

St Mary's Church West Chiltonton

Faithful Hopeful Joyful Prayerful

Following in giant footsteps with a bag of sweets

As the rector here at St Mary's West Chilt since March 2018, what a privilege it is to have been asked to open this year's very special centenary village show (*see page 19 for more about all that's in store this year*). Last year I remember the incredibly hot weather, and the optimistic mood, as England were doing so well in the football World Cup. As the showground took the full force of the sun, Rosemary and I managed to try our hand at a 'taster' croquet session, bought several items from stallholders and enjoyed a much-needed drink from the bar. If you haven't had the chance to say hello at any of our services and events, or been to the rectory open garden afternoon, then do stop me and have a chat if you come along to the show. You can take the opportunity to tell me what you think about the 'new look' magazine.

It is so hard to fill the shoes of any previous incumbent, but particularly those of the Rev'd Andrew Caldecott, Rector of St Mary's from 1898 -1928. He was the driving force behind the first West Chiltonton Fete and Flower Show in 1919 as a post war celebration of peace and freedom. He also fitted in writing a history of the parish, started the first parish magazine and chaired the meeting at which the first PCC was elected in 1920. This former chaplain to the Marquis of Abergavenny was said to know every inch of the parish and was liked and respected by his parishioners. Having lost his

son, John, in action in 1914, I guess the need to build a peace in a meaningful and very practical way was very near to Rev'd Caldecott's heart.

1919 saw the relaunch of what we now know as *Jelly Babies* (then named *Peace Babies* to mark the signing of the Treaty of Versailles) produced by Bassett's factory in Sheffield. Apparently, the Rev'd Caldecott always had his pockets full of sweets to offer to those who looked like they needed one.

So, at this year's village show I'll be carrying a stash of *Jelly Babies* on me because these sweets have links with my home town of Sheffield, the theme of that first West Chiltington Fete and Flower Show and with Rev'd Caldecott himself. His shoes may be too big to fill but hopefully I can walk in his footsteps with a large bag of sweets... Jelly Baby anyone?

Every prayer and blessing! *Rev'd David*

Editor Still Needed URGENTLY

If volunteer(s) do not come forward to assist **SOON**, then it will not be possible to run a Parish Magazine into 2020. If you think you can help, please get in touch with The Rector by email at rectorwestchilts@gmail.com or call him at the Parish office on 01798 813117 or call/text his mobile 07710 688033.

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What's on at St Mary's in July?

St Mary's continues to offer a range of services and opportunities to gather, reflect, pray and learn to suit a range of approaches and traditions. Remember St Mary's is usually open 8am-5pm every day for quiet prayer, reflection and to visit. We're always happy to see you.

Wednesday 3rd July - 10am *traditional said communion*.

Sunday 7th July – 8am *traditional said communion* with tea/coffee following in the vestry (45 minutes).

10am- *informal family service* (no communion) with band and suitable for all ages. Tea/coffee following in the hall (60 minutes).

6pm-8pm screening of Luke (part 2) in the Church Hall (120 mins)

Wednesday 10th July - 10am *traditional said communion*.

Sunday 14th July – 8am *traditional said communion* with tea/coffee following in the vestry (45 minutes).

10am- *pet service* (no communion) suitable for all ages. Tea/coffee following in the hall (60 minutes).

6pm— *sung evensong with organ and choir* (60 minutes).

Wednesday 17th July - 10am *traditional said communion*.

Thursday 18th July – 12 noon Lunch *Club*. 2 course cooked lunch in the Church Hall. All welcome.

Sunday 21st July – 8am *traditional said communion* with tea/coffee following in the vestry (45 minutes).

10am- *informal communion* with tea/coffee following in the hall (60 minutes).

6pm- *Watch, Think, Reflect – informal gathering, film, music, poetry, reflections* (45 minutes).

Wednesday 24th July - 10am *traditional said communion.*

Sunday 28th July – 8am *traditional said communion* with tea/coffee following in the vestry (45 minutes).

10am- *sung eucharist and organ led worship with choir.* Tea/coffee following in the hall (75 minutes).

We hold a range of groups meeting midweek. For details of these see the weekly pew sheet available in church.

Due to changes in service-scheduling, the Parish Magazine no longer prints details of readings, but these can be found in the weekly pew sheet available in church.

Please Note No September issue

Please be aware that the next issue of this magazine will combine news for August and September as the Editor will be taking a summer break.

**Future issues for 2019 will be as follows:
August/September; October; November;
December/January**

By Royal Appointment.... a day to remember



Pam Wells writes.... The day Diane and I received the invitation for the Royal Garden Party was a day that we won't forget. We both texted each other at the same time! Wow, this is amazing, how has this happened, what will we wear?

Mrs Susan Pyper (Lord Lieutenant of West Sussex) nominated us and we felt very honoured. So, a huge thank you to her for the chance to visit the Palace and enjoy the occasion.

Pictured - Malcom and Diane Bennett and Pam and Jim Wells.

We decided that we would make a short London holiday of it and took the time to meet up with some dear friends for supper on Tuesday. We had an enjoyable evening, chatting over a bottle of wine and anticipating what the garden party would be like with an unsettled forecast.

Although Wednesday was damp and cloudy, we couldn't feel anything but elated and, once we had dressed in our finery, we raised a glass to our Queen, to us and to an amazing day ahead.

As we queued outside Buckingham Palace, the rain began to fall gently on us. Then to our amazement, we were asked to follow some security people to the front of the queue, where we were met by a Royal

guardsman, who insisted on pushing Jim in his wheelchair into the garden; we, of course, duly followed!

We then stood and watched the Queen and others of the royal party walk down the lawn; it was amazing to be able to see them up close. We, of course, really enjoyed the tea, featuring a selection of sweet and savoury foods that just melted in your mouth.

As we headed for the 'royal tea tent' after our food, we were called out to the front and asked to stand at the side entrance, which of course we duly did. Suddenly Her Majesty and the whole royal group were heading our way. The Queen stopped and commented that it was rather "*a damp day for a garden party*" but the reply was that "*a wonderful time was being had by all*". The Duke of Sussex said "*Hello*" and both Princess Michael and Prince Michael of Kent came and chatted. Everyone was so gracious and concerned for their guests that were a little damp in body but certainly not in spirit!

We were made to feel so very honoured, very privileged and so very special.

So we would love to say thank you, for enabling us to attend the Garden Party, thank you for supporting us in all that we do at St Mary's, and for allowing us to be your voice of St Mary's West Chilmington there at Buckingham Palace. We will remember this as a highlight of our lives.



Working on wellbeing

By Nikki Kerr

first published in *Faith in Sussex*

AT FAMILY Support Work (FSW) we support many families across Sussex, the majority of whom are affected by mental health conditions in some form or another. Many parents are struggling

with anxiety, depression and stress-related conditions, which can have a huge impact on the entire family.

Increasingly we are receiving referrals from schools and health professionals because children are also struggling with these conditions. Children find it much harder to self-regulate and therefore they can be prone to aggressive outbursts when they become overwhelmed. Parenting children with these conditions can become a battlefield, increasing the stress and anxiety of all the family.

Much of the work we do is to support parents to promote their own self-care and in turn help their children feel safe and secure, giving them space to let off steam safely. Our practitioners use many methods to support families where mental health issues are causing concerns.

We regularly receive training in these areas to update our skills and learn new techniques. Recently we have been using the connective parenting technique, which is a hands-on approach to tackling destructive behaviour based on the principles of non-violent resistance. It is based on the notion of parental presence being the cornerstone to building good relationships with children.

Paula's story

Paula had fled domestic abuse and arrived in our area with a nine-year-old child. She was scared, sad, depressed and alone when she was referred to us. We were able to engage with her by taking food parcels, games and books for the child and so the relationship started to grow.

She was on high levels of antidepressants and barely able to function - just enough to get her child to school, crawl back to her dismal flat and climb into bed where she would stay all day. Her self-esteem and confidence were at rock bottom, but slowly our practitioner encouraged her to come out and they would meet each week and go somewhere for coffee and a chat.

Paula shared her worries and began to accept advice and support. Gradually she was able to reduce her medication despite enduring several episodes of deep depression and suicidal thoughts, which at times engulfed her, it took a long time.

Our practitioner and Paula worked through these difficult times together and her confidence began to grow to the point where she said: "I am beginning to see a light ahead of me." We helped her to produce a CV and she was able to get a job. She has now been working for over nine months, passed two diplomas and her driving test, is off benefits and has been on holiday.

Her mental health is still fragile, but she is more able to cope. As Paula said: "I'm getting there - it's tough but I will do it." She still has our practitioner in the background to support her and the future for her and her child is looking positive.

May's work in numbers

- **142 individual meetings with families supporting 13 grandparents, 149 parents and 182 children**
- **57 supported meetings with other agencies**
- **31 group sessions supporting 7 grandparents, 296 parents and 338 children**
- **145 food deliveries made**

See more at- www.familysupportwork.org @FswSussex

THE ARTS SOCIETY- SOUTH DOWNS

Wednesday 3rd July- Marc Allum will give a talk on The Anatomy of Collecting.

April talk on Opera, The Melting Pot of Culture is rescheduled for Wednesday 7th August.

**Meetings at Fittleworth Village Hall
Coffee from 9.50am Lecture 10.45 am
New Members, Visitors (5) warmly welcomed.
Please call Hilary 01403 785302**

www.theartssocietysouthdowns.org.uk

WEST CHILTINGTON FLORAL CLUB

(Affiliated to NAFAS)



At our May meeting we had an innovative workshop led by Marion Catt, who encouraged us to look differently at some everyday objects and consider how we could incorporate them to make some exciting arrangements. This was a most enjoyable evening.

The next meeting on 16th July will be the club's annual Summer Party. Our regular programme of demonstrations will resume in August when we welcome Michelle King with her demonstration entitled Tutti Frutti.

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



Eleven **West Chilt Probus** members made it to Sussex County Croquet

Club for the first Inter Probus Croquet Day. 57 players, many of whom had never picked up a mallet before, gave it a go and West Chilton members secured two of the top four

competition places, a memorable achievement particularly for **Mike and Jill Vincent** (pictured here) who won the trophy.



West Chiltington Croquet Club

We will be participating in the Village Show in July, giving people the chance to have a go at 'running the hoop'.

New members are always very welcome to come along to hosted sessions and try out the game. There is still one Taster Session this

season on **Wednesday, 17th July at 1.45pm** when more time can be given to learn the game. This is followed by tea and cake in the Sports Pavilion.

Our friendly club meets **on Monday and Friday mornings at 9.45am and Wednesday afternoons at 1.45pm** in West Chiltington Recreation Ground.

The Fryern Ladies' Probus. Russ Fry reports on Murders and Misdemeanours

Philip MacDougall, a local social historian and author, talked to us at our June meeting, about Chichester Murders and Misdemeanours. We were introduced to a young 11-year-old girl – Vera Hoad – who was murdered in February 1924. However, the case has remained unsolved to this day due to the conviction, at the time, that local people were presumed to be innocent. This played a major part in letting a killer go free.

Nothing was quite as it seemed during the Victorian times and public executions (the morning drop) turned out to be an entertaining day out for the family and excellent for local trade. Not quite so excellent for some locals though as murderers, poachers, thieves, pickpockets and vagabonds roamed the streets and all went about their business with impunity and frequenting the tap rooms (pubs) with enthusiasm.

So from other intriguing mentions such as Elephant Prendergast bare knuckle prize fighting, Superintendent Walter Brett, Graylingwell Mental Hospital, Sloe Fair and Ordzhonikidze & Portsmouth – we learned a great deal.

Muriel Astley did the thankyou's and said jokingly that she'd found his talk "*fascinating but was disappointed that he hadn't told us how to kill someone*". His joking reply was to, "wait until next time" – the afternoon ended in laughs.

Our next meeting will be held on July 4th when we shall hear about Childhood in a Polish Resettlement Camp by Wieslaw Rogalski.

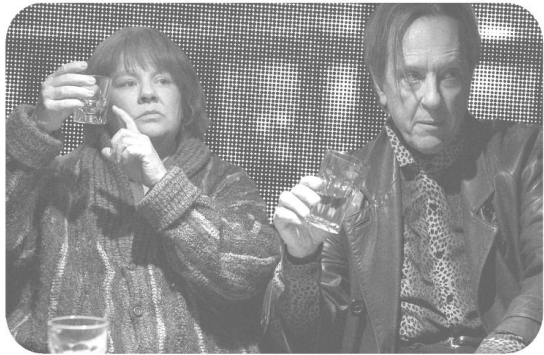


WEST CHILTINGTON PROBUS CLUB

Terry King gave a fascinating, comprehensive, humorous and personal insight into the purpose and workings of the **Livery Companies**. By the end of the talk we all had a far greater understanding of the purpose and links between the City of London Corporation, City Wards, Livery Halls, Churches, Military, The Central Criminal Court and The City of London Police.

Summer activities include lunch at the Chichester Yacht club, an exclusive visit to Durrance Manor, a trip to Highgrove House in Gloucestershire and a BBQ at the Roundabout Hotel.

Our lunch meeting is on the first Wednesday in the month. Membership is open to retired **PRO**fessional and **BUS**inessmen. Over the last two years we have enjoyed the company of 8 new members but currently have a vacancy. If you would like to know more, please contact our secretary, Rodger Hunt at:- rodger.atsj77@gmail.com



'Can You Ever Forgive Me?' on Tuesday 23rd July at 7.30pm West Chiltington Village Hall

***"Melissa McCarthy and Richard E Grant's tragi-comic fraudsters are genuinely fantastic."* – The Telegraph**

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 Trust's important health screening work. Please contact the Mary How Trust for details.



West Chiltington Parish Council

Parish Councillor Vacancy

Following a resignation, we now have a casual vacancy in the office of Parish Councillor. The council is made up of 13 volunteers who give their life experience, common sense, local knowledge and love of West Chiltington to represent the residents on the Parish Council, which is the first tier of local government. Why not come along to one of our meetings to see how we do it? All councillors must either live or work in the parish. To obtain an application form email Anna Chambers, Parish Clerk at clerk@wcpc.org.uk or phone any of the councillors for an informal chat to find out more about this voluntary community role. All details are on the West Chiltington Parish Council website www.wcpc.org.uk

Village Show

Please come and visit the Parish Council stand at the Village Show on the 13th July where you will be able to chat to some of your Parish Councillors and find out about our activities and events of the past year. We are hoping that our PCSO Erica Baxter will be able to attend and she will be happy to chat to anyone, in her role with Sussex Police.

Report the Potholes

Please continue to report potholes in the road, preferably through the Love West Sussex App on your smartphone, or by going online to www.westsussex.gov.uk or by calling 01243 777100. Even if you see white lines around a pothole you can still report it.

Reduction in single-use plastic

A plan to eliminate single-use plastics and avoid unnecessary plastic waste has been launched by West Sussex County Council. The County Council will carry out a full audit of all the plastic it uses across its buildings and set targets for reduction as part of a Plastics Action Plan. The council has made a commitment to find alternatives to plastic

wherever possible and to use recycled plastic when it isn't. The council will also ensure that where possible, plastic items they do use can be reused or recycled.

To contact the Parish Council:

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

The office is normally open Tuesday-Thursday 10am – 2pm. Please phone before visiting.

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STREET COLLECTIONS SATURDAY, 8TH JUNE

We have sent £330 to the Children's Society from this year's collections, £20 less than in 2018 but still a good result from the four of us taking part.

Robert Ellis, Sally Boyland and Roger Overton-Smith were in Storrington in the morning, while I was at Nisa in Haglands Lane. We have known colder days for this collection, and are grateful that there was only one brief shower. When the sun shone it was quite warming, but the wind was cold and strong.

The total, made up to a convenient round sum as usual, was split **£218.38 from Storrington and £111.62 West Chiltington**, and thanks are due to everyone who contributed, to Nisa for permission to collect outside their premises and for a very welcome cup of coffee, to Pauline for help counting the proceeds, and to Peter Evans for auditing our records for the return to Horsham District Council.

David Ellis (*Branch Chairman and Collection Promoter*)



THE MOTHERS' UNION

West Chiltington & Storrington Branch



World-Wide President visits Chichester Diocese

Sonia Fox reports.... Our World-Wide President ***Sheran Harper***, from Guyana, made a 2 day visit to our diocese in May. First to Selsey to see the caravan site where a family were enjoying their holiday provided by MU, then off to Chichester Cathedral for evensong. The next day she visited the neo-natal unit at Haywards Heath and the *Ministry of Cake* team followed by a bring-and-share

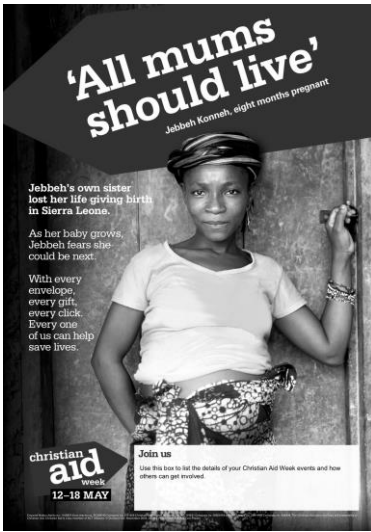
lunch. Sheran is a lady worth listening to and we heard how, as a young bride, she first became a member.

We presented Sheran with a prayer shawl knitted especially by Jeannie Watten. Sheran said she would offer up an arrow prayer for our branch whenever she used it.

Her next stop was Peterborough before departing for Kigali, Rwanda the following weekend. We know the joy she will take with her in her gentle and gracious way.

On 6th June. **Rev Rob Wall** played piano for our service and then went on to give his talk and show slides from his visit to the Palestinian West Bank where he planted olive trees. It was very thought-provoking and eye-opening to hear of the difficult conditions that Palestinians are living under in what some consider to be occupied territory.

There is no meeting in July.



Interesting lives in the public sector....

An evening of music and conversation for Christian Aid 2019 at St Mary's Church.

St Mary's Church, West Chiltonton held a charity social evening back in May to raise funds for **Christian Aid Week**. The Christian Aid theme this year focussed on the work they are doing in Sierra Leone where childbirth is a dangerous process. Around **£1,260** has been raised for this work by parish co-ordinators **Jim Jarvie and Ali Littleboy** and the team.

A short film showed the massive difference in outcomes that Christian Aid's work has, with so much going to midwives and support services on the ground to improve things for mothers and children and reduce the current very high rate of infant mortality.

We invited along three local church members who have had interesting careers in the public service to talk about their experiences. Throughout the evening we were entertained with live music from our fantastic local folk group, Shipwrecked.

Our first guest was **Dr David Whitehead**, a local GP who explained some of the changes he has seen during his career in the NHS. During his later years he became the Clinical Director for Sussex coastal region. He talked about the responsibility of being part of the team that manages a budget of around £750 million.

Our evening continued with retired **Inspector Ian Carlson-Hedges** who

spent his career in the Police force in and around South London. Ian talked about how he believed crime could be reduced with more police working closer to a zero-tolerance regime. He highlighted shoplifting where shoplifters need to steal more than £200 to get arrested, so they now steal just under this amount! Ian also talked about some of the scary and humorous moments in his working life.

Our final guest for the evening was **Captain Martin Littleboy**, Royal Navy(Retired). Martin was a seagoing officer who served on a wide range of ships. Royal Navy ships. He saw service in the Icelandic Cod Wars; commanding mine warfare vessels and as operations office on HMS Antrim during the 1982 South Atlantic Conflict. He recounted how the ship was hit by a 1,000-pound Argentinian bomb when landing in San Carlos water. Fortunately, it failed to explode so he lived to tell the tale!

Martin qualified as a Russian interpreter and served in Moscow in the 1980s as Assistant Naval Attaché and then in Kiev as British Defence Attaché and Her Majesty's senior military representative in Ukraine.

To read more on Christian Aid and to give to this appeal please see www.christianaid.org.uk

Anne Haley a West Chilt resident writes about the impact of 'Merry legs' - assisted riding for children with additional needs

I have been taking my son, who is nine, to 'Merrylegs' at Brinsbury Campus, just outside Pulborough, for a year now. He always smiles when we arrive in the car park as he anticipates the fun and enjoyment he is about to have. Sessions take place on a Monday from 4pm during term time and my little boy rides an adorable Shetland pony called

Hamish. There is another Shetland pony called Merry and two other ponies called Strawberry and Charlie. Two helpers hold my son securely on Hamish and another helper leads the pony. They play games along the way and my son thoroughly enjoys himself. My son is severely physically disabled, but this is no barrier to him enjoying this superb after-school club. The venue at Brinsbury has plenty of parking space for wheelchair-adapted vehicles and being located on the A29 allows for easy access. During the winter, the riding takes place in an indoor school and when the weather turns warmer, the riders and horses venture outside into a sand school or nearby field. There is a picnic in July, so it is a very sociable pastime for the children and parents alike.

The weekly sessions also afford an opportunity for the parents of the small riders to catch up and enjoy a cuppa.



'Merrylegs' is a charity and as such relies on donations as well as the goodwill of the owners and the volunteers who give up their time to help the children enjoy this activity.

I am very grateful that this riding group exists in my local community and long may it continue!

Pictured- Thomas on Hamish with Simon, Tilly and Pam

The Arts Society West Sussex

On Tuesday July 2nd Alexandra Epps will give a talk on

As Good As Gold

A Special 50th Anniversary Talk

Experience the story of gold and its significance and symbolism in the history of art - all that glitters is certainly gold.

Teas and cakes following the talk.

There is no meeting in August

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.theartsocietywestsussex.org



1919 – 2019 Something to Celebrate

Saturday 13th July at 1.30pm

The show is the village's largest event and has been bringing the community together since the Peace Celebrations of 1919. To celebrate 100 years, we are mixing the old and the new to make sure there really is something for everyone.

We have a great blend of competitions, entertainment, stalls, children's races, dog show, tug of war, sports, car display, tombola, grand raffle (first prize £200), bric-a-brac, a trip down memory lane and of course delightful refreshments.

In tribute to the 1919 Peace Celebrations, the local community have produced a wonderful 'Intergenerational' banner which will be paraded

around the ground at 1.30pm to start the show. Apparently, the early parades became a little boisterous and in 1926 the committee resolved "*endeavours should be made to arrange the procession in better order*" we are not expecting a repeat performance! Why not join in the fun and come along in costume or fancy dress from the last century.

The traditional village show marquee is back and will be home to the competition entries. Still time to enter so if you sow and grow, make and bake or have an artistic flair. Why not enter one of over 80 classes, you do not have to be an expert, but you should have some fun and may win a trophy or bottle of wine.

There is so much to see and entertain you, ***Ladies that Boogie, Tom Foolery, Flipitas, Owls about Town, The West Chiltington Silver Band, Arbour the Tree*** (part of the Horsham Year of Culture). We have 40 stalls providing a wide range of local food & crafts, local information and children's entertainment.

What better way to spend an afternoon than wandering around a fabulous collection of British, European and American car marques or watching the tug of war where the champions will be defending their title.

If sport is your thing, test your skills by having a go at skittles, the coconut shy, croquet, cricket or tennis.

Our dog show is always fun a firm favourite (see page 24 got more on this). It is open to all breeds and ages so come prepared to enter up to eight classes or join in on the spur of the moment and enjoy this great relaxed competition.

Visit the Village Hall to admire the paintings and photographs and enjoy a cup of tea and cake provided by the W.I. or enjoy the licensed bar and BBQ, or perhaps an ice cream.

The show takes place on Saturday 13th July (1.30 – 5.00pm) at the West Chiltington recreation ground and is being opened by Reverend David Coleman. There is no charge for entry but if arriving by car please respect our neighbours and pay the £2 car parking fee which helps support local causes. If you would like more details visit www.westchiltshow.org or email nickvincent49@gmail.com



STORRINGTON PROBUS CLUB

Visits Windsor castle and remembers old friends

On a day of beautiful, blue skies, twenty-six Storrington Probus Club members and partners enjoyed a splendid Blue Badge guided tour organised by Cliff Palmer.

The group first explored the gem that is Savill Garden, which is part of the Windsor Great Park. There were acres of marvellous grounds planted sensitively with many different areas of seemingly endless flowers. Some were displayed in traditional flower beds whilst others were discovered in intriguing hidden areas with many different trees, and bushes. Our tour included a lovely walk through scented azaleas, camellias and rhododendrons as well as a Chelsea rose show garden from a previous winner at the Chelsea Flower Show. We saw the fountain in the Golden Jubilee Garden which has an engraving made by our "mason" Cliff Palmer. After a very nice lunch in the big café, and an obligatory look at the gifts and plants to buy in the shop, it was off to the castle itself.

Our guide, Amanda pointed out the rail station where Queen Victoria used to arrive from London, and a replica of her train standing in the station to view. As for the castle itself, we had a complete history of its beginnings under William the Conqueror, to the present day, when recently, Prince Harry married Meghan Markle in St George's Chapel. We explored the State Rooms where the Queen entertains visiting dignitaries and hosts banquets. It is also where the main hall was destroyed by fire, and after five years of work, has been restored to its previous glory. After a quick cup of tea in the station café, it was back on the coach for a snooze whilst the coach driver navigated the M25.

At the Tollgate, the usual lunches were enjoyed together with two very interesting speakers on nautical themes. A walk around the grounds of Polesden Lacey in the Surrey Hills was taken up by a small group of the

dedicated ramblers in the club. Don Cleary continued to organise successful coffee mornings at local venues which were well attended. Future events include more coffee mornings, lunches with a variety of speakers, participating in a croquet competition with other local area Probus Clubs, a holiday trip to the Isle of Man and much much more....

Unfortunately, two of our members passed away recently. **John Tunnell**, an ex- treasurer of the club who kept up his good humour throughout his illness and **Peter Whittick**, who after a fall, had a stroke and passed way very quickly. Peter was always a snappy dresser and had a sharp wit. Both will be much missed, and condolences go out to their families.

If you want to know more about the Club or join, please visit the website at: www.storringtonprobus.com

Peter Kerns



West Chillington Dramatic Society



Our recent production of J.B.Priestley's 'When We Are Married', directed by Caroline Woodley, has been a great success and was greatly enjoyed by our audiences despite the disruption caused by the EU elections.

Our next major piece of work is the West Chillington Drama Festival which takes place from the 24th to 26th July and will involve seven dramatic societies from the Horsham and surrounding districts in a competition of one-act plays. Tickets are on sale at £10 from our box offices at Nisa Stores, and Post Office Stores, and online at www.wcds.co.uk . If you book for all three nights a £5 rebate can be claimed at the hall when presenting all tickets on the first night only. More details on the programme of plays at www.wcds.co.uk

The Rude Mechanicals will be here again on the 13th June and our members will be on hand assisting with the organisation of their

production and to provide information about the Festival. We are taking part in the West Chiltonington Village Show when we will have a themed stand reflecting the show's centenary (a travel through time) with costumed personnel and a competition for young and old alike.

This year is also the 70th since the formation of WCDS in the spring of 1949, when the Rector at that time together with his daughters and members of the community put on a performance 'Cuckoo in the Nest' by Ben Travers. We will be holding a special Members Evening in September to celebrate this milestone, and more details will be forthcoming in the future.

As one can see, the society is very busy and contributing to community life, if you would like to be a part of all this activity, please come and see us at the Village Show or contact our Membership Secretary Christine Pearson at membership@wcds.co.uk

Geoffrey Steward, Chairman



The Book of Common Prayer inspires award-winning poet

The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) was one of the earliest influences on the award-winning poet, Wendy Cope, it

was revealed recently. She said *'After many years of avoiding church, it was wonderful to come back and rediscover the words I had known as a child... I hadn't expected to be so profoundly moved by the language of the Prayer Book. I especially love the collects at Evensong and Coverdale's Psalms.'*

If you'd like to rediscover the beauty of the Prayer Book come along to St Mary's each Wednesday at 10am or at 6pm on the second Sunday of the month or 8am on the first Sunday of the month.



Our Best Friends...Showing Off!

The West Chiltington Village Show dog show is a fun event that all the family will enjoy. We want to see as many local dog owners as possible to enter. All types and ages of dog are welcome, whether pedigree, crossbreed or a complete mixture! We will be holding the following classes:

Most handsome dog; Prettiest bitch; Cutest puppy <18 months; Golden oldie > 8 years; Junior handler (children at primary school); Waggiest tail; Best dressed 6 legs; Best in show

The emphasis is very much on taking part and you are encouraged to enter as many of our popular classes as you wish. If you think your 'golden oldie' also deserves the title of 'most handsome dog' with 'the waggiest tail', why not enter all three classes?

We would particularly like to encourage children to enter our junior handler class. Why not come in costume for our parade with your pooch and enter as 'best dressed 6 legs' too?

Classes cost £1.50 each with all proceeds going towards local good causes supported by West Chiltington Village Show. Rosettes will be awarded to successful entries, with treats for the dogs. There will be shaded area and water provided so dogs may wait in canine comfort for their classes.

Our Chief Judge will be Mark Bridger-Pescott, a qualified dog trainer and behaviourist based in Pulborough. We're sure he will have lots of interesting and entertaining things to share with us! You can find out more about his work at www.bonecanis.com

Entries may be made from 1.30pm on the day of the show, so bring your dog, come and find us near the cricket pavilion and join in the fun! Volunteers will be on hand throughout the day to guide you.



D-DAY REMEMBRANCE WALKS AT COOLHAM ALG AIRFIELD.

***Bob Lomas summarises what
walkers enjoyed on 9th June...***

The walk around the Airfield was about two miles, half of it on well cut grass, but being an airfield, it is an open vista so with excellent views. *The Selsey Arms* strongly supports the Airfield and has on show many items of memorabilia, where one can relax in the unspoilt old world charm and imagine the war time atmosphere, packed with pilots and ground crews, soldiers, so many different accents, farm workers and land girls. All in a thick cloud of tobacco smoke, a cacophony of sound with occasional bursts of song except when the news or Mr Churchill was on the wireless, when all fell silent.

In 1944 as the allied forces prepared for the greatest armada and coastal invasion in history, two most important factors became clear, essentially, they had to have complete air superiority and sufficient landing grounds to accommodate their operations. What was needed were temporary airfields but nevertheless sufficiently robust to accommodate fighter aircraft. An airfield design was drawn up and locations selected for nine airfields close to the English Channel to be known as ALGs Advanced Landing Grounds. Finding the locations could not have been easy as airfields for war planes take a lot of space. the area has to be reasonably level and away from dense habitation. Most areas of that nature were of farmland and at that time food production was a top priority. Nevertheless, nine sites were found and work began on the first, at Bognor Regis in December 1942. 1943 saw an all-out action to construct a further seven ALGs including Coolham, Chailey, Selsey, Apuldrum, Cowdray Park, Deanland, Funtingdon, and Hammerwood, another was planned for Pulborough but was not started.

Today one can easily drive past these historic sites that were a vital part of that critical episode in our nation's history and not even notice them. Back in 1944 it would have been very different: the roar of Rolls Royce Merlin engines in the Spitfires and Mustangs flying low overhead could be deafening.

At this our memorial airfield in the quiet rural parish of Shipley in West Sussex, exceedingly brave young fighter pilots, British, Canadian, New Zealand and Polish, took to the skies day after day to ensure our continued freedom from oppression and to liberate Europe.

They knew only too well that every day they flew towards the English Channel it might well be their last and for too many of them it was. As we walked around the airfield, now so peaceful with its lush green pastures and thick hedgerow homes to countless small birds bordering healthy growing crops, we considered those young men in their prime with everything to lose, putting all at stake towards that terrible and horrific price of freedom for generations to come. Think of the intensity of those all too emotional times, so emotional and intense in fact that one might even hear a voice or sound still lingering in the atmosphere from those now far off days and nights of bitter conflict, a reminder that the price of freedom is constant and ongoing and we ignore it at our peril.

IN MEMORY.... Violet Lines 92 yrs fell asleep on the 14th July 2010.

Those we love don't go away
They walk beside us every day
Unseen unheard but always near
So loved, so missed, so very dear

Love Pauline, Tony and Phyllis also grandchildren and great grandchildren.

St Mary's Church West Chiltington

Faithful Hopeful Joyful Prayerful

JOB ADVERTISEMENT

Job Role: St Mary's PCC Parish Administrator
Salary: £11.00 per hour
Job type: Part time – 9-12 hours per week

Due to the retirement of the present office holder, there is an opportunity to become involved in the day-to-day running of St Mary's Church parish office in West Chiltington. You will be able to work closely with the Rector and church wardens and demonstrate:

- good people skills
- sensitivity to confidential matters
- good office administrative skills
- good communication and IT skills
- the ability to use initiative.

The key responsibilities are to run the Parish Office (based next to the Rectory in East St); provide efficient and professional administrative support to the Rector and Church Wardens, PCC members and the wider Church community. as well as liaising with the diocese, members of the public and other stakeholders.

The job description and person specification can be obtained by emailing rectorwestchilts@gmail.com

Applications should be sent to the rector: rectorwestchilts@gmail.com and should be received by **Friday, 19th July 2019.**

It is hoped that the successful candidate would be able to begin work in the week commencing 9th September 2019.

THE LAST WORD- REST IN PEACE & RISE IN GLORY

A new feature highlighting tributes for those whose thanksgiving service was held at St Mary's Church

Maureen 'Mo' Joy Mall - 13th June 1945- 6th May 2018

Mo was a much-loved member of St Mary's Church and the Mother's Union. This poem, written by Mo's dear friend Jan, was read at the service of thanksgiving on 23rd May. It speaks of the importance of sharing experiences and dreams and reflecting how they may come true.

Going to the Festival....!

**We said, one day, we must, we might
Glastonbury? Isle of Wight?**

**Then, as it does, life intervenes
And so, it goes that now, it means
We must commit and make that date
A festival! Let's celebrate!**

**With countless throngs, from all the ages
Endless songs on many stages
And as we look around, we'll see
All our friends and family
Who've gone before, a place to save
At festival and not a rave!**

**No bandanas, mobile phone!
Just joyful dancing round His throne
And there we'll spend our thoughts, our days
Lost in wonder, love and praise.**