

# **St Mary's Church West Chiltington**

## **Faithful Hopeful Joyful Prayerful**

### **Off We Go Again**

Well we are into another Interregnum, so dear friends bear with us please. As before, we are working for you all, for our wonderful Church and also for all in our village.

David and Rosemary have left for Steeton and we wish them well in their continued spiritual journey. We will miss them dearly and know that we will also be keeping in touch across the miles. We have lost a Rector, but we still have dear friends.

Therefore, we start again to find a new incumbent to guide us through Church life, to spiritually feed us and to nurture us all. Please pray for us all and let us hope that a new Rector will not be too far away and there is someone, as we speak, who is looking to come to our Parish and start a new chapter in their faith journey with us. Our Church and village is such a wonderful, Godly and visionary parish that whoever comes to us will be truly blessed by what they find. So we ask you all, say a daily prayer for St Mary's, keep your faith to the front and look to the future, when we once again will have a Rector at the Rectory and the body of our Church can be fulfilled. We are a strong Parish with a yearning to grow and develop our faith.

Please one and all:

Be with us in our search, be one with us in our faith and stay true to St Mary's of West Chiltington

We will continue to do everything for the parish and for us all, to try to lead everyone in Gods footsteps and to continue to have faith that there is someone out there who wants to be part of our Church.

Pam Wells

Diane Bennett

## What's on at St Mary's in October

<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October</b>	10am – said Communion
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October</b>	8am – said Communion 10am – sung Eucharist
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October</b>	10am – said Communion
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October</b>	8am – said Communion 10am – sung Eucharist 6 pm – sung Evensong
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October</b>	10am – said Communion
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>	8am – said Communion 10am – sung Eucharist
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	10am – said Communion
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October</b>	8am – said Communion 10am – sung Eucharist
<b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October</b>	10am – said Communion

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 12 noon – friendship lunch  
2 course cooked lunch in the Church Hall**

**All welcome**

Hello Everyone

I am your new editor. I live in West Chilton with my husband Adrian and our 3 rescue cats: Teddy, Milly and her daughter Tilly! We have been living here since the beginning of 2015 and love it, having moved down from south London. It certainly is very picturesque, people who live here say we don't need to go away on holiday, it is just wonderful to be able to sit in the garden and listen to the birds, the sounds of nature – that is very true.

It is a privilege to be the editor and I have had the pleasure of receiving the copy of so many interesting and worthwhile charities. I have very much enjoyed editing this first issue.

By now Fr David should be ensconced in his new parish in God's own country, Yorkshire, learning the ropes and getting to know yet another set of names and faces. Hopefully his next house won't have the same issues this one had, when he had to let it dry out before he could move in! We wish Fr David God's blessings and that he receives the same support in his new parish as he did here.

On a slightly different note, I love to bake for charities, so if you are looking or know of a charity looking for cakes for its fete etc, I would be more than happy to oblige. You can sample my cakes after the 10am service!

Till next month, God bless.

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We had the greatest of pleasures in attending the confirmation of Siobhan Holmes and Carole Lade at St Peter's Church, Henfield. A very warm evening weather wise and an emotional evening for all the attendees of confirmation. It was a delight to be able to support two of our congregation at their dedication of faith.

Diane Bennett      Pam Wells



## Prayer for the month

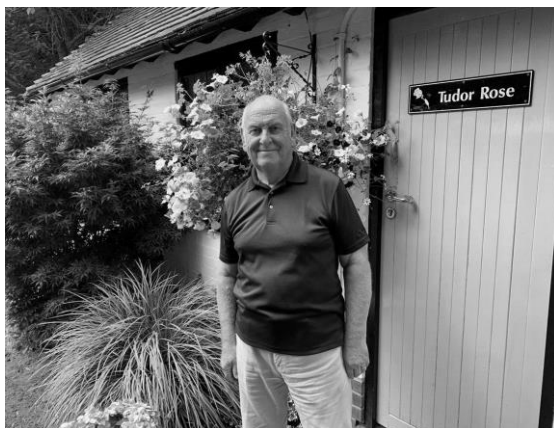
Perfect, absolute peace surrounds those whose imaginations are consumed with you; they confidently trust in you.

Isaiah 26:3

The Passion Translation

## **The Fryern Ladies' Probus Meeting** at The Roundabout Hotel on 1 August

Today's talk 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, but we had no idea of the many surprises instore 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 entralling us over the next hour. So if you are keen on growing vegetables – or indeed not – this is the man to listen to

(recommended by Fryern Ladies Probus). 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.

Russ Fry

## PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

Thank you, Diane

After 17 years Mrs Diane Bennett has decided to step down from this role. As I am sure you are all aware Diane is and has been Church Warden and Parish Administrator for many years and she has kindly said she will continue with the role of Church Warden. But after a great deal of soul searching and thought she decided that her time had come to spend more time at home with Malcolm in the day.

Therefore, from the end of September Diane will retire from the position of Parish Administrator. We at, St Mary's, owe a huge debt of gratitude to Diane for her dedication, professional work ethic and her organisation in the Church office over these years. She has 'organised' 3 Rectors and ensured they had everything they needed to work within the Parish.



Join with us to wish Diane a happy retirement, albeit not from Church Warden, but from the day to day running of the Church.

Thank you so much Diane for all your time you have given the Church office. Now how about becoming "a lady that lunches?" Our love and thanks go to you and of course Malcolm for your commitment over the years.

St Mary's Church



## **West Chilmington Floral Club**

(Affiliated to NAFAS)

In August our demonstrator was Michelle King with her presentation entitled Tutti Frutti. As well as a delightful mix of colourful arrangements Michelle was very informative sharing advice and tips.

**The next club meeting is the AGM and Members evening on 15<sup>th</sup> October 7pm for 7:30pm.** The evening will include light refreshments, our annual Dutch Auction and member's competition for the Otter Trophy.

Tickets for the Club's Christmas show on December 5<sup>th</sup> with Margaret Rumens will also be on sale - ticket price £14 to include wine and supporting Macmillan Cancer Care.

Our meetings are held at West Chilmington Village Hall, Mill Road, West Chilmington RH20 2PZ, unless otherwise stated. If you would like more information please contact: Brenda Bull on 01798 813712.

### **Please Note**

**Future issues for 2019 will be:  
November and a combined  
December/January issue**

10 issues per year

**THE ARTS SOCIETY - SOUTH DOWNS**

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**

**Chloe Sayer will give a talk on**

**The Golden Age of Mexican Painting**

**AGM**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November**

**Helen Clifford will give a talk on**

**Garrards - Royal Goldsmiths**

**Meetings at Fittleworth Village Hall**

**Coffee from 9.50 Lecture 10.45**

**New Members, Visitors (5) warmly welcomed**

**Please call Hilary – 01403 785302**

## West Chiltington Croquet Club



We have had a very good year all round, gaining a number of enthusiastic new members and winning the majority of our matches with other clubs. In early September members enjoyed watching the finals of the club's knockout matches, the winners being presented with their trophies at the end of season social on 25th September. In a very hard fought Singles match Laki Marangoes beat Brian Kemp-Potter despite Brian running an amazing nine consecutive hoops. Laki won again with John Kelly in the Doubles beating Rita Bleach and Terry Veale, 3 games to 1. Rita had earlier won the Plate competition against John Coventry.

If the weather is good to us and the lawns are cut we will continue to play for a while longer. During the winter members meet up each month for a pub lunch and a board games afternoon in the cricket pavilion.

The new season will begin in April 2020 and before then we are hoping to make some improvements to our lawns.



[www.westchiltingtoncroquet.com/](http://www.westchiltingtoncroquet.com/)



**Meet new people, Join the community,  
Make a difference, Volunteer for some Fun**

The Show has a wide range of activities and entertainment for all the family: the centenary show saw some 2,500 people enjoying the sunshine and the first parade in 60 years.

A small team of committee members and a band of volunteers organise the show. Volunteers lend their valuable support in the weeks leading up to the show and/or on the day itself.

This is what new volunteers had to say about the 2019 show – why not join them for the next show, **11<sup>th</sup> July 2020**.

**Christine:** "I wasn't sure that I wanted to volunteer for this, but it was really good fun. It was nice to be part of a team who are all committed to our local community. Great day, great team, great outcome for the village".

**Sean & Karen:** "The 2019 West Chiltington Show was our first experience of volunteering. What a fantastic day it turned out to be. We manned the Coconut Shy and had hours of fun, meeting lots of lovely people, dishing out coconuts and having lots of laughs!"

**Rowan: Aged 12 (helping grandad):** "I really enjoyed helping Grandad with the skittles, I found there was lots of things to do and see, like the Wildlife Trust stand. I enjoyed walking in the parade. It was a fabulous show and I would recommend it!! I would love to help next year. Thank You "

Come and join us at the **AGM at 7.30pm on 6<sup>th</sup> November** at the **Village Hall** for the formal meeting (very short), a chat (as long as you like) and a few drinks/nibbles.

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

# **PETWORTH COTTAGE NURSING HOME**

## **W I N T E R   F A I R**

**TUESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER**

**10AM - 4PM**

Upwaltham Barns, Upwaltham, Petworth, GU28 OLX  
on A285 Petworth to Chichester Road

**ADMISSION £5.00**

**FREE PARKING**

**COFFEE, CAKES & LIGHT LUNCHES**

**A VARIETY OF STALLS IDEAL FOR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING**

**REG. CHARITY No. 1058769**

There will be over thirty stalls selling a variety of items, including gifts, bags, shoes, clothes, jewellery, stationery and books, so is perfect for Christmas shopping away from the crowded high street. The Café serves coffee, tea, cakes and sandwiches throughout the day where friends can meet and relax.

**Petworth Cottage Nursing Home** is a Charitable Trust which receives no main government funding. It provides a vital service to the local community, caring for 32 sick, elderly residents with life-threatening illnesses in a warm and caring atmosphere. It also provides short-term palliative care and nursing for terminally ill patients. The highly skilled team of qualified nurses, nursing assistants and domestic staff are supported by a cheerful band of volunteers who attend the Home daily to serve Coffees and Teas to the residents. All money raised by The Friends of PCNH goes directly to the Nursing Home. To date they have helped to raise over £2 million for essential and specialist equipment, as well as non-medical items, to improve the comfort and well-being of both patients and staff.

## Windlesham House School art sale and auction in aid of St Barnabas House

A group of charity volunteers, the Storrington Friends of St Barnabas House, are organising an art sale and auction at Windlesham House School on Saturday 19 October to raise funds for the Worthing-based hospice.

The group have carefully curated 70 pieces of collectable contemporary art, ranging from handmade ceramics to affordable prints, paintings and photography – all by established artists and makers, including Walter Keeler, Hala Sabet, Philippa Canaan, Kate Wickham, Karin Hay-White and Graham Murrell.



Storrington-based artist, John Mulligan, has organised the unique event, alongside Tricia Jeffs, who is also part of the Storrington Friends group.

John says, “I will always remember the kindness, care and compassion of the staff at St Barnabas House during our four admissions to the hospice with my late wife, Sue Barry. This is in her memory and my way of saying a heartfelt thank you.”

Mary Bye, Community Fundraiser at St Barnabas House, says, “We are very excited about this event. I’d like to say a huge thank you to Storrington Friends for their ongoing support of St Barnabas House and

to Windlesham House School for generously allowing the use of their wonderful facilities.”

**Viewing will be from 10am on Saturday 19 October with the auction starting in the afternoon at 2pm.**

**Details of the event and lots: [www.stbh.org.uk/art-sale-and-auction](http://www.stbh.org.uk/art-sale-and-auction)**

**THE ARTS SOCIETY STORRINGTON**

Presents

**The Other Side - Counter Memorials:  
Germany's Post WWII Culture of Apology and Atonement**

A lecture by Angela Findlay

on

Wednesday, 2nd October from 2.30 to 3.30 pm

at

**WEST CHILTINGTON VILLAGE HALL, RH20 2PZ**

Members free, Guests £5

tea and coffee will be served from 2.00 for 2.30 start

Please contact Caroline Long on 01903 744797 or  
[caroline.fflong@gmail.com](mailto:caroline.fflong@gmail.com) for further information

**The Probus Club of Storrington and District** has recently returned from a wonderful trip to The Isle of Man.

Members, together with wives and friends, were met by their travel guide and coach driver Dave, who told them to set their watches back 25 years and gave an excellent running commentary of the history of the island. The scenery was spectacular, and considered to be something between Scotland and Devon, very peaceful and relaxing.

During their four day holiday they visited many of the island's attractions including Cregneash Folk Village, Peel Castle, Steam Railway Museum, Castle Rushen and of course, The Laxley Wheel, which is the largest water wheel in the world. They also managed to visit Manx Ices and savour the delights of their delicious ice creams.

Storrington Probus is very fortunate to have a thriving social committee and Alan French, who organised the trip, also helps other members create a full social programme throughout the year.

Not long after their return from The Isle of Man, the social calendar presented an annual favourite. Members and wives/partners enjoyed a Skittles and BBQ evening at The Spur in Slindon. After a riotous evening with many skilled skittlers vying for supremacy, the top prizes were won by Anna Weaver and our Vice-president Roger Overton-Smith.

At our recent AGM we welcomed a new president, John Wilkinson, who, during his year of office is looking forward to seeing new members and taking part in fun and interesting social events, meeting other members at our monthly lunches and helping to continue the atmosphere of friendship and camaraderie in the club.

If you would like to join us or find more information about Probus please go to our website: [www.storringtonprobus.com](http://www.storringtonprobus.com)





## **The next presentation from The Mary How Trust Film Society is: Rocketman**

The Mary How Trust Film Society will be screening Rocketman on Tuesday 22 October at 7.30pm at West Chiltington Village Hall.

“A sequin-encrusted delight... On screen it explodes with the kind of colour and energy that only Elton John himself could invoke.” – Empire

Tickets cost £6.00. Loyalty card: watch 6 films and get your 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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: 01798 877640, [contact@maryhowtrust.org](mailto:contact@maryhowtrust.org), [www.maryhowtrust.org](http://www.maryhowtrust.org)



## West Chiltington Theatre Arts Club

We meet on the second Tuesday of each month (except August) at the Village Hall at 2.30pm. We have speakers and organise popular visits to local theatres taking the stress out of travel and parking.

Should you wish to join us please telephone our Hon. Secretary **Geoff Adams on 01798 812984**. The annual subscription is £16 reducing as the year marches on. Visitors are always welcome for a nominal fee.

President – Wendy Davies

Chairman/Tickets – Edwin Preece – 01798 813056, epreece@aol.com

Secretary – Geoff Adams – 01798 812984

### **Dates for your diary:**

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October – Yvonne Arnaud Theatre, Guildford

### **Gaslight**

Martin Shaw stars in a new production with a new take on the classic stage thriller which went on to be a hit movie.

We leave the VHCP at 12.45. Tickets: £39

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October – Theatre Royal, Brighton

### **Toast**

From making the perfect sherry trifle through the playground politics of sweets, the rigid rules of restaurant dining and a domestic war over cakes, this is a moving and evocative tale of love, loss and ... toast. Based on Nigel Slaters's book of the same it attracted excellent reviews when it opened in London.

We leaved VHCP at 13.00. Tickets £35

Please note that although at the end of October, **Toast** will count as our November production.

## WEST CHILTINGTON PROBUS CLUB



It has been a busy summer for Probus members and their partners.

In July, over 40 members and partners gathered in the evening sunshine at the Roundabout Hotel enjoying good company and an expertly prepared BBQ. The event, introduced last year, looks set to become an annual event. Members/partners took advantage of an exclusive visit to Durrance Manor gardens at Shipley which included a guided tour, tea and cake: many members met in advance for lunch at the Countryman pub. The August members lunch and monthly coffee mornings were also very well attended.

We have members from a wide variety of backgrounds and this month enjoyed allocated seating which ensures members mix more generally with other members and particularly with new members.

Our lunch speaker was our very own John Blackall who gave an informative and amusing account of 'My Life in Textiles'. For the whole of his career, John worked for John Lewis with over 30 years spent at one of their Lancashire mills, Herbert Parkinson. John outlined how textiles grew from a cottage industry, through technical innovations by Kay, Arkwright and Crompton, to become the largest textile producer in the world. Interestingly, growth led to specialisation with different towns having their own areas of expertise. The industry peaked with 2 million employees but declined after WW1: production was directed to the war effort and export customers made alternative arrangements.

If you are semi-retired or retired and wish meet to like-minded people, why not join us at our monthly lunch meeting where we enjoy high quality speakers and convivial company. Partners are welcome to all other activities, visits and the monthly coffee morning.

Upcoming activities include an exclusive visit to Prince Charles home, Highgrove House in Gloucestershire, Autumn lunch at Random Hall and the ever-popular November skittles evening.

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](mailto:david.goddard8@icloud.com)

“God loves each of us as if there were only one of us”- *Augustine*

## **Fryern Ladies’ Probus Meeting**

Roundabout Hotel – 5<sup>th</sup> September

President Sue Povey opened the meeting with reminders of forthcoming engagements; such as our Invitational lunch at West Sussex Golf Club on October 30<sup>th</sup> plus details of our pre - Christmas trip to Hever Castle on 28<sup>th</sup> November.

After an excellent meal we settled down, with coffee and mints, to listen to our Speaker of the Day – Madeleine Salvetti – to talk about “Mistresses and their Influence on History (Royals, Political and Celebrity).”

Madeleine is a most popular speaker, for any size group, and enjoys passing on her love and enthusiasm for history and bringing the wealth of her numerous characters to life; through visual presentation (courtesy and thanks to husband Geoffrey) plus anecdotal storytelling. She is also a former Blue Badge Guide, former Chairperson of Portsmouth Tourist Guide Association as well as being a Secondary Teacher of History – it certainly was fun to be in her class for the session and we all were fascinated by the revelations and intriguing facts about the people of yesterday and today.

Initially we were introduced to some of the Royal Mistresses of: Henry II (Rosamund Clifford), The Black Prince, John of Gaunt (Katherine Swynford), Charles II (Nell Gwynn), George IV (Maria Fitzherbert), Edward VII (Lily Langtry, Sara Bernhardt and Alice Keppel). Next in line were the Politicians' Mistresses: JF Kennedy (Marilyn Monroe), Hitler (Eva Braun), John Profumo (Christine Keeler), etc and continuing today for better for worse. Last to come were the Celebrity Mistresses and more spellbinding stories surrounding eg Charles Dickens (Ellen Turnan).

All highly reported, mostly out of context, but are we that concerned if people resort to such activities? Certainly we enjoyed the talk and it was interesting to see the "Social Elevation" of mistresses being totally flattened and reduced when affairs were halted for various reasons eg job prospects, inheritance, family, reputation etc. How important are some shallow values of today?

Madeleine was thanked warmly by Ann Salmon who said what good fun her talk had been and how much research had gone into her presentation – we all agreed and thank you Madeleine – see you again soon.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday October 1<sup>st</sup> for a Social Buffet Lunch at The Roundabout Hotel.

Russ Fry



THE MOTHERS' UNION

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**West Chiltington and Storrington Branch**

Mary Sumner Day on 9<sup>th</sup> August was celebrated at Evensong in Chichester Cathedral. Along with MU members from across the Diocese, including our Diocesan President Kathryn Anderson, 3 of our Branch members and one husband attended. Being seated in the Quire we were well placed to appreciate the wonderful singing by a visiting choir from Geneva. Afterwards the 4 of us enjoyed dinner at Carluccio's in Chichester.

Canterbury Diocese booked Lodge Hill for a week to provide a much-needed holiday for 13 families. The same 4 people from our Branch went along on 23<sup>rd</sup> August to the informal "Show and Tell" farewell Service to meet the families and MU members. Clearly the families very much appreciated all they had experienced that week. New friendships had been formed with people who started the week as strangers. The members organizing the whole thing had done a magnificent job. It is such a mammoth task that it is only possible to provide holidays every 2 years. The MU members and parishes in Canterbury Diocese very generously provide £20,000 for such a joyful event to take place.

On 5<sup>th</sup> September 18 members attended our Corporate Communion Service at West Chiltington Church, conducted by The Rev'd. David Coleman. This gave us an opportunity to say "Goodbye and Thank You" to David who had given Mothers' Union his support during his time here. We presented him with a Prayer Shawl knitted by Jeannie Watten, and to show our appreciation of Brenda Tunnell playing the organ for us she was presented with flowers. Afterwards we enjoyed a Ploughman's Lunch, with delicious puds made by Committee members. Proceeds amounted to £54 which will go to Mothers' Union Summer of Hope Appeal, supporting our work around the world.

The Speaker at our meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 2pm in West Chiltington Church Hall will be our very own member Andrea Carlson-Hedges. Andrea and Ian took advantage of a Special Offer holiday for MU magazine readers to Northern Cyprus, so we shall hear all about the experience.

We shall also be collecting new socks for the Gatwick Detainees for Christmas. These will be taken to the Members Meeting at Bishop Hannington Church, Hove on 26<sup>th</sup> October.

Visitors and prospective members are always welcome at our meetings.

Jean Hunt

### **Rotary Club of Storrington & Pulborough District**

Saturday 19 October starting at 7.30pm

#### **Quiz Night**

Pulborough Village Hall RH20 2BF

A fun night for teams of 2 to 6 with speed rounds, music, general knowledge questions and much more – for all abilities.

Prizes, Raffle and Licensed bar

Tickets £10 per person (with a light supper) from  
The Pulborough Flower Shop or  
Malcolm Gray on 01798 873643

# **West Chiltington Horticultural Society for people who enjoy gardens and gardening**



It doesn't seem 5 minutes since the garden year started and we were sowing, planting and looking forward to enjoying the fruits of our efforts. At the Society's Autumn Show on 7<sup>th</sup> September we were treated to a glimpse of the flowers and produce that resulted from all the hard work. In all there were 177 entries, many of outstanding quality, and all the entrants can take great pride in their contribution to the marvellous display in the Village Hall. As always the judges were RHS accredited and they were very complimentary about the variety and quality of the displays.



As you might expect dahlias were at their best but there were also some fine roses despite them nearing the end of their season. There were fewer entries in some of the vegetable classes and this was probably due to the dry summer but that clearly had not affected the mini tomato class which attracted the most entries in the whole show.

The winner of the Society Cup for most points in the Show was Brian Matthews, who also won a number of other awards, while Susan Unthank won the Leslie

Gray Memorial Cup for most points for her fruit and vegetables as well as coming second overall. Carys Pickett won the prize for the most points for plants in pots and containers. However, the trophy for the



best exhibit in the Show went to Leslie Eastoe for a cactus which was truly stunning. The winner of the RHS Banksian Medal for most points at the Summer and Autumn Shows was Susan Unthank.

Each year, the Village Nursery provides members with a fuchsia cutting to grow on and display at the Autumn Show. Some of the plants that resulted from these tiny cuttings were amazing, but the prize for the best plant was won by Brian Matthews.

Our thanks to Julie Hewitt for her hard work in organising another excellent show.

We return to our regular meetings on **9<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm with a talk “Growing in Containers” by Barry Newman.** The competition table will be:-

- 5 stems of decorative autumnal leaves and/or berries in a vase, **mixed** cultivars.
- 1 cactus or succulent, flowering or non-flowering.
- 1 flowering houseplant.
- **OPEN CLASS (People’s Choice)**

For more information:

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or [www.westchiltingtonhorticulturalsociety.co.uk](http://www.westchiltingtonhorticulturalsociety.co.uk)



Paul Copeland

Nikki Kerr writes: .....

As the new school year has begun, we can look back on a wonderful summer of activities for our families. We had incredible days (and glorious weather) at Warnham Park in July and at Chichester Cathedral, which was the first time many of our families had ever set foot inside a cathedral. In addition, we ran family fun days, outings to Drusilla's, Herstmonceux Science Centre, Tilgate Park and Aldingbourne Country Park. Our Amberley-Arundel sponsored walk at the end of August took place in beautiful weather and we were delighted to have 77 walkers on the day – thank you to everybody who participated or sponsored a friend.

You may have seen the announcement at the end of August about our new Bishop's Champions – Caroline Nicholls DL, Denise Patterson DL, Maureen Chowen DL and Jonathan and Caroline Lucas. These 5 individuals will be helping to raise awareness of our work throughout Sussex and encouraging new networks of individuals and groups to get involved in supporting us. We are delighted to have them on board and are really excited about the future.

We are now focussed on the busy period leading up to Christmas. With Harvest season rapidly approaching, we are aware that many schools and churches will be generously donating their collections to our foodbank. There is a flyer below that details the items we are particularly short of in case this may be of use. Donations can be dropped off at St Mary's Church, West Chilington

I have included some prayer points below in case these are helpful and thank you as always for your ongoing support both practically and through prayer.

**FSW** Family Support Work  
 THE SUSSEX CHARITY FOR CHILDREN  
 SINCE 1870

## Harvest Foodbank Collection

This Harvest festival we will be collecting tinned and packaged food for the local community. Items will be donated to the FSW foodbank, who help families in need.

**We need:**

- Pasta sauce
- Ketchup / mayonnaise
- Biscuits
- Crisps
- Snack bars
- Cereal
- Tinned hotdogs
- Canned vegetables  
*peas / carrots / sweetcorn*
- Honey
- Chocolate spread
- Tinned fruit
- Shampoo, toothpaste
- Toilet roll

No fresh, chilled or out of date items please **THANKYOU**

### August's work in numbers

119 individual meetings with families supporting 8 grandparents, 139 parents and 217 children

17 supported meetings with other agencies

22 group sessions supporting 5 grandparents, 328 parents and 589 children

122 food deliveries made

### Prayer points

Thanks for a wonderful summer of activities that gave our families much-needed respite from their daily challenges

That our new Bishop's Champions will quickly feel part of the FSW team and will encourage each other in their new roles

For a lady we know who is trying to set up home after living in a refuge for some months as a domestic violence survivor. She is currently not able to have her child living with her but is desperate to be reunited once she has a stable home to live in.

Nikki Kerr, FSW Director of Fundraising and Marketing



The West Chilmington Drama Festival 2019 is over. Its success can be judged in a number of ways but particularly by the compliments we have received from the participating societies and audience members. The fact that two of the evenings were amongst the hottest of the summer did mean that the hall was uncomfortable for actors and audience alike. Bar sales were up, however, particularly the beers supplied through Greyhound Brewery. We were not successful in winning one of the six prizes that were awarded on the Gala Night but we can be sure that we participated in a very successful event, with some stiff competition amongst the other societies.

Now we move onto our November production, which is a new play by our resident playwright, Edwin Preece, entitled 'The Three Days of Christmas'. Our Director is Ralph Wigg and we are sure you will remember his very successful production last year of 'House Guest'. So do come along and support our local talent. Playing dates are 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> November and tickets will be on sale from 18<sup>th</sup> October at our usual box offices Nisa Stores, and The Post Office in West Chilmington and from The Card Shop in Storrington. You can of course buy them on-line by visiting our website [www.wcds.co.uk](http://www.wcds.co.uk), just follow the links. Whilst on the website make sure you look at the array of photographs from the Festival and the Gala Night.

We continue to look for new members, not necessarily to appear on stage for there is a multiplicity of other roles to be filled and we are a very friendly group of people. For more information either visit [www.wcds.co.uk](http://www.wcds.co.uk) or contact our Membership Secretary, Christine Pearson, on 01798 874456.

*Geoffrey Steward*  
Chairman

# The Arts Society West Sussex

On Tuesday 1st October Jo Banham will give a talk on

## **The Roaring Twenties**

### **Art, Design and High Society**

This talk aims to conjure up the energy and originality of this boisterous decade and explores the lives of its leading figures.

**The AGM for members only will be held at 1.30pm on Tuesday 5th November**

**followed at 2.15pm by a talk given by Alice Foster on**

## **The Art of Partying – A Feast for the Eyes!**

From Greek Mosaics through Renaissance allegories, 16th century peasants, to 18th century harlequins, depictions of parties have always been popular in the history of Western Art.

**Meetings held in Fittleworth Village Hall at 2pm**

**Doors open 1.40pm. Tea and coffee after the talk**

**Please call 01903411086 or contact [jackiebuckler@sky.com](mailto:jackiebuckler@sky.com)**

**Visitors most welcome - £5**

**[www.theartssocietywestsussex.org](http://www.theartssocietywestsussex.org)**

"Humility is not thinking less of yourself,  
but thinking of yourself less." *CS Lewis*

## **New Rotary President**

### **Mark Foss is the new President of Storrington & Pulborough District Rotary Club**

Mark is honoured to lead Rotary's efforts this year to make a real difference in the Storrington & Pulborough district areas.

"I am extremely proud of all we do locally: the young people that we support, whether it be Internationally, the local youth groups, our project with Storrington & Pulborough primary schools to Lodge Hill or initiatives to spend time abroad, helping others.

We will continue to help those in our Community whether they be the young or the old, not only to help financially, but to be involved as much as we can, where we can, in meeting their needs. We are extending this in my year by reaching out to help local groups to help them with their events." Mark Foss

Ours is a lively and welcoming Club and we are always looking for like-minded members who want to enjoy fellowship and to help in a variety of ways within our Community.

For further information contact:

Mike Lavender [mike.lavender@sky.com](mailto:mike.lavender@sky.com), tel: 01273 307382

The Lord is my best friend and my shepherd.  
I always have more than enough.  
*Psalm 23:1 Passion Translation*



## West Chiltington Parish Council

### Job Vacancy

The Parish Council is looking to appoint an Assistant Clerk to work alongside the Parish Clerk, to assist with the day-to-day work of the Parish Council. The post holder will work closely with Councillors to plan and implement the aims and objectives of the Council and should have the drive, determination and organisational skills to manage a varied workload. The ideal applicant will have administrative experience, the ability to deliver projects on time and within budget and be able to demonstrate enthusiasm for working with residents and local organisations. Please note that CVs will not be accepted, applicants must complete and return an application form. For more details see below.

### **WEST CHILTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL ASSISTANT CLERK**

**Salary LC1, SCP 7-12 – dependent on experience  
10 hours per week over 3 mornings  
to include attendance at monthly evening meeting(s)  
working from the Parish Office, Church Street,  
West Chiltington, RH20 2JW**

To view the full advert, details of how to apply and to download an application pack visit <https://www.wcpc.org.uk/staff-vacancies/>

**Closing date for all applications: Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

**Save the Date to meet your Parish Council - Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December 10am – 12noon** at the West Chiltington Cricket Pavilion, Mill Road.

This annual Meet and Greet event is your ideal opportunity to see how your Council is working for you, and to chat informally to councillors and find out what we do.

### **Speed Watch**

The residents of West Chiltington have now formed a Community Speedwatch group and would welcome more volunteer members, not all jobs involve being out on the street. For all enquiries please contact by email: [wccommunityspeedwatch@gmail.com](mailto:wccommunityspeedwatch@gmail.com)

### **Waitrose Tokens**

When shopping in Waitrose in Storrington, please consider putting your tokens into the collection box for the West Chiltington Children's Playground – we have a project underway to improve the toddler area.

### **Overhanging Foliage**

A reminder to all property owners that it is your responsibility to ensure that your hedges/trees/foilage is not hanging over street signs, walkways or the highway. For more information or to report overhanging foliage go to the West Sussex County Council website [www.westsussex.gov.uk](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk) or use the



Love West Sussex app.

### **Community Café Survey**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this survey – we had 132 responses and these are all being collated to form the basis for an ongoing project. Please contact our clerk if you have any comments or ideas about creating a Community Café.

#### **To contact the Parish Council:**

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

The office is normally open Tuesday-Thursday 10am – 2pm. Phone before visiting. 01798 817434 Email: [clerk@wcpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@wcpc.org.uk) / [www.wcpc.org.uk](http://www.wcpc.org.uk) / Find us on Facebook