

St Mary's Church West Chiltonton

Faithful Hopeful Joyful Prayerful

THE STORY CONTINUES.....December

Another month passes, we are well and truly into our interregnum and we have to say we all seem to be managing and getting organised. What would we do without all the people who give advice, help and support. We thank you all.

The Rectory was inspected by the planning group at Church House and any minor decoration or adjustments will be taken on by them, so we don't have to worry about that at all.

Our Sunday and Wednesday services are covered by retired clergy and Jim Latter our Lay Reader has covered evensong. Please look at all the services that are being offered over this month and next, dates and times are on the website.

Remember the Carols and nine lessons and come and join us at the Christingle and of course we welcome you and your families and friends to the services over the Christmas period. So please come and visit us, come and look over our Church and enjoy some quiet time as the Church is open during the day, everyone is welcome.

We wish you a very Happy Christmas and Happy New Year. We hope the new year brings you all a healthy and fulfilled life.



A Warm Welcome to All

To those who are single, married, divorced, gay, widowed, confused, poor, filthy rich or just comfortable.

To those with wailing babies and excitable toddlers and indifferent teenagers.

To those who can sing, those who can't and those who would like to.

To those who are in their twilight years, grown up, not so grown up or those who are growing up too fast.

To the keep fit brigade, super Mums and Dads, vegetarians, dog lovers or if you have lost your way a bit.

To those who think the world is mad, for those who think it is flat, hard or just too much at the moment!

To those who are pierced, tattooed or who just like to look different!

We are an inclusive Church, we welcome one and all

And that means

YOU!!

Pam Wells

Diane Bennett



What's on at St Mary's in December

Sunday 1 December	8am – said Communion 10am – sung Eucharist
Wednesday 4 December	8am – said Communion 10am – sung Eucharist
Sunday 8 December	8am – said Communion 10am – sung Eucharist
Wednesday 11 December	10am – said Communion
Sunday 15 December	8am – said Communion 10am – sung Eucharist
Wednesday 18 December	10am – said Communion
Sunday 22 December	8am – said Communion 10am – sung Eucharist 5pm - Carols and 9 lessons
Tuesday 24 December	4pm – Christingle 11.15pm – Midnight mass
Wednesday 25 December	10am – sung Eucharist
Sunday 29 December	8am – said Communion 10am – sung Eucharist

**Thursday 19 December at 12 noon – Christmas lunch
2 course cooked lunch in the Church Hall**

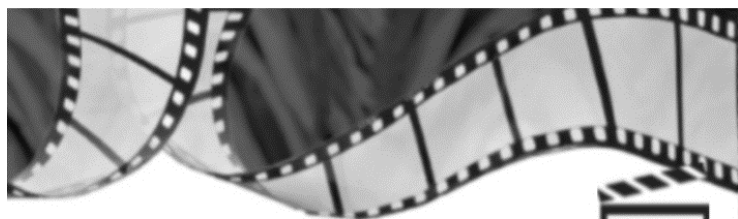
All welcome

What's on at St Mary's in January

Sunday 5 January	8am – said Communion 10am – sung Eucharist
Wednesday 8 January	8am – said Communion 10am – sung Eucharist
Sunday 12 January	8am – said Communion 10am – sung Eucharist 6pm – sung Evensong
Wednesday 15 January	10am – said Communion
Sunday 19 January	8am – said Communion 10am – sung Eucharist
Wednesday 22 January	10am – said Communion
Sunday 26 January	8am – said Communion 10am – sung Eucharist
Monday 27 January	7pm – Seeking the Silence
Wednesday 29 January	10am – said Communion

**Thursday 16 January at 12 noon – friendship lunch
2 course cooked lunch in the Church Hall**

All welcome



Silver Screen Sensations
Friday 6th December

St. Mary's Church, West Chiltonton

FEATURING SONGS FROM

**MAMMA MIA; A STAR IS BORN:
GREATEST SHOWMAN:
BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY ; THE
LION KING, OLIVER; GREASE;
TITANIC AND MUCH MORE**

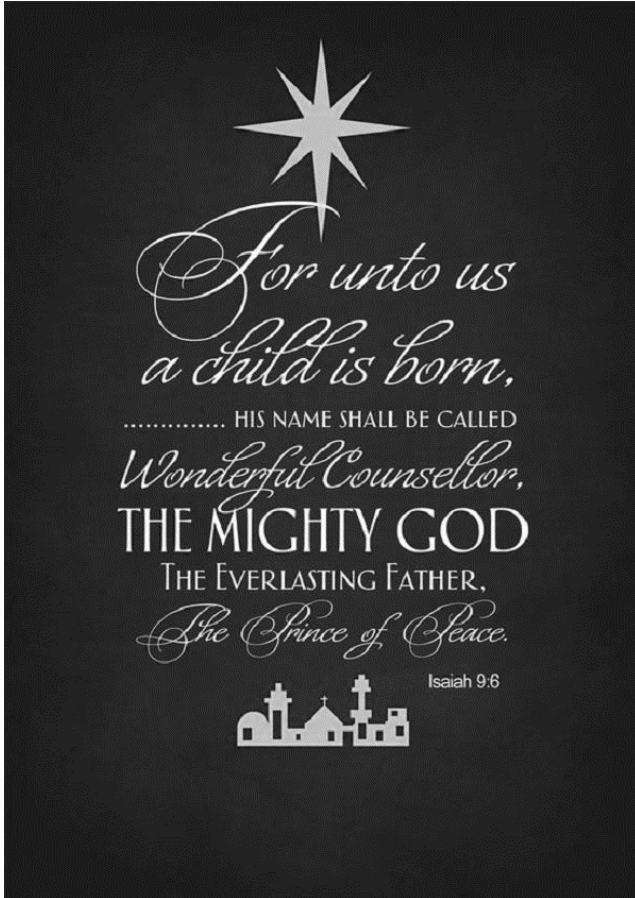
**STARRING LADIES THAT BOOGIE
AND GUESTS**

**ENTRANCE FREE DOORS OPEN 7PM,
REFRESHMENTS SERVED**



Dear Reader

I would like to thank you for taking this magazine, I hope that you continue to get a lot of enjoyment from it. As this is the last magazine of this year, I would like to take the opportunity to wish you, dear reader, a blessed Christmas and a very blessed 2020.



If you get winter fuel allowance and don't need it, you can donate it to Family Support Work, please see the advert on page 36.

God bless, Maria

mariaradford575757@gmail.com

THANK YOU

From St Mary's Church

We would like to say a huge thank you to all the distributors of the parish magazine, for those of you who regardless of weather ensure our magazines get to us on time. Thank you so much for your loyalty.

Thank you to all of our subscribers, please continue to support the magazine.

Thank you to Alan Sugarman, Adprint, June Knowles and Marion Palmer and of course Maria Radford for all they do to make sure the magazine gets to us all.

May we remind you that the subscription of £10 is due in February and this money will be collected by your distributor. If you wish to give a cheque then please make it out to St Mary's West Chiltonington PCC.

As always we thank you all for your continued support.



Prayer for the month

And now that you belong to Christ, you are the true children of Abraham. You are his heirs, and God's promise to Abraham belongs to you.

Galatians 3:29

New Living Translation



St Mary's Church
West Chiltington

Sunday 22 December

5pm - Carols and 9 lessons

Followed by

Mince pies, tea, coffee

Thank God for this gift too wonderful for words!

2 Corinthians 9:15 New Living Translation



Family Support work

Family Support Work has continued to provide help to distressed families and children across the Diocese during the summer months. This is in no small part thanks to the support of the Deaneries, including ours, through generous gifts to the foodbank as well as through the organisation of fundraising events including coffee mornings, family fun days, craft mornings, quiz nights, fetes and garden parties, all of which have all helped raise valuable funds.

These efforts have enabled the Charity to support **222** individuals on a one to one basis. Some were helped with the essentials of life including food but in addition **27** children transitioning to secondary school were gifted starter backpacks that included a scientific calculator, geometry set, USB stick, dictionary, water bottle, pen set, pencil case and ruler. **589** children and parents and carers also enjoyed FSW-led events throughout the summer, including Warnham Park, Dalesdown residential weekend, Chichester Cathedral activities day and more.

All this is only possible through the tireless work of our wonderful volunteers. Want to know more – please contact me.

Sally Boyland



Have a very blessed
Christmas and 2020



From the contributors to the magazine

West Chilmington Horticultural Society for people who enjoy gardens and gardening

In 2020 West Chilmington Horticultural Society will be celebrating its 50th anniversary. This is a great achievement and testament to all the enthusiastic gardeners from our village who have helped run, support and enjoyed the Society throughout these decades.



We are lucky to have a fairly comprehensive collection of archive material and looking back through the show schedules from earlier years it is interesting to see which plants went out of favour – chrysanthemums, African violets, gladioli for example – and those that have come to the fore in recent years – orchids, cacti & succulents, ornamental grasses.

To mark this special year, we have arranged a number of events including an eclectic selection of talks, two coach trips, a Golden Anniversary party for members in August and the planting of a “golden” anniversary tree in the grounds of the Village Hall.

Our first event will be on **12th February 2020**, when we have invited a celebrity speaker, **Fergus Garrett**, head gardener of Great Dixter Garden in Kent, to come and give a talk about “**The Life and Times of Great Dixter**”, home of the late, great gardener Christopher Lloyd. This is expected to be a very popular event, which will have to be ticketed. **Tickets will be £5.00 for non-members** and will be on sale from **1st December 2019**. If you would like tickets please contact Sue Goddard on the following email address westchilthort@gmail.com.

There will be a follow-up coach trip to see the gardens at Great Dixter in September next year and in June we are planning a coach trip to Kew Gardens, where the wonderful glasshouse, the largest Victorian glasshouse in the world, was reopened in 2018 after a 5 year renovation project.

Other topics covered in our talks next year will be Aquatics for All, The Earthworm, Dahlias, Dangers in the Garden, Perfume of Plants and the Winter Garden.

If you fancy becoming a member of our flourishing Society and benefitting from access to all of our talks in 2020, at a cost of only £10 for the year, please contact our membership secretary, Sue Goddard, on westchilthort@gmail.com and check out our website www.westchiltingtonhorticulturalsociety.co.uk

Carys Pickett - Chairman

The most important aspect of Christianity is not the work we do, but the relationship we maintain and the surrounding influence and qualities produced by that relationship. That is all God asks us to give our attention to, and it is the one thing that is continually under attack.

Oswald Chambers "My Utmost for His Highest"



Rotary Christmas tree re-cycling scheme raises funds for charity



The Rotary Club of Storrington & Pulborough District provides a seasonal service that is welcomed by the Community and which helps to 'green' our area.

For the third year running Rotary members will be collecting Christmas Trees from homes after twelfth night (from 6 January 2020) then recycle them at an Ashington farm to provide material for use on the farm - all for a minimum donation of £5 per tree.

Last year the trees were collected from households in the Storrington, Pulborough and Ashington areas with the help of Chanctonbury Lions Club. 184 trees were collected raising £1,000 which was donated to Chestnut Tree House Children's Hospice.

The trees are chipped, with the residue ready for use on a public footpath around the farm, by Rob Dakin of Findon Valley Tree Care.

Rotary's project coordinator, Ray Miles said "Given the positive comments from residents last year we are delighted to be running the service again. For a small donation, residents can avoid all the inconvenience and mess of transporting trees to the tip or burning them, knowing that they will have a 'green' end use and that a very worthwhile charity will benefit in the process."

Storrington & Pulborough District Rotary Club is grateful to all of its partners in this venture including Chanctonbury Lions, Chris & Len Earl and Findon Valley Tree Care; to the participating Christmas Tree

retailers - Squires Washington Garden Centre, Wyevale Pulborough, Tate's of Sussex Old Barn Garden Centre, Big Plant Nursery and Gatley's Country Store; and particularly to all the local residents who will support the project.

To book a collection call 07477 829967 or email recyclexmastree@hotmail.com with your name and address.



**Storrington & Pulborough District Rotary and
Chanctonbury Lions Clubs**



PLEASE LET US RE-CYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE

**If you live within 3 miles of the Centre of Storrington
& Pulborough or within Ashington Village**

**For a DONATION of £5 we will
collect and Re-Cycle your tree
between 6th & 12th January**

Just call 07477 829967

**or email recyclexmastree@hotmail.com
with your name and address**



Planting Crocuses in support of Rotary's 'End Polio Now' campaign

Rotary in Storrington & Pulborough District has been getting its green fingers working to turn part of Steyning Grammar School and Storrington Memorial Pond into purple blooming spectacles each spring

Members of Storrington & Pulborough District Rotary Club are planting 4,000 purple crocus corms which will be a colourful reminder each



spring of the fight for a polio free world. They were joined by members of Steyning Grammar School's Interact Club with their staff leader Tom Leighton and some lower school students at the School's Rock Road site and will be helped by children from Storrington Primary School planting

crocuses around the Memorial Pond to coincide with World Polio Day.

Rotary members throughout Great Britain and Ireland will be planting over 2.5 million purple crocus corms across their communities, adding to the many millions which have been planted during previous years. Purple has become a symbolic colour in the fight against polio, inspired by the colour of the dye painted on the little finger of a child to signify they have received a potentially life-saving polio vaccine.

Rotary Club President Mark Foss commented "We're proud to be planting these purple symbols of the Polio campaign and working with Storrington Primary School children and Steyning Grammar School's Interact Club makes it even more special. Only together can we end polio and we can all play our part in the continuing global efforts to eradicate the disease."

Rotary has committed to raising US\$50 million each year to support global polio eradication efforts, with that funding matched 2-to-1 by The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Rotary has contributed more than US\$1.9 billion to ending polio since 1985.



Rotary and Interact members planting crocuses at Steyning Grammar School Rock Road site.

For further information contact: Robert von Bergen: 01798 812827, email: robertvonbergen@yahoo.com

God isn't looking for people of great faith,
but for individuals ready to follow Him.

James Hudson Taylor





Independent Health Screening Charity Registered Charity No.1122393

The next presentation from The Mary How Trust Film Society is: YESTERDAY

The Mary How Trust Film Society will be screening Yesterday on **Tuesday 28 January 2020** at 7.30pm at West Chiltington Village Hall.

“The latest romcom from Richard Curtis is a fanciful – and hilarious – homage to The Beatles” – BBC Film.

Tickets cost £6.00. Loyalty card: watch 6 films and get your 7th free!

Sign up for your free monthly Film Society e-news – your chance to watch trailers and see what’s coming soon.

Contact: clare.flexman@maryhowtrust.org

Tickets available on the door, and from:-

- The Mary How Trust screening rooms & office – call Clare Flexman on: 01798 877646
- The Mary How Trust charity shop in Pulborough
- The Card Centre, Storrington
- Cherilyn/Nisa Local, West Chiltington

Would you like to sponsor a movie? Receive VIP tickets to the film and help the Mary How Trust’s important health screening work. Please contact the Mary How Trust for details.



THE ARTS SOCIETY STORRINGTON

PRESENTS

**A lecture by Sarah Lenton:
Thinking Big – The Ups and Downs of the London Coliseum
London's Largest Theatre**

on
Wednesday, 4th December from 2.30 to 3.30 pm
at
WEST CHILTINGTON VILLAGE HALL, RH20 2PZ
Members free, Guests £5

Please contact Caroline Long on 01903 744797 for further information



West Chiltington Croquet Club

The waterlogged lawns have finally beaten us. We have retired our croquet mallets for the winter and are all looking forward to resumption of play in April. In the meantime, we are threatened with a golf croquet quiz to keep our brains sharp and each month we enjoy a pub lunch and a games afternoon in the cricket pavilion.

May we wish all at St Mary's and the parish a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

www.westchiltingtoncroquet.com





CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Featuring Traditional and Contemporary Carols



Sunday 15th December 2019 - 6pm
St Mary's Church, Petworth

Behold New Joy | Shawn Kirchner

Plus carols by Rutter, Lauridsen and choruses from Handel's Messiah

The Leconfield Singers

English Philharmonia Brass

Conductor | Graham Willi

Adult £15/£20 | Child (under 18) Half price

Box Offices:

Petworth: Readers Good Books, Market Square

Online: www.leconfieldsingers.co.uk/events



Retiring collection to The Friends of St Mary's Petworth (Charity No. 1144557)





We hope you didn't miss our November production of Edwin Preece's latest three act play 'The Three Days of Christmas', if you did then you missed a pre- Christmas comedy treat. Our next significant event is our Members Evening on 14th December when a number of members will be demonstrating their wide variety of talents and skills in a 'Do Your Own Thing' event. This will be accompanied by our traditional Turkey Pie supper, raffle and of course a bar. Tickets (£5 for Members, £10 for Guests) are available by e-mailing chairman@wcds.co.uk or telephone Geoffrey Steward on 01798 874932. If you have a party piece you would like to share with us then please do contact Hermin Daley, tel. no. 01903 745598, who will try to find a slot in the programme of acts.

Many of you will remember the television series 'The Darling Buds of May' by H. E. Bates. Originally a short story written in 1956 it was first produced as a play in 1959, with a film and television series following a few years later. We will be staging the latest version of the play in May 2020. With a cast of 16 including five children ranging in age from 15 to 10 years old auditions will be held on 6th and 9th January 2020 at West Chillington Village Hall from 7.30 pm. We would love to hear from anyone interested in taking part, contact by e-mail chairman@wcds.co.uk

If you would like to learn more about our activities why not come along to the auditions on either 6th or 9th January 2020 or take a look at our website www.wcds.co.uk or contact our Membership Secretary Christine Pearson on 01798 874456.

It now just needs me to wish all our readers a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Geoffrey Steward
Chairman

WEST CHILTINGTON PROBUS CLUB



As the sun sets lower, the days shorten and the countdown to Christmas starts in earnest, what better time to reflect on another busy year for Proboscis.

We remain a very active and inclusive club: during the year we enjoyed nine members lunches with a wide variety of informative and entertaining speakers; twelve coffee mornings; three seasonal lunches at different venues; a BBQ in the setting sun and exclusive visits to Durrance Manor, Highgrove House and the Waste Processing Centre in Horsham. To keep us moving we enjoyed the croquet day in Worthing and the skittles evening at The Spur in Swindon.

From time to time we join forces with other clubs and meet new like-minded people. The croquet day was a combination of four Proboscis clubs, the visit to Highgrove House was sponsored by West Chilton Proboscis but enjoyed the company of Billingshurst members and Chanctonbury Proboscis have invited other clubs to join them on a 75th year VE day landings celebration in Normandy. All very promising for local clubs. The Autumn lunch was held at a new venue, Random Hall at Slinfold. A new and pleasant venue with an excellent meal for members and partners.



This month 43 members lunched at the Roundabout Hotel where Sarah Lavery gave a very enthusiastic and well received talk on 'Southlands Valley Vineyard – Moving from hobby vineyard to commercial operation'. In 2000, John Gilbert planted 4,000 vines and thus established the vineyard on the

lower green sand, the perfect soil for sparkling wines. After a lifetime as a chartered engineer, Sarah purchased the vineyard in 2014 and has planted an additional 7,000 vines with production in 2018 reaching an all-time record of 14.2 tonnes. In common with other wine growers and farmers, the weather, animals and disease can cause havoc to the crop, the late frost in 2017 cut output to 2.3 tonnes. The vineyard produces three wines, sold under the Smock Alley label, they are available from Nisa and The Post Office.

And we still look forward to the Christmas dinner at the West Sussex Golf Club.

Our lunch meeting is on the first Wednesday in the month. Membership is open to retired **PRO**fessional and **BUS**iness men, if you would like to know more please contact our Secretary David Goddard: - david.goddard8@icloud.com

Laying your life down in tender surrender
before the Lord will bring life, prosperity,
and honour as your reward.

Proverbs 22:4

Passion Translation





THE MOTHERS' UNION

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West Chilton and Storrington Branch

On 26 October 4 members attended the Autumn Members Meeting in Hove taking socks and jogging bottoms for the Gatwick Detainees for Christmas. During the lunch break members wrote Christmas cards for inmates at Lewes and Ford prisons, from Mother's Union. The main Speaker was Caroline Virgo from the Clewer Initiative campaigning against Modern Slavery. We heard shocking reports of how people are trafficked here to work in nail-bars, hand car-washes, care homes, B&B's, hotels and farms. They work long hours for as little as 80p an hour, sometimes 70-90 hours a week, are not allowed to socialize and often have to hand over their wages to gangmasters. There are 20,000 hand car-washes in the UK and most use exploitative labour. We were urged to spread the word to friends and neighbours to make people aware of what is happening in our country. Anyone having suspicions about slave labour can call the Modern Slavery Helpline 08000 121 700, or in an emergency call 999, or call local police on 101.

At our November meeting after reporting back from the above meeting Jean Hunt spoke of a family visit to the township of Soweto in South Africa in 2016. Local man, Percy, showed them around his two-roomed "matchbox house" which he shared with his sister before taking them to a grim legal tavern, followed by a "shabeen" – an illegal drinking den which was a much happier place. The modern Hector Petersen Museum displayed the story of the 1976 riots in which 13 year old Hector was killed. A peaceful demonstration by schoolchildren was baton charged by the police and Hector was shot. 4000 children fled to the Church of Regina Mundi built to accommodate 2000 people. The police fired over their heads into the roof and cracked the altar rail with their batons. A more positive experience was at the inspiring and uplifting monument that has been built expressing the hopes for the

future of all the people of South Africa. Lunch was enjoyed in a local restaurant whilst being entertained by Zulu warriors dancing in the street, close by the homes of Archbishop Tutu and Nelson Mandela. A huge shopping mall stands beside the gateway out of Soweto which was built by the first black billionaire from Soweto.

We look forward to our Advent Service on 5 December, with invited guests, at West Chilton Church at 2pm, followed by tea and a raffle in the Church Hall.

There is no meeting in January but members will meet for a New Year Lunch on 9 January at Joanna's in Storrington.

A reminder that subscriptions become due on 1 January, £27 for members, £21 for Indoor Members, which may now be paid by Direct Debit if members wish.

WISHING EVERYONE A JOYFUL CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

Jean Hunt

Who can add to Christmas? The perfect motive is that God so loved the world. The perfect gift is that He gave His only Son. The only requirement is to believe in Him. The reward of faith is that you shall have everlasting life.

Corrie Ten Boom



The Arts Society West Sussex

**On Tuesday 3rd December
Diana Lloyd will give a talk on**

The History of Stained Glass as seen through the Christmas Story

The Christmas Story has been the subject of stained glass windows from the late 12th century at Chartres to the Victorians. Damage created by the Second World War has given artists like Chagall further opportunities.

There is no talk in January

**Meetings held in Fittleworth Village Hall at 2pm
Doors open 1.40. Tea and coffee after the talk**

**Please call 01903411086 or contact jackiebuckler@sky.com
Visitors most welcome - £5**

www.theartssocietywestsussex.org



West Chiltington Floral Club (Affiliated to NAFAS)

The Club's AGM was held in October and was followed by nibbles and a glass of wine, Dutch Auction and annual competition.



The next meeting will be the **Christmas show on December 5th at 7pm for 7:30** with Margaret Rumens demonstration entitled "I'm Dreaming Of...." ticket price £14 to include a glass of wine. Please contact Andrea on 01798 839188 to book tickets.

The member's New Year lunch will take place in January and our usual monthly programme resumes with a demonstration by Linda Brayne on 18th February at 2pm.

Unless otherwise stated, meetings are held at West Chiltington Village Hall, Mill Road, West Chiltington RH20 2PZ, 7pm for 7:30pm (1:30pm for 2pm in February & November).

For more information, please contact: Brenda Bull on 01798 813712.

We have known and have believed
the love which God has for us

1 John 4:16

New English Translation



West Chiltington Village Show

Firstly, a very big thank you to those who came to the Volunteers meeting and AGM on 6 November, it is always very encouraging when there are more volunteers than committee members!

Pauline Lugton, chair, gave an excellent review of the centenary show, Chris Hunt, treasurer, outlined our finances and referred to the £3, 000 surplus. Donations from the surplus have been made to the Girl Guides; £200 sterling work during the show: The Silver Band; £200 outstanding commitment on show day: The WC Community School: £500 for a new project this year and to CHART; £500 for their excellent work in the community. Please get in touch if you would like us to consider a local good cause.



Donna Harper, schools' coordinator, talked about the 'Intergenerational Banner' produced and paraded at the centenary show and outlined

plans for the 'Creative Threads Project 2020', more of that later.

We were delighted to welcome Lesley Jay and Sam Bates who, with their enthusiasm and some funding from the show started a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) project at the Community School. The project was hugely successful by engaging children and helping them learn and develop science based knowledge through fun activities. If you would like to know more visit stem@westchiltschool.com

Pat Hampton and her team are working hard on new and different classes within our competitions for next year's show, details will be on the web site from late December.

Visit www.westchiltshow.org or contact Nick: nickvincent49@gmail.com
[07788 922031](tel:07788922031)

Finally, a big thank you to Maria without whom this valuable community magazine may have faced extinction, we are all very grateful for your editorship. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas.

As your day, so shall your strength,
your rest and security, be.

Deuteronomy 33:25 Amplified Bible

WEST CHILTINGTON WI



As this issue of The Parish Magazine is combined and our monthly meeting is after the deadline for submitting reports we'd just like to wish you all the Joys of the Season and a Happy New Leap Year of 2020.

Following on from our AGM in November we now have a new committee and are looking forward to our December meeting when we shall enjoy The Ladies' Barbershop Quartet, A Beautifully Wrapped Christmas Gift and The Competition For The Frances Sharpe Cup.

We meet on the second Thursday of the month and would be delighted to hear from potential new members should they wish to join us on January 9. If interested please contact Jill Vincent 01798 812715.

Russ Fry





FRYERN LADIES' PROBUD LUNCH

Roundabout Hotel - Thursday 7 November

As usual we were made to feel most welcome at The Roundabout Hotel in West Chiltington for our monthly lunch and get together. The menu looked inviting and after a delicious meal we settled down expectantly to listen to a local speaker, Tony Pratt, talk to us about "The Arun Valley Postcard Trail".

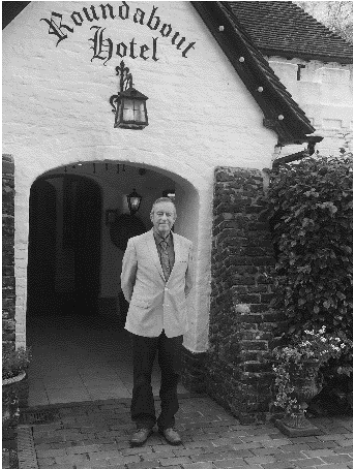


"The Arun Valley Postcard Trail", we were told, started as the title for a series of short documentary films; based around Tony's massive collection of cards built up over the years from pre WWI. As the title suggests the River Arun provides the central theme featuring, not only the beautiful landscapes but, histories of people associated with the river as users or observers. Tony found that in exploring this theme he uncovered many interesting stories involving characters who inhabited these hinterlands, such as John Harvey of the Littlehampton Shipyard, Edward Tickner – Edwardes of Burpham, John Robertson (ship owner), Jose Weiss of Houghton and The Docks of Pulborough.

The River Arun is the longest river, with its entirety in West Sussex and is 37 miles in length. It is also the second fastest flowing river in England and runs from its source near the eastern outskirts of Horsham (at St Leonard's Forest) to the English Channel at Littlehampton Harbour. Throughout this journey we were shown illustrations of old postcards resulting in a kaleidoscope of stories and depicting many Sussex villages, Tansy's Cottage in Peppering, sheep washes in the river,

sailing and steam vessels, ferry men, census data, old maps, barges and, in particular, Arundel with its fairy tale castle and then on and on to the sea.

We travelled from Littlehampton up through to Arundel, Burpham, Houghton, Bury and then through to Pulborough and Stopham. The river was only navigable (using the small craft) for 20 miles from the coast up to Stopham Bridge (with its 7 arches dating back to 1420) but the flood plains were extensive as can be seen today. The river has changed dramatically over the years and with dense foliage it can even be hard to see. Sadly the use of the river declined, from around 1863, with the introduction of mainline trains and more road bridges leaving behind the past revealed only in postcard trails. However we appreciated our glimpse into times gone by, the awareness of local history and the nostalgic memories ignited – thank you for this Tony.



Joan Richardson gave our collective thanks and said how “beautifully researched” his presentation was and hoped to see his series of short documentaries soon on Brighton TV.

The meeting ended and we shall meet again to hear Jonathan Jones talk about Christmas Crackers on December 5.

Happy Season’s Greetings and Leap Year to all of you from all of us.

Russ Fry



West Chiltington Village Show - Creative Threads Project 2019 – 2020 'Intergenerational learning through art, craft and creative threads'

2019 Intergenerational Banner

Over 100 children, parents, carers, young and older people came together to design, paint, embroider, stick and sew over 80 individual fabric patches to create the amazing 'What's Wonderful about West Chiltington' centenary village show banner.



The banner was joyously marched into the show ground lead by the West Chiltington Silver Band followed by Rev David Coleman, Julian Rose, headteacher of the village school and staff, parents, carers, children, members of the village show committee and volunteers who provided patch

making, art and craft guidance and support to pupils in school.

Over the summer the banner was on display in St Mary's Church, admired by parishioners and visitors to the village. It has recently been returned to the school, where it will be seen by future generations of West Chiltington children and families.

2020 Creative Threads Project 2020

Next year we aim to create 2,020 pieces of eco-friendly knitted, crochet, felt or fabric bunting shapes to decorate the village, the show ground and form part of the parade. To make this happen we need to recruit a team of knitting assistants and children and people who would like to learn how to knit, crochet or sew bunting shapes.

If you would like to offer a couple of hours of your time to share basic knitting, crochet or sewing skills, support learning in school or just come along to drop off a bag of unwanted wool balls, please join us at our first meeting in the village hall.

The WCVS 'Creative Threads Project 2020' launch will be held in partnership with Village Group on:

THURSDAY 28th NOVEMBER FROM 2.00pm to 4.00pm in the VILLAGE HALL

This will be an informal meeting for people young and older who live in West Chiltington and local villages, free refreshments will be provided.

Donna Heaton - WCVS - Creative Threads Project Coordinator

Open Gardens 2020

We are opening some of our gardens again in June 2020. Date to be confirmed. This is for the West Chiltington and Nutbourne Open Gardens and Art Trail, which has been very successful in recent years. Money raised will be used to maintain our beautiful thousand year old church of St. Mary's. We also need a few local artists and crafts people to exhibit and/or sell their works in these gardens.

Refreshments are available at some of the gardens. Let us show what talents we have in our villages here.

More in the next issue. The contact is Andrea: 01798 812957



WEST CHILTINGTON THEATRE ARTS CLUB

December 2019



Our thriving club meets at the Village Hall on the second Tuesday of each month (except August) at 2.30pm. We have a speaker on many aspects of the Arts, theatre and other interesting subjects.

At our last meeting Melanie Gibson-Barton gave us a moving overview of the last twelve months of the Great War entitled “From Passchendaele to Peace”.

We shall not visit the theatre this month as it is pantomime time but we are looking forward to 29 January next year when we shall see “My Cousin Rachel” at our favourite Chichester Festival Theatre. We leave the Village Hall Car Park at 1pm.

Provisional booking has been made for a trip to the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre for a killer/thriller “Dial M for Murder” on 6 February.

We are drawing to the close of another successful year in which we have visited some fine theatrical productions and musicals. Our speakers have all been very informative. Our membership numbers have remained constant.

Our list of speakers for 2020 is complete and we are already looking forward to another year of theatre and arts.

We are now involved in membership renewal and this time will use a slightly different method which should ensure that everyone will receive a calendar/membership card.

Should readers wish to join please telephone our Hon Secretary: 01798 812984. A years’ membership Jan to Dec costs £16 per person.

Nikki Kerr writes We had a very busy time during the October half-term holiday. With many services closing for the week, the families we support needed extra help from us to manage their days and keep their children occupied. We held extra half-term activities in Bognor, Rustington, Pulborough, Haywards Heath and Crawley that were very well attended and very much valued.

With the clocks changing and the temperatures dropping we know that the next few weeks can be very tough for families trying to cope with their children's excitement in the lead-up to Christmas, particularly when finances are difficult and more money is needed for heating homes. We have launched our Winter Fuel campaign this week, asking those who receive a Winter Fuel payment from the Government but may not need it, to consider donating it to us so that we can help families with their fuel bills over the winter months. We would be so grateful for donations of any size that we could pass on to families who aren't eligible for this support.

Thank you as always for your ongoing support of FSW.

October's work in numbers

- 196 individual meetings with families supporting 25 grandparents, 235 parents and 320 children
- 44 supported meetings with other agencies
- 35 group sessions supporting 19 grandparents, 254 parents and 379 children
- 190 food deliveries made

Prayer points

Give thanks for our overflowing foodbank as a result of extremely generous Harvest donations.

Pray for the family of M, the mother in a family we have been supporting. She died from cancer last week at the age of 30 leaving 2 young children behind and a husband who does not speak English. The family does not have permanent leave to remain in the UK even though the children were born here, and they cannot access benefits, so the future is extremely uncertain.

For all of our practitioners as they enter an incredibly busy time of meetings, training and planning Christmas parties for their families.



FSW Family Support Work
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CHRISTMAS PRIZE DRAW

Draw to be held on Monday 16th December 2019

Tickets £1 each - all proceeds go to FSW

PRIZES INCLUDE:

- Handmade patchwork quilt (double bed size)
- £150.00 John Lewis Gift Voucher
- 2 tickets to the Brighton Racecourse 2020 racing season
- 4 Grandstand Enclosure tickets to Lingfield Park racecourse
- And other prizes

Bring magic & sparkle to in-need families across Sussex this Christmas



Online Just Giving link: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/fswprizedraw

Contact: melissa@familysupportwork.org.uk | 01273 832 963

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West Chiltoningon Parish Council

Meet your Parish Council: Saturday 30th November 10am–12noon at West Chiltoningon Cricket Pavilion, Mill Road RH20 2PZ

Breaking News: The Purple Bus has promised to visit this event – an opportunity to see this mobile youth facility with fully trained and qualified youth workers before the start of regular visits to West Chiltoningon, hopefully in the spring. This is the first step towards establishing the need in the village for a permanent youth facility so please spread the word and let us have your comments.

This annual Meet and Greet morning is an ideal opportunity to see how your Council is working for you, and to chat informally to councillors and find out what we do. This is also the chance to discuss the precept and the upcoming budget planning meeting. Refreshments will be offered and there is plenty of free parking.

West Chiltoningon Community Speedwatch

A group has been formed and we are awaiting delivery of loan equipment so that the volunteers already registered can receive some group training and then begin monitoring sessions. If you would like to find out more and possibly get involved yourself, go to the link to sign up your details and complete the registration process. www.communityspeedwatch.org/

Reduction in Winter Gritting

WSCC needs to save a further £1.8m on their highways budget and as part of the plan to achieve these savings they will be reducing winter gritting from 41% to 31%. With fewer roads receiving automatic gritting please take extra care when driving.

To contact the Parish Council:

The Parish Office, Church Street, West Chiltoningon, RH20 2JW.

The office is normally open Tuesday-Thursday 10am – 2pm. Please phone before visiting. 01798 817434 /email: clerk@wcpc.org.uk /www.wcpc.org.uk /

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