

September 2019

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STORRINGTON



SULLINGTON



THAKEHAM



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St Mary's Church **THAKEHAM**



Holy Sepulchre **WARMINGHURST**
(Churches Conservation Trust)

THE PARISH CHURCHES OF

St Mary
STORRINGTON



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SULLINGTON



St Mary
THAKEHAM

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SULLINGTON AND THAKEHAM WITH WARMINGHURST

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All telephone numbers are 01903 unless otherwise stated.



Dear Friends

"When he saw the crowds, he (Jesus) has compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples: The harvest is plentiful but the labourers are few: pray then for the lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest." (Matt 9.36-8)

It is tempting for church people to look at the statistics of church membership, or the age profile of our congregations, and to become despondent. But Jesus looks in a different direction. He looks at the people around him, harassed, helpless, without a shepherd. They are waiting to be 'harvested' and labourers are needed. Similarly perhaps, if the church is to fulfil her apostolic mission and to grow, labourers are needed.

September is the month when farmers may be harvesting. And later they will prepare the ground for a new crop.

A harvest has three stages: the ground is prepared, the crop is harvested, then crop is transformed into food and materials for our daily living.

One model for church growth is to envisage three comparable stages:

First, getting alongside the 'crowds', the harassed and the helpless and those who simply have questions about the meaning of life. Then comes making new, or renewed believers. Then comes equipping them to be disciples, labourers in the Lord's field.

This month, on Friday 20 September, there will be an ecumenical Supper in the Priory Hall at Storrington Priory. All are welcome who are concerned to see the Church, not just 'their' church, grow. The aim will be to review what we think about this strategy. Personally, I would like to look particularly at what seems to me to be the essential preliminary: how to build relationships with those we already know or work with. The hope is to complement the outcomes of the Mission Action Plan (MAP) parish meeting last month.

Please let me know (some have already) if you would like to come to the Supper on 20 September. However, if you too want to see the Church grow but cannot come, please pray, especially about how to love, serve and pray for the 'crowd' around you.

With love from,

CHARLES HADLEY
Assistant Priest, St Mary's, Storrington

PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

Have mercy, Lord.

Deliver me from self-righteousness, and from setting myself up as the standard by which to judge others.

Help me to trust in your great mercy alone.

Let us thank God for the gracious gift of the assurance of our salvation, and pray that we never turn that extraordinary grace into arrogance.



The Wild Fortune Quiet Garden



'The Father spoke one Word, which was his Son, and this Word he speaks in eternal silence, and in silence, It must be heard by the soul.'
John of the Cross

11 September, 10am-12.30pm

This year is our 20th anniversary of being affiliated to the Quiet Garden movement. There are over 300 gardens worldwide and we are very pleased to be able to continue to be part of this very gentle, vital and often hidden ministry of prayer and welcome.

As previously, places are limited to eight and booking is essential. If you would like to come, please let us know your preferred date, either by phone or email. There is no charge, but donations are welcomed in aid of the Quiet Garden movement.

Arrivals are from 9.45am. We begin at 10am with a time of welcome and focus, followed by some personal time to sit, walk, pray, read, be, in the house, prayer loft, garden or woods. Refreshments are available through the morning on a self-serve basis. We shall then gather at the end of the morning for shared reflection and closing prayer, finishing by 12.30pm.



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What's happening at

St Mary's Thakeham



Sullington & Thakeham with Warminghurst
Some family. Two parishes. Working together.

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Churchwarden

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Treasurer

Liz Whitehead (07742 277757)

PCC Secretary

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Thakeham Lee, High Bar Lane
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Electoral Roll Officer

David Peacock (745595)
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Storrington RH20 4QN

Organist

Beryl Hardie (892349)

Church Bookings

Wynn Lednor (743025)
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Storrington
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Bellringers: Tower Captain

Roger Watts (01798 813775)

Gift Aid Officer

Bob Timms (01798 813807)
Cootes,
The Street,
Thakeham
RH20 3EP

PASTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THAKEHAM: 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.

If anyone was in any doubt as to what a good sport Rev Sara-Jane Stevens is, these pictures will convince you.



Sara-Jane volunteered to go in the stocks to help raise money for St Mary's Church, Thakeham, at Thakeham Village Day on 6 July. Visitors could pay £1 to throw a wet sponge at Sara-Jane. This took place just days before she went into hospital for a knee replacement operation. Thankfully, she is making a good recovery from her surgery, and was none the worse for her time in the 'stocks'.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING
To be held in thakeham church rooms
Friday 27 September
10am to 12noon

Knit and Stitch Tea on Tuesday
Thakeham Church Rooms 17 September between 2pm and 4pm
All welcome. Enquiries to Wynn Lednor - 743025

ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS
RAFA CHAPEL SUSSEXDOWN

Communion with the residents
Thursday, 26 September at 11.30am

BCP Holy Communion in the Chapel at Sussexdown
Please do come and join us. Visitors are welcome.
For more details phone Kay Channon on 892461

LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS
Saturday 14 September
7.30pm at Thakeham Church

Tickets £5 to include a light supper and a glass of wine on arrival.
Children free

Be entertained by our local talent, before live link up with the Albert Hall

Tickets and further information available from
Wynn Lednor 743025 Or Sandy Clark 741419.

Come and join in the celebrations
Live screening from The Albert Hall

Church in the Pub
1st Monday of the month
The White Lion Pub, Thakeham from 8.30pm

There will be no creed, no hymns, no confessional,
no set format and no expectations.
Just a chance to meet, drink and talk

So why not come along and just enjoy

NEW DISTRIBUTOR NEEDED!

New delivery person required urgently for the Thakeham round, covering Newhouse Lane and the north end of Hampers Lane area, currently 12 magazines. This round has become available as the current delivery person is relocating. If you are able to help with this delivery round please contact Karen Arkle on 744844.

"Loving God and
Loving our Neighbour"

What's happening at St Mary's Sullington



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Churchwardens

John Williams (742956)
Sandgate Lodge,
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Treasurer

Gail Kittle (745754)

Churchwardens Emeriti

Heather Cotton (745751)
Douglas Parkes (743106)
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Ann Salinger (01798 813481)

PCC Secretary

Jo Pentecost (744454)

Freewill Offering & Gift Aid Officer

David Baxter (744346)

Electoral Roll

Heather Cotton (745751)

Organist

Beryl Hardie (892349)

Church Flowers

Altar Rota Muriel Astley (01798 812706)

Safeguarding Officer

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Sandgate Lodge,
Washington Road,
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Lifts to Church

Anne Owen (743973)

Church Fabric Officer

Douglas Parkes (743106)

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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

SUMMER EVENSONG AT SULLINGTON CHURCH

Evensong will be held at 6pm on the first Sunday of the month for the summer months at St Mary's, Sullington. From a classical saying *Medici cure to ipsum*. Quoted by Jesus in Luke 4: 23, he suggested that his home supporters would have liked him to note "Physician heal thyself".

We will think on subjects contributing to His Healing Ministry

1 Sept Down and out – not necessarily

6 Oct My Peace I leave with you

Key thought: For Jesus no one was or is untouchable.

SULLINGTON REGISTERS

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

23 June Alfie Parish (9), son of Leoni & Daniel

Marriages – to love and to cherish ...

13 July Leoni Parish & Daniel Dunstan

20 July Kelly Barnes & Rhys Williams

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

29 July Gwyneth Rita Rowe (94)

Interment of Ashes.

7 July Barbara Bridgwater (81)

NEWS FROM ST MARY'S SULLINGTON

TEA WITH THE VICAR

Our thanks to Harold and Cecily Linfield our hosts for our July Tea with the Vicar in their beautiful garden. The weather was perfect and was enjoyed by everyone who attended.



Bishop Martin and
Revd Sara-Jane

NEW PATH TO CHURCH!

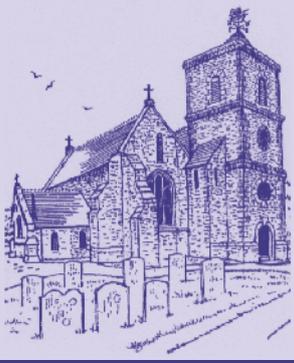
A new resin-coated gravel path has been laid, allowing much easier wheelchair access to the Church.



BISHOP'S VISIT

On 16 June, the congregation were pleased to welcome Bishop Martin of Chichester who led the communion service. Afterwards, he joined us in the Old Workshop Barn for refreshments and took the opportunity to meet the congregation.





What's happening at St Mary's Storrington

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

Churchwardens

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David Rice (918958)
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Rectory Office,
Rectory Road RH20 4EF

PCC Secretary

Val Rice (918958)
12 Turners Mead,
RH20 4JZ

Retired Clergy

Revd John Peal (743083)
Revd Jaquie Peal (743083)

Verger: Michael Taylor (742218)

Sacristy Team

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

Captain of Bellringers

John Taylor (745477)

Pastoral Scheme

Barbara Buchanan (741916)

Recorder

Rob and Alison Wall (743713)

Readers and Sidesmen

Vera Blake (743974)

Electoral Roll Officer

Val Rice (918958)

Director of Music

Stephen Bloxham

Assistant Organists

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

Footsteps (Sunday School):
Jackie Lee (743661)

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)

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Church Services see page 18.

Footsteps (Sunday School): 9.45am every Sunday, except 1st Sunday of the month, half term and school holidays.

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: Mondays, 10am. Kathleen Osgood (01403 780928)

Church Cleaning: Jeannie Watten (742542)

Church & Churchyard Maintenance: Ray Hunt (01798 813681)

Mothers' Union: Jean Hunt (01798 813681)

Bible Study / Home Groups: The Tuesday house group meets at 23 Orchard Gardens. New members are always welcome. Contact Chrystalle on 744269.

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

STORRINGTON REGISTERS

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

4 Aug Callum Andrew Haulkham (son of Kayleigh and Daniel)

Marriages – to love and to cherish ...

27 July Shaun Sullivan and Katherine Brown

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

6 Aug Keith Martin Pope (73 years)

7 Aug Joanne Valerie Windeatt (49 years)

14 Aug David Thomas Fryer (74 years)

Interment of ashes only:

18 July Robin Roy Piggott (90 years)

13 Aug John Louis Cook (91 years)

13 Aug Barbara Joan Cook (87 years)

BATTLE OF BRITAIN COMMEMORATION SERVICE 15 September at 10am

At this service we welcome many of the young people who belong to 2464 (Storrington) Air Training Corps, together with members of the Royal Air Forces Association and the Royal British Legion. Everyone is welcome: medals to be worn.

HARVEST FESTIVAL AT STORRINGTON Sunday 6 October

This year, Harvest Festival will be celebrated at our Harvest Family Communion Service at 10am, and our Harvest Songs of Praise Service at 6pm, followed by Harvest Supper in the Old School. See page 10 for more details.

HISTORIC CHURCHES RIDE & STRIDE



Sussex Churches will be open on Saturday 14 September for this annual event, when people are sponsored to cycle, walk or ride from church to church. Money raised is divided between the Sussex Historic Churches' Trust and the participant's own church.

If you would like to take part, or organize a group, please contact Sam Ward on 893794 for details.

Church@4pm 15 September

at St Mary's Church, Storrington

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



St Mary's Church, Storrington, needs your

STAMPS 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.

IN MEMORIAM

JOHN TUNNELL

14 February 1934 - 24 April 2019

Former Churchwarden and Treasurer of St Mary's Church, Storrington



John Derek Tunnell was brought up in Mill Hill, north-west London, with his younger brother Robert (Bob). Their family home was no. 4 Manor Drive NW7 where they enjoyed a happy childhood with their parents Doris and Alfred Tunnell (the stress is on the second syllable of the surname). Alfred, who had served as a captain in the Royal Engineers, followed a career in the management of the Caribbean Steamship Company and the United Fruit Company, mainly transporting bananas across the Atlantic.

Throughout the Second World War the family were able to remain in their home at Mill Hill, but shortly afterwards they stayed for quite a long time with a relative in the village of Bolham near Tiverton - a happy interlude in the Devon countryside.

After returning to London John and Bob became "Alfredians" - they attended the rather progressive King Alfred School, a secular co-educational day school striving to encourage the personal development of the pupils as well as academic achievement. It is situated on the edge of Golders Green near Hampstead Heath.

The boys also attended Crusaders, a Sunday School movement which helps young people to grow in the Christian faith. Another member of the same group was Norman Lempriere, later to be Rector of Sullington with Thakeham and Warminghurst (1981-92). John enjoyed tennis, squash, hiking and snooker as well as chess; however he suffered from asthma and so was not eligible for National Service. He loved classical music and his favourite pop artists were Lulu and Shirley Bassey.

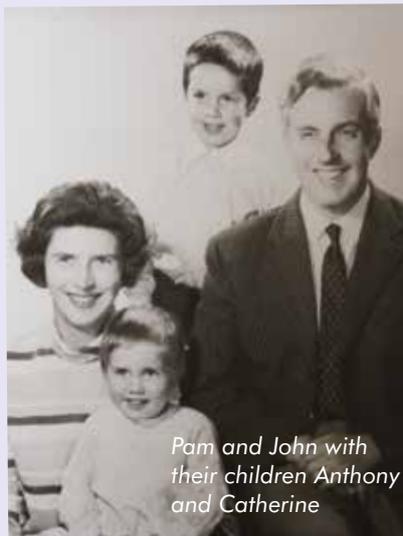
John's career was with Sun Alliance as a Specialist Insurance Underwriter in the Overseas Division. His work took him to Bermuda and Australia, and also to South Africa just before retirement, but he was mainly based in the enormous Sun Alliance complex in Horsham which had been established in 1964.

Around that time John went walking with a holiday fellowship to the Black Mountains and Brecon Beacons in Wales. There he met Pamela Thorpe, a lively and attractive nurse who shared his faith, his good humour, and his care and concern for others. Pam and John were married in Bath Abbey on 14 May 1966; they enjoyed a happy family life with their children Anthony and Catherine,

and later with their grandchildren Ethan, Zoë, Sophia and Matthew. John was called "Don-Don" by his grandchildren (originating when Ethan as an infant heard Pam calling, "John! John!").

John was a steadfast Christian who read his Bible every morning, following his father's example. He and Pam attended Sullington Church when they first moved to

Storrington so that the children would have wider opportunities such as Choir and bell-ringing. At various times John was Treasurer and (twice) Churchwarden of Storrington; he was editor of the 3 Heralds magazine and later Chairman of the magazine committee, and treasurer and trustee of the Alison MacDonell Trust. He was a Lay Minister of Communion, assisting in Church and also taking the sacrament to the housebound. He set a fine Christian example: genial and benevolent, supportive and positive, he made everyone feel at ease. He carried out his responsibilities not only with diligence but with excellence.



Pam and John with their children Anthony and Catherine

Since coming to Storrington Pam and John have lived in two different houses in Nightingale Lane. Their hospitality has been legendary, and they have taken great delight in welcoming all comers with loving-kindness. John's various infirmities have been eclipsed by the warmth of his personality; he has been a blessing and an encouragement to all who have known him.

*Malcolm Acheson
(Rector of Storrington 1994-2014)*

ST MARY'S CHURCH STORRINGTON NEEDS FLOWER ARRANGERS

The Church flowers at Storrington are arranged by a group of volunteers on a rota basis. Our volunteers work in groups of three with a group leader who organises the purchase of flowers. Each group will usually have three rotas a year. We are in need of a few more volunteers. You do not need to be an experienced flower arranger or attend Church regularly. Our friendly teams will support you and you can enjoy the creativity of decorating the Church at different times of the year. If you or a friend are interested please contact Anna Forster on 745392 or Susanne Carter on 746837.



A MOVING TRIBUTE LEFT AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, SULLINGTON

This tribute was left in our Church by a young woman whose aunt had died thousands of miles away, and several of us thought the words were so beautiful that we would like to share them. The person who wrote them said we could do so as long as it was anonymous. Tributes are occasionally printed in 3 *Heralds*, but normally for a person who was well-known in the village. When I emailed it to the PCC I received replies saying how beautiful the tribute was. You can think of it as an anonymous tribute to someone who lived in a different country, or just a tribute. It doesn't really need an explanation.

Anne Owen

A tribute to an aunt who lived thousands of miles away

Today! Tomorrow! Always!

Today one of the most important souls from my childhood joined the creator of the universe. She became part of the everlasting, ever powerful beam of light that joins us all. As light we cannot touch, but it touches us, as light that even makes us feel warm and brings us peace, as light that allows us to see clearly when everything in our world seems too dark, as light that gives us hope, the same light that the all merciful gave to every single one of us, to move, to live, to inspire, to help, to share. She carried that light all her life with pride, with love, with kindness, with humbleness, she shared it with all beings, small and big, humans, animals, plants (she saw all of them as souls, sources and carriers of light). She gave shelter to abandoned souls, she looked after those with great care and love, she helped them to lighten up after being in the shadows, she pulled them back into the light allowing them to shine once more. It was also written in her name, which meaning is: Blessed and called to be great, made with a purpose, honest and pure, set aside for a unique reason. Unshakable and strong. Pre-destined to be awesome.

Tomorrow, she will continue her journey, she will continue to share her light, this time she will be part of that powerful glow, that amazing love, tomorrow she will feel that freedom, that indescribable peace, that sense of lightness, she will travel to extraordinary worlds and will inspire all beings, she will touch them with kindness, she will inspire them, she will help them to remember that there is hope, there is love, there is freedom, there is a reason to continue and fight for. She will remind us that as long as we do not ignore the light, as long as we all acknowledge it, then a miracle of unity will happen, because we will reciprocate the light, we will allow it to expand and once more the universe will be unified.

Always, as she became everlasting, she is present, she is past, she is future! She will be there present in the light, she will manifest to all of us, even when we cannot touch her we can see her, as she is one with that light. She is destined to contribute amazing things to the world.

I love you, I will always love you.

Christians in Storrington

Monthly Inter-Church Prayer Meetings Everyone welcome

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

Tuesday 3 September – Chemin Neuf Community will lead

Tuesday 1 October – Trinity Methodist Church will lead

One in faith and love and praise



St Mary's Church
Church Street
Storrington

Wednesday 18 September
10am to 11.30am
And every 3rd Wednesday of the month

Come and join us for a friendly 'cuppa' with the Clergy

VACANCY FOR A PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

We are looking for an Administrator to manage the church office for St Mary's Church Thakeham, and St Mary's Church Sullington. The two rural churches are close to Storrington, set about three miles apart. The successful applicant will support Revd Sara-Jane Stevens by undertaking administrative tasks relating to her role.

To be based in Rectory office in Thakeham.

Approximately 6-8 hours per week, days flexible.

For further details please contact John Williams
Sandgate1@hotmail.co.uk

HARVEST FESTIVAL AT STORRINGTON

The Church will be decorated on Friday 4 October, starting at 9.30am. Contributions of fresh produce, eggs, preserves, etc., gratefully received.

Extra helpers welcome.

Sunday, 6 October

10am **Harvest Family Communion:** Everyone is invited to bring gifts of produce. The produce will be sold in support of The Chichester Diocesan Appeal at the end of the service.

6pm **Harvest Festival Songs of Praise:** followed by

7pm **Harvest Supper** in the Old School: tickets available in Church or from Rectory Office from mid-September

The **Wiggonholt Association** is holding a public forum with distinguished speakers on the subject of **Climate Change** on **Friday, 18 October**, at **7pm** at **Pulborough Village Hall**. More details next month.



THAKEHAM PARISH NEWS

- Works to improve the surface of the east (Thakeham) end of the bridleway connecting High Bar Lane and West Chiltonton have now been completed. Thanks to all for bearing with the inconvenience of temporary closure. We are liaising with West Chiltonton Parish about the remaining unimproved section of this bridleway within their boundary.
- Progress is also being made on safe walking/cycling between central Thakeham and Storrington: several substandard sections of Strawberry Lane are being upgraded and by the end of 2019 a new footway on the east side of the B2139 will link Merrywood Lane to the concrete bridleway opposite Kingdom Hall.
- By the time you read this the speed limit on section of the B2139 between Merrywood Lane and Abingworth (over Jackets Hill), will have been reduced to 40mph. Another proposal has been made to do the same along Greenhurst Lane.
- Further refurbishment of High Bar Lane playground will go ahead in the early autumn (after school holidays). Further detail on timing will follow.

The 'Friday Night Club' for young residents is launching at Thakeham Village Hall this September, with Thakeham & Sullington Youth Group and Thakeham Table Tennis group alternating on Friday evenings, 6.30pm to 8.30pm. The Table Tennis group starts on 13 September, offering playing sessions and weekly coaching for ages 8-11 and 11+; find more information and how to register your interest at www.thakehamtabletennis.co.uk. Meanwhile, running every 2nd Friday from 20 September will be the Thakeham & Sullington Youth Club for ages 11-18. The Club has recently relocated from St Mary's Church and is looking for more young people to come along and get involved in the larger Village Hall space. The Club runs a range of different activities from bush craft skills to movie nights. Find out more on the Thakeham Village Hall Facebook page.

Make sure you put these upcoming events in your diary:

"THE RED LION" A PLAY PERFORMANCE

The Red Lion is a hugely entertaining play with great humour. Gathering many 5* reviews in its previous two outings this is the ideal piece of theatre for regular playgoers and football fans alike. Age 14+, contains strong language.

Thakeham Village Hall on **Saturday 14 September** at 7.30pm.

Tickets £10. Pre-book at www.thecapitolhorsham.com/whats-on and search for "The Red Lion"

SEPTEMBER "WE THE JURY" INTERACTIVE TALK

An interactive talk with Steve Watkins. Test your knowledge of the Magistrates Court system and use your skills to judge if someone is innocent or guilty of a crime. There will be an interlude with tea and coffee provided.

Thakeham Village Hall on **Wednesday 18 September** at 7pm to 10pm.

Tickets £1 entry on the door.

HALLOWEEN FIREWORKS

An evening of Halloween fun and fireworks. We are looking for volunteers to help run the event – please contact thakehamcommunityevents@gmail.com

Abingworth football fields on **Thursday 31 October**, start time and price to be confirmed

WELCOME SERVICE

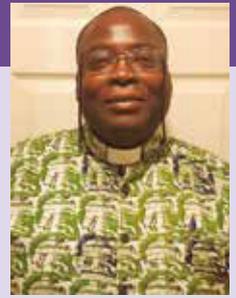
For the new Methodist Minister

Revd Dr Frank Okai-Sam and his wife, Patience

Trinity Methodist Church, Storrington

Tuesday 3 September at 7pm

All are very welcome



ECUMENICAL SUPPER

Friday 20 September
7pm

in the Storrington Priory Hall

All are welcome to an evening meal to discuss the Church's outreach

We need to know numbers for catering

Please contact Charles or Felicity on 740787 or email charles.felicity@gmail.com, if you would like to come and also to tell us if you can contribute some food.

Thank you to those who have already responded to this invitation



St Mary's Church Storrington

CONCERTS

The Concert and Music Committee has been busy recently, and we have dates for your diaries:

Saturday 28 September at 3.30pm

Organists at Play

Have you ever wondered what music our organists, Stephen and Ian, like when they're not busy accompanying hymns or anthems? Now's your chance to find out! The afternoon will include some of the classics, and some lighter surprises. There'll be tea, cake and a raffle. No charge but a collection at the end.

Friday 18 October at 7.30pm

Singing Salon

'Singing Salon' is a group of classically trained singers, who meet each month, in East Sussex, under the guidance of mezzo soprano, Pippa Dames-Longworth. You may hear almost anything at their concerts from operatic arias from Verdi, ensembles (staged), oratorio to comic songs such as Albert and the Lion!



2020 dates

Saturday 4 January at 7.30pm – Taylor Maid

Saturday 29 February at 7.30pm – Brighton Welsh Male Voice Choir

Saturday 25 April at 7.30pm – Happy Days Big Band



SULLINGTON 122 YEARS AGO

EXTRACTS FROM CANON PALMER'S DIARY – SEPTEMBER 1897

Thu 2: Attended the wedding of Montague Loftus unto Margaret Astell in Sherringham.

Fri 3: Cicely and I returned home.

Sat 4: Battle of Rackham and Kithurst Hills. Clara and May return in evening and my carriage is cracked at Pulborough station.

Sun 5: A raving wet Sunday.

Mon 6: My sixty second birthday which finds me in good health and surrounded by many blessings. Letters from my mother, 89, and Edward.

Fri 10: Fine afternoon and cold night. 52 degrees. Men began on the garden wall. The Northcotes called. Dined at Sandgate meeting Patrick, the Austins and the Colletts.

Sat 11: Very bright and fine. 52 degrees. Drove to Amberley and took leave. Walked across to see Ann who I found quite fat! And quite in good spirits (83). The Naper boys miss their train so I did not bring them back. Our chicken house came and some gates from the Hatherly shop.

Sun 12: Trinity XIII. Very fine and pleasant early morning, foggy. 54 degrees. A fair morning congregation but thin evening. Gave out notice of Holy Communion for next Sunday at 8.30am, I hope I am right. Preached from some old notes on St Peter's address. Afternoon the Healing at the Beautiful Gate. In the evening on St Paul's Epistle to the Collosians.

Mon 13: As yesterday. 54 degrees. School 24/25. Mowing still of tennis and other lawns. Our new chicken house causes some excitement. Ride to West Chiltington and see the Pickfords who are going away.

Tue 14: Very fine, not so warm. 54 degrees. Board of Guardians but not a *quorum*, it being Findon Fair. Mrs Felton and Miss Collettt with the young Jelfs spent the afternoon. Men getting forward with the wall coping and new leading the drawing room bow window.

Wed 15: Dull but fine and warm 58 degrees. School 25/26. Clara drives the others to the Ingrams for a young cricket match. I to High Tittens.

Thu 16: Morning warm and close then dull. 57 degrees. School 25/26. Got an agreement signed by Mr Felton between the managers and the 'enigma'. George Naper leaves and May arrives after a long holiday of 6 weeks, the last 2 with Minnie at Benson-on-Thames. I went round the parish and saw a charcoal burner and family named Francis, who has erected neat huts for himself and two children. Take blinds down.

Fri 17: Unsettled; some showers. 55 degrees. George writes from Tunbridge Wells a disquieting account of Mother, but she is better; he has got a night nurse for her. Robert Kings sends us venison slain by his own hand. R and G approve of lectern.

Sat 18: Cold and stormy. 45 degrees. Clara had a first attempt at a Mothers' Guild meeting in the school room with an address by Mrs Jelf; only 6 came. Rode to Findon and called on the Wyatts and Allens.

Sun 19: XIV Trinity. Cold after frost with showers from the north. 50 degrees. Better account from George of Mother. Had early (8.30am) Communion for the first time; 11 attended which was cheering. A very fair congregation at 11.00am. In evening good – a Cobden contingent helping. Sermons on "Increasing in Faith" (collect) and on "Singing before the Lord" - Psalm 98.

Mon 20: Warmer, fine. 53 degrees. In reply to a telegram Smith says "going on well at Tunbridge Wells". Visit in the lane and at the farm. Clara drives Charles Naper to Pulborough. A wood fire in the evening, comfortable.

Tue 21: Generally fine and mild. 52 degrees. School 27/29. Gardened a little in the morning taking my cuttings and digging north rose border. Began getting straw in the barn for the stable. 25 trusses. To Workhouse in the afternoon getting materials for my Vagrancy paper. A big anthem practice in the evening.

Wed 22: Dull and mild, some rain in the evening. 55 degrees. School 26/27. Dug away at the border then visited the Hoares and found Aunt Isabella pale but better. Ellen Davidson arrives. 25 straw bales to stable.

Thu 23: Fine morning then dull and windy. Mild 59 degrees. School 24/27 Nothing from Tunbridge Wells. Enquire after Faithful who is abed with rheumatism. 50 straw bales. Wall coping finished.

Fri 24: Fine, very mild and stormy. 59 degrees. An early start for Chichester Asylum Committee. Cut my finger by way of helping myself. Saw the various garden and farm improvements and ordered cows etc. On way home saw Albany who seems better.

Sat 25: Fine morning then drizzling tidal rain. 60 degrees. Wonderfully mild and spring-like. Walked to Washington vicarage and procured Patrick to preach for me on Sunday week evening. Humphrey to the gate. Wall and bay window nearly done.

Sun 26: XV. Very fine and warm. 58 degrees. Had very fair congregations considering the counter attraction at Storrington in a Harvest Festival. Preached an old sermon on "A new Creature" epistle, and in evening Our Lord's lecture in the Temple Court. Study of God's word. George Carew-Gibson spent the evening.

Mon 27: Misty morning then fine and hot. 58 degrees. Heard to my great grief of the death of dear old John Thomas (yesterday), his was a fine sturdy morality, an affectionate nature and a tremendously hard worker: wrote to Ellinor Pellatt. Carrot lifting and apple gathering. Edward from Tunbridge Wells give a progressive account but the future of the nursing will be a little difficult to arrange.

Tue 28: Very dull and thundery. 57 degrees. A long and uninteresting Board Meeting. George and son sitting in gloomy silence listening to all kinds of Sanitary accusations. We took leave of Parrish *et sa femme* and gave a swingeing testimonial and gentle praise. Old fogies at the pigstyes.

Wed 29: Heavy and close, thunder and much lightening in evening with rain. 60 degrees. School 25/28. Have a special afternoon service to inaugurate a mothers' guild here. I hope it may answer its purpose, but to my mind it is rather a reflection on the Baptismal vow.

Thu 30: Fine, generally warm. Early away for Marlborough cross country: got well in time for the funeral, which was a touching ceremony. Missed my train at Reading and slept there.

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**See Behind the Scenes
at Chichester Cathedral**

**Saturday 21
September**
11am – 2pm

As part of Heritage
Open Days, come
and see 'Behind the
Scenes' at Chichester
Cathedral.

See areas normally closed to the public: The Song School located
high up in the Cathedral's triforium; the Library, also situated in
the Cathedral's heights; and the Bishop's Chapel.

Free entry, all are welcome.



**TARANTARA,
TARANTARA,
TARANTARA!!**



The choir managed to get a few feet tapping
at our summer concert *Summer Serenade*.
We performed at Steyning Grammar School
on the Rydon site on 13 July, singing songs
from *The Pirates of Penzance* and *The Gondoliers*. There were
also choruses from *Nabucco* by Verdi - *Chorus of Hebrew Slaves*,
Habanera from *Carmen* by Bizet and the *Villagers' Chorus* from
William Tell by Rossini, amongst other pieces.

We were led by Tom Castle, who also sang tenor duets with soprano
soloist Bethany Partridge, and Alison Manton accompanied us.
Members of our choir, Father Charles Howell, Sandra Janman
and John Edwards, sang some solo sections in the music too.
Scrummy tea and cakes made by our choir members followed on
from the concert.

We have now purchased a new Roland electric piano for our
rehearsals and also when required at concert venues. It won't
take too many concerts to recoup the cost as piano hire for
concerts is very expensive. Alison, our accompanist, chose this
model for us.

Our Autumn term will begin on Monday 9 September when
we will begin rehearsing Haydn's *Creation*, which we will be
performing at Arundel Cathedral on 14 March 2020. We will
also be having a 'Creation' workshop on Sunday 20 October at
our usual rehearsal hall. We will invite singers from other choirs
who may wish to join us for the performance in March.

Sandgate Singers will be performing traditional Christmas Carols
at Our Lady of England Catholic Church, Storrington on Sunday
8 December at 7pm. Tickets will be £10 available from the Card
Shop, Storrington or on 741984. Rehearsals for this concert will
begin after half term on Monday 4 November.

Our Community Singing Group, an offshoot from the main choir,
visit local residential homes and community groups and will
be starting again in September. We sing songs and encourage
participation from the audience which has met with great success.

If you would be interested in joining Sandgate Singers please
contact our Chairman, John Fisher, on 741256 or visit our
website. We meet on a Monday evenings at Sullington Parish Hall
from 7.15pm. Come along and try us out!

See our website: www.sandgatesingers.com or find us on
Facebook.

THE MARY HOW TRUST FILM SOCIETY
Screenings take place at 7.30pm on the fourth Tuesday
of every month at West Chiltington Village Hall

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The Independent



Tuesday 24 September

**New loyalty card - watch 6 films and get your 7th
free! Collect your loyalty card at your next visit.**

Tickets: £6 including membership, available on the door and from the following:

Mary How clinic and charity shop (Ticket hotline 01798 877646); Guy Leonard
Estate Agents in Storrington & Pulborough; The Card Centre, Storrington; Nisa
Local Stores, West Chiltington; West Chiltington Post Office.



www.maryhowtrust.org

All proceeds to the Mary How Trust for Cancer Prevention
Independent Health Screening Charity, Registered Charity No. 1122393

CALLING "79 – ONE MORE TIME" TO PLAY MARY HOW TRUST BINGO



On Thursday 12 September, the last Mary How Trust bingo will take place at Storrington Village Hall. The popular monthly bingo evenings have been running for 12 years, and have raised £13,000 to give local men and women the chance to benefit from early detection of cancer and other serious illness.



The Mary How Trust has taken the decision to call time on its bingo following the retirement of bingo caller Alan French, and the event's lead volunteer Jacinta White.

Roanne Moore, the charity's fundraising manager, explains "We're very grateful to Alan and Jacinta for looking after the bingo evenings so brilliantly for several years – they've played a huge part in the evenings' success, and they're a hard act to follow!"

"We hoped to find someone to step into their shoes, but people lead busy lives and we haven't been successful. Never say never, though! If we can find a bingo caller and someone to organise the monthly evenings, then we'd be delighted to re-launch our bingo. It's such a fun and well-loved event, and has helped to give so many local families a healthier future."



For now, the event on **12 September** is "79 – One More Time" to play Mary How Trust bingo.

Doors open at 7pm, eyes down at 7.30pm.

There will be celebratory refreshments, and the chance to win a £50 jackpot sponsored by LMC Auto Services.

Roanne adds, "This is our chance to thank the friends who launched our bingo back in 2007, and all the lovely players and volunteers who've made this such a special monthly get-together for the past 12 years."

Contact Roanne on 01798-877640

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LATER LIFE PLANNING IS COMING TO STORRINGTON!

This exciting event, new for Storrington, is getting talked about around the town, and attracting lots of interest.

The organisers, the Storrington Community Partnership, have conducted wide consultation with groups of people to establish if the subject matter will be welcomed and the universal response is - "YES"

Most people feel that planning for later life, including death, needs to be talked more about, and they welcome the openness that this event will bring. We have been heartened by the positive enthusiasm of some of the professionals we plan to have available to answer your questions, and already some have confirmed their willingness to attend.

These include a solicitor, to respond to legal questions, a local funeral director on planning your funeral, and St Barnabas Hospice who welcomes the opportunity to explain what hospices can do for you. We will have officers of the local authorities to advise on types of care in later life, and the roles of the Registrar, and the specialists. Our local surgery in Storrington will also be represented by one of the doctors.

Taking place as it will at the Old School Hall, in School lane, on Saturday 12 October, 10am to 1pm, we hope a leisurely and relaxed atmosphere will prevail, enabling visitors to mull over the advice and information they have found, over free refreshments, before deciding on courses of future planning.

There will be banners, flyers and posters out nearer the time, in September onwards, to encourage people to tell their friends and families about it too.

In the meantime, volunteers will continue to plan how best to arrange the hall, and also to gain feedback from those who attend.

More on this subject in next month's issue, so watch this space!

WEST CHILTINGTON AND STORRINGTON MOTHERS' UNION

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

There was no meeting in August but on **5 September** we will be holding our Corporate Communion Service at West Chiltington Church at 12 noon, followed by a Ploughman's Lunch (£5) in the Church Hall. Visitors and prospective members are welcome to join us. If you would like lunch please ring Jean Hunt on 01798 813681 to book for catering purposes by 1 September.

Jean Hunt

BINGO

Thursday 12 September
Doors open 7pm Play starts at 7.30pm
Storrington Village Hall, 59 West Street RH20 4DZ
Entry only 50p (includes the chance of winning a mystery prize!)
 Great prizes, raffle and refreshments – and fun for everyone!
www.maryhowtrust.org

HOME LIBRARY DIRECT SERVICE CAN HELP LOCAL RESIDENTS WHO ARE UNABLE TO VISIT STORRINGTON LIBRARY

Are you or anyone you know unable to visit the library?

Would you prefer not to have to rely on friends or family to bring you to Storrington Library?

West Sussex Libraries has a free delivery service for people who enjoy reading, but are unable to visit their local library. Home Library Direct is a volunteer service which delivers books and audiobooks direct to people who find it difficult to visit the library because of age, mobility problems, disability, illness, caring responsibilities (including young carers), or other reasons. The book delivery service can also be used on a temporary basis, such as only in winter or when recovering from an illness or operation.

Once you have expressed an interest in receiving the Home Library Direct service, a volunteer and library staff member will visit you at home and:

- chat about the authors and genres you like or dislike;
- ask if you prefer ordinary print, large print or audiobooks; and
- draw up a detailed reader profile, which will be used to choose books matching your interests.

Home Library Direct volunteers select books and audio books based on your recommendations, favourite authors and reading preferences. There's a good selection of books in standard and large print including popular romance, crime and thrillers, and biographies. Most items you would borrow from the library can be delivered, including: standard and large print books, audiobooks on CD and easy to use MP3 players, children's books, and information.

Books will be delivered to you regularly on an agreed day, either morning or afternoon. You can keep them for up to 10 weeks and there are no fines or overdue charges. You can also reserve books online and receive help to use the free eLibrary to download eBooks, eAudiobooks and eMagazines all from home.

All of the friendly Home Library Direct volunteers are checked by the Disclosure and Barring Service and supported by knowledgeable library staff.

This service can make a real difference to people's lives and more often than not it is the books themselves that make the difference. For example, Jacquie one of the Home Library Direct volunteers for Storrington recently told us; "I've been delivering books in and around Storrington for 20 years. For many people who can't get to the library my visits can provide a vital link to the outside world. I always try and make time for a chat when I'm delivering books. One of the ladies I visit loves reading because despite being housebound a good book can take her away to another place altogether."

If you would like to receive the Home Library Direct service call Storrington Library on 01903 839050, email storrington.library@westsussex.gov.uk, or complete the online form on the website. www.westsussex.gov.uk/HLD.

Storrington Library is also looking for more volunteers to help deliver books and information to people using the Home Library Direct service. Contact the library for an informal chat and more information.



STORRINGTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

During July, we had a splendid visit to Sir Harold Hillier Garden and Arboretum in Romsey, Hampshire, and at our monthly meeting a fascinating talk on old fashioned flowers by David Standing, the retired Head Gardener from the Gilbert White and the Oates Collection, Selborne, Hampshire.

We had a warm sunny day for our visit to Sir Harold Hillier Gardens. The gardens contain one of the largest collections of hardy trees and shrubs in the world, established by Sir Harold Hillier and aimed, at the time of its completion in 1953, to offer for sale every cultivar of every tree or shrub that was hardy in the British Isles. The Arboretum covers 180 acres and contains more than 42,000 plants.



Sir Harold Hillier



Sir Harold Hillier Gardens

The gardens also contain one of the longest mixed borders in Europe which at the time of our visit was a riot of colour and a spectacular display of many different plants. A great day out and well-worth a visit.

Later in the month we had an illustrated talk by David Standing on old fashioned

flowers. David joined the Gilbert White gardening team where he worked for the next 38 years, retiring in 2016, as Head Gardener and was largely responsible recreating Gilbert White's 18th century 30 acre garden using White's diaries and correspondence and re-introducing many of the lost old varieties of flowers and shrubs.

Gilbert White was a naturalist, born in 1720 and died in 1793, and lived at Selborne, Hampshire, where he wrote his book *The Natural History and Antiquities of Selborne*, which has never been out of print since its publication in 1789.

The book was inspired by the landscape of the countryside around Selborne and has provided an invaluable record of its wealth of wildlife, including descriptions of many now rare plants and animals. The gardens are 30 acres in total with 5 acres of gardens and 25 acres of ancient woodland. David illustrated the differing parts of the garden, one of the most memorable sections being the area called The Six Quarters where borders have been created with plants arranged by flowering season from early spring to late autumn.

The talk also included details of the collection of ancient roses, herb garden, annual garden and beds specifically for cut flowers and it is obvious there is plenty to see and enjoy at the house and garden.

The evening closed with light refreshments and a raffle.



The Six Quarters and Gilbert's House

At our next meeting on **20 September**, Colin Moat from Pineview Plants will be speaking to us about '50 Shades of Grey'. Plants and Spring bulbs will also be on sale.

Website: Storringtonhorti.org.uk

Michael Webber

CHURCH SERVICES AT A GLANCE

DATE	FESTIVAL OR SUNDAY	STORRINGTON St Mary's 	THAKEHAM St Mary's 	SULLINGTON St Mary's 
1 September	Trinity 11	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Family Communion 11.45am Baptism Service 6pm Evensong	10.30am Joint Family Service (with Sullington)	8am Celtic Communion 6pm Evensong
8 September	Trinity 12	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion + Footsteps 6pm Evensong	9.30am Morning Prayer and Blessing the Backpacks	8am Holy Communion 11.30am Matins
15 September	Trinity 13 Battle of Britain	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Battle of Britain Commem. Service with Prayers for Healing + Footsteps 4pm Church@4	8am Celtic Communion	10.30am Joint Family Communion (with Thakeham)
22 September	Trinity 14	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion + Footsteps 6pm Evensong	9.30am Family Communion	11.30am Family Communion
29 September	Trinity 15	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Parish Communion + Footsteps 6pm Evensong	8am Celtic Communion	10.30am Joint Family Communion (with Thakeham)
6 October	Trinity 16	8am Holy Communion (said) 10am Harvest Family Communion 6pm Harvest Songs of Praise	10.30am Joint Family Service (with Sullington)	8am Celtic Communion 6pm Evensong

Midweek Holy Communion Service on Thursdays at St Mary's Church, Storrington, at 10.30am
Holy Communion Service at Sussexdown on the fourth Thursday of each month at 11.30am

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, 6.30pm

Church Elder: Graham Thrussell

Tel: 01243 545737

grahamthrussell.GT@gmail.com

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Steyning Grammar School – Rock Road Campus

Family Worship – Sundays 10am

Enquiries to Mrs Val Augustine

Community Church Office, PO Box 1020, Storrington RH20 3UY

Tel: 01798 817596

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH

Thakeham Road

Sunday Service 10.30am

Minister: Revd Dawn Carn

4 Gorse Avenue, Worthing, BN14 9PG

Tel: 260356 (Church Office: 746390)

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 10am Storrington Community Market – Village Hall

Storrington Library Opening Hours – Tel. 839050

Monday to Friday 9.30am – 5.30pm

Saturday 10am – 4pm

The Churches of Storrington invite you to

SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB

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

1pm on Second Sunday each month (except August)

at the Old School, School Lane, Storrington

Tickets (£4.00) are available from

Louisa Austin, Church Street, Storrington



STORRINGTON POP-IN LUNCH CLUB

Storrington Village Hall

First Thursday of each month

(except January and August)

COFFEE served from 10.30am

LUNCH available: £3.00 12 noon – 1pm

(Soup, Ploughman's and home-made puddings)

ALL ARE WELCOME. Come and meet old friends and make new ones. No need to book – just turn up.

Co-ordinator: **Pat Webb (893145)**



WHAT'S ON

September	
Sun 1	
6pm	Summer Evensong – St Mary's, Sullington – p5
Mon 2	
7.30pm	Storrington Museum – Talk – p22
8.30pm	Church in the Pub – Thakeham – p4
Tue 3	
10am	Community Coffee Morning – Thakeham – p32
10am	Inter-Church prayers – RC Church (side-chapel) – p10
12noon	Gents' Meeting Club – p31
2pm	SPACE – Arts and Crafts Club – p14
7pm	Welcome service for Revd Dr Frank Okai-Sam – p13
Wed 4	
10am	St Barnabas Outreach – Library Car Park – p32
Thu 5	
10.30am	Pop-In Lunch Club – p18
	Fryern Ladies' Probus – Meeting – p31
12noon	West Chiltington & Storrington MU – Corporate Communion Service – p16
Sat 7	
10am	Storrington Conservation Society – Working Party – p32
Sun 8	
1pm	Sunday Lunch Club – p18
Mon 9	
7.30pm	Thakeham Gardeners' Club – Meeting – p33
Tue 10	
12noon	Gents' Meeting Club – p31
Wed 11	
10am	Wild Fortune Quiet Garden – p5
7.30pm	Rotary Film Night – <i>Green Book</i> – p27
Thu 12	
7pm	Bingo – Mary How Trust – p16
7.30pm	Storrington Camera Club – Meeting – p21
Fri 13	
6.30pm	Thakeham Table Tennis Group – p13
Sat 14	
	Historic Churches Ride & Stride Event – p15
10am	Sandgate Conservation Society – Working Party – p21
7.30pm	<i>The Red Lion</i> – play in Thakeham – p13
7.30pm	Last Night of the Proms – St Mary's Church, Thakeham – p4
Sun 15	
4pm	Church@4pm – St Mary's, Storrington – p6
Tue 17	
10am	Community Coffee Morning – Thakeham – p32
12noon	Gents' Meeting Club – p31
2pm	Knit and Stitch Tea – Thakeham – p4
2pm	SPACE – Arts and Crafts Club – p14
Wed 18	
10am	Cafe in the Church – St Mary's, Storrington – Funds for FSW – p10
7.30pm	Sullington Windmills WI – Meeting – p27
Fri 20	
6.30pm	Thakeham & Sullington Youth Group – p13
7pm	Ecumenical Supper – Priory – p13
7.30pm	Storrington Horticultural Society – Meeting – p17
Tue 24	
12noon	Gents' Meeting Club – p31
7.30pm	Mary How Film Trust – Fisherman's Friends – p15

Wed 25	
2pm	Storrington Flower Club – Meeting – p33
7.30pm	Sandgate Conservation Society – Talk – p21
Thu 26	
11.30	Holy Communion – Sussexdown Chapel – p4
3pm	Tea with the Vicar – p5
7.30pm	Storrington Camera Club – Meeting – p21
Fri 27	
10am	Macmillan Coffee Morning – p4
Sat 28	
10am	Sandgate Conservation Society – Working Party – p21
3.30pm	Concert – St Mary's, Storrington – Organists at Play – p13
7.30pm	Storrington Museum – Quiz Night – p22
7.30pm	Mary How Trust's Quingo Quiz Evening – p21

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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL DAYS

SEPTEMBER

Sun 1	<i>Giles, c.710</i> – Hermit – founded Abbey of St Giles, France, a popular pilgrimage site. Also patron saint of Edinburgh
Tue 3	Gregory the Great, 604 - Pope Gregory I - patron saint of musicians, singers, students, and teachers
Wed 4	<i>Birinus, 650</i> Venerated as a saint, first Bishop of Dorchester
Fri 6	<i>Allen Gardiner, 1851</i> - British Royal Navy officer and missionary to Patagonia
Mon 9	<i>Charles Fuge Lowder, 1880</i> - Founder of Society of the Holy Cross
Fri 13	John Chrysostom, 407 - Archbishop of Constantinople
Sat 14	HOLY CROSS DAY
Sun 15	<i>St. Cyprian, 258</i> - Bishop of Carthage - Early Christian writer
Mon 16	Ninian, c.432 - Christian saint 8 th century missionary for the Pictish peoples (now Scotland) <i>Edward Bouverie Pusey, 1882</i> - One of the leaders of the Oxford Movement
Tue 17	Hildegard, 1179 - Founded monasteries of Rupertsberg in 1150 and Eibingen in 1165
Thu 19	<i>Theodore of Tarsus, 690</i> - Eighth Archbishop of Canterbury, reformed the English
Fri 20	John Coleridge Patteson, 1871 - Anglican bishop and martyr
Sat 21	ST MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST
Wed 25	Lancelot Andrewes, 1626 Bishop of Chichester, Ely and Winchester and oversaw the translation of the Authorized Version (or King James Version) of the Bible
Thu 26	<i>Wilson Carlile, 1942</i> - English evangelist - founded the Church Army; Prebendary of St Paul's Cathedral
Fri 27	Vincent de Paul, 1660 Renowned for his compassion, humility, and generosity - known as the 'Great Apostle of Charity'
Sun 29	ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS
Mon 30	<i>Jerome, 420</i> - Known for his translation of the Bible into Latin (the Vulgate)

STORRINGTON & SULLINGTON – REFLECTIONS OF THE PAST

RULES AND REGULATIONS – PART 3

Education for the majority of children, especially in villages like Storrington, was quite out of reach. In 1763, Mrs Jane Downer left a sum of money with trustees to teach 20 poor children which, of course, needed regulating. The main object of her benevolence, apart from teaching them to be literate and numerate and so useful to their community, was to make them good Christian people, all reflected in the rules which were drawn up for the school.

The first rule “.....to be observed by the Master and Children” was to fix school hours; these were from Lady Day [25 March] to Michaelmas [29 September] when the daylight hours were longer and were 7am to midday, and 1pm to 5pm. From Michaelmas to Lady Day, the darker winter days, the times were 8am to midday, and 1pm to 4pm.

The next rule was a detailed description of their religious duties.

“Prayer to be said at the Master’s first coming into school in the morning or one of the scholars capable of it, all kneeling, which office to consist of the Confession, Lord’s Prayer, the collect of the week, the second and third collect for Morning Prayers, the Thanksgiving, the Prayer of St Chrisotom and to conclude with the Grace of our Lord. In the manner of his leaving school in the evening, the Confession, Collect etc for the Evening Prayer. No Holy Days were to be kept but the Festival and Solemn Days appointed to be observed in the Church of England, Saturdays in the afternoon, Mrs Downer’s birthday on 18 January and whenever the Trustees shall think proper to indulge with leave of absence some or all of the Children in wheat harvest.”

Agricultural necessities and beaters for the gentlemen’s sport in the winter also took precedence over education. Church and Catechism were also a necessary part of their schooling.. “The Master and

Children to attend Divine Service at Church all Wednesdays and Fridays in the year and every day in Passion Week.”

Teaching was laid down. “The Master to instruct the Children not only in Reading, Writing and Arithmetic but very carefully in Church Catechism at least twice a week.”

Vacations were also defined: Christmas from the eve of St Thomas to the Monday after Epiphany. Easter from the Thursday before Easter Day to the Monday after Easter week. Whitsun-Tide from the Saturday before Whit-Sunday to the Monday following. Holidays were essential, not for the pleasure but in a poor agricultural parish every pair of hands was needed as well as what could be earned. Boys could help in the fields and girls could take care of younger siblings while their mothers worked in the fields or prepared food and drink for the workers.

The very worst punishment that could be inflicted on a scholar was to be excluded from the school for ever. This was the penalty for “Absence from School for Idleness, or Resentment of the Ordinary Correction [? The cane], or if the Parent knowingly consented thereto, or to be missing at Church on a Sunday except in cases unavoidable and shewn to be so.”

A picture of rural life in the 18th century is shown by the rule against ‘Nastiness and Infection’. “If any child shall be found to have a Scald Head or vermin therein *more than common*, or infected with the Itch, such child to be forbidden the school till clean and well of the nuisance.”

And finally, the rule against ‘Swearing and Lying’. “If any child be guilty of Notorious Swearing or Lying after repeated Admonition, such child be Discharged from the School.”

Joan Ham (Village Historian)

WHERE ARE YOU GOING IN LIFE?

A boat was docked in a tiny Mexican fishing village.

A tourist complimented the local fishermen on the quality of their fish and asked how long it took to catch them.

“Not very long” they answered in unison.

“Why didn’t you stay out longer and catch more?”

The fishermen explained that their small catches were sufficient to meet their needs and those of their families.

“But what do you do with the rest of your time?”

“We sleep late, fish a little, play with our children, and take siestas with our wives. In the evenings, we go into the village to see our friends, have a few drinks, play the guitar, and sing a few songs.

We have a full life.”

The tourist interrupted, “I have an MBA from Harvard and I can help you! You should start by fishing longer every day. You can then sell the extra fish you catch. With the extra revenue, you can buy a bigger boat.”

“And after that?”

“With the extra money the larger boat will bring, you can buy a second one and a third one and so on until you have an entire fleet of trawlers.

Instead of selling your fish to a middle man, you can then negotiate directly with the processing plants and maybe even open your own plant. You can then leave this little village and move to Mexico City, Los Angeles, or even New York City!!! From there you can direct your huge new enterprise.”

“How long would that take?”

“Twenty, perhaps twenty-five years.” replied the tourist.

“And after that?”

“Afterwards? Well my friend, that’s when it gets really interesting,” answered the tourist, laughing. “When your business gets really big, you can start buying and selling stocks and make millions!”

“Millions? Really? And after that?” asked the fishermen.

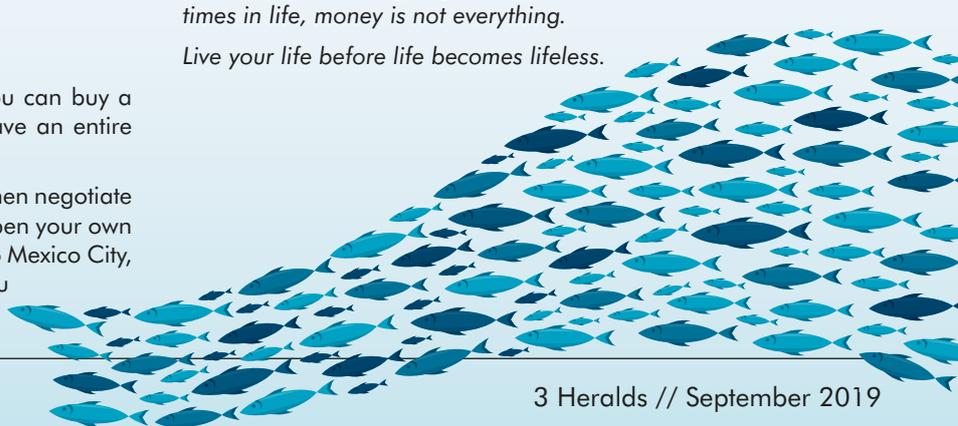
“After that you’ll be able to retire, live in a tiny village near the coast, sleep late, play with your children, catch a few fish, take a siesta with your wife and spend your evenings drinking and enjoying your friends.”

“With all due respect sir, but that’s exactly what we are doing now. So what’s the point wasting twenty-five years?” asked the Mexicans.

And the moral of this story is:

Know where you’re going in life, you may already be there! Many times in life, money is not everything.

Live your life before life becomes lifeless.





PARHAM HOUSE & GARDENS

SPECIAL TOURS

Parham House & Gardens has introduced a new series of special guided tours this summer, which are available for individuals to book.

On **Friday 6 September** visitors can discover Parham's horological history with a one-hour guided tour of the Elizabethan house's timepieces and the stories behind them.



Tours need to be booked in advance by visiting www.parhaminsussex.co.uk or calling 01903 742021



SANDGATE CONSERVATION SOCIETY

The new parkland that CEMEX have opened up for walkers off Water Lane, Storrington, has become very popular because of its well-constructed paths, benches and open space, giving really interesting views across to the South Downs.

Added to this, the bridge linking the new Water Lane Park area with Sandgate Park has now been completed, with thanks to all the people and organisations who pledged donations to make the project possible.

The Society work parties will be in action again on Sullington Warren on **Saturday 14 September** on Sullington Warren from 9.30am till 12 midday and in Sandgate Park on **Saturday 28 September** from 10am till 12 midday, so if you feel like a bit of gentle exercise at your own pace, then you will be more than welcome.

This month we recommence our presentations at the Sullington Parish Hall on **Wednesday 25 September**, commencing at 7.30pm., with 'West Sussex Recycling'. Admission to these events is £2 for members and £4 for non-members. It might be worth noting the annual membership fee is £5 and covers the whole household....yes, you do the maths!

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

Interested in photography?
Looking for an opportunity to develop your interest and skills?

Come and join us, visitors welcome.

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



MEETINGS

Thursday 12 September 7.30pm

Start of Season – Welcome, Programme and Open Evening

Thursday 26 September 7.30pm

Guest Speaker Ian Brash – 'PIMS'

MORE INFORMATION:

www.storringtoncc.org.uk or contact Janet Brown

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SOC Storrington Camera Club

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL FREE LUNCH TIME CONCERTS

SEPTEMBER

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Tuesday 17 Andrew Farnden (*clarinet*) and Nicole Johnson (*piano*)

Tuesday 24 Emma Halnan (*flute*) and Daniel King-Smith (*piano*)

Free entry. All are welcome

For full details of programmes see

www.chichestercathedral.org.uk



MARY HOW TRUST

'QUINGO' QUIZ EVENING

A quiz with a difference this September

Saturday 28 September at 7.30pm

West Chilmington Village Hall



Quiz Master Doug Brown.

The evening promises all the fun of a quiz with an extra element of chance, and there are two team prizes up for grabs, raising funds for the Mary How Trust's health screening service.

Tickets are on sale now, and cost £8 per person. Teams of 6-8 are recommended. There will be a raffle and a licensed bar, and teams are invited to bring a picnic to enjoy in the interval.

For tickets, call Clare Flexman on 01798 877646 or email clare.flexman@maryhowtrust.org





STORRINGTON & DISTRICT MUSEUM

The Rydon Exhibition will end on 15 September, so if you have not already visited, do come and have a look around. The Museum is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10am to 4pm and on Sundays from 10am to 1pm.

The Museum was fortunate to be given a great many artefacts from Rydon's 77 years of educational endeavour, and this exhibition shows aspects of school life during that time. Mr Bundy was the first headmaster. He opened the school with six masters and seven mistresses, a secretary, and a caretaker, with three assistants and various groundsmen. We have photos of Mr Bundy and his staff but not many of his pupils from those war years. If you have any named photos from these times we would like to see them!

During the war Mr Bundy's wife produced 240 meals daily, which were considered to be good, despite inadequate cooking facilities. Three acres were given over to "digging for Britain" throughout the war, but in 1948 HM Inspector said that gardening and rural science, including "the keeping of livestock", needed strengthening. Remembering the agonies of finding homes for hamsters and gerbils during the holidays, one wonders what would have happened to the pigs and chickens, if that is what was meant by "livestock". Maybe the caretaker would have been paid a bit extra to look after them?

After the war the practical aspects of education were emphasised at Rydon. A music room, an arts and crafts room (eventually with a kiln) were added and also metal and woodwork rooms. Rydon gradually developed into an outward-looking community school, taking part in nation-wide fitness and gymnastic schemes, thinking about others less fortunate than themselves and raising money for good causes. They were commended for their international awareness, and were visited by celebrities.

Our next exhibition will be about transport, especially buses, in our area. Perhaps at last we will discover why bus No 1 passes through Storrington on its way from Worthing to Midhurst! This exhibition will open on Saturday 28 September, and will run until Wednesday 11 December.

In July we were invited by Penny Green, Environmental Officer at Knepp Castle, to make up a small group from the Museum to learn more about their storks project, which has particular significance for our village: the name "Estorchestone, homestead of storks" being recorded in the Domesday Book of 1086. Our group was led by Vivian Doussy and her husband, Dr Tony Whitbread, who has been involved in Knepp's major environmental project virtually from its inception. First of all we were given a most interesting illustrated talk by Penny, about Knepp in general and the storks in particular, and how they fit into the rewilding scheme. Then we went to see the storks. Some of us had a ride over the uneven ground in one of the Knepp safari vehicles, driven by Tony who was an expert guide, but most of us walked through the fields, which are being left to develop as they will, led by Lucy Groves, who is the White Storks Project Officer.

We saw the nest built by a pair of storks in one of the oak trees. It was a massive untidy structure, far bigger than any other nest I have ever seen. We came to the storks' enclosure in a little dell with pond and tree cover with netting and electric fencing to keep out foxes. But no sign whatever of any storks. So we waited. Some food was offered and we went further in, and waited. Eventually a head appeared and a long neck, and then several more, and a string of birds paraded before us. With their strange gait and long necks, they looked almost prehistoric, different from herons and different from egrets, much bigger and somehow more ungainly. It is to be hoped that the traditional good luck they bring will be reaped by Knepp Castle in its efforts to make us more environmentally aware.

The following day, 18 July, was the Stewards' Lunch, a happy occasion when the Museum Stewards are entertained by the Committee members to thank them for the time they give the Museum during the year. The lunch, in the Old School was, as always, excellent, especially, to my mind, the desserts!

The monthly talk on **Monday 2 September**, at 7.30pm is 'A Tour around Arundel' by Martin Alderton, who promises to be in Victorian costume!. Entry is £5 (£4 to Museum Society Members) and includes coffee and biscuits.

Our Autumn Quiz Night has been moved to **Saturday 28 September**, beginning at 7.30pm. Entrance is £10 and includes a home-made supper. Tickets may be bought from Eunice on 746569 or Patricia on 743437.

On **7 October** the monthly talk will be 'You the Jury' given by Barrister Peter Thompson. More about this in our next newsletter.

Finally, here is an early mention of the Annual Pro-Am Art Show and Sale, which will be held on the weekend of Saturday and Sunday 23 and 24 November. This will be the 10th Anniversary of this event and we are hoping it will be even better than ever. Entry to visitors is free and home-made refreshments will be available both days.

Mary Wilson

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VILLAGE SHOW SUCCESS & NEW SEASON OPPORTUNITIES

During our break, three Club members have enjoyed success over the summer with images entered in the West Chiltington Village Show Photo Competition.

There were four categories available into which entrants could submit their images: Mood or Emotion; Generations; Seasons and Lines. For Liz Barber, Janet Brown and David Seddon it turned out to be a very rewarding afternoon.

For each of the four categories, their entered images were selected as either the winner or placed in the top three. For 'Mood or Emotions', David won with 'Fit of Giggles'. Then David's 'A Misty Morning' was selected as winner of the 'Seasons' category. The winning streak continued with Liz winning first place for 'Generations' with an image called 'Generations' and taking second place in 'Seasons' with 'Autumn' and 'Lines' with 'Lines'. Whilst Janet won 'Lines' with 'Comings and Goings' she also took second place in 'Generations' with 'Cuban Dominoes' and third place in 'Seasons' with 'Autumn Reflections'.

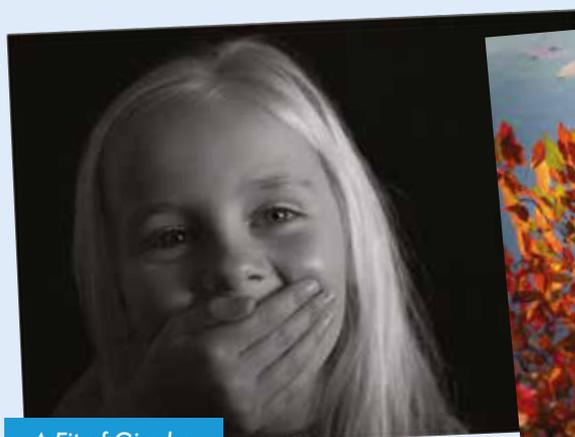
The final accolade also went to Janet, currently Chairperson of Storrington Camera Club, as she also won 'The Delaney Cup' for best overall image - 'Comings and Goings'.

Well done to the three of them and, with our new season beginning on 12 September, they are starting on a high.

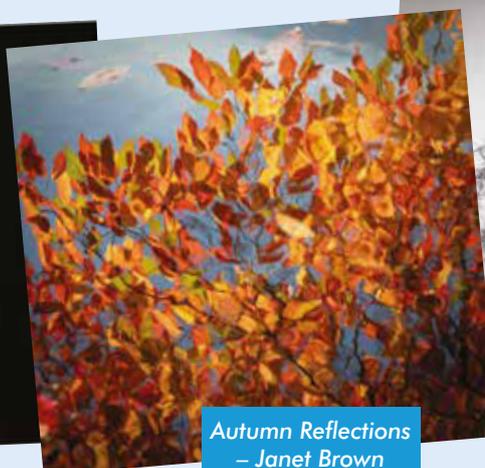
This season's programme includes a mixture of guest speakers, educational sessions to provide opportunities to learn, try out, help and challenge members when taking photos, plus our competition evenings.

Our guest speaker talks this year provide a varied range of topics and subjects with titles such as 'Inspire, Capture & Print', where the speaker refers to it as " something very different from what you've probably seen before so you'll get the uniqueness from it and gives members some fresh ideas on how you can use your photography in a different way". 'Monopoly' which involved taking images from all the places from the well-known board game, African Safari Photography covering all aspects and how to get some of those incredible images that we all see and Oceans and Odysseys which celebrate the art of seascape photography and all its elements.

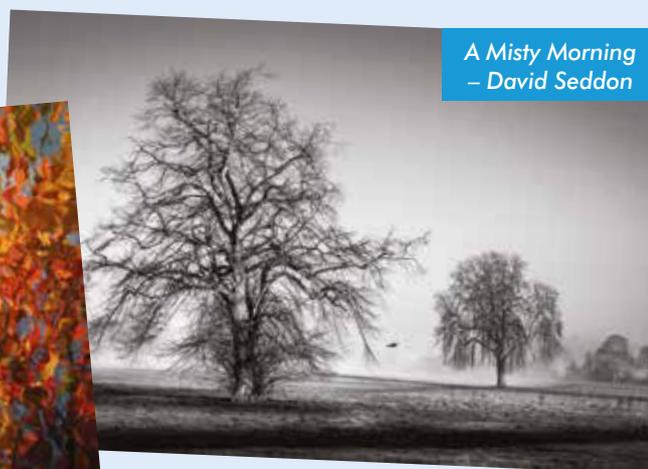
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A Fit of Giggles
– David Seddon



Autumn Reflections
– Janet Brown



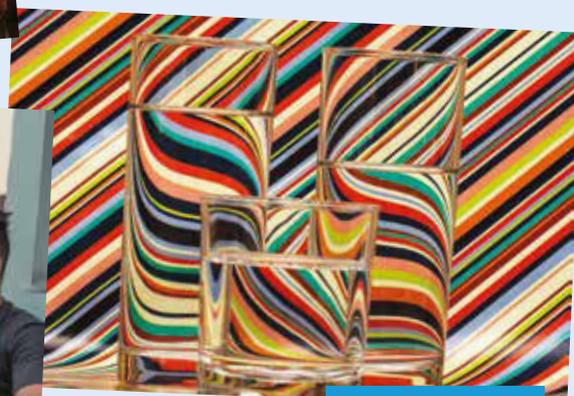
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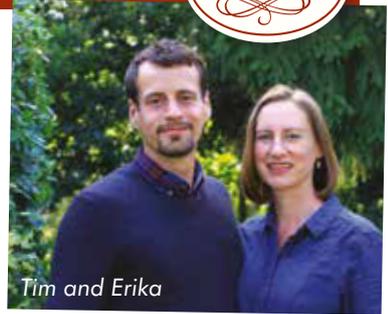
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PARHAM HOUSE & GARDENS ANNOUNCE NEW HEAD GARDENING TEAM



Parham House & Gardens is delighted to announce the appointment of a new head gardening team. Erika Packard will take on the role of Head Gardener and will be supported by her husband and horticulturalist Tim Miles as Assistant Head Gardener. The couple will join Parham on 9 September.



Tim and Erika

Following a successful career in journalism, marketing and communications, Erika went on to pursue a life-long passion for horticulture, training as a community horticultural educator and volunteering with the Piedmont Master Gardeners in her hometown of Charlottesville, Virginia, in the United States. Inspired to learn more, Erika relocated to Scotland where she was awarded a BSc degree in Horticulture with Plantsmanship from the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh, finishing at the top of her class. She went on to become Head Gardener of a large private garden designed by Tom Stuart-Smith in Kent. Erika also has a keen interest in needlework and flower arranging, which are significant features of Parham House and its history, creating an exciting opportunity to further interweave the House and Gardens.

Talking about her new role, Erika comments, "I am very excited by the chance to lead an already accomplished team as we continue Parham's upward trajectory as a notable British garden. I plan to bring horticultural rigour, an artist's eye and a plantsperson's wide palette to develop a garden that honours its dramatic historic setting while providing an inspirational experience for its visitors."

Erika will be joined by her husband Tim Miles, who moved into horticulture in 2014 after a career as a chef in prestigious restaurants around the world. Tim graduated from the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh with distinction in July 2017 and that month began work at Sissinghurst Castle Garden in Kent. In 2018 Tim won the Chartered Institute of Horticulture's Young Horticulturist of the Year competition.

Tim comments, "Since Erika and I met at Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh, it has been our dream to develop a garden together, and we are especially grateful to Lady Emma and her husband, James, for having the vision to engage us as a team. We believe working with them and the existing gardeners at Parham will be a dynamic, creative collaboration that will push the garden forward into a new and exciting stage of development."

Lady Emma Barnard, chatelaine of Parham, comments, "Erika and Tim are energetic and highly knowledgeable horticulturists, with a sophisticated eye for detail. They understand and share what has always been my simple vision for the Garden, namely that in order for it to continue to flourish as a dynamic part of the visitor attraction, the emphasis should remain on it being a uniquely beautiful, tranquil family garden of exceptional quality."

Parham is one of the country's finest Elizabethan houses, known for its rare and precious collection of paintings, furniture and needlework. The beautiful four-acre eighteenth century Walled Garden includes a vegetable garden, orchard and wonderful 1920s Wendy house. Its opulent mixed borders and abundant greenhouse provide flowers and plants to decorate every room in the House, an old Parham tradition. The adjoining Pleasure Grounds include a lake, many specimen trees and a brick and turf maze.

Parham House & Gardens is open to the public from April to October. www.parhaminsussex.co.uk

No room for a meadow?

It isn't every garden that can accommodate a decent-sized pond or a wildflower meadow. And they don't suit every gardener's taste either. So what plants or features can we add to our gardens that look great and help bring in more wildlife?

Buddleja – I love the honey-sweet scent and it isn't called the Butterfly Bush for nothing. But they are everywhere, and I remember plants-woman, Helen Dillon, on an episode of *Gardeners' World* commenting that these shrubs die badly. It's true; the brown, dead heads are ugly, but if you cut them back to a pair of buds it encourages more flowers to come through the summer. If you want a break from the usual lilac, there are lots of others to choose from, such as *Buddleja davidii* 'Summer House Blue', which has silver leaves and a delicate blue flower.



Hedges – We have a wobbly fence that is one or two winter storms away from coming down completely. When it does, a hedge will go up in its place and I've made a start where one battered panel has already been removed. It won't be a neat yew or beech



hedge that needs regular clipping but a mix of flowering shrubs and trees like blackthorn (sloe gin anyone?) that will want an annual cut back and soon provide food and shelter for birds and insects while making it possible for animals to travel between our garden and next door. Bare-rooted hedging plants from specialist nurseries are cheaper and longer lasting than fencing panels too. I'm also adding a honeysuckle to weave through it to add extra interest for me and the wildlife.

Bird baths – Ponds are more than a home for newts and dragonflies. The shallows are important places for birds to bathe and drink, especially in winter when natural water sources are frozen. You can substitute for a lack of pond by providing a birdbath and add a striking sculptural element to your garden at the same time. Add a solar powered uplighter and you have something that everyone can enjoy all year round.



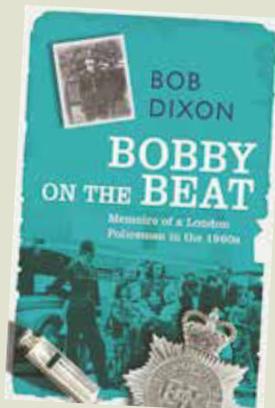
Cheryl Brown

On a very warm summer's evening, the President, Erika Brichta, opened the July Meeting by welcoming all members with a particular welcome to a new member. Erika continued with the business for the evening which included details of planned local walks, forming a table tennis group (we are trying as a WI to keep fit) and information about the WSWFI Annual Meeting to be held in Worthing on Tuesday, 22 October. The Secretary, Treasurer and Welfare Officer gave their monthly reports. The business part of the evening is always important as details of all forthcoming events, along with news from local and national WI Groups, are given to members. Erika continued by encouraging members to attend the August meeting, which as always is the ACWW fund raising event. The ACWW is the Women's Institute recognised charity, assisting women in remote areas across the world, with needs such as education, health, water purification, to name just a few. All these are issues we, in England, take for granted.

The speaker for the evening was Bob Wragg, his talk entitled 'Bobby on the Beat'. Bob opened his talk by playing the theme tune from *Dixon of Dock Green*, bringing back memories for many members. Bob continued by saying he joined the Metropolitan Police in 1961. He had hoped to join his local force in Southampton, or maybe Brighton. Sadly, his height had proved a problem with those two forces as, at 5' 8", he was 2" short. Height was imperative with some police forces back in the 60s. Bob was accepted in the Metropolitan Police, becoming PC 527 (H Division) based at Limehouse Police Station. The first slide Bob showed was a picture of the rules written for the Metropolitan Police by Robert Peel, father of modern policing, in 1839. During his 13 weeks of training at Peel House, he received the basic training before going on the beat. It was whilst he was there, he was told "How to stop a runaway horse", the one sentence answer was "Run in the same direction as the horse"!

Bob related many stories, some quite poignant, others more humorous. He also told of the difficulty of traffic control in the 1960s during the London Smog. Bob continued by saying he was on duty many times for the Trooping of the Colour, the funeral of Sir Winston Churchill, and protection duty for the many Foreign Embassies in London. He spoke briefly of the Cray twins, the many Pearly Kings and Queens he had met, and how there was a great deal of camaraderie amongst the cockneys who, Bob said, had a fantastic sense of humour. He soon realised why the policeman's helmet was the shape it was when visiting the many local restaurants, including several Chinese whilst on duty, as a snack could be collected and stored under the helmet before taking it back to the station for their break.

After being a Bobby on the Beat for many years, Bob moved over to CID but, in his words, those years would be another story. When asked if he would join the police force today, Bob said he was not sure as policing has totally changed from when he first joined. The Bobby on the Beat is sadly almost a thing of the past, when police could go into a home, have a cup of tea and a friendly chat; the close contact with the neighbourhood is lost. This was in the past often a vital source of information. Bob has written a book



under the pen name of Bob Dixon, *Bobby on the Beat; memoirs of a London Policeman in the 1960s*. Jean Minter thanked Bob for his interesting talk.

Following the talk, members enjoyed cream scones with tea or coffee, with time to talk to old and new friends and sign up for the many of the forthcoming events.

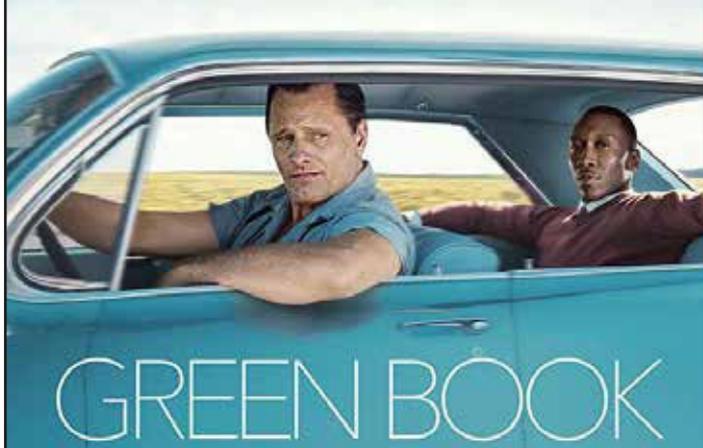
The next meeting will take place on **Wednesday 18 September**, when the speaker will be Hazel Reeves, her talk entitled Casting Emmeline.

Meetings take place on the 3rd Wednesday of the month (2nd Wednesday in December), at Sullington Parish Hall at 7.30pm. Visitors and new members are most welcome. Should you require further information, please contact Erika Brichta on 742039.

Pat Snape



Rotary Film Night at Sullington Parish Hall Wednesday 11 September



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For further details please contact Ken Collins on 01903 740745

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STORRINGTON COMMUNITY MARKET

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

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WEATHER WATCH

July 2019—Overall quite a pleasant month with a new national temperature record

July 2019 did not match the almost Mediterranean-like month last year, but nonetheless it was still around a degree above par and only three days failed to reach 21 °C. It was a month that will be known for breaking the UK all time maximum temperature record when 38.7 °C was measured on 25th in East Anglia at The Cambridge Botanic Gardens. Hot air originating over North Africa was brought to the UK on southerly winds. Here in West Sussex, Storrington reached 33.3 °C but then it tended to cloud over as thunderstorms were forming over France where the temperature had reached a sizzling 42 °C (108 °F). In the very north and east of Sussex, 35 °C was recorded. During the hot month of July 2006, 36 °C was logged at both Steyning and Horsham.

Our area escaped the worst of the rains during the month and rainfall was just below par. More than half of July's total fell on just one day, the 19th, when 27.4mm was registered.

Some 22 days had no measurable rain. The evaporation for the month exceeded rainfall by over 30mm and the ground was dry and dusty by the end of the month.

The old weather maxim that the British Summer is "three fine days and a thunderstorm", has some truth to it and this year we had four days when thunder was heard. Following a hot day on the 24th, thunderstorms formed over France and moved north to us and gave a spectacular display of celestial pyrotechnics across much of West Sussex. However, in spite of almost incessant lightning and some sharp cracks of thunder either side of midnight, there was surprisingly little rainfall. I measured only 3mm. The storms did not cool the atmosphere down and the 25th was even hotter.



Altocumulus cloud at sunset on 5 July

Lightning in Storrington

A feature of the storm was a series of sudden squalls that almost bent trees to the ground in my garden and blew over and smashed some large pots and damaged our plants, with

gusts exceeded gale force. The cause was the high cloud base from which rain, and at even greater altitudes, snow was falling. Leaving the cumulonimbus or thunder cloud the drops and flakes partially or wholly evaporated as they fell and this created a cold, dense pool of air. This coldness then generated strong downdrafts or microbursts taking the form of abrupt squalls at the surface. These can be damaging to aircraft especially at take-off and landing and are monitored carefully at airports. It also can cause notable oscillations in air pressure.

Ian Currie, Weatherman and editor of Weather Eye magazine



Patrick and Cathy

THE OLD FORGE, CHURCH STREET

The Old Forge is a 16th century building in Church Street where from Tuesday to Saturday between 9.30am and 3.30pm you can be assured of a warm welcome at the coffee shop and delicatessen, run by Cathy Roberts. A perfect place for a drink, sandwiches, soup, deli platter or a piece of cake. The deli stocks many locally produced goodies.

For something more substantial, from Thursday to Saturday lunchtime, Patrick, Cathy's son, serves a modern bistro menu with a choice of starters, main courses and desserts.

Patrick grew up during the 30 years that Cathy and Clive ran The Old Forge as a much-loved restaurant. He always found food fun and this is reflected in his approach to cooking and use of international influences from the world of ingredients to create his own style.

The Old Forge is available for private bookings and continues its highly popular wine and food evenings offering dinner with matching wines from a mix of old and new world wine regions. The September dinner will focus on the Rhone Valley.

Outside catering, by Cathy Roberts Catering, supplies meals to be enjoyed at a venue of your choice and caters for all kinds of events. Buffets, a selection of canapés or hot dishes are supplied, either prepared in your kitchen or at The Old Forge. Alternatively you can collect and take away any of the above ready to serve.

For a week every month Cathy takes up residence at Toovey's Auction Rooms, off the A24, where the cafe she runs enhances days spent amongst a treasure trove of collectibles.

For information call in at The Old Forge, telephone 743402 or email cathy@cathyrobertscatering.co.uk

For Patrick Roberts @ The Old Forge call as above or email: patrick@oldforge.co.uk

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www.westchiltvillagehall.org go to "Jazz Club"





The talk on 1 August was entitled 'Horticulture' and, after a delicious lunch, we were introduced to our speaker Barry Newman. Seemingly a strange topic for most of the ladies present, who were not keen gardeners, we had no idea of the many surprises in store for us plus the humour which accompanied them.

Barry is a well-known grower, exhibitor, lecturer and judge, with former horticultural training, and is a Member of the Royal Horticultural Society's Fruit, Vegetable and Herb Committee, plus being a South and South East in Bloom judge and former Chairman of The National Vegetable Society! We were certainly in good hands!

Barry's love of horticulture stems from a very young age when he used to help his dad dig up potatoes. He associated the potatoes with treasure and he was more than prepared to share this treasure with us subsequently entrancing us over the next hour. So if you are keen on growing vegetables, or indeed not, this is the man to listen to.

The talk was accompanied with many illustrations of competition displays of 'exaggerated vegetables' and examples of raised bed gardens. The idea behind these beds is that the height can ease access to the gardener plus the crops can be rotated and harvested easily. We even saw an example of raised beds in a tennis court – the new owners preferred home produced foods to tennis – very sensible and why not?

Allotments have increased in popularity, as people are more aware of the health benefits of grow your own, and today's technology has produced vast greenhouses, again with raised beds to allow the convenience of picking fruit and vegetables, like strawberries and tomatoes, at a more convenient height. Fertigation is also used which is the injection of fertilizers, used for soil amendments, water amendments and other water-soluble products into an irrigation system. Fertigation is also related to chemigation which is the injection of chemicals into an irrigation system – advanced procedures indeed.

Different coloured lights are also used at particular times of the day to promote growth and we even saw the latest produced apple – totally pink on the inside and tasting like pink grapefruit but so far without a legitimate name!

We thoroughly enjoyed Barry's talk especially when it came to stroking cucumbers to persuade them to be straight – fortunately no Victorians were present as they were offended by curly cues! Runner beans went through similar torture as did elongated carrots, leeks and parsnips, all for show!

We thoroughly enjoyed Barry's visit and Sue Borrett thanked him for such an amusing learning curve. Our next meeting will be on **5 September** to hear Madeleine Salvetti talk about 'Mistresses and their influences on history'.

Russ Fry

Macular Society

NEW SIGHT LOSS SUPPORT GROUP IN STORRINGTON

A new support group has been launched to help increase the confidence and independence of people affected by sight loss in and around Storrington.

The group, organised by the Macular Society, in partnership with local people, meets at the Old School, Storrington on the fourth Tuesday of every month. The ongoing aim of the group will be to offer information, encouragement and friendship to people who are affected by macular disease and other sight loss conditions.

Macular disease is the biggest cause of blindness in the UK. Nearly 1.5 million people are currently affected and many more are at risk. The disease can have a devastating effect on people's lives, leaving them unable to drive, read or see faces. Many people affected describe losing their sight as being similar to bereavement. There is still no cure and most types of the disease are not treatable. Age-related macular degeneration (AMD) is the most common form of macular disease, affecting more than 600,000 people, usually over the age of 50.

Stella Black, Macular Society regional manager, said: "This group is here for anybody affected by sight loss and we want to encourage people to come along. Friends and family are very welcome, and we're also very keen to hear from anyone who has some free time and would be willing to help with organising meetings.

"It's good to be able to learn from each other's experiences and get tips. The peer support can be so helpful. Our groups can really help people increase in confidence and become more independent. The group will invite guest speakers on a variety of subjects, including macular conditions and their impact on our daily lives. The meetings are also social occasions where we can chat over a cup of tea."

For more information on the group, please contact Philippa Wrightson, group leader, on 743182, email philippa.wrightson@gmail.com, or Stella Black on 01306 644 908 / 07494 467 980, email stella.black@macularsociety.org

For more information on macular disease, call the Macular Society on 0300 3030 111 or email help@macularsociety.org

Storrington Macular Group

in partnership with

Pulborough Sight Problems Group



**Fourth Tuesday of every month 2pm – 4pm
Old School, School Lane, Storrington RH20 4LL
Open to anyone affected by sight loss.
Family, friends and carers welcome.
Contact Philippa on 743182**

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CRICKET IN STORRINGTON



Seniors back to Winning Ways, and then Rain!

The Seniors played three games in July before rain prevented play at the end of the month. Against Stirlands, we elected to bat and ran up a creditable 187-7, Ian Homewood 43, Dooglas Sopp 37, and Charles Brown 35. After losing two early wickets, the Stirlands third wicket pair put on 131 runs to bring the visitors in sight of victory. Two more wickets fell before the visitors overhauled our total. At home to Arundel, we batted first again and scored 191 runs, all out in the penultimate over. Mark Haggart top scored with 63, whilst Andy and David Livermore chipped in with 40 and 31. In their reply, Arundel's middle order collapsed against Andy Livermore and Rin Tomsett, who took 3-29 and 4-22 respectively. Skipper Ian Homewood then took the last two wickets to put Arundel out for 121 to earn us a maximum 30 points. Against Broadwater away, we lost the toss, were put into bat, and scored our highest total so far this season: 210-6. Mark Haggart scored another 50 and was well supported by Dooglas Sopp 32, George Linton 32, Charles Brown 27*, and Adam Homewood 24*. A devastating nine overs by Steven Livermore taking 5 Broadwater wickets for just 23 runs, coupled with his father's 3 wickets for 10 runs, saw the home side skittled out for 75 runs to give us another maximum 30 points. No play was possible against Chichester Priory Park on the final Saturday owing to heavy rain.

The Cygnets had a busy month. The Under 11's played Worthing away in a game in which victory could have gone to either side until the penultimate over when the home side snatched the laurels. Against a very strong Pagham side victory was again denied, but the Cygnets did have their moments of excellent play. A mixed Under 12/13 side played East Preston in another game that could have gone either way before East Preston prevailed. In a novel but highly entertaining and social evening, our Cygnets' parents challenged their counterparts at Findon CC to a 20-20 contest. The match was a huge success being played in a fantastic sporting spirit and great fun was had by all. Although Storrington came out victors, cricket was the real winner that evening.

Our outdoor net project progressed significantly when we met the new supplier early in the month to finalise the specification and price. We now need to re-visit the Planning consent obtained in 2017 when we were dealing with a different supplier who subsequently withdrew from the market last year, forcing us to find a replacement whose net is now pictured. Subject to Planning's re-approval, we hope to have the new net installed by the autumn.



Chris Winter

COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING

Thakeham Village Hall
10am to 11.30am

1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month
All ages welcome to drop-in, meet,
and have a chat.

info@thakehamvillagehall.co.uk
Tel 01798 815467



STORRINGTON CONSERVATION SOCIETY

"In July the sun is hot. Is it shining? No it's not". So sang Michael Flanders, accompanied by Donald Swann. That was some sixty years ago. Well, this July the sun shone and we had the hottest day on record. We are told we can expect more of the same due to climate change. Hard to argue when the most recent coldest winter was in 1962/63, when it snowed on Boxing Day and the drifts didn't clear until Easter. Hotter summers are accompanied by heavier and more frequent rainfall, to which recent flooding in some parts of the country bear witness. We may find the heat oppressive and the rain causing us problems, but we usually manage to adapt in the short term. Not so for much of the wildlife. Lives of plants and animals are threatened by such rapid climate change, to which they find it hard to adjust. They are also vulnerable to diseases which cold weather keeps in check, but which thrive in warmth. In the long term, we are all affected by climate change.

It is a global problem, we may feel there is only a little we can do, but that little is worth doing. We can reduce our use of irreplaceable resources which give rise to carbon dioxide, recycle as much as possible, minimise waste. Lobby those in Parliament to act on the declaration that the situation is an emergency, and to set an example for other nations to follow. Much can be achieved if enough of us do our bit.

There was no work party in August, due to the summer break. We get together again on **7 September** at 10am back at Fryern Dell to continue the restoration of the Victorian Pleasure Garden, clearing invasive species and making paths accessible. As usual, there will be the welcome coffee break. We look forward to seeing any who wish to join us.

For information about this and all 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



St Barnabas House Hospice Outreach Project

Our staffed HOP vehicle converts into a cosy drop-in centre providing information and support related to end of life care.

The next visits to Storrington will be in the library car park.

Wednesday 4 September – 10am to 2pm

For more information about the project please visit our website or email HospiceOutreachProject@stbh.org.uk or call 706357.



FITTLEWORTH FLYERS RUNNING CLUB

www.fittleworthflyers.org.uk

The Fittleworth Flyers is your local Running Club and on Sunday 1 September is our main event of the year, with a 1 Mile Junior Race and a five mile Senior Race.

All are invited to the race either as spectators or running in it.

Thanks to Mark McDavid of Sorrels Farm, we will be able to use his large field off The Fleet for car parking. His crop this year has already been harvested. Please park your car there.

The Race HQ is Fittleworth Village Hall, School Lane, Fittleworth RH20 1JB, and all entries can be made there from 9.15am.

The starting point is in Limbourne Lane, then through the lovely country side, along to Stopham, then left to Harwood's Farm, and re-trace our steps to Stopham Church which we circle. The surface will be clear of obstacles.

For an entry form contact the Race Secretary at <http://www.fittleworthflyers.org.uk> The Adult Race (minimum age 16, no upper limit!) costs £7 to enter on the day at the Village Hall. It starts at 11am in Limbourne Lane.

The Junior Race (min. age 7, max.15) over 0.8 mile costs £1 to enter. It starts at 10.15am, also in Limbourne Lane. Under 7s can enter this year, but an adult must run with them. We will be delighted to see more children run this year.

Come and join us – it's a fun event for all the family.

For further details, please contact
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THAKEHAM GARDENERS' CLUB

Guy Deakins gave a really interesting talk to the Thakeham Gardeners' Club on Monday evening 8 July. He has been gardening professionally since 1999 and continues to restore gardens of historical interest.

The talk was on the theme of Sun Tzu, an alternative to using chemicals in your garden which are detrimental to humans and plants and can cause an imbalance in the garden. He went into great detail of the dangers to insects who are also essential in your garden and dying off because of these chemicals. He went on to suggest several alternative nutrients which are available to the gardener.



He suggested growing tagetes to deter potato wireworms, growing ground cover plants such as vinca to smother ground elder, crushed seashells to deter slugs and good pruning to stop fungi developing which attracts insects and pests. Some insects are good, wasps eat aphids and ants aerate lawns. If there is no alternative to spraying, don't use one containing glyphosate, which will kill good insects, such as bees, as well as bad. Other tips he gave were putting nettles in your water butt as well as soaking in a bucket for six weeks giving a nutrient rich fertiliser, mulching in autumn to keep heat in the garden encouraging early flowering, rather than in spring, which can trap residual frost and cold. Apparently, hoeing after rain may make the hoeing easier but doesn't kill weeds, so ideally hoe at night as ultra violet light in daytime encourages weed growth. His only suggestion for bindweed was to keep pulling up to weaken and gradually kill it off.

Bracken is an excellent source of potash if composted with horse manure as it is ericaceous and so of value as a mulch for Azaleas, Rhododendrons and Heathers. It is also said that Fuschias thrive on the cut fronds being placed in the planting hole. If you plant a cereal grain underneath a cutting, the germination process exudes rooting hormone, stimulating the cutting. Garlic has long been known to have a beneficial effect when planted near other plants in order to protect from insect attack. A single clove of garlic planted next to a rose bush is said to protect that bush from any future attack. It is also said to ward off flying insects if planted at the door of the glasshouse.

His mantra was:

Know your enemy, know their weaknesses. Timing is everything.

The next meeting will be held on **Monday 9 September** when Alan Sargent speaks on 'Confessions of a Gardener' and the competition will be 'A Vase of Autumn Colours'.

June and Christine

STORRINGTON FLOWER CLUB

OPEN EVENING WITH

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"GLITZ AND GLITTER"

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SULLINGTON PARISH HALL

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STORRINGTON FLOWER CLUB
Wednesday 25 September 7pm

Demonstrator: Michelle King
Theme: Tutti Frutti
Competition: Hidden Garden



Our contribution to the Horsham District Year of Culture is over, the final curtain for the competition falling on Friday 26 July.

We did have a very successful Gala Night on the following evening when all the participating Societies were able to meet and interact, swapping stores and experiences. Whilst WCDS were not successful in winning one of the prizes, we were very proud to have organised and hosted a highly successful event.

Auditions have been held for our November production of Edwin Preece's *The Three Days of Christmas*, to be performed on 21, 22 and 23 November. These will be the first performance of this new play by our well-known local playwright. More information will be forthcoming.

2019 is the 70th Anniversary of the formation on WCDS and we will be marking the event with a special members evening to be held at the West Chillington Village Hall on 21 September. The entertainment will include a sketch *Dinner for One* and a play reading excerpt of the very first production undertaken by WCDS, *Cuckoo in the Nest*.

We will be taking part again in the Pulborough Harvest Fair on 28 September and let us hope the weather is kinder to us this year, as last year was rather cold and wet. We will have our usual treasure hunt and 'Pin the Tail on the Donkey' for younger visitors to the stand.

For more information on all our activities visit our web site www.wcds.co.uk or alternatively come and visit the stand on 21 September.

Geoffrey Steward, Chairman



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CALLING ALL GENTS

Don't sit at home alone!

Join the Neighbourhood Wardens at the new Gents' Meeting Club for a game of pool, darts, dominoes, cribbage or just a chat and a cup of tea or coffee. Or, if you like, try a hot snack at a very reasonable price.

Every Tuesday from 12 noon to 3pm at Storrington Social Club (behind Southdowns Bikes).



Note from the editor....



September marks a month of change which can sometimes be a bit of a downer: the coming of the end of summer and holidays for many, young people go back to school or university, and many flowering garden plants start looking a bit sad.

However, we should embrace the changing of the seasons as it is inevitable. There are many things we have no control over, so we need to make our own happiness. I am sure we all look in the mirror in the morning for some reason, so why not smile at your reflection, love yourself and look forward to all the day may bring. We should be happy we have another day to enjoy and share with others. If you don't love yourself, how can you love others? Be happy, smile and spread the love!

May the love and happiness within you all radiate and spread to others.

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