream of dead wood and discarded rubbish. We next meet on **3 October** at Hurston Warren to clear invasive species from this important SSSI for the benefit of endangered native wildlife. Our AGM and talk arranged for 31 October has to be postponed in the light of the pandemic. It is hoped it will take place in the new year.

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

Stuart Kersley

THE MOST POPULAR BIBLE VERSES

BibleGateway listed the most viewed or searched-for Bible verses for 2019. As it happens, five of the top ten verses were from Psalm 23, demonstrating the Psalm's popularity, not only among Christians, but perhaps also among those who hear the Psalm at funerals or other events within the Church. If you added up all the usage percentages, Psalm 23 would be the most popular Bible passage of 2019 on this largely web-based platform.

If we give only one mention to Psalm 23, the most popular Bible verses were:

- 1 **John 3:16** For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.
- 2 **Jeremiah 29:11** For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.
- 3 **Philippians 4:13** I can do all this through him who gives me strength.
- 4 **Psalm 23:4** Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. (The other verses from this Psalm were 6, 5, 1 and 10.)
- 5 **Romans 8:28** And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.
- 6 **Romans 2:2** Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - his good, pleasing and perfect will.
- 7 **Matthew 6:33** But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.
- 8 **Isaiah 41:10** So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.
- 9 **Philippians 4:6** Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.
- 10 **John 14:6** Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Planting for caterpillars?

Tropholics anonymous

My name is Cheryl Brown and I'm a tropholic. It's been three days since my last visit to an exotic garden, Borde Hill, and through unexpected reserves of will-power, I've avoided adding any more plants to our jungle so far this month. But with the weather shifting into autumn, I'm starting to eye-up houseplants to bring the lush green vibe indoors.



My addiction to tropical, or at least, tropical-looking, plants began when I started greening up our shingle garden with a few ferns and bamboos. We bought a hammock, so of course it made sense to add a couple of hardy palm trees in large pots (*Phoenix canariensis* and a *Trachycarpus*).

Last summer we discovered some glorious local back-garden jungles through the National Garden Scheme so we added *Fatsia japonica* and *Aucuba japonica* for their large glossy evergreen leaves and a couple of scarlet and orange Cannas and that was where we drew the line. Then lockdown happened and it got a bit out of control. Browsing for mail order plants, I stumbled on a couple of nurseries specialising in exotic plants that do well in our climate and I couldn't help myself. Just one more order, I told myself. I'm only doing it to support the local growers. I can stop any time.



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Looking for an opportunity to develop your interest and skills?

Come and join us on-line.

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

All these events are currently being held on-line.

MEETINGS Thursday 8 October 7.30pm

1st Competition - Judge Mike Warren

Thursday 22 October 7.30pm

Guest Speaker - Steve Myall, 100 Strangers

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Camera Club



The banana tree, *Musa bajoo*, was the first to arrive, as a 3" pot baby, and is already 3' tall with more leaves to come this year. This was followed by another little plant with big ambitions: Indian Bean (*Catalpa bignonioides*) and many more besides. From seed, I've grown

Luffa (yes, loofah!) and Lablab beans and I am checking out some more exotic veg to grow next year. My criteria for any plants wishing to join the jungle, is that they have to be Sussex-hardy, or at least get through a hard frost under a blanket, have fabulous foliage and thrive in a container. For best results, these bold beauties need watering weekly with a seaweed or comfrey feed during the summer, and remember that some of them prefer to be in the shade.

Cheryl Brown



ST BARNABAS

Epic Hit the Downs MTB off-road cycling event rescheduled for October



Test your endurance and raise funds for local hospice care.



Are you looking for a socially distanced cycling challenge? Cycling fans will be pleased to hear that Hit the Downs MTB has been rescheduled for Sunday 11 October, after the May event had to be postponed amid the coronavirus pandemic.

Now in its fourth year, the off-road charity mountain bike challenge will see cyclists raising money for Worthing-based adults' hospice, St Barnabas House, whilst taking in some amazing views along the way. This year, steps have been taken to ensure you can enjoy the thrill of the ride, whilst maintaining social distancing throughout, with additional hygiene and safety measures to keep you safe.

The stunning South Downs course will test riders with its multitude of climbs and rapid downhill descents. Participants will set off from Adur Recreational Ground in Shoreham-by-Sea and can choose from a cool 30km route or dare to take on the epic new 80km distance.

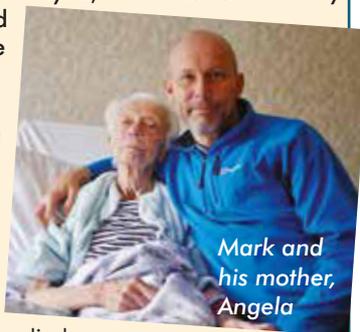


Mark's story – riding for St Barnabas House

Mark Tyler, 55 from Upper Beeding, was the highest St Barnabas House Hit the Downs fundraiser at the event last year with a total of £2,150. He challenged himself to the 60km route in memory of his mother, Angela Tyler, who was cared for by the hospice and sadly passed away just a few weeks before the event.

Mark says "It's a proper cycling event, up there with the best of them. The course is a good test whatever distance you take on. The scenery is stunning and the terrain a mix of everything the beautiful South Downs have to offer, from river paths to open rolling fields, with some tough climbs thrown in for good measure.

"Raising the money for St Barnabas was a small way to say thank you to them for the wonderful and compassionate way they helped and cared for mum and our family at the end of her life. I couldn't do the job St Barnabas do but I can cycle, so it was my way of doing something positive in remembering my mum."



Mark and his mother, Angela

Why not make 2020 your year to Hit the Downs? Visit www.stbh.org.uk/hit-the-downs-mtb to register or find out more.

STORRINGTON FLOWER CLUB



Following two excellent Club Meetings, in January with Robin White, (designer of the year 2019) and Gill Homer (who also tutored our Workshops), we were all looking forward to our Spring Club Meeting, our AGM in April and all that the coming seasons would bring. As the saying goes: "The best laid plans of mice and men"! In line with Government Guidelines it was decided to close all Club Meetings up to the end of the year until further notice.

I have attended Area Council Meetings via Zoom, managing to keep in touch with other Clubs throughout Sussex. Our Area Chairman, Jilly Griffin, sent out weekly bulletins with news, funny anecdotes and interesting articles that members had sent in to share through the Newsletter. I forwarded this to many members who had email addresses and those without were distributed by post or hand where possible.

So many flower festivals had to be cancelled: Chichester, Lancing College, numerous Church Flower Festivals, not to mention Chelsea and Hampton Court. However, during lockdown I'm sure many of us have taken advantage of the extra time spending many hours in our gardens nurturing plants, growing vegetables and fruits, baking, making jams and chutneys plus anything else that would keep us amused! On top of flower arranging!

We anticipate meeting again in the New Year in accordance with Government Guidelines and I will be updating news on this as and when I have further notification.

We are planning to hold two Open Evenings next year, the first late spring and then our 'early' Christmas meeting as usual. Workshops will be held throughout the year with creative designs as well as traditional wreaths etc. New members are always welcome, as are visitors, to our meetings when we resume.

We are indeed living in unprecedented times, however we can still enjoy our flower arranging, whether you gather materials from your garden creating a design or buying a 'supermarket bunch' and placing them in a vase. Equally flowers uplift the spirits and that is what we all need right now. Just enjoy your beautiful blooms.

Should you need any further details about Storrington Flower Club please contact Chrissy Desmond, Chairman, on 742102.

Chrissy Desmond, Chair



STORRINGTON COMMUNITY MARKET

We're open every Friday between 9.45am and 11.15am in the Village Hall in West Street.

We were unable to reopen the market in September as previously planned, but will review the situation at the beginning of October.

If, and when, we do reopen, there will be restrictions in place to comply with Government guidelines

Please look out for notices around the Village and on social media for information when we are ready to reopen

Any queries please contact Katie Bridge on 07909 681884

The Village Minibus is available every other week. Contact Velda on 892962.



GOOD NEWS FOR THE HIGH STREET

The sight of an empty shop has become depressingly familiar over the past few years. The reasons for this are numerous and include changing shopping habits, high rents and rates and, of course, firms going out of business. It is therefore encouraging to learn that only last year Carters Domestic Appliances opened in Storrington village centre, having taken over the old Bunce's premises on the corner of Church Street and High Street.

The new Storrington showroom is a convenient addition to the Warehouse facility in Robell Way (off Water Lane), Storrington. The original store has been refurbished and extended to include a new basement level dedicated to refrigeration and freezers. This is the seventh current Carters store. Others showrooms can be found in Worthing, Brighton, Horsham, Haywards Heath and Southwick.

When *3 Heralds* wanted to find out about the firm, its aims and prospects for this store and the rest of family chain, Robert Carter was eager to offer his views on current trading conditions and his hopes for the future.

The Carters stores first opened their doors in 1987 in Haywards Heath and have expanded over the years to become one of the largest independent domestic appliance retailers in the UK. The company remains family-run and places great trust very much in their staff members. Training is an important part of their sales staff's curriculum and is designed to promote an enthusiastic approach to dealing with customer enquiries. With the help of modern technology, Robert explained, staff are able to communicate quickly and easily between stores. New telephony equipment recently installed enables staff to have face to face discussions between branches ensuring that customers get the best possible service.

Carters is a major name within the Euronics buying group, allowing goods to be purchased and then sold at the keenest prices on the market today, whether on line or on the high street. Robert explained that "It's vital for us to be able to compete on service as well as price with the many online retailers. A key part of our operation is also ensuring deliveries to our customers are prompt and completed professionally without fuss and issue. Most items can be delivered free within the Sussex boundaries and installation or removal options can be carried out at competitive prices. Having their own fleet of delivery vans and lorries is also instrumental in ensuring that the Carter showrooms are constantly restocked as well as promptly fulfilling customer orders. Our stores carry a large stock of washing machines, tumble dryers, cookers, ovens,



dishwashers and refrigerators as well as smaller items of kitchen equipment ranging from toasters and kettles, microwaves and radios. In looking to keep prices as low as possible, our expansive warehouse in Storrington holds a huge volume of stock and also enables special lines to be sourced directly from the manufacturers, some delivered via container straight from the port".

Robert is keen to emphasise the importance of the family connection and the appointment of good staff in strategic stores believing that this is a major factor in their continued success; owners and directors have more influence and interest in long term success. The staff are well-known and are encouraged to move between stores and to undertake training to keep them up to date with the latest products. Team building events help to establish good bonds and friendship between the stores and the owners who continue to be influential day to day within the busy business.

Finally, as the Corona virus influences all our lives, it is really reassuring that Carters has been open most of the time. The Stores are compliant with all the safety features of screens and the shops are all cleaned regularly, and customers are all encouraged to sanitize their hands before entering.

The professional home delivery and online portals give customers the opportunity to minimise contacts from the comfort of their own homes. However, all Carters sales staff will always welcome people into any of their stores in Sussex and offer helpful constructive advice to enable a considered choice to be made.

Gotta get to Carters!



Lots of cricket in August – at last!

It was a busy month for Seniors and Juniors alike.

The Seniors played five matches in the League's August Cup: a mixture of two wins and three defeats. There were early successes against Wisborough Green and Southwater. In the first match, Miles Scerri scored 101, well supported by Mark Haggart 39 and David Livermore 37 not out, to set a challenging total of 259-9. Wisborough Green fell short by 72 runs, with our skipper Ian Homewood taking 3-25, his son Adam 2-37 and Rin Tomsett 2-26. The next match was rather one-sided as Southwater could only manage 131-6 off their 40 overs, which we passed for the loss of one wicket: Andy Livermore and Miles Scerri both not out with 67 and 39 respectively. A 20 overs match against Barns Green was lost by just 3 runs. The home side scored 171-5, David Livermore 2-37. Our reply was 168-5, Ian Homewood scoring 46 and Miles Scerri 36. Against West Chiltington & Thakeham, we snatched defeat from the jaws of victory by allowing our opponents to score a winning boundary from the penultimate ball of the match after we were all out for 169, Andy Livermore 31, Miles Scerri 29 and Dooglas Sopp 26. In the West Chilt reply of 172-9 Steven Livermore took 4-27 and father Andy 3-20. The final Cup match produced the third defeat: by 6 wickets against Horsham Trinity who bowled us out for 121, Mark Haggart unbeaten on 30, and Ian Homewood 22. Steven Livermore took 3-23 in Horsham Trinity's winning reply of 127-4.



In the Junior side of the Club, the 5-8 year old All Stars have held weekly practice sessions on Sunday mornings, and played in their first Festival at the delightful Arundel Castle ground on Sunday 6th September. The U10's have had several matches against local teams, and look a strong squad we have high hopes for. The U12's have again been busy with matches, beating Findon but losing to East Preston. This is an age group where we wish to recruit more numbers, to build a core strength. In lovely sunny weather, the U15's were just pipped in an exciting T20 match by a strong East Preston team, with Brent Fford starring for the Cygnets with a superb 28 runs in our score of 84, the opponents' run chase being completed in the 18th over.

The Development Squad, made up of older 14/15/16 year old Cygnets, playing alongside some wily coaches and senior players in the twilight of their cricketing careers, have been fortunate to play four games during August. Henfield again got the better of us with a strong all-round team demonstrating how to play the game, with some strong hitting with the bat, before Cygnet brothers Tom and Jamie Fisher produced a solid 50 run partnership in reply against some youthful spin bowlers. West Chiltington drew with

us at their lovely new Thakeham ground by fielding a young side packed with five Pathway players who came up against a quick-fire 77 from Cygnet coach Martin Fisher before an honourable draw was agreed in an old fashioned declaration game, and with one of the best 0 not outs you'll ever see from coach Matt Carver! After a thunder storm caused the match at Barns Green to be abandoned, perhaps the highlight of the season so far was the match at home with East Preston. Invited to bat, we scored a respectable 129 on a low slow pitch, with Gus Humphries scoring an attractive 31 and son Guy making a belligerent 27. In the visitors' reply, Jamie Fisher bagged 4 wickets for fifteen runs off 7 overs with a spell of fast straight bowling. Man of the match Guy Humphries followed his superb batting by taking 5 wickets for only 8 runs off 7 overs, a magnificent display of quality and controlled spin bowling.

Practice sessions throughout September in order to extend the shortened 2020 season, utilising to the full our brilliant new twin bay outdoor net facility. Any enquiries for joining the Cygnets, please contact Colts Manager Martin Fisher on 07812 257263.

We hope all our readers are continuing to stay safe and well.

Chris Winter



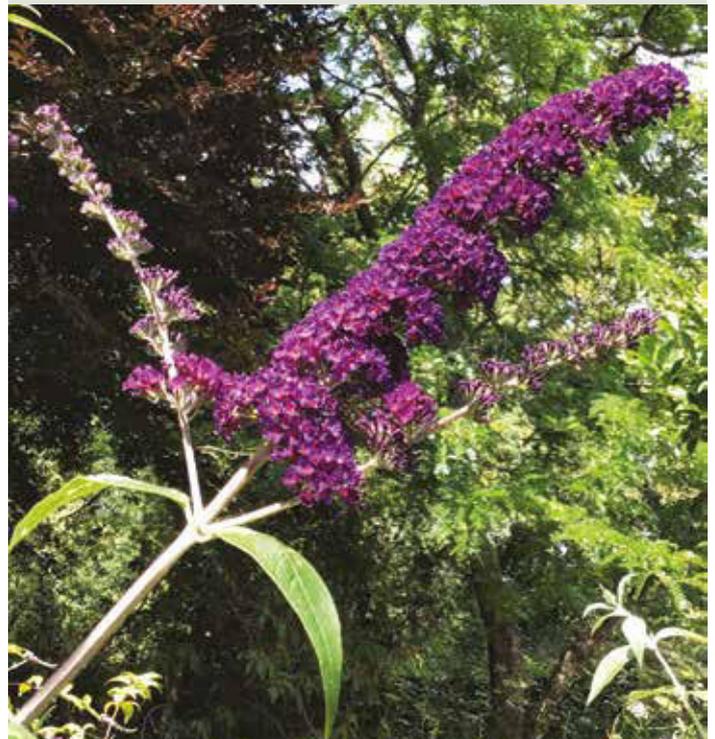
THAKEHAM GARDENERS' CLUB

Unfortunately, due to the Government changes in the guidelines due to Coronavirus, the planned October Plant Sale will not be taking place.

The Club will not resume monthly meetings until 2021. The first meeting will take place on 8 February when the AGM will be held. It has been agreed that paid up 2020 members will not pay a subscription in 2021.

Any queries regarding the Club should be directed to the secretary June Jordan on 741772.

Sandra Jenkins





Pasque Flower
– Liz Barber LRPS

As we move into the new season, the ability to engage with members and adapt to a new way of holding Club meetings is something that we are having to learn.

With lockdown curtailing our 2019-20 season, the decision was made to complete the outstanding competitions from last season before starting the new season, although the prints and projected images were still available due to members needing to submit these the week of lockdown. Two competitions were outstanding, our 'Fifth' and 'Best of Year'. The fifth, held recently, provided an opportunity to experience running and managing our first on-line Zoom competition ahead of the new season.

Our judge for the evening, Rob de Ruiter ARPS, advised this was his first competition since March where he has seen physical prints and was a real pleasure. Anne Nagle did a great job managing the collection and delivery of the prints to Rob. The process involved managing the Covid process where prints were collected and stored for 72 hours before being dropped off to Rob. The print boxes were antiseptically wiped before being given to Rob, who also stored them for another 72 hours. Fortunately, with the Projected Images this process isn't required with everything being digital.

For this competition we had two set categories, 'Complementary Colours' for Projected Images and 'Monochrome' for Prints. As with all our competitions, it was great to see images covering a wide range of subjects, despite the set subject themes: landscapes, flowers, food, travels, wildlife, nature and still-life, to name a few.

Whilst meeting on-line can be a little stilted, this didn't come across with Rob, providing an entertaining evening with lots of constructive comments for members as he reviewed each image before awarding a score. The first half of the evening covered Projected Images with Rob awarding two top marks: *Food on a Fork* by Janet Brown and *Pasque Flower* by Liz Barber, which also won best Projected Image. Three images received 19 points. Two from David Perks, *Cheers!* and *This is so wrong!* (a red, yellow and blue pepper) and *Large Red Damselfly* by Dean Sephton.

Moving onto 'Monochrome' Prints, again there was a range of scores with two awarded top marks; *Ancient Egypt*, *Ancient Photography*, *Ancient Photographer* by Chris West, which also won Best Print, and *Busking* from Martin Tomes. Three other images received 19 marks: *Meandering Light* and *Heeling for Speed* by Kevin Harwood, along with *The Tree and the Mountain* by Liz Barber.

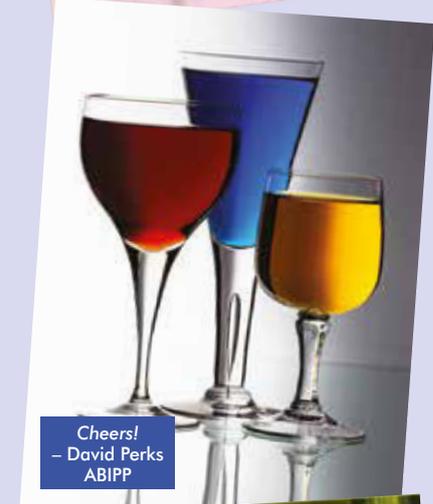
The evening ran very well thanks to Martin Tomes, Norman Kirby and Anne Nagle with their pre-activity and planning. The positive comments from Rob meant we are now able to complete our last 2019-20 Best of Year competition. We can move into our new season confident of being able to offer members a season albeit somewhat different in terms of how we operate but still able to hold our full programme of competitions, guest speakers and member event evening.

Our website <https://www.storringtoncc.org.uk> lists all our 2020/21 Club season meetings. You are welcome to come and join us and are offering new members two free visits. Please register via the Visitor's Ticket that you will find underneath the programme entry or get in touch using the Contact Us tab on our website and let us know which meeting you would like to join, and we will then confirm and email you a Zoom invite.

Kevin Harwood



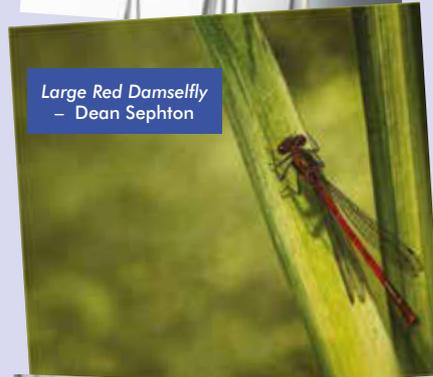
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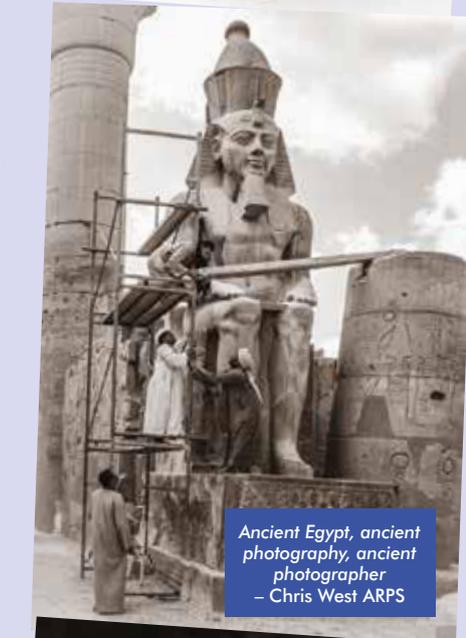
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– David Perks ABIPP



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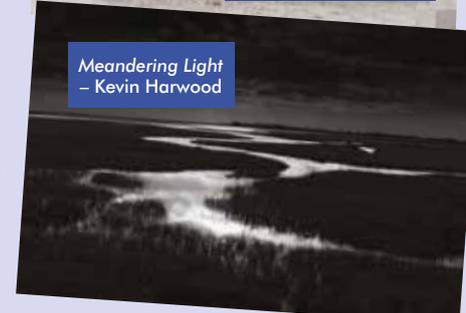
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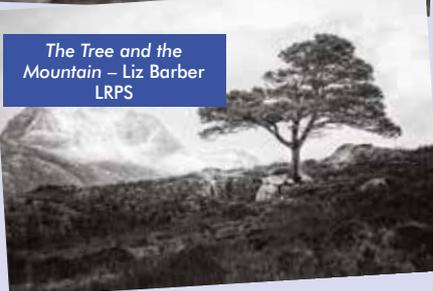
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ROTARY IN ACTION IN THE COMMUNITY



Collection in Storrington for victims of the devastating Beirut disaster

177 people are known to have died, 6500 are left injured and hundreds of thousands have lost their homes after the explosions that devastated the port and surrounding area of Beirut, the capital of Lebanon.

Local people have given generously to the Rotary Club of Storrington and Pulborough District collection for the British Red Cross emergency relief appeal for the disaster. £475 was collected from shoppers in Old Mill Square in Storrington. The Rotary Club and members rounded it up to £1020 to send to the Red Cross to help the victims.



Rotarians David Lowe and Tony Vaughan collecting in Old Mill Square, Storrington

We normally meet on Mondays 7pm for 7.30pm at the Roundabout Hotel, Monkmead Lane, West Chiltington

For information about attending or joining Rotary contact Club Secretary Anna Upton on 743004

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Note from the editor....



October always seems a bit of an odd month, saying a final farewell to summer but not quite ready to greet winter. It is a time when I seem to be constantly sweeping up the autumn-falling leaves.

However, the changing seasons are inevitable and should be embraced, whatever they may bring.

Much is the same with how we're living at the moment and we need to adapt and accept those changes, however hard.

Let's be thankful for the one constant we can rely on – God's love, support and care for each and every one of us.

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